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April Chohon stands in front of an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation machine in the UIHC Intensive Care Unit on Monday. Doctors speculated that Chohon had the H1N1 virus.

Quick recovery at UIHC

A Des Moines woman suspected to have had H1N1 makes a remarkable recovery.

By SAM LANE

WITH a small piece of gauze affixed to her neck, April Chohon smiled brightly as she paced around a hospital lobby in bright flannel pajama pants — a monumental feat considering she was in a debilitating state just weeks ago. "I'm lucky to be here," she said. "It's just like a big weight has been lifted off my shoulders."

26-year-old had a slight fever, pain, and shortness of breath. Soon, she arrived in a hospital room in Des Moines' Mercy Medical Center and mystified doctors with her strange illness. "It was hell," said April's father, Gerry Chohon, 52. "I don't wish it on anyone." After two days in the hospital, Chohon traveled by helicopter to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, where doctors eventually put her on a type of artificial lung known as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. The device, with numerous, multicolored cords, boxes with lights, buttons, and

April Chohon

- Age: 26
- Born: Nebraska
- Lives: Des Moines
- Family: Two children - Kalli, 4, Brendan, 3
- Studying to become a nursing assistant

monitors, saved April Chohon's life. However, she credits William Lynch, a UI assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery, with her miraculous recovery.

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City eyes special officer

The City Council also considers tenant background-check changes and landlord seminars.

By NICOLE KARLIS

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City officials are considering adding a special juvenile detective or an entire bureau to the Iowa City police as means to find alternative ways to reduce youth violence.

The idea, inspired by the Davenport police, was just one of many discussed Monday night at an Iowa City City Council work session.



Hargadine police chief

"This would be a specialty position enveloped with investigation, attending meetings that go specifically in the juvenile realm," Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said. If they decide to add the position, Councilor Ross Wilburn noted it would take a person with a special set of skills to help troubled juveniles.

"Working with juveniles does require a certain social skill set, some people have a knack for talent in that area," he said.

Three Iowa City officials — made up of Councilor Amy Correia, police Officer Steve Fortman, and Marcia

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Students seek UI aid for childcare

By HOLLY HINES

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James Vineburgh needs childcare. The UI doctoral student and father of two commutes to Iowa City from Cedar Rapids for classes, and his wife works as a full-time school teacher.

"Without childcare, I wouldn't be in a position to be in school at all," he said.

Since 2006, Vineburgh has paid for preschool and daycare for his children in part by using the UI's Child Care Subsidy Programs, which reimburse eligible students for part of their cost to have someone watch their children while they're unable to do so.

And Vineburgh isn't alone.

Interest in the subsidy has recently increased, said Jane Holland, a program associate for UI Family Services.

Subsidy amounts

Some have increased this year:

- For students with children under 24 months old: From \$180 to \$210
- For students with children 2 to 5 years old: From \$140 to \$165
- For students with children aged 5 to 12: Rate has stayed the same at \$75

Source: Family Services

SEE SUBSIDY, 3

In search of a quiet place to study

Half of Big Ten universities have at least one library open 24 hours a day.

By SAM LANE

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As rain pounded against the windows of the Main Library, UI senior Leslie Perk sat alone at a wooden desk in a multi-person study carrel. Around her, students shuffled through the hallways, conversing and making noise.

"Even in the Main Library, where it's supposed to be completely quiet, people are always chatting and whispering," Perk said. "That can be kind of frustrating and annoying if you're trying to find a quiet spot."

She isn't alone in her frustration.

Many UI students, and some administrators, are concerned about the number of quiet,

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Check out a video of Hope Barton talking about the UI's study spaces.

quality study spaces on campus available for students.

And budget issues contribute to the problem.

With recent cuts, four UI libraries — math, psychology, geosciences, and physics — will be forced to consolidate by the end of the year and move some of their materials into the Main Library.

In addition, the 2008 flood caused supplies from the art and music libraries to be moved into the Main Library.

SEE STUDY, 3



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UI junior and mechanical-engineering major Karsen Rumpf studies differential equations in the Seamans Center on Monday. With a lack of 24-hour study areas and the Main Library crowded, students have moved to other places to study.

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Check out video of Associate Director of University Libraries Hope Barton and students talking about whether they think there's enough study space on campus.



Energy drink + alcohol = IC fun

By PARKER SMITH
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Popular energy drinks containing a spike of alcohol could soon be pulled from shelves pending a federal review of their safety. But the ban only affects premixed drinks and would not affect those wanting to fuse the two — as in a Red Bull and vodka, a popular request at Iowa City bars.

The Food and Drug Administration issued letters late last week giving 27 beverage manufacturers who combine alcohol with caffeine 30 days to provide evidence ensuring their products are safe.

Under federal law, a substance added intentionally to food — such as caffeine to alcoholic beverages — is considered unsafe unless it has been approved by FDA regulation or is generally recognized as safe, according to the FDA's website.

The FDA has not approved the store-bought alcohol-caffeine mixtures, which were created to compete with the growing popularity of mixing energy drinks and liquor.

But if the premixed drinks are banned, Iowa City residents would still be able to purchase alcoholic energy-drink mixtures from

a number of local bars.

Brittany Schultz, a bartender at Sam's Pizza, 411 S. Gilbert St., said some nights a majority of the alcohol she serves contains energy drinks.

"That's all [patrons] were drinking all night," the UI junior said about a recent evening. "Tall Red Bull vodkas."

UI senior Sam Manthei — sitting at the Sam's Pizza bar on Monday — said a drink called a "rooster" is one of his personal favorites.

The drink is a tall Red Bull and vodka with a splash of cranberry juice, but he said the catch is having to drink them as fast as possible through a straw.

Angela Reams, the UI Student Health Service substance-abuse prevention coordinator, agreed the drinks can have a negative effect.

Combining alcohol with energy drinks can cause problems with the heart and nervous system because the two substances have opposite effects, she wrote in an e-mail.

"Mixing a stimulant, such as caffeine, with a depressant, like alcohol, can cause serious problems," she wrote.

A 2007 study by researchers at Wake Forest University found that students who reported consuming alcohol mixed



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Bartender Bridget Stephenson prepares a Red Bull and vodka at a bar in downtown Iowa City on Monday.

with energy drinks had a significantly higher prevalence of alcohol-related consequences, including being injured or requiring medical treatment.

Consuming the mixture also increases one's chance of being taken advantage of sexually, the study states.

Nearly one quarter of college drinkers consume alcohol with energy drinks, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest. The caffeine causes students to drink significantly more during a typical night, because of physiological effects such as the feeling that one's level of intoxication is less than expected, according to the center.

Red Bull contains about the same amount of caffeine as a cup of coffee, but twice as much as a can of Coca-Cola, despite having about 40 percent less liquid per serving than the can of soda, according to a report by the Marin Institute, an alcohol industry watchdog.

Though the FDA is set to examine the risks associated with the premixed industry, some students said energizing their alcohol will still be an appealing option.

Manthei said he has no intention of giving up "roosters" anytime soon.

"They taste good, they keep you up, and they get you wasted," he said.

Police probe string of car break-ins

More Iowa City police to patrol the area late at night.

By MARLEEN LINARES
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Iowa City police have extra officers patrolling near a sorority after a handful of reported burglaries.

Someone broke into Alpha Chi member Abbi Arp's car twice this month, once by smashing her window and another by slashing her convertible top.

Though the burglars only stole pocket change from her car, the UI junior now faces thousands of dollars in damage, and she is scared to be in her sorority's parking garage.

"I'm terrified," she said. "Now I always call one of my roommates and have them meet me at the door of the house."

The break-in to Arp's car was not the only incident in the Alpha Chi parking garage — there have been at least two other break-ins this year, leaving some sorority members unnerved.

Katy Strenge, another member of Alpha Chi,

was the one to find Arp's 2004 Black Mitsubishi Spyder with a hole cut out in the convertible top and a large footprint on the top when she was leaving the sorority house at 828 E. Washington St. Strenge told Arp and called the police.

"It was obviously done by a sharp knife," the UI junior said. "What would have happened if one of us was out there when it happened?"

Strenge, who parks right by Arp, also found her friend's car after it was broken into the first time on Oct. 19. Strenge discovered the car had a shattered back passenger seat window. In this incident, the suspects took a designer purse from the car, as well as Arp's credit card, which someone used at a McDonald's and a Kum & Go before her company deactivated it.

Burglars have also broken into the cars of Alpha Chi members Rachel Grim and Lily Dobson this year.

Neither saw damage to their vehicles, though a couple of dollars were missing from Dobson's car.

Though Dobson said the incidents make her nervous, the house is taking precautions, including installing security cameras and discussing the issue at a meeting.

"It really is a personal decision to be aware of your surroundings," she said. "There are dangers anywhere on campus."

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay noted they have leads in Arp's case after collecting fingerprints from her car.

Though someone broke into Arp's car on two separate occasions, Kelsay said he had no reason to believe she is being targeted as an individual.

"A convertible provides ease of access," he said. "It's an easy opportunity to target that kind of car."

Aside from the cases at Alpha Chi, the city has seen other car break-ins across the city, including

two others last weekend.

Suspects broke into UI junior Evan Mullins' car and stole an iPod and FM tuner on Nov. 5. The car was parked at the parking lot of his apartment complex at 650 S. Dodge St.

Mullins said he does not feel less safe at his complex, noting that he has noticed an officer patrolling at night after the incident.

"These guys are pretty smart," he said. "They know to break in on late weeknights when no one is out. I don't ever feel unsafe."

Mullins' girlfriend's convertible top also got slashed, though nothing was stolen. He said police had told him of another case in which a car had been broken into and subwoofers were stolen.

Kelsay said police are looking into a potential connection to the various other break-ins. Officers arrested Darryl Marcel Henry, 18, 1401 Franklin St., after finding him reportedly breaking into a car on 520 S. Johnson St. on Nov. 13.

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Trial reset in child-porn case

The trial for a man who allegedly uploaded child pornography in the UI Main Library has been reset.

Martin Jackson, 41, will go to trial Feb. 16, 2010. His pretrial conference is set for Feb. 3.

Jackson is charged with four counts of possession of materials exploiting minors.

In June 2008, workers at the social-networking site ning.com told police they suspected someone with the user name "Martin" posted child pornography to the site, authorities said.

According to UI police, backtracking the e-mail address led to Jackson, and investigations

showed Jackson was logged onto a computer in the Main Library when both sets of images were posted.

Library employees contacted police when they saw Jackson had returned to the building, officers said.

Jackson has a criminal record dating back nearly 20 years, including lascivious acts with a child, assault, and first-degree harassment.

— by Regina Zilbermints

N. Liberty man dies in crash

A North Liberty man died in an accident Sunday after his car went off the road.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Richard Casey, 20, was driving north on Utah Avenue

when the car went into the east ditch. Casey then got back on the road at the intersection of 340th Street and Utah Avenue before stopping in the west ditch.

Reports show Casey's Buick LeSabre caught fire and was a total loss.

Casey was treated at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

— by Marleen Linares

Mississippi man charged with bribery

Iowa City police arrested a Mississippi man after he allegedly offered to pay officers in exchange for letting him go uncharged.

John Landry, 28, was charged with bribery, a felony charge.

He is being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$10,000 cash-only bond.

According to reports, police arrested Landry at 113 E. College St. for public intoxication early Sunday morning. Once arrested, police said he offered \$300 to let him go without being charged. After being warned, police said, he increased the offer to \$500.

According to reports, Landry stated numerous times he was a lawyer and that he made more money in a day than the police do in one year.

Bribery is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

— by Marleen Linares

POLICE BLOTTER

Timothy Bean, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 14 with public intoxication.

Nathan Brown, 29, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 105, was charged Sunday with assault.

Alesia Engledow, 23, 727 Michael St. Apt. 87, was charged Monday with OWI.

Francine Fisher, 49, Coralville, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Allison Flaherty, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 13 with OWI.

Brandon Harris, 24, Bellwood, Ill., was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Stacy Harris, 25, 625 E.

Burlington St. Apt. 7, was charged Nov. 13 with public intoxication.

Luis Marroquin, 33, Postville, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and assault with intent to commit sexual abuse.

Michael Mijatovich, 22, 308 E. Davenport St., was charged Nov. 7 with fifth-degree theft.

Timothy Rusch, 24, 641 S. Lucas St. Apt. 2, was charged Nov. 13 with OWI.

Kenneth Terry, 21, 1960 Broadway, was charged Oct. 26 with possession of marijuana.

Derek Ulin, 27, 1717 California Ave., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

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"She was completely fine," Lynch said about Chohon's condition. "Within 24 hours, she was on death's doorstep."

While Lynch admitted he doesn't know for sure what caused Chohon's illness, he said his clinical suspicion leads him to H1N1 influenza.

When professionals admitted Chohon to Mercy Medical Center, doctors attempted to treat her with Tamiflu, a common flu medicine. When the UIHC received negative cultures for the novel virus strain, doctors assumed she had H1N1 and the drug had treated the disease.

H1N1 has killed 19 people in Iowa, including one child, according to the Department of Public Health. Around 500 Iowans have been hospitalized for the strain.

After the preliminary, short period of sedation, doctors removed Chohon's breathing tubes and

allowed her to get out of bed.

"Instead of being chained to the bed, being insulted by the hospital, she was walking around, waiting for her lungs to get better," Lynch said.

After doctors in Sweden tested the artificial-lung machine by leaving a patient attached for an extended period, medical professionals half a world away began to follow. Lynch said Chohon's case follows this new method of use.

The UIHC Intensive Care Unit has seen at least three other severe H1N1 patients so far this year.

Lynch said that five years ago, if people experienced respiratory failure similar to Chohon's, they would have been kept on the machine for 10 days to two weeks. If the patient still did not improve, they withdrew support because doctors decided the lungs could not recover.

"What was unique [about Chohon] was that she wasn't sick for very long," Lynch said. "Since she hadn't had exposure to a

week's worth of sedation, we let her wake up all the way. It's not typical."

After a mere eight days in the UIHC's intensive care and only 11 days in the hospital, Chohon left the hospital still in her pajamas around noon on Monday. A cloudy sky, which showed signs of rain, greeted her.

"It was still nice even on a cloudy day," Chohon said. "It could have been pouring. I get to see my kids, I get to finish my college degree. I'm glad I get to spend more time with family and friends."

Chohon, a mother of two — Kalli, 4, and Brendan, 5, — is working to become a nursing assistant and said the entire encounter didn't turn her off from the profession.

After she was released, Chohon returned to her hometown in Nebraska, staying under the care of her parents.

"I'm thankful and lucky," Chohon said. "Doctor Lynch is by far my favorite doctor on the face of the planet."

WORK

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Bollinger, neighborhood services coordinator — visited the Davenport police in October to get ideas about what they could bring to Iowa City.

They presented their findings Monday night, prompting the council to formulate a wish-list of tactics to curb the recent violence without implementing a citywide juvenile curfew.

Other possibilities include implementing more comprehensive background checks on tenants and offering education seminars to landlords to

help them deal with their potentially violent tenants.

The one-day training session is mandated for all landlords in Davenport, Correia said.

"We have a range of challenges with landlords in Iowa City," said Mayor Regenia Bailey. "Just requiring a landlord to have this full day eight-hour course is something worth considering."

As for changes to city's background checks, tenants already undergo a similar process to check for any previous criminal activity. Councilors said they'd like to see the process become more comprehensive, though they didn't speak in much detail.

The topic of violence on

the South East Side of Iowa City caught the public's attention after increased crime toward the end of last summer. Area residents asked the council in September to implement a juvenile curfew in response.

The curfew passed on its first consideration but took a turn when Councilor Mike Wright requested a deferral at the Sept. 29 meeting. The curfew will be revisited by the council on Dec. 1.

Though the neighborhood's residents are working on ways to stop violent behavior without a curfew, some city officials think the crimes will continue.

"The violence will get hot again," Hargadine said.

SUBSIDY

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The number of students using the programs this year is 221; last year, it served 199 — an 11 percent spike.

While most students apply for the subsidy earlier in the fall semester, Holland said officials may see an even larger increase as the year progresses.

The increase may be because of the addition of an online application, she said, noting that previously, students submitted it in-person.

Recent economic concerns may have also been a factor, Holland said.

"Maybe the students aren't able to locate the jobs they had in the past," she said.

The program typically awards students with younger children the higher subsidies, which can run up to \$210 this year. This year's amounts are up between \$25 and \$30 to keep up with the rising

costs of childcare, Holland said.

Vineburgh said he wasn't fully prepared for the costs associated with going back to school. Without the subsidy, he and his wife would not have been comfortable with the quality of childcare they could have afforded, he said.

He continued using the subsidy this year because it has worked well for him in the past, he said, and it has been more helpful given the recession.

"It couldn't come at a better time," he said.

This year, Vineburgh enrolled his 3-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son in Cedar Rapids-based Cedar Valley Montessori preschool program and St. Paul's Early Childhood Program, respectively.

The UI's childcare subsidies aren't the only ones available to students.

Roughly 10,900 families in Iowa have received childcare assistance this year, according to the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies.

One of these state services, the Child Care Assistance Program — run through the Iowa Department of Human Services — offers subsidies to parents whose incomes are below the poverty rate, or \$26,500 annually.

But unlike the UI's services, it hasn't seen an increase in parents using the subsidy this year, said Roger Munns, spokesman for the Department of Human Services.

To be eligible for the state subsidy, parents must work at least 20 hours a week, he said. At the UI, students must be seeking a degree and must be enrolled at least half-time — less if they have an equivalent academic responsibility, according to the Family Services website.

Family Services can award a subsidy to students at any point during the school year, as long as funding is available.

STUDY

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"We have a double whammy here," said Hope Barton, an associate director of University Libraries. "[A lack of study spaces] is something we're concerned about. We certainly did not want to have to lose those."

When the art and music libraries closed, their 230 "user seats" were distributed as much as possible throughout the Main Library. The consolidation of the four other university libraries brings a loss of another 190 user seats.

The Main Library currently has 1,120 seats at various study tables or carrels, 220 study chairs at desktop computers, and 175 seats in soft seating.

In addition to a possible lack of quiet study space, one concern for students and university officials is the absence of 24-hour access. In fact, there are no university buildings regularly open 24 hours during the school year.

Around half of the Big

Ten university campuses have at least one library open 24 hours a day.

Since fall 2003, the College Library, the undergraduate library at the University of Wisconsin, has been open 24 hours Monday through Thursday.

"I think it's pretty important," said Carrie Kruse, the director of the library. "Our society is a 24-hour society. There's a frame of mind that we need to do anything we're able to at any hour of the day. I definitely feel there's a need."

As finals week grows near, the only week the Main Library stays open around the clock, students said they have become increasingly aware of the shift in the library's hours.

In addition, the IMU will be open 24 hours and its coffee shop will stay open later to accommodate late-night studiers. This change follows students' increased use of the IMU's study

High Traffic Area
Main Library study space statistics:

- 1,120 seats at study tables
- 220 chairs at a desktop computer
- 175 seats in soft seating

Source: Hope Barton

spaces. The IMU's website also highlights its abundance of study spaces, noting it has 344 chairs and 131 "comfy" chairs.

"Post-flood, we've had some changes in study space," said Nancy Abram, the manager of marketing and design at the IMU. "[But] we're looking to raise awareness of the amenities we have here."

Barton said there are no plans to create a 24-hour library at the UI, nor does she believe it's feasible.

Your turn. Are you concerned with the amount of study space available on the UI campus?

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Editorial

City Council should reject attempts to further restrict Ped Mall smoking

Feel free to smoke up downtown — as long as it doesn't conflict with businesses' profit margins.

If local business owners get their way, those could be the unfortunate parameters.

In an effort to stifle cigarette smoking downtown, business owners have asked the Iowa City City Council to prohibit smoking on the Pedestrian Mall from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Councilors have agreed to consider the suggestion at a January work session.

"We'll give it a further look," Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey told *The Daily Iowan*. "It's going to be interesting to see how people approach this."

This superficial pitch by store owners should be deeply disturbing to anyone concerned with the inherent freedoms of citizens. In addition, the ostensible effort to snuff out smoking masks businesses' true intention: forcing panhandlers away from downtown in an attempt to bolster local businesses' revenue.

Councilor Connie Champion acknowledged that even if the ban passes, people are still going to smoke on the Pedestrian Mall.

In addition, Catherine Champion, Connie Champion's daughter, told the *DI* the real problem downtown is the crowd that hangs outside of stores, rather than smoking. Catherine Champion owns two businesses downtown, one of which is on the Ped Mall.

"I support the idea of it, but I'm not sure I support the practicality of it," Connie Champion told the Editorial Board.

And lack of practicality truly is the case. The Ped Mall — which is already smoke-free from Linn Street to the fountain outside the Sheraton, 210 S. Dubuque St. — is a public setting. Although

we do not endorse the use of tobacco, taking away citizens' right to choose whether to smoke would be a governmental overstep. Officials' efforts to negate potentially unsavory lifestyle choices, such as smoking and drinking, hug an interstitial line between strict and draconian. As abettors of freedom, we reject this misguided proposal.

We respect and understand business owners' interest in banning smoking; we just don't support it. We reject their attempts to put their businesses' profit margin over citizens' rights.

There's no doubt whether loiterers are unattractive to the business community and negatively affect their stores' bottom lines. And forcing smokers off the Ped Mall during business hours would force some panhandlers away from storefronts and potentially increase revenue for restaurants and shops.

But what sort of financial benefit will realistically occur if smoking is banned? Not enough to deny rights to smokers and panhandlers alike.

In addition, the actual time frame for when people may smoke could be murky.

"It's going to really confuse people," Connie Champion said about a potential smoking ban.

Merits of action on each aside, panhandling and smoking should be completely separate issues. If the council supports a Ped Mall smoking ban, it should not base its argument on the original intentions of the Smokefree Air Act rather than panhandling and marketplace concerns. We hope councilors will disregard the smoking-ban proposal and instead focus their efforts on more acute topics.

Your turn. Should the Pedestrian Mall have a smoking ban from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.



Letter

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Special election a waste of money

Thank-you to the tax-and-spend Republicans who have pushed the county to spend \$75,000 on an election to fill a Johnson County Board of Supervisors seat that will barely have a term that reaches 11 months.

How ironic it was to see Lori Cardella and her Republican

friends down on the Pentacrest working so hard to get students' signatures, while not fully informing them what they were signing. To see them working so hard to get students' signatures only a year removed from when the Republicans were so critical of the Democrats for getting the students involved in the presidential election.

I now understand better why Cardella wanted a special election so badly. She tried to mask it by telling people not to take away their right to vote for a person to fill the open supervisor seat. What she should have been saying is, "Please spend the \$75,000 so that I can personally gain from it." After all, she is now asking people to vote for her to fill the seat. How convenient.

I will now look forward to the special election so that we can welcome Janelle Rettig to the supervisors a second time and to tell Lori thanks, but no thanks. That \$75,000 could have been put to a much better use. It could have been used to pay for the ever-climbing costs of bringing forward a new Justice Center.

Lonny Pulkrabek
Johnson County sheriff

Guest opinion

Long-term state budget reform needed

By DAVID FISHER and GRETCHEN TEGELER

More than one month ago, Gov. Chet Culver ordered a 10 percent across-the-board cut in the state budget, a percentage more than twice as large as any such cut in the state's recorded history. The action was intended to balance the budget in the short term (during the current fiscal year), following an 8 percent downward adjustment in the estimated revenue available. The effect is just beginning to be identified, including the local property-tax increases that will inevitably happen to replace the state revenue that local

governments lost in the across-the-board cuts.

Over the past few years, budgets have been put together using a series of one-time revenue sources; however, these sources have now been largely depleted. Unfortunately, perhaps tragically, the recession-driven drop in receipts is occurring at precisely the same moment in time as the structural deficit must be confronted. Thus, significant long-term adjustments in state spending are necessary.

Given the magnitude of the challenge, all Iowans should be concerned with how the problems are solved, and Iowans will

need to work together to solve them. The process will need to be comprehensive, transparent, and inclusive. The approach that Gov. Terry Branstad used in 1991 with the Governor's Committee on Government Spending Reform (the "Fisher Commission") suggests a model that works.

As leaders of the process at that time, here are some of the factors that we believe made it successful.

First, the charge was clear. Branstad understood the nature of a structural deficit. Second, the process was inclusive and bipartisan. Third, roles were clearly and properly defined.

Fourth, the committee provided a structure for the work. Six task forces were designed around the areas believed to offer the greatest opportunity for efficiencies and/or savings: Collections, Intergovernmental Relations, Privatization, Public Finance, Statewide Service Delivery, and Technology Enhancement. The overall result was supposed to be a downsized, more efficient government that better suits economic, demographic, and technological realities.

Fifth, time was spent on the front end to educate the players about the state budget, the nature of the key

drivers of spending, and the reasons behind them. This gave everyone a baseline understanding and even opened the eyes of some veteran state legislators.

Sixth, the process was very open. Members of the media were personally invited and encouraged to attend every meeting of the committee and its task forces.

This brings us to the final, and perhaps most important, factor in the project's success: accountability. Under the governor's direction, progress in implementing the committee's recommendations was assessed every year and

documented and reported.

Major change — permanent change — always entails risk. As was shown in 1991, a good process can go a long way to anticipate and manage the risks. In following such an approach, Iowans can be confident that today's historic challenges can be met and turned into opportunities for making Iowa an even greater place to live and work.

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Calendar as colander



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The world as we know it (always a dicey proposition) will come crashing to an end in 2012, we have it on good authority. Something like a mystery planet will come hurtling out of nowhere, or a neighborhood near there, to smash Earth into nothingness. Which, on the whole (not that that word seems appropriate), sounds a lot like Nebraska.

Of course, some prognosticators predicted the mystery planet would come hurtling, etc., in May 2003, and, well, that most likely did not occur. Or maybe the mystery planet did obliterate the Earth in May 2003, and word has just been slow to get to Iowa. Word is so often slow to get to Iowa.

And the good authority we have for this apocalypse is the Mayan calendar, which, according to self-appointed experts, has the bad manners to stop at Dec. 21, 2012.

Why, you wonder, is anyone paying attention to the Mayan calendar now when no one has paid much, if any, attention to it in the past? I mean, have had you ever heard of the Mayan calendar until the last few months? (No cheating.)

I thought so.

Besides, why the ancient Mayan calendar? Why not the ancient Egyptian calendar? Or the ancient Chinese calendar? Or the Western calendar before around 750?

Sometime around 750, I think, if I'm remembering Stephen Jay Gould's essay correctly, the pope had the Western calendar changed because it was so out of whack. Unfortunately, the Europeans had no concept of the number 0, so AD started with the year 1, which has led to all sorts of problems with when decades start and end, and when centuries start and end, and when millennia start and end.

If that weren't bad enough, the pope had to change the Western calendar again around the mid-1500s — it jumped ahead by 11 days in September.

Which led to rent riots,

because some landlords wanted a full month's rent, but people didn't want to pay for 11 days that never occurred. A problem, you have to admit.

An interesting side note to all this calendar chaos: The English, because Henry VIII was on the outs with the pope, did not jump forward 11 days. At least not for another 200 years. Which is why George Washington always celebrated his birthday on Feb. 11, not Feb. 22, which is what we, of course, know Washington's birthday to be.

Confusing enough? Yeah, I'd say so.

But you have to admit — if old calendars have such a checkered past, it seems a bit, well, silly, to expect the end of the world based on an old Mayan calendar.

Oh, yes, I am well aware that there's a quite popular movie out, called catchily enough *2012*, that apparently is all about the end of the world.

(Personally, I always thought the world would come to an end if Sarah Palin ever wrote a book. Either I was wrong, or Sarah Palin has never written a book.)

But if the world is going to end in 2012, why in the world are we arguing so much about health care? I mean, it seems a little bit beside the point.

And should we be concerned that the Senate has confirmed so few of President Obama's nominations for judgeships? (If you're keeping score at home, only six of Obama's nominations have been confirmed, according to David Savage of the *Los Angeles Times*. He notes that George W. Bush had 28 judges confirmed in his first year, and Bill Clinton had 27.)

Savage's article puts the blame for so few confirmations on the Republicans refusing to allow votes to occur. Apparently, the Republicans have changed their nickname to G-No-P.

But if the world is going to end in three years, who cares how many federal judges we have?

Dec. 21. Man, is that going to put a crimp on the Christmas shopping season. ■

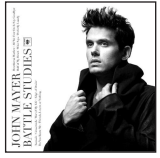
CD REVIEW

The two battling Mayers

John Mayer's latest, *Battle Studies*, pits two John Mayers against each other, and the results are middling.

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Since at least his second album, *Heavier Things*, there have been two types of John Mayer. There is the "Daughters" and "Your Body Is A Wonderland" Mayer, who writes catchy, almost too saccharine pop songs, and the John Mayer of the John Mayer Trio, a budding blues legend/guitar god.



John Mayer
Battle Studies
★★★ 1/2 out
of ★★★★★

On his newest album, *Battle Studies*, it's hard to tell which is which.

Songs that seem destined for pop, such as "Heartbreak Warfare" and "Friends, Lovers, or Nothing," feature him doing some of his best guitar work, while such songs as his cover of blues guitar legend Robert Johnson's "Crossroads" have a certain pop swagger to their blues.

The result is far from a perfect blend of his split musical personalities. *Battle Studies*, by the end, is pretty ho-hum, even for the guy who once crooned "if you want love, we'll make it / swimming a deep sea of blankets."

Many of the songs on *Battle Studies* take on a theme of heartbreak as war — a trope that should have died with Pat Benatar's "Love is a Battlefield." It's not hard to imagine Mayer walking around pensively, as Benatar does in that song's video, thinking about how much love just sucks.

However, with Mayer, it doesn't really work. On songs such as "Assassin" and "War Of My Life," it sounds as if he is trying way too hard to be deep, and the lyrics seem forced and trite. An exception to this is the album's opening track, the bitter "Heartbreak Warfare," which doesn't push the war metaphor too far and instead focuses on the heartbreak — where he does his best work. All in all, he continues to share his gift of catchy pop lyrics on this album, but the theme and tone are overdone and ill-fitting.

Musically, he sounds as astute as ever. "Heartbreak Warfare" is catchy and combines the pop and blues of his past work with a U2 feel.

"Friends, Lovers, or Nothing" is also a winner, and does the job of showcasing Mayer's guitar chops and pop voice at the same time, letting both intertwine and play off

each other where they are usually separated by solos.

He does make some odd decisions on this record, however.

On his cover of "Crossroads," he had the chance to truly showcase his blues abilities, but he falls short. Whatever effects are placed on his guitar on this song give it a decidedly synth-pop feel. It almost sounds as if he passed this song along to the Cure and played guitar over whatever Robert Smith and Company came up with.

Mayer may, however, be the first person to use the steel drum in a song that didn't end up sounding like the Beach Boys' "Kokomo." On "Assassin," he uses the instrument to create not the feel-good music of a cruise ship commercial but a sort of dreary tension. It's a sort of exciting turn but definitely a head-scratcher.

With songs such as these on *Battle Studies*, it's hard to pinpoint what exactly Mayer is trying to accomplish with the record. Is he going for pop? For blues? A combination of the two? Or is he trying to move in a new direction — Caribbean-infused flamenco, perhaps?

If he is trying to fuse his blues and pop personalities together, *Battle Studies* is a good start, but some miscues and off-kilter decisions make sure it remains just that.

Tommy's Picks: "Heartbreak Warfare," "Friends, Lovers, or Nothing"

Man of the world

Dean Jacobs will deliver the story of his worldly travels tonight.

By **JOSIE JONES**
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At the age of 9, Dean Jacobs hopped onto his green Schwinn Stingray bicycle and rode from his hometown of Fremont, Neb., to the neighboring town of Arlington. He rode by himself for miles down gravel roads with the danger of vicious farm dogs dashing after him along the way.

He recalled his curiosity of exploring dates back to childhood adventures, and ever since, he has visited more than 50 countries.

"It was a dream of mine to take a trip around the world," he said. "And not just a two-week vacation but more of a journey and allow the essence of the place to get into your skin so you really get to know a place rather than just passing by."

Dean Jacobs will present "Wondrous Journey" today at 5 p.m. in the Main Library's Shambaugh Auditorium. Admission is free.

Jacobs has embarked on three trips totaling four years outside the United States since 2001. He spent 22½ months visiting 28 countries during his first trip, which was the basis for his book *Wondrous Journey*, from which his presentation stems.

Jill Goldesberry, a program officer for the Stanley Foundation, saw one of Jacobs' presentations in Omaha about a year ago.

"It's an entertaining look at our world," she said.

Jacobs describes his presentation as showing people that they don't need to be afraid of the world.

"I'm here to talk about the goodness of humanity," he said. "But that doesn't mean I'm ignoring the bad things that happen in the world. I try to shed a little bit of light on the extraordinary things that are simple but are important to remember."

During his travels, he set a budget of \$10 to \$15 a day, including lodging and food. He learned to live simply — traveling by himself with only one large backpack and a small book bag for his photography equipment. With such a small budget, Jacobs didn't always know what he was eating from street vendors. He tried various foods, including zebra, kangaroo, ostrich, and scorpion on a stick — all of which, he said, "taste like chicken."

One of the highlights was being invited into the homes of families living in developing countries, he said.

"The richness of the journey is to sit down and connect with people and listen to their ideas of life, and what their hopes and dreams are," he said.

When traveling the world, Jacobs' goal is not to tell others how to live but rather experience and embrace their lifestyles. He learned a lot from his adventures — especially issues dealing with dignity and respect.

"I was treated with

PRESENTATION
"Wondrous Journeys"
When: 5 p.m. today
Where: Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
Admission: Free

such kindness by people who have nothing but want to give me everything," he said.

Once, while in Sudan, a stranger paid for Jacobs' bus fare in an attempt to watch over Jacobs because he was a guest in the country.

But his experiences weren't always positive. Every time he travels, he said, he loses 10 to 15 pounds and deals with sickness, and once, he was even robbed at gunpoint. However, negatives won't stop him from fulfilling his dream.

"One moment out of the four years of putting myself at the mercy of the world and only having that one-time experience is really nothing," he said.

Jacobs travels brought him to such locations as the base camp of Mount Everest, the outback of Australia, and the pyramids of Egypt.

"The world really is far more beautiful than it's given credit for," he said. While embracing his worldly travels, he hopes to bring the dignity and respect he learned to his audiences.

"I have a treasure that lives in my heart, a treasure of experience," Jacobs said. "It's not the kind of treasure to be kept to yourself, it's a treasure to be shared with others."

CD REVIEW

Howling couldn't be sexier

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Shakira is back and sinking her claws into the charts.



Shakira
She Wolf
★★★★ out
of ★★★★★

She Wolf, Shakira's third full-length English album, is strange, exotic, and positively hypnotizing. Its disc-inspired tracks and echoey, sensual vox make this release a must-own for pop-music lovers.

Shakira can hardly be described as boring, traditional, or lacking in talent. Her songs can be a bit strange, but a voice as recognizable as hers deserves lyrics to match.

The album's title track is the most notable and the most risky. When the single

dropped, eyebrows undoubtedly raised, but that didn't stop anyone and everyone from howling along with the Colombian songstress. (Of course the cage-dancing music video probably didn't hurt the song's popularity.)

"Did It Again" follows suit with the disco-era beats, one of a handful of songs on the album including "Men in this Town," which strays into a mixture of Blondie and Madonna-esque territory.

In a surprising twist, Shakira teams up with Wyclef Jean again for "Spy," which hardly competes with the catchiness of their previous collaboration, "Hips Don't Lie."

The next catchy chart-topper may well be "Long Time," a hip-shaking song about getting busy "all night long." The vivacious Latina probably has every man's heart pumping with such lyrics as "I wish I had

longer legs / That I could fasten to your body so you'd take me with you everywhere / And when you think I can take no more (all night long) / Just keep on going."

Shakira doesn't in any way attempt to hide her sexual side with this album — in fact, it's displayed front and center. The lyrics give it away as well as the random moans and heavy breathing emanating from the speakers in such tracks as "Good Stuff," in which the singer competes with exotic beats for a mixture all her own.

Shakira's third album certainly follows her signature style: overtly sensual, proud, and a bit kooky. The she-wolf proves herself to be "Better than to sail on the Mediterranean Sea / Better than to get a fancy Gucci dress for free."

Courtney's picks: "She Wolf," "Long Time," "Why Wait"

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Radon continues as silent killer

UI professor compiles data on radon levels in residences.

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Radon, a colorless and odorless gas, seeps into more than 70 percent of the basements in Iowa.

The gas is the No. 2 cause of lung cancer and the No. 1 cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, radon kills roughly 21,000 people every year.

"It is minimized in the public eye because there is no one to blame," said UI Professor Bill Field of the College of Public Health. "If someone put a dirty bomb in our houses and killed 21,000 people, there would be a public outcry."

Field began studying radon in 1979, when the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island occurred 4 miles from his home.

He is working on compiling data on radon levels in homes in both North America and Europe, which should be published in 2010 and will help researchers further understand links between radon and cancer.

"When the radon decays, it creates small solid particles that people inhale," Field said. "In the lungs, the particles continue to decay, giving off small bursts of energy that damage the sensitive tissue and can cause cancer."

Field conducted many radon-related research projects, including one involving Sarah Manley, who owns Breathe Easy Radon Testing.

After learning about high levels of radon in her home, Manley and her husband were spurred into action. In 2006, her husband added a radon mitigation element to his construction company and a couple of years ago, she began her testing business.

"I felt like I could help save lives if I could help people find out if they have this silent killer in their house," she said.

Testing services such as those provided by Manley are now a common element in real estate.

"Almost every transaction that I do, the buyers have required a radon test," said Tracy Barkalow, broker and owner of Barkalow and Associates Realtors. "We strongly recommend it because of the cost involved in installing the systems and because of safety issues."

Although Iowa City building codes that went into effect in 2002 require new construction to include radon-control measures, many older residences lack mitigation systems, said Loren Brumm, an Iowa City building inspector.

Manley said 80 percent of the last 50 homes she tested required mitigation because of the high levels of radon.

Although mitigation systems, which cost about \$900 to \$1,500, may sound daunting, the system is generally composed of a 4-inch PVC pipe that runs through the basement floor to the roof, Field said. A fan

Radon

According to the EPA, Iowa has the highest average level of radon in the U.S.

- Radon is responsible for 6 to 15 percent of all lung cancers.
- In 2005, the World Health Organization launched its International Radon Project.
- January is Radon Action Month.
- Around 35 percent of Johnson County houses tested in 2008 were above the reference level — the level at which the risk of cancer greatly increases.

Source: WHO and EPA

sucks radon-contaminated air from under the house and deposits it in the air above the house.

At the UI, radon tests are fairly uncommon.

"We mostly just test tenant properties," said Steve Henneberry, an engineer in environmental services for UI Planning, Design & Construction. "It is something we just started doing about a year ago."

He said he doesn't think it would be a bad idea to take some radon samplings around campus, but finding funding could be difficult, and it might not be necessary.

"Radon accumulates in the lowest levels of a building where there is little air movement," he said. "Bigger commercial buildings have forced air flow, so it is generally less of a problem. But it is not a hard and fast rule."

An end run on smoking ban

Experts, FDA, and bar and restaurant workers criticize e-cigarettes.

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Alex Fischels appeared to be smoking on a Chicago's restaurant patio when the waiter shot him a nasty glare.

But the UI senior wasn't puffing on a cigarette — he was taking a drag of nicotine vapor from an e-cigarette.

"I don't think he had a clue what it was," the 21-year-old said. "But he was not cool with it."

The white, cylindrical device looks like a real one, but it runs on a lithium battery and produces a steam-like mist that looks like real smoke. The e-cigarette uses no tobacco; rather, it atomizes liquid nicotine, producing a vapor that is drawn into the lungs.

Because the product's manufacturers — including the brand Ruyan, sold at the Coralville Tobacco Outlet — claim the e-cigarettes have none of the harmful chemicals found in the smoke of other tobacco products, Iowans can use the device in areas deemed "smoke-free" by the Iowa Smoke-free Air Act.

And that's why Fischels splurged on one, at a cost of \$60 online. With his new instrument, he can get his nicotine fix legally in places where smoking is prohibited, including his workplace, the movie theater, and his apartment.

"I saw it and was like, 'What the hell? A digital cigarette,'" Fischels said. "Regular cigarettes are just as bad for you, so I figured it's worth a shot."

But experts are keen to point out they believe the devices are not risk-free.

E-cigarettes contain nicotine and other chemicals that could be toxic, said Mary Aquilino, the director of the Iowa Tobacco Research Center.

The Food and Drug Administration does not regulate e-cigarettes — which, she said, concerns her because different manufacturers use varying amounts of nicotine and other chemicals in the production.

Because they're not age-restricted, as are other FDA-regulated nicotine products, and because they are offered

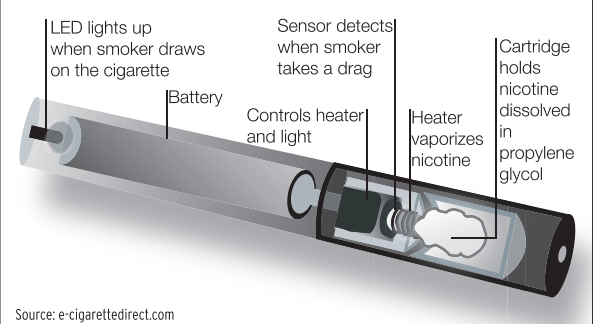


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UI student Alex Fischels takes a puff from his Blu E-Cigarette outside his apartment on Monday. It uses replaceable cartridges the size of a cigarette filter that hold nicotine and flavoring, each worth about one pack of cigarettes. Because one filter contains as much nicotine as an entire pack, the blue light at the end of the e-cigarette blinks when the user has inhaled enough, to prevent overdose, Fischels said.

E-Cigarette

While smoking is normally prohibited at work or in movie theaters, e-cigarettes are legal.



Source: e-cigarette-direct.com

KURT CUNNINGHAM/THE DAILY IOWAN

Flavors:

E-cigs come in these fun flavors:

- Almond
- Cherry
- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Grape
- Green tea
- Licorice
- Plum
- Rose

Source: e-cig.com

in an array of flavors, she said they could potentially increase appeal to young people.

"Some view them as a likely bridge to smoking for youth," she added. The FDA has performed "limited testing" on them, finding they contain "detectable levels" of carcinogens, and the agency has warned against their use, according to an FDA news release.

Because the product doesn't emit smoke and is likewise not regulated by the smoking ban, it has left some local bar employees unclear about how they would handle a user in their establishments.

"If it's legal and OK to do, then I wouldn't have a problem with it," said Victoria Messina, a server at Vito's, 118 E. College St., who noted that she has not encountered a user.

But Tim Hopper, a bartender and manager at DC's, 124 S. Dubuque St., said he would be more wary if he saw someone exhaling a smoke-like haze.

"I don't think we would allow it," he said, pointing out that if patrons saw someone smoking an e-cigarette, they might be prompted to spark up real ones. "It'd put out the wrong idea."

Since Fischels bought the e-cigarette in July, he said he uses it about four or five times a week. He noted the device shouldn't be confusing to other people because the end lights up — his is blue — and the vapor doesn't have a smoky smell.

"People still try to give me weird looks, though," he said.

METRO

Man charged with robbery

Police arrested a man for allegedly robbing an elderly couple after helping them load purchased items into their car in October.

Calvin Pearson, 28, address unknown, was charged with second-degree robbery.

According to reports, the robbery took place at Wal-Mart, 2801 Commerce Drive, Coralville, on Oct. 16. After Pearson helped the couple load items into their car, he allegedly got into the back seat and placed a motel key card on the male victim's throat, pretending it was a knife. He then reportedly demanded the man's wallet.

When the woman said he didn't have his wallet, Pearson allegedly said, "Give me your purse or I'll cut his throat," according to police. The woman gave Pearson money from her purse.

After he was arrested, Pearson admitted to committing the robbery, according to reports.

Pearson was being held at Marshall County Jail on \$15,000 cash-only bond Sunday afternoon.

— by Marleen Linares

Police charge man with domestic abuse

Iowa City police arrested a man after he allegedly physically and verbally abused his girlfriend Sunday.

Alvin Seals, 35, 223 Woodside Drive, was charged with domestic-abuse assault causing bodily injury.

According to reports, Seals choked the woman after an argument and caused her to hit her elbow on a wall. During the struggle, the woman scraped her elbow and cut her finger, police said.

Seals also reportedly urinated on the woman's belongings, threw a lamp against the wall, and threatened to "jab her face" with the broken lamp. Seals also told her he wished she was dead, police said.

Reports showed Seals continued to verbally abuse the woman. The woman said the argument continued throughout the day and that Seals told her he would kill her in her sleep, according to police.

Domestic-abuse assault causing bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor and is generally punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,500 fine.

— by Marleen Linares

Man charged with eluding

Police arrested a Solon man after he allegedly tried to avoid being arrested for OWI on Nov. 13.

Cameron Boyce, 23, was charged with eluding, an aggravated misdemeanor.

According to police reports, Boyce was stopped by a Johnson County sheriff's deputy for allegedly drag racing, but he instead started driving in the opposite direction.

Police said Boyce refused to stop after the officer had turned on the lights and sirens. Boyce's vehicle reached 100 mph in a 35-mph zone along Riverside Drive, according to police.

Boyce told officers under Miranda that he drove away because he was afraid of being charged with OWI, police said. According to reports, Boyce had a blood-alcohol content of 0.07. The state's legal driving limit is 0.08.

An aggravated misdemeanor is generally punishable by up to two years in prison and up to a \$5,000 fine.

— by Brian Stewart

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Want your friends to be safe and get tested?
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The plate never too full for Meyer

Juggling blueprints and building plans with tracking women's basketball, Jane Meyer lives in 'chaos,' she says.

By CLARK CAHILL
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Jane Meyer can safely say she's affected virtually everyone on campus.

As the senior associate athletics director, she has orchestrated \$250 million worth of projects, from the \$88 million Kinnick Stadium renovation to the \$47 million Carver-Hawkeye Arena makeover to a \$70 million Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. The projects are upgrades athletes, students, and faculty will all appreciate.

"It's a lot of money, but I look at the breadth of the projects and whom they are affecting," said Meyer, sitting in her Carver office, which is stuffed with blueprints and books of building projects. "We are trying to make it better for our student-athletes and also our students."

It's probably an

understatement to say Meyer, who began her tenure at Iowa in 2001, is constantly busy.

But she's used to it. "I've lived in chaos all my life," she said as a crane picked up a mound of dirt outside her Carver office. "I am able to take in lots of information and process it."

Indeed. The evidence is in her demeanor. The eloquent speaker, who wears glasses and sports a button-down blouse and sweater tied around her neck, doesn't need much time to think of her answers, and she talks quickly and sharply.

Such a talent likely proves useful when Meyer is in the other role that takes up a significant chunk of her life — keeping a close eye on the happenings in Division-I women's basketball.

Meyer began her tenure

as chairwoman of the Division-I Women's Basketball Committee in September. She is in her last year of a five-year commitment to the committee, which is made up of 10 people and is responsible for determining the final 33 teams — 31 teams qualify automatically with a conference championship — that get into the women's NCAA Tournament at the end of the season. Members also choose playing sites and officials.

Many say Meyer has had an effect on them.

"It's a natural fit for her to be the chairwoman of the committee, and many people saw her as very deserving for the chair for her last year," said committee member Heather Gores, an associate director of athletics at Gonzaga University. "She has been a great mentor for me coming in as a committee member, and she is someone I aspire to be."

Wood Selig, a committee member and the athletics director at Western Kentucky



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Senior Associate Athletics Director Jane Meyer sits in her office on Monday. Meyer is on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.

University, agreed Meyer will be a great fit as chairwoman for the upcoming season.

"She has great knowledge of the game and is a tireless worker," he said. "I know she will be informed across the board of the issues that are important for our committee to consider."

One particular goal for Meyer this year will be a focus on growing the game of women's basketball.

"There are some great pockets of women's basket-

ball out there who are selling out arenas every night," she said. "We are learning what the men's tournament has done positively and negatively, because they have been going about 80 years longer."

Ultimately, Meyer, who enjoys running as a hobby, said her main objective is to help all student-athletes get an education and have positive experiences.

"At some point, I want them to decide they came to Iowa for the reason they

Jane Meyer

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- **Degrees:** Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Mount Mercy College, master's in science, and Ph.D. in athletics administration from the UI
- **Has worked with:** Alcohol-education programs, NCAA drug-testing program, Title IX/sex equity education
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came, to use their gifts as a student and an athlete," she said. "If we stop doing that, I'm out of here."

Need for food aid on the rise

Johnson County joins the rest of the state in its need for nutrients.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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A growing number of Johnson County residents are acquiring their meals through local food-support services.

The Crisis Center doled out nearly 40,000 bags of food to needy citizens in fiscal 2009, compared with around 33,000 in fiscal 2008, said Sarah Benson Witry, the Food Bank director at the center, 1121 Gilbert St.

In addition, the center has handed out around 765 bags per week during the second half of this year, up from roughly 600 bags per week during the end of 2008.

"We offer food to anyone who is deemed as having a food crisis," she said. "They can get help right away."

Iowa's rate of "food insecurity" — meaning families were unable to put enough food on their tables — jumped from 10.9 percent of households during 2003-05 to 11.6 percent in 2006-08, according to a survey by the U.S. Agriculture Department released on Monday.

It's a trend mirrored by a national increase in the number of people searching for affordable nourishment.

The number of American

households considered "food insecure" rose 3.5 percent from 2007 to 2008, reaching 14.6 percent, the highest rate since the organization started doing the survey.

Benson Witry said employment issues are the main reason more people are using the center's services.

"A lot of stories are that their hours have been cut," she said. "They can't get unemployment because they're still working, but it's not enough, and they end up coming back here for help."

The food baskets consist of standard nonperishables — including carbohydrates, fruits, and soup, Benson Witry said. Toiletries, snacks, meat, and dairy items are also available upon request.

In addition to the Crisis Center's aid, many families also turn to federal food stamps to purchase meals. The amount of benefits each household can receive increased in April with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Families saw between \$24 and \$144 extra per month after the legislation passed.

The Rev. Mel Schlachter of Trinity Episcopal

Church, 320 E. College St., shared Benson Witry's view that the current economic situation is a key factor for the higher demand for food.

"When people are losing jobs, or cutting back to part-time, I call that tight," he said.

Schlachter, whose church sets out two food baskets for attendees to fill for the Crisis Center each Sunday, said much of the responsibility for helping people without enough to eat falls on the rest of the community.

"It's incumbent upon those of us who are working and do have money to share what we have," he said.

Despite already high numbers, Benson Witry said the Crisis Center is trying to reach even more Johnson County residents.

"We're always exploring ways to increase accessibility to people who aren't located on the South East Side where we are," she said. "We have no delivery right now but are exploring that option."

Millionaire dropped from Blago trial

By MIKE ROBINSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A millionaire power broker who was to go to trial on corruption charges alongside ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich was dropped Monday from the list of defendants.

The decision to remove William Cellini leaves only the former Illinois governor and his brother on the defendant list for the June trial. Robert Blagojevich's attorney, Michael Ettinger, said Monday he also plans to try to get his client dropped from the trial.

Rod Blagojevich is charged with trying to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat for campaign money or a high-paying job for himself or his wife and an array of other offenses. He has pleaded not guilty and said he did not commit any wrongdoing.

Judge James Zagel has scheduled the trial to start June 3, but Blagojevich's lawyers are asking for a three-month delay. Zagel told the attorneys Monday he wants to keep the trial date but left the door open for a brief postponement if needed.

Zagel's decision to drop Cellini from the trial was expected. Prosecutors requested it last week.

The judge did not drop charges against Cellini, a millionaire lobbyist-businessman from Springfield who for decades has been an influential behind-the-scenes figure in Illinois politics, largely on the Republican side.

Cellini remains charged with conspiracy to commit fraud, conspiracy to commit extortion, and attempted extortion. He is accused of attempting to squeeze a sizable campaign contribution for Blagojevich out of Hollywood producer Thomas Rosenberg, who owned a money management company that was expecting to get a \$220 million allocation from a state teachers' pension fund.

Prosecutors could still bring Cellini to trial after Blagojevich's trial is finished.

Cellini's attorney, Dan K. Webb, issued a statement saying the decision to sever his client from Blagojevich's trial and possibly try him separately "demonstrates what we have said all along — that there was never any justification for

including Bill Cellini in any indictment with former Gov. Blagojevich."

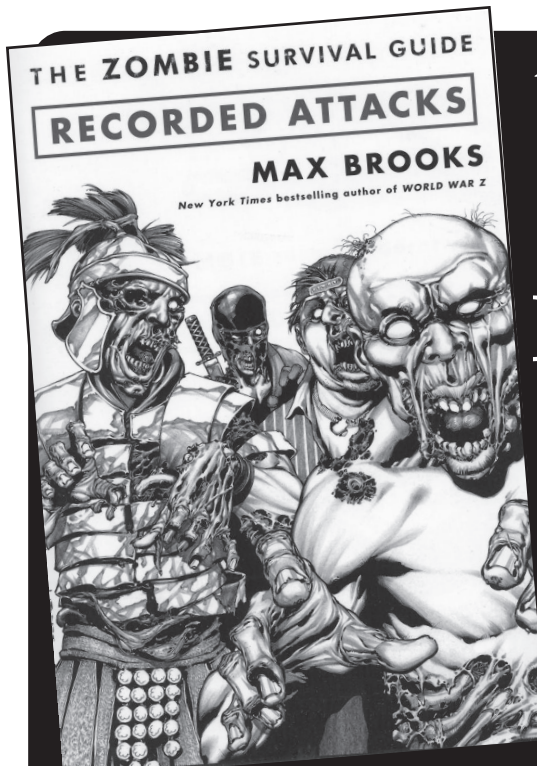
Webb said Cellini doesn't know Blagojevich, has never spoken on the phone with the former governor, and was unaware of the alleged fundraising scheme.

Cellini was charged in three counts along with former Blagojevich chief fundraiser Christopher G. Kelly, who was found dead in what police say was a suicide just days before he was to start serving eight years in prison.

Prosecutors urged Zagel to drop Cellini from the trial, saying Kelly had been the key figure who linked him to Blagojevich. They said Kelly's death had erased much of the "overlap" in evidence between Blagojevich and Cellini.

It might be more difficult for Ettinger to get Blagojevich's brother removed from the trial because prosecutors have not requested it.

Ettinger told reporters after court that his motion would focus on the potential prejudice to his client from being charged along with his brother.



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Male runners just miss NCAAs

The Iowa men's cross-country team falls short after the Midwest Regionals in Springfield, Mo.

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For the Iowa men's cross-country team to qualify for the NCAA championship meet, it needed big-time finishes from the entire Hawkeye roster.

But while freshman Jeffrey Thode and junior Mark Battista ran personal bests, the Hawkeyes fell short of their goal, failing to qualify for the championship meet.

"This was one of our best team efforts for sure," head coach Larry Wiecezorek said. "It was a complete effort from top to bottom. We had the third-best sixth man, the third-

best seventh man. These are things you look at as sort of consolation prizes."

Much like Iowa's football program, on Nov. 14, the Hawkeye runners fell to Ohio State. The Buckeyes, who had beaten Iowa head-to-head, won a tiebreaker to take the last spot in the NCAA championship meet — the spot Wiecezorek had hoped would belong to his squad.

"Like Kirk [Ferentz] said, 'In the end we all get what we deserve,'" Wiecezorek said. "If we had beaten Arkansas earlier in the year at the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational, we would have qualified with three points. We were just a little short in

the end."

Helping dull the pain of defeat was strong performances by Thode and Battista, who each made the All-Regional team with 21st and 25th finishes, respectively.

Thode, who had failed to meet his own expectations at the Big Ten championship in State College, Pa., felt much better when he crossed the finish line on Nov. 14 at Missouri State.

"I paced it out and didn't have to push it," he said. "I was careful about how I ran this time. I didn't change my pace when the pack started to move."

Perhaps the day's biggest success story was

the effort by Battista. The New Lenox, Ill., native had struggled and was in dire need of a standout performance.

"Mark is a guy who was entering his third year," Wiecezorek said. "He was a scholarship guy who didn't make the traveling team for track last season. He had one foot on the banana peel and one foot out the door."

Battista delivered, though his All-Regional finish was by a narrow margin. He was the final runner to qualify for the honor. A few seconds slower, and it would have gone to someone else.

"I didn't really know where I had finished when the race was over," Battista said. "Wiecezorek and Micah [VanDenend] thought I might have

gotten the 25th spot. When I was finishing my cool down, I gave Micah the thumbs up or thumbs down sign. He just nodded."

For Wiecezorek, more important than Battista's finish was how the junior managed it. Wiecezorek said Battista told him how he was feeling after the race.

It was exactly the type of effort Wiecezorek had hoped his team would give.

"He told me that in the last 1,000 meters that he

couldn't see straight and that his legs were wobbling," Wiecezorek said. "But he wanted to try to get us to nationals. Sometimes, teams make DVDs at the end of each season. I don't know if I will yet, but there is already one in my mind. That's an image that I'm going to keep."

Near misses continue for harriers

Despite a season of preparation, the women's cross-country team failed to qualify for nationals at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet.

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The fate of Iowa's 2009 women's cross-country season was decided at 6 p.m. Sunday, when a panel of NCAA judges chose Michigan State over the Hawkeyes.

For the first time in four years, the women's campaign ended at the Midwest Regional on Nov. 14 in Springfield, Mo., where 30 Midwest teams competed for a chance to run in the NCAA championship meet.

Since 2005, Iowa has qualified through at-large points the Hawkeyes accumulated throughout the season.

But because Iowa's harriers failed to finish in the top-two in the race, qualifying for NCAAs was once again dependent on at-large points. And this time, the system did not work in the Hawkeyes' favor.

After tying with Michigan State for at-large points, the Spartans were selected to move on after defeating the Hawkeyes closer to the regional meet. Ultimately, Iowa missed qualifying by one spot.

"This was a season of near misses," coach Layne

Anderson said. "We had plenty of opportunities to improve our position. We had good races but not great racing."

With a fifth-place finish overall, the Hawkeyes ended a spot lower than last year in the regional meet. They fell to Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa State, and Nebraska, then to Michigan State.

But senior captain Hannah Roeder said she doesn't think the loss is "an indication of the direction that the program is going." She said Michigan State qualifying over Iowa was based on a "subjective opinion."

Despite the disappointment of not qualifying, the women agreed they were not disheartened by their performances during the race. Finishing first for the Hawkeyes was sophomore Brooke Eilers, who has led the "pack" for much of the 2009 season.

Following Eilers, Amanda Hardesty, Roeder, Betsy Flood, Lauren Hardesty, and Lindsay Anderson managed to finish within 11 seconds of each other.

The closeness reflects the Hawkeyes' aim to run



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Iowa women cross-country runners chat during the men's race on Sept. 4 at the Ashton Cross-Country Course. The team raced against Northern Iowa and took the top seven places in the meet.

together as a pack throughout the season, hoping to have their top-five finishers gain the most points possible.

"I wouldn't say anything fell apart in this race, and I wouldn't change anything we did," junior Lauren Hardesty said. "It just wasn't our time to go. Life will go on, and we always have next year."

One positive did arise from the meet, though. Eilers managed to successfully execute a new strategy of racing she had been practicing. Anderson and Eilers agreed that her old start-off-hard style wasn't the best way for the sophomore to win races.

To address the issue, Anderson advised Eilers to start races more "conserva-

tively," pacing herself more throughout the course.

Eilers said she was nervous about trying something different for the first time during an important meet, but it worked out well for her. She finished with a time of 21:14 in the 6-kilometer race and placed 13th overall.

Roeder acknowledged Eilers' performance and said she was proud of her teammates for "putting it all on the line."

"There's just so many variables that go into a cross-country race," Roeder said. "We're not at all looking back and saying, 'We should have done this,' or 'We should have done that.' I feel like we all put forth our best effort."

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should Stanzi or Vandenberg start in the bowl game?

Ricky Stanzi

Call me Kirk Ferentz, but when the Hawkeyes go bowling, Ricky Stanzi is starting.

All the junior quarterback has done since being named the starter is win. He is 17-4 since getting the starting nod, leading remarkable comeback wins — including a big Outback Bowl win against South Carolina last season.

If one wanted to get picky, one of Stanzi's four losses came two weekends ago at Northwestern, a game he didn't get the chance to finish, which is when "Stanzi is the Manzi."

Also, his four losses were by a combined 19 points, so when fans want to start thinking of replacing him, they might want to think twice — like the number of times he has beaten Penn State.

Before injuring his ankle, Stanzi led Iowa to an unblemished 9-0 start and a No. 4 BCS ranking, both bests in Hawkeye history. Also it's an unwritten rule in football that you don't lose a starting job to injury.

Despite redshirt freshman James Vandenberg's recent success, Stanzi hasn't lost his gig on account of his performance yet.

The Hawkeyes have gone on record saying they were never out of a game because of Stanzi. Christian Ballard once called Stanzi "one of the greatest leaders he has ever seen."

Stanzi stands straight in the face of adversity and always manages to give it the

cold shoulder. No matter what the situation.

The upset of No. 3 Penn State last year. The 10-0 deficit this season during the "White Out" in State College, Pa.

The last-second 7-yard touchdown toss to Marvin McNutt to beat Michigan State. Completing 92- and 66-yard touchdown passes to overcome a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Indiana.

All from Stanzi. He's a Davy O'Brien Award semifinalist alongside Tim Tebow, Colt McCoy, Jimmy Clausen, and Tony Pike for good reason.

Does Iowa really want to put the game in the hands of a two-start redshirt rookie?

Don't get me wrong. If Stanzi isn't healthy enough to play, I'm confident with Vandenberg running the show. The performance he turned in at the "Horseshoe" should have made believers out of every Hawkeye fan.

But for now, I foresee Stanzi.

— by Patrick Rafferty

"Horseshoe" on Nov. 14, red-shirt freshman James Vandenberg should be the starting quarterback for the Hawkeyes' postseason bowl game.

The signal-caller from Keokuk performed like a skilled veteran against Ohio State, passing for 233 yards and tossing two touchdowns. His ability to throw the football makes me excited to watch him develop as a quarterback in the coming seasons.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not giving up on Ricky Stanzi — he is still the

"Manzi" — nor am I jumping on the Vandenberg bandwagon (the Vand-wagon?).

Even though Vandenberg should start the bowl game, this is not a quarterback controversy.

The Hawkeyes wouldn't be where they are if not for Stanzi. The junior quarterback has a 17-4 record as the Hawkeyes' starter and has been a leader for this team.

And Stanzi will still be leader of the Hawkeye offense in the 2010 season, no matter how well Vandenberg plays against Minnesota and in a bowl game.

But that's why starting Vandenberg benefits both the current and future Hawkeye football squads.

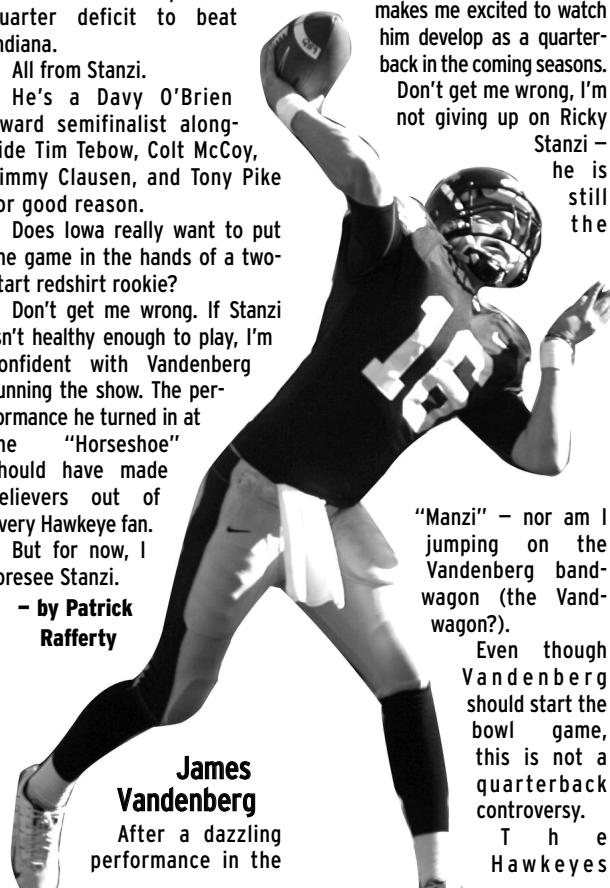
The bowl game should be out of the question for Stanzi because he is coming off ankle surgery. If he isn't completely healthy, he will be more susceptible to being reinjured.

Maybe it's the Chicago Cub fan in me making me think ahead to next year and beyond. But Iowa will lose only seven impact seniors from a team that was one win away from the Rose Bowl.

The Hawkeyes are primed for another big run next season. That's why Ferentz should keep Stanzi on the sidelines for the final two games, so he is healthy and poised to get Iowa a Big Ten championship next season.

By getting the opportunity to start against a formidable opponent in a New Year's Day bowl game, Vandenberg will gain valuable experience that will greatly help him as he develops as the future starter for Kirk Ferentz's program.

— by Mitch Smith



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P.R.I.D.E. reaches youth

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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Every Monday, a group of Iowa athletes wake up early, ready to lead.

But rather than leading their respective sports teams during practice, they lead a classroom filled with lively fifth- and sixth-graders at Roosevelt Elementary, 611 Greenwood Drive.

According to the organization's website, Hawkeye P.R.I.D.E. is a program that matches Iowa student-athletes with local elementary-school students in an effort to teach youngsters how to become better students.

The program's acronym stands for perseverance, respect, integrity, determination, and equality — all lessons that can be taught from a sports perspective.

"I think sports have a lot of life lessons," said program director Erica Clausen, who is a senior goalkeeper on the Iowa soccer team. "As an athlete, you are put in a lot of difficult positions in your life. I think as student-athletes, we embrace all of those five attributes of what we teach in P.R.I.D.E."

A division of the Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the group began in 2002. Athletes from all sports are encouraged to volunteer.

Soccer, softball, volleyball, track, and swimming and diving were all represented on Monday when players ventured to Roosevelt.

Clausen led the day's session on equality, and teams of students were challenged to build the tallest structure out of different objects.

Sixth-grader Jessie Harder said the activity helped her understand the importance of equality and fairness, and her team learned to work together to complete its structure.

Senior softball player and volunteer Lindsey Digmann said that was exactly what she goal of the program.

"Just being respectful toward each other and learning how to work together," she said. "I think hearing some of our stories will give them the determination to be able to do whatever they want. Being able to take those things that you learn and bring them to the kids and show them that they can do it, even though they're only in fifth and sixth grade, I think that helps a lot."



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Iowa senior softball player Lindsey Digmann high-fives fifth- and sixth-grade students at Roosevelt Elementary on Monday. Iowa athletes visited the school through Hawkeye P.R.I.D.E. to teach students about equality, perseverance, and respect.

Volunteers followed the activity with an open discussion in which some Iowa athletes answered students' questions.

Vicki Saunders, the teacher of the combined fifth- and sixth-grade classes, said she appreciates the volunteers' time and energy.

"The program has been great on a couple of levels," Saunders said. "It gives the kids a chance to interact with someone older besides just the regular teachers they see all the time. They have them up on a pedestal because of their sport."

As aspiring teachers, both Clausen and Digmann receive important classroom experience through the organization. But it works both ways, they said.

"I love what I do and what I'm able to do in these classrooms," Clausen said. "I walk away every day, and it puts a smile on my face, so I know I get a lot out of it. I also know the kids get a lot out of it."

A member since her freshman year, Clausen said, she is satisfied with the effect the program has made on the students.

"For them to remember me and remember the activities we've done, I think it shows that this is a program that's stuck with them. For these students to

BUCK NIGHT

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Kansas returns four starters from a team that won 22 games and was runner-up in the WNIT. Those starters include Danielle McCray, the Big 12's pre-season Player of the Year.

Hawkeye fans have the opportunity to catch the action at Carver for \$1 as a part of Iowa's annual "Buck Night." All tickets are \$1, and student admission is free. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Injury report includes four Hawkeyes

Iowa's lone senior, JoAnn Hamlin, who checked into the hospital with a severe blood clot in her right leg on Nov. 8, remains out indefinitely.

Bluder said Hamlin was still in intensive care during the coach's press conference, but she hoped the center would be in a regular hospital bed by the end of Monday.

"[Hamlin's] goal is to be at our game on Wednesday," Bluder said. "That would be a wonderful thing for our team to see her here [in Carver-Hawkeye.]"

Sophomore Hannah Draxten, who missed the Hawkeye Challenge due to a herniated disc in her back, is "highly doubtful" for Wednesday's game, the head coach said. Bluder called Draxten a "slight possibility" for the Nov. 22 road-opener at Northern Iowa.

Freshman Theairra Taylor will not play against Kansas or Northern Iowa. She is expected to miss a couple weeks after suffering a fractured eye socket in practice last week. Bluder said Taylor will see an eye specialist today.

In brighter injury news, Bluder hopes freshman Gabby Machado will be able to play against Kansas. Machado has been dealing with an ankle sprain.

Freshmen Morgan Johnson and Jaime Printy will continue to fill in for Hamlin and Draxten in the starting lineup.

Alexander earns co-Big Ten Player of the Week honors

Iowa junior Kachine Alexander was named co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Monday along with Ohio State's Jantel Lavender.

Alexander was named MVP of the KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge after she led the Hawkeyes to a 75-67 victory over Illinois State in Sunday's championship game.

The 5-9 guard's double-double (21 points, 12 rebounds) against the Redbirds was her second of the weekend. Alexander posted 19 points and a Hawkeye Challenge record-tying 18 rebounds in Iowa's 67-51 victory over Santa Clara on Nov. 14.

"I think it's a great accomplishment," Bluder said of Alexander's third career Big Ten Player of the Week honor. "Of course, when you average a double-double over the weekend, you probably deserve it."

BASKETBALL

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and sophomore Melquan Bolding. The duo scored 44 of the team's 85 points in the Dukes' season-opening win over Nicholls State on Nov. 13.

Last season, Clark scored in double figures in 25 of Duquesne's 33 games. Also, the team is 8-1 when Bolding scores 14-plus points.

"Luckily, we don't have to think about it," freshman Eric May said about Sunday's loss. "We're jumping right into the Tuesday game, working on moving forward. We're not dwelling on this."

Lickliter contended on Sunday that Iowa's defense against Texas-San Antonio was a positive to

Iowa (0-1) vs. Duquesne (1-0)

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Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
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be gleamed from the 12-point loss. If Gatens and Tucker continue to struggle from the field, the third-year head coach will at least need the sophomores to defend Bolding and Clark effectively.

Duquesne, put up 108 points in a loss to Virginia Tech in the NIT and scored below 70 points only seven times last year.

To contrast, the Hawkeyes have scored 50 points or fewer in three of their last five games, dating back to last year.

"We lost," freshman

point guard Cully Payne said on Sunday. "We thought about it in the locker room, but now, like Coach said, we've got practice [on Monday and] we play Tuesday. So we've got to get right back at it."

Perhaps most concerning for Lickliter is Duquesne's 6-7 junior forward Damian Saunders, who scored 19 points, grabbed 17 rebounds, distributed five assists, and snagged four steals against Nicholls State.

The Hawkeyes' under-sized frontcourt allowed a similar player, Texas-San Antonio's Terry Fields, to score 12 points, shooting 50 percent from the field.

"I think we are going to grow because of it," Lickliter said of Sunday's loss. "We need to do it fast because Tuesday is going to be a bear. They are really good."

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see that people in the community, especially student-athletes — some of which have large reputations — care about them. I think that is important to them."

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ROBINSON

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The Hawkeyes were unable to score in that third-quarter opening drive, but it enabled Robinson to finish with 74 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Considering the circumstances Iowa faced being short-handed in the backfield and playing in front of a six-figure attendance at Ohio Stadium, Robinson's performance against one of the top defenses in the country was nothing short of remarkable. And something Ferentz said was "totally unexpected."

"He played extremely well," sophomore wide receiver Marvin McNutt said. "For him to still be kind of injured and play that well, it's really impressive."

As the Hawkeyes prepare for their final home game of the season against Minnesota on Saturday, Ferentz is hopeful to have something at the offense's disposal it has been without for the past three weeks — a chance for Robinson and Wegher to split carries against the Golden Gophers.

"I think we would be better off if we can split it,"

Ferentz said. "We'll play with what we've got, and that's what we've been doing."

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Daily Break

I have come to believe that the whole world is an enigma, a harmless enigma that is made terrible by our own mad attempt to interpret it as though it had an underlying truth.
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- Corpse Candle
- Creeping Doom
- Faerie Fire
- Horrid Wilting
- Insignia of Alarm
- Lesser Shadow Tentacle
- Mark of Justice
- Maw of Chaos
- Melf's Acid Arrow
- Mestil's Acid Sheath
- Nature's Balance
- Nybor's Gentle Reminder
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- Repulsion
- Shrink Item
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- Spike Stones
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- Touch of Idiocy
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Filling a library table in the second-floor group study area, UI students prepare for their Introduction to Sociology class Monday. The students mentioned the class is very useful and their professor, Michael Lovaglia, is a fun guy.

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Tuesday, November 17, 2009
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Considering how you are making money should encourage you to look for something more challenging. Making a move or surrounding yourself with a different environment or group of associates will be beneficial. A partnership is in the stars.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 You may be confused by the signals you are receiving from partners or people you are dealing with right now. Listen carefully to be aware of what's true and what isn't. Don't allow yourself to fall into someone's trap.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You'll be living in the moment. A love connection can lead to an exciting time with interesting new developments if you are receptive to what's being offered. A change in your professional direction shows potential.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Stop going down that long pathway that leads to doom and gloom. Consider what makes you happy and incorporate more of it into your life. You set your goals, so stop playing the role of the victim.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You will learn a valuable lesson if you take careful note of the behavior of people who interest you most. Be independent and protect your rights instead of giving in to someone who wants to control what you do and what you can accomplish.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Keep your friends close, but do not lose sight of your enemies. Someone you work with will be trying to get ahead at your expense. Emotional blackmail is apparent, and you must not give in to a sob story.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Mix the old with the new, and bring your past and your future together. A romantic getaway will do wonders for you. Single or not, adding spice to your life will enhance your current relationship or bring new lovers into your life.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 An impulsive decision regarding your home or personal life will cause a rift between you and someone you are close to. Confusion and uncertainty are apparent, so discuss your intentions with anyone whom your plans will affect.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Finish what you start. Take stock of where you are and where you want to be. Procrastination will lead to depression and a lowered self-esteem. Secret matters will turn out to be less than what you had hoped.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Focus on work, making money, and finding new outlets for your talent. Do not let your emotions get in the way or let someone who disappointed you occupy your time and hold you back. An older relative or one of your beliefs will cause you confusion.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Trust in yourself. You have to do things your way and finish what you start. A relationship is questionable. You probably can accomplish more on your own.

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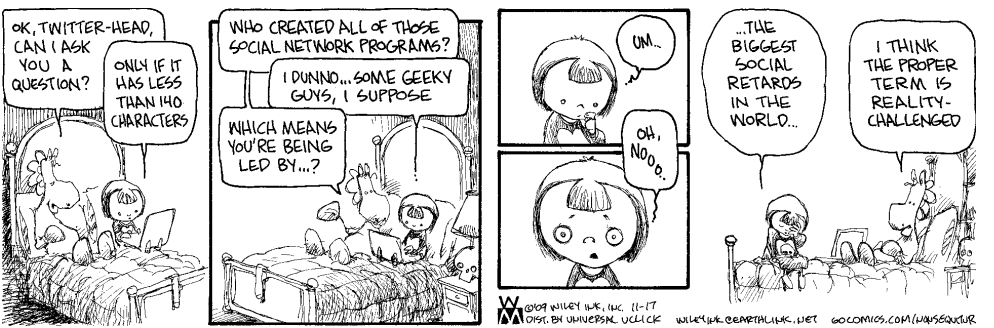
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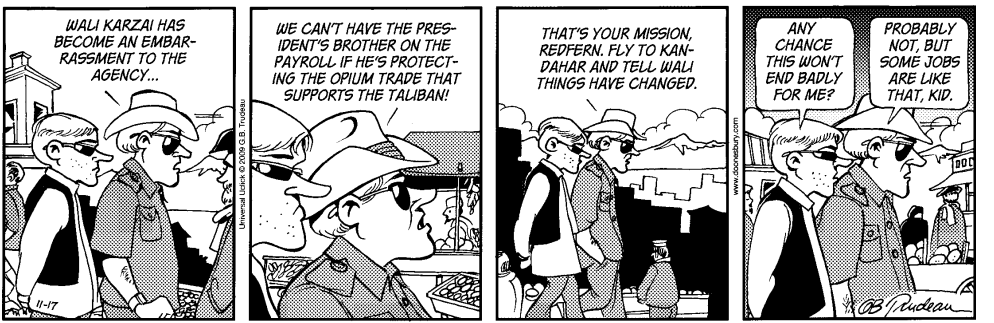
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- **Managing Your Meds**, 9:30 a.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden Road
- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar Series**, "Novel regulatory functions of the laminin-binding integrin alpha 3 beta 1 in tumor cells," C. Michael DiPersio, Albany Medical College, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **The Parker String Quartet**, 12:15 p.m., UIHC Colleton Pavillion Atrium
- **Sexing the Colorlines: A Symposium on Sexualities in the Arts and Humanities**, "Giving up the Funk: George Clinton, Perversity and the Queer Pleasures of Parliament Funkadelic," Francesca Royster, DePaul University, 2 p.m., 704 Jefferson Building
- **Microbiology Department Seminar**, "Rapid Immunity to Influenza Virus Provided by Lung Resident Cells," David Topham, University of Rochester, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 337 IMU
- **Library Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Provide for the World: A Christian Approach to Ending Hunger,"** David Maus of Bread for the World, 4:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre
- **Dawn's Bead and Hide Away Staff Show**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
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- **UISG Senate Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Considering College: Where to Begin**, 7 p.m., City High, 1900 Morning-side Drive
- **Generations of Jazz**, 7 p.m., Englert, 211 E. Washington
- **Square Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **Lorna's Silence**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Eileen Myles, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Social Justice Potluck**, 7 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen**, film screening and discussion, 7 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Parker Quartet**, 7:30 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
- **UI Jazz Performance**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Reefer Madness: The Musical**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
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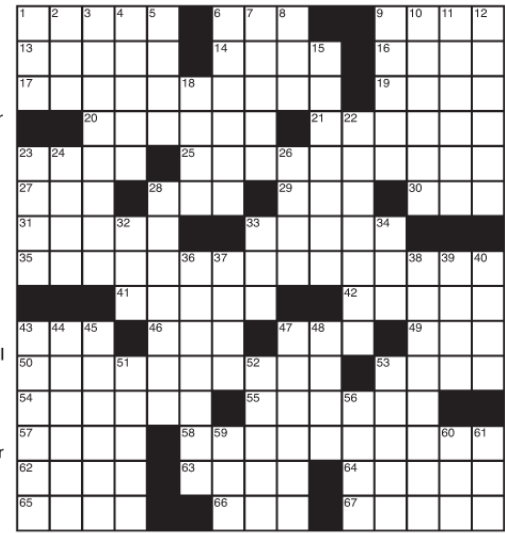
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- Pop music's Cass Elliot and Michelle Phillips
 - Wander aimlessly (about)
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 - Debuts on the N.Y.S.E.
 - Court records
 - Member of Sherwood Forest's "merry band"
 - Existing
 - First pro team to play on artificial turf
 - Calif. barrio area
 - Pale as a ghost
 - Company stationery
 - ___ Na Na
 - Old console using Game Paks, briefly
 - Scrap for Spot
 - Turkish title
 - Antique shop item
 - Humiliate
 - Prince Charles, beginning in 1952
 - Blackmailer's evidence
 - Heavenly hunter
 - One signatory to Nafta
 - Belmont Park action
 - Moon jumper of rhyme
 - Claiborne of fashion
 - Cramped spot, slangily
 - Soil: Prefix
 - Fire up
 - Five Nations tribe
 - Blacktop, e.g.
 - Poker player's dream ... and a hint to the ends of 17-, 25-, 35- and 50-Across
 - ___-European languages
 - "Judge Judy" figure
 - Elzie ___
 - Popeye's creator
 - Woad and anil, for two
 - Take a shot
 - Snacks often eaten inside out
- Down**
- Prefix with ware or content
 - Bordeaux buddy
 - Seductive W.W. I spy
 - Unable to sit still
 - Margarita go-with
 - Action figures for boys
 - Words after "deaf as" or "dumb as"
 - Cry accompanying a head slap
 - Cattail's locale
 - Summer refresher
 - "Hogan's Heroes" setting
 - Brand used in 10-Down, maybe
 - Show contempt for
 - Writer ___ Stanley Gardner
 - Gallery event
 - "The Apostle" author Sholem
 - Elizabeth of "Leaving Las Vegas"
 - "Hamlet" soliloquy starter
 - Opposite of everything
 - N.Y.C.'s original subway line
 - Sounds of relief
 - Go astray
 - Just for ___
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 - Auto dashboard indicator
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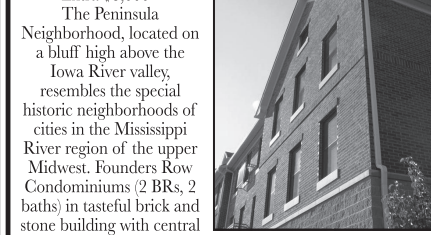
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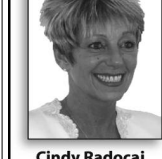
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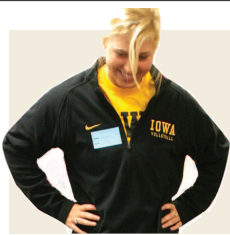
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Tony Moeaki

FOOTBALL

Moeaki a Mackey semifinalist

On Monday, Iowa senior tight end Tony Moeaki was named a semifinalist for the 2009 John Mackey Award, which will be presented on Dec. 10 to the best tight end in college football.

The 6-4 tight end has started in eight of 11 games for the Hawkeyes this season. Entering No. 15 Iowa's season finale against Minnesota on Saturday, the Wheaton, Ill., native has 26 catches for 302 yards receiving and four touchdowns — two of which came in the Hawkeyes' 30-28 Homecoming win against Michigan on Oct. 10.

Moeaki is one of eight semifinalists for this year's award. The others are Pittsburgh's Dorin Dickenson, Oregon's Ed Dickson, Florida's Aaron Hernandez, USC's Anthony McCoy, BYU's Dennis Pitta, Notre Dame's Kyle Rudolph, and Marshall's Cody Slate.

If Moeaki were to win, he'd be the first Hawkeye tight end to receive the award since Dallas Clark in 2002.

— by Brendan Stiles

NFL

Ravens dump Browns

CLEVELAND (AP) — For 30 minutes, the Baltimore Ravens were inefficient, unproductive and disorganized.

In 17 seconds, they changed all that.

Ray Rice scored on a 13-yard run, and safety Dawan Landry returned an interception of Brady Quinn 48 yards for a touchdown on Cleveland's next play as the Ravens overcame a horrendous start for a 16-0 win over the hapless Browns on Monday night.

The Ravens (5-4) didn't score in the opening half, when they used up their three timeouts in the first 6:15, committed silly penalties, converted just one third down and actually made the Browns (1-8) look respectable.

But on Baltimore's first possession of the second half, quarterback Joe Flacco connected on a 41-yard pass to Derrick Mason, who spun out of cornerback Brandon McDonald's tackle and raced down the sideline to the Cleveland 13. Rice took it in from there to make it 7-0.

On the next snap, Quinn, making his first start since being pulled 10 quarters into the season by Cleveland coach Eric Mangini, threw high and wide to tight end Robert Royal, and the ball bounced to Landry, who scampered in untouched to make it 13-0.

The Ravens missed the extra point, but that hardly mattered against a Cleveland offense that has scored only five offensive TDs in its past 15 games and didn't cross the Baltimore 45-yard line.

FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com every day throughout the 2009 football season for *The Daily Iowan* Football Forum, an in-depth discussion among *DI* and Daily Iowan TV football reporters about the Iowa Hawkeyes. The daily videocasts can be viewed exclusively online. Today's Football Forum discusses the current quarterback situation and what bowl game Iowa might play in.



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Iowa tailback Adam Robinson runs the ball during Iowa's game against Ohio State on Nov. 14 in Columbus. Iowa lost in overtime, 27-24.

Injury can't stop Robinson

After missing two games with a high ankle sprain, redshirt freshman running back Adam Robinson rushed for 74 yards in the absence of counterpart Brandon Wegher.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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When Adam Robinson suffered a high ankle sprain in Iowa's 15-13 win over Michigan State on Oct. 24, officials said the redshirt freshman would miss the final four regular-season games and could make a return to whatever bowl the Hawkeyes play in.

But it only took two weeks for the Des Moines native to return to the gridiron, and the timing could not have been better.

Although Robinson practiced with the team all last week before the Hawkeyes' game on Nov. 14 at Ohio State, his backfield

counterpart, Brandon Wegher, was slated to start.

The true freshman had started two games in Robinson's absence, and one of those outings included a 118-yard rushing performance with three touchdowns against Indiana.

To play it safe, Robinson wore a red jersey in practice designating quarterbacks and players in the process of recovery from injuries, meaning he was not allowed to be tackled. Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz called this a precaution, concerned with any swelling of the ankle.

"He wasn't saying a lot, but he just gives you a good vibe," Ferentz said of Robinson. "He

keeps competing and plays hard. If there's any possibility he's going to get it done, he's going to do it."

Just before Iowa and Ohio State kicked off inside the "Horseshoe," Robinson learned he would start after the team discovered Wegher was dealing with what Ferentz called "internal complications" after the Hawkeyes' 27-24 overtime loss.

Robinson said he thought at some point Wegher might be able to play against Ohio State, but he got himself ready to go the distance.

"It's just normal how I usually prepare myself for a game, just with more intensity," he said. "Throughout the game, I just

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prepared myself to mentally play the whole game."

Early on, Robinson struggled against the Buckeye defense, accumulating only 17 yards on seven carries.

But in the second half, he began to get things going.

Robinson's first two carries of the second half both went for nine yards. The redshirt freshman quarterback James Vandenberg hit junior Derrell Johnson-Koulianos with a 55-yard reception that got Iowa down to the Ohio State 7-yard line.

SEE **ROBINSON**, 9

Jayhawks to face women

'Buck Night' will return to Iowa City for the Iowa women's basketball team's clash with No. 19 Kansas.



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Iowa junior Kachine Alexander rips the ball away from Illinois State senior Maggie Krick in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Alexander was named MVP of the Hawkeye Challenge after amassing 21 points and 12 rebounds in the championship game. Check out a video feature on Alexander at dailyiowan.com.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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The Iowa women's basketball team (2-0) will face No. 19 Kansas (1-0) on Wednesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, marking the second-straight year the two teams have met.

Last season, the Jayhawks were too much for the Hawkeyes — Iowa lost, 76-55, in Lawrence, Kan.

This week's meeting in Iowa City will give Lisa "Bluder's Bunch" a shot at redemption. The 10th-year head coach called Iowa's loss last season one of the biggest disappointments of the 2008-09 campaign.

"We felt like we had a veteran team," Bluder said during her press conference on Monday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. "[A team] that could handle some of the situations, handle the hostile environment and the pressure defense that we saw. We just collapsed."

Wednesday's meeting may be a home game for the Hawkeyes, but as Bluder said, "They just took it at us at their place last year, and they're better this year."

SEE **BUCK NIGHT**, 9

Dukes feature high-powered offense

The Hawks won't have much time to dwell on their 62-50 loss to Texas-San Antonio.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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When a Todd Lickliter-coached team doesn't make jump shots, it's in trouble.

That's what happened on Sunday evening, when Lickliter's Iowa squad dropped its first home opener in 47 years to an experienced Texas-San Antonio team, 62-50, thanks to 34 percent shooting from the field.



Lickliter coach

"We just didn't knock down enough shots," junior captain Jarryd Cole said after Sunday's game. "When you can't knock down the shots that you want ... it's kind of hard to win. That can be corrected. We just had a bad shooting night."

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Watch a feature on the men's basketball team's game against Duquesne in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



Iowa (0-1) won't have much time to dwell on the Texas-San Antonio game; another veteran team, Duquesne (1-0), will visit Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 8:05 p.m. today in another preliminary-round game of the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic.

The Dukes return four starters from a 2008-09 team that went 21-13 overall and earned a spot in the NIT. In fact, Duquesne head coach Ron Everhart's team was a five points away from going to its first NCAA Tournament in 32 years.

Duquesne boasts the explosive backcourt combination of junior Bill Clark

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