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UI junior Matt Fazendin (right) and UI junior Jamie Seratt shave their beards on Monday evening in the Adler Journalism Building. The two grew the beards for "No Shave November" and were ready to trim them by the end of the month.

COMMENTARY

MEN REDISCOVER RAZOR'S EDGE

Beards across campus go down the drain today as 'No Shave November' ends.



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It sparks some hairy debates.

My dad hates it, my mom is ambivalent, and everyone else is either impressed or turned off.

But regardless of others' thoughts and comments on my now-impervious facial hair, I will have bittersweet feelings today as I lift a Gillette Mach3 Turbo blade to my gloriously itchy "Novembeard."

For the last month, students and business professionals alike have put away

their razors in observance of the growing tradition known as "No Shave November."

In high school, at about the same time I first recognized my uncanny ability to sprout facial hair at remarkable speeds, my friends informed me about the annual event celebrating beards, laziness, and even masculinity.

No Shave November has provided me, and any participant worldwide, the opportunity to drop my several-times-a-week shaving habit in favor of a more relaxing and less time consuming method of beard maintenance.

There are a number of documented "no shave" events throughout history, but most point to the formation of "Movember" as the start of the "No Shave November" phenomenon.

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No shave

Some terms for not shaving in the month of November:

- No Shave November
- Noshavember
- Novembeard
- Movember

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Learn more about UI students' perceptions of the tradition with a video.



'A celebration of life, not death'

Local organization expects big turnout for free testing at World AIDS Day.

By **JORDAN FRIES**

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Huddled with four other UI students in the chilly air on Monday night, Laura Henkle carefully placed a large banner on the Hubbard Park fence with the phrase "I See Red."

The UI senior, head of the UI Global Health Club, erected the banner to promote HIV awareness for the 21st-annual World AIDS Day today.

"It's important to increase the awareness on campus, and around the entire community, that we can do a whole of good with a small amount of money," Henkle said.

The Iowa Center for AIDS Resources and Education and the Johnson County Department of Public Health will provide free HIV testing for the second year at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today.

ICARE program coordinator Kurt Pierick said it's important that everyone knows where to go and how to get tested.

In Iowa City, 191 citizens are documented with having a form of HIV or AIDS, according to ICARE.

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Members of the Global Health Club hang a banner drawing attention to World AIDS Day on the fence surrounding Hubbard Park. ICARE will offer free HIV screenings at the Iowa City Public Library from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today.

Witness held in killing

Two polygraph tests allegedly a show shooting witness was being deceptive in his testimony.

By **SCOTT RAYNOR**

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A witness to the Oct. 8 shooting on the Southeast Side that killed Cordova, Ill., resident John Versypt is being held for questioning in the Johnson County Jail on a \$150,000 cash-only bond.

Authorities contend that 19-year-old Justin Alexander Marshall is a material witness in the shooting at 1958 Broadway Building C. Police filed an arrest warrant on Nov. 18, according to court documents.

The documents state Marshall was in the apartment building when the 68-year-old victim was shot; authorities believe he has key information regarding details of the shooting.

Police investigators first questioned Marshall on the day of the shooting, but further interviews with other witnesses did not corroborate his story, according to police.



Versypt
victim

SEE **WITNESS**, 3

Potential Hancher site owner: No deal

Some still hope for downtown Hancher.

By **JOHN DOETKOTT**

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If UI officials decide to move Hancher Auditorium to downtown Iowa City, they might have to exercise eminent domain for the first time in the university's history.

The owners of downtown apartment complex Pentacrest Gardens told UI officials and the Iowa City City Council, in separate letters from their attorney, that they aren't planning to sell the roughly 3.5 acre site.

"University representatives have approached my client with the prospect of acquiring Pentacrest Garden Apartments," Joseph Holland, a legal representative for Pentacrest Garden LLC, said in the Nov. 18 letter to the UI. "My client's owners have asked me to write and make clear that they are *not* interested in selling the property at this time."

If the owner refuses to sell, UI officials could exercise eminent domain, which allows them to seize the property without consent by providing the owner with due compensation. The value of the land is assessed at \$1.68 million, and the total value of the five-building complex is roughly \$5.51 million, according to the Iowa City Assessor's website.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said he was unaware of the UI ever using eminent domain. Members of the UI General Counsel's Office, which handles all of the university's legal matters, did not return calls on Monday.

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The Iowa football squad is likely to receive a bid to a BCS bowl. But is a BCS game in the Hawkeyes' best interest? One *DI* sports reporter says no. Check out the web edition to watch our sports staff debate the issue.



Off to Copenhagen

UI students will travel to an international environment conference to raise awareness back home.

By **LAUREN MILLS**
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Holly Jones will live on coffee for the next few days.

The UI senior is preparing to jet off to Copenhagen, Denmark, where she will participate in Expedition Copenhagen, a program sponsored by the Will Steger Foundation.

The foundation chose one youth delegate from each Midwestern state to attend the U.N. conference, which will attract leaders from across the globe including President Obama.

"Some days I just kind of stop and think, 'Wow,'" Jones said. "It is one of those things that you think about, and dream about, and then it actually happens."

She will journey to Denmark on Thursday for the conference, which will run from Saturday through Dec. 18. While there, the delegates will write blogs and work on videos to share with students back home.

One of the biggest reasons she applied for the program, she said, was her desire to educate youth about the environment.

"We are letting the world leaders know that we're youth, and we're here, and we're stepping up," said Jones, who is majoring in history and geoscience, with an emphasis on environment studies.

The U.N. conference seeks to create international policy guidelines to help control emissions and fight global climate change. Part of the focus is on the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to lower greenhouse emissions. The protocol was created in 1997; it



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Holly Jones talks in the Java House on Monday. Jones will attend the U.N. Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen; she will leave for Denmark on Thursday.

will run out in 2012.

Around 90 world leaders are expected to attend the conference. While the United States hasn't signed on to Kyoto, Obama will personally commit the nation to greatly cutting greenhouse gases during his appearance on Dec. 9, according to the Associated Press.

Although Jones said she is disappointed by politicians' decisions to back down from earlier assertions they would create a binding revision of Kyoto, she remains optimistic.

"Regardless, Copenhagen will still be a significant step," she said. "There is a lot that still needs to be done, but it is manageable."

During the second week of the conference, another group of Iowans will join Jones in Denmark. The Iowa United Nations Association will send 30 delegates to the conference, including UI

students with funding from the university.

Andrea Niehaus, who graduated from the UI in 2005 and is currently codirector of the association, said the program will also focus on engaging citizens in Iowa.

As part of the application process, students were required to submit program proposals detailing how they would spread the word about the conference when they returned to the Hawkeye state.

Some plans include debates on policy organized by a UI law student or traditional PowerPoint presentations, said UI senior Ryan Drysdale.

"The whole issue of climate change is so complex, with so many different intricacies," he said.

He will focus on global health issues, such as malaria and the accessibility of clean water, he said.

"People a lot of times just think global warming and icebergs and

U.N. Climate Change Conference

Some policy goals for the conference:

- Reduce greenhouse-gas emissions
- Support developing countries to help reduce emissions
- Create an agreement to replace the Kyoto Protocol

Source: U.N. website

polar bears," he said. "So many people don't see the impact climate change can have on health."

According to a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, damage from global climate change will continue to expand without significant policy changes.

"The science is in," Jones said. "It's been shown we are running out of time. We either get together and work to reduce carbon emissions, or we will have to face the consequences."

Council to mull curfew again

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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Dipping temperatures may be causing a dip in youth crime on the Southeast Side of Iowa City, but the Iowa City city councilors will still revisit the possibility of a juvenile curfew tonight.

This time around, councilors will be armed with more information — much of it coming from the community — though it's unclear if and how that information might affect the councilors' votes.

The council broached passing a youth curfew in September after a spring and summer containing instances of riots and youth gang activity.

The proposal passed its first consideration by the council, 4-3. But community leaders pleaded for the council to give them time to work in the community. Councilors agreed.

Since then, the Safe Neighborhoods Coalition has collected approximately 350 surveys from households in the area. Starting

out as a small group, the coalition members now work with neighborhood associations, agencies, and businesses, and they hope to work further with the City Council.

Sue Freeman, the director of the Broadway Center and a coalition member, will present the information collected to the council tonight. She hopes to have the data from the surveys aggregated, she said, and she will discuss what the coalition has been doing within the community.

Youth activity has cooled since the August incidents — largely because of the colder weather and start of school, councilors and coalition members agreed at Monday's work session. But authorities and community leaders said it is an ongoing cycle, and crime traditionally increases when the weather turns warmer.

In May, a series of confrontations in the Southeast Side, one involving 50 to 60 people, caught the attention of the police.

That altercation was

later dubbed the "Mother's Day Brawl," and it was followed by three other smaller, but related, fights.

In August, an altercation between two gangs made up almost exclusively of juveniles resulted in a shooting, though no one was injured. Authorities said the people involved in the dispute were the same involved in the Mother's Day Brawl, and they are confident they have disrupted the local gang beyond the point of being able to reconvene.

While some community members demanded action from the City Council, others insisted the allegations of riots were drastically exaggerated. The "riots" were fights between a relatively small number of youths, they said, with others crowding around to watch.

At Monday's council work session, Freeman pointed out the worst crimes had been committed during daylight hours. All the fights surrounding Mother's Day occurred

Surveying

The Safe Neighborhoods Coalition:

- Knocked on 1,011 households
- Completed 330 surveys in 3 1/2 weeks
- Received an additional 25 surveys
- Reported residents want park benches, barbecue grills, and play areas with places for adults to sit

Source: Sue Freeman, director of the Broadway Center and a coalition member

before dark, and the October homicide at the Broadway Condominiums happened around 4 p.m.

Freeman said the coalition would continue to reflect on the data throughout the coming months and determine the best course of action.

"The key is pulling together adults and youth," she said. "We want to come together with a cohesive plan."

The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be at 7 p.m. The ordinance must pass three readings to take effect.

METRO

Judge releases Spence suspect

A federal judge ordered on Monday the release of the Minneapolis man arrested in connection to the 2004 break-in at

Spence Labs at the UI. Prosecutors claimed Scott DeMuth, 22, was a domestic terrorist who posed a danger to society and had the support needed to hide from authorities if released. But U.S. District Judge John

Jarvey ruled the prosecutors failed to demonstrate DeMuth was a risk to society or a flight risk.

Prosecutors allege DeMuth conspired with others to commit animal-enterprise terrorism and cause economic damages to the

animal enterprise. On Nov. 14, 2004, four masked individuals broke into Spence Labs and caused around \$450,000 in damages. The Animal Liberation Front claimed credit for the break-in.

— by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTTER

Gray Bolivar, 27, Morristown, N.J., was charged Sunday with carrying a concealed dangerous weapon and public intoxication.

charged Nov. 28 with possession of a fictitious driver license or ID. **Justin Clavey**, 21, Vincent, Iowa, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Robert Gonzales, 37, 1102 Hollywood Blvd. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury. **Ronnie Seals**, 26, 1245 Alexander Way Apt. 103, was charged

Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license. **Matthew Stoekel**, 45, 414 Brown St. Apt. 14, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

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3. Officials eye bars' cover charges
4. Cole's career high leads Hawkeyes to 73-63 win
5. Iowa 9th in BCS rankings

METRO

Regents may discard bonuses

The state Board of Regents is re-evaluating whether it will offer performance-based bonuses to the three state institution presidents.

The bonuses were started in 2007, when UI President Sally Mason was hired; she has never been awarded the bonus. All three regent university presidents volunteered to forgo their bonuses this year in light of budget woes.

One reason for the re-evaluation is simply the poor economy, Regent Bob Downer said, and he favors the concept of the performance-based pay.

"I like the idea of trying some compensation to the matter of meeting goals," he said. "It's a valid way to measure performance, and I personally would not be inclined to rule them out entirely."

No decisions have been made and the regents won't consider the presidents' compensation until July.

If the regents do decide to eliminate bonuses, Downer said, he anticipates they would be reinstated eventually.

"It's entirely possible they will return," he said. "The perception of these things change over time."

— by Emily Busse

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NO SHAVE

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In 2003, a small group of men in Melbourne, Australia, came up with the idea for Movember after discussing '80s fashion, according to the Movember website. The group decided to bring the "Mo," an Australian term for mustache, back to popular culture.

However, beyond the upper-lip scruff, these "Mo Bros" justified their growth through the establishment of a charitable organization.

Now, thanks to a partnership with Lance Armstrong's Livestrong campaign — a foundation aimed at uniting people affected by cancer — those who participate in Movember help raise awareness and money for prostate cancer research.

If you ask me, not shaving is a simple way to raise money.

No Shave November, and the Movember from which it likely stemmed, is based on a simple set of rules. According to a former University of Minnesota-Duluth student's website called "Noshavember," participants are to shave cleanly



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Standing outside Slater Hall on Monday, UI freshman Ryan Waterhouse shows off the beard he grew during "No Shave November." Many men participating in No Shave November plan to shave their beards today. Waterhouse said he plans only to trim his.

on Oct. 31 and resist shaving for the entire month of November.

Some, including my own brother, have taken shots at my messy beard, calling me names ranging from Moses to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. My cousin, a UI freshman who is almost completely unable to grow facial hair, has asked if birds live in my beard or if I've ever held a sign on the street asking for money.

Despite this criticism, however, my determination to grow the most robust beard possible has not faltered.

And it shows.

In fact, Ryan Waterhouse, a fellow

Novembeard-er, said my beard's "lookin' really good." Waterhouse, who participated in No Shave November for the first time this year, said he's "growing attached" and will probably only trim his beard today. He claims his beard is better than a lot of his friends'. The freedom of college has allowed him to take the month off from shaving, the freshman said.

"It takes up time I don't have," Waterhouse said.

So today, as specks of facial hair flow through the nation's drains, I hope everyone will recognize the magnitude of our conquest: We have outlasted No Shave November.

AIDS

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Statewide, there were 1,616 people living with the virus on Dec. 31, 2008, the most recent data available from the Department of Public Health shows.

"HIV testing is a very simple process," Pierick said. "All it takes is a finger prick, and within 20 minutes, we have the results."

Trained counselors will be on hand to administer the tests and provide guidance, he said. This includes getting medication and providing housing, transportation, or support groups.

He also emphasized the importance of erasing misconceptions that automatically arrive with an HIV diagnosis.

"We are not only providing an outlet for those with HIV," he said. "We want to remind those who are not afflicted that this disease is still happening, still on the forefront. This is a very real thing, and we don't want anyone to forget that."

After being forced to turn some people away from free testing last year,

testing this year will last two hours longer, Pierick said. While the organization does not keep track of how many Iowans seek testing, it is anticipating a larger crowd than last year's event drew.

ICARE is also hosting an "HIV in Iowa Today" panel discussion on the second floor of hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn St., at 7 p.m. today. Guest speakers will discuss prevention actions and AIDS patients will speak about the deadly virus.

Throughout the day, Henkle and other Global Health Club members will also sell \$5 pins, made by Rwandan children who were orphaned after losing their parents to the AIDS virus. The group will match each donation and plans to donate all of the proceeds to Rwandan health clinics for AIDS research and treatment.

World AIDS Day activities will continue throughout the week, including handing out safe sex-packets near the Pedestrian Mall on Thursday, Pierick said. Club Basix in Cedar Rapids will also host a drag show that night to benefit AIDS awareness.

On Dec. 7, the UI Peace Corps will conclude the

AIDS in Iowa

By the numbers:

- 10 states have a smaller percentage of citizens afflicted with AIDS than Iowa
- 1,616 people were living with HIV or AIDS in Iowa as of Dec. 31, 2008
- 108 cases of AIDS were diagnosed in 2008 in Iowa
- 37 percent of AIDS cases are undiagnosed in Iowa

Source: ICARE, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Iowa Department of Public Health

commemoration with an informational session about AIDS awareness.

More than 33 million people worldwide are infected with HIV or AIDS, according to ICARE.

Becky Johnson, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Madagascar and current UI Hospitals and Clinics nurse, said abolishing the stigma of AIDS through education is her primary goal.

"We want to show people what it looks like, how it's evolved, and what we can do to prevent it," she said.

For Pierick, it's a fitting end to an event that he said should be a "celebration of life, not death."

WITNESS

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After further questioning, police said Marshall changed his story from the day of the crime. He agreed to two polygraph tests, and police records allege in both instances he was found to be deceiving police.

At this time, Marshall was living with his aunt, Stacey Marshall, in Apartment 5C in same complex where the shooting took place.

Stacey Marshall, the leaseholder of the apartment, and one of her daughters have since moved to Chicago.

Police arrived at the scene of the crime at 4:08 p.m. Oct. 8 to find Versypt's body next to a gun, a screwdriver, and "No Smoking" sign. Versypt was a landlord of the Broadway Condominiums and was there to check up on the residence.

Witnesses said they saw

the man breathing heavily on the floor of the building's hallway, his face obscured by a hood.

Justin Marshall had been arrested on an unrelated forgery charge on Oct. 15, police said. In the days prior to the arrest, officers heard Stacey Marshall had purchased a bus ticket for him to Texas. He had also been charged with a criminal offense in Lancaster, Texas, in December 2006, documents show.

Officers are not aware of any other of Justin Marshall's relatives living in the Iowa City area, though his father, Jeffrey Marshall, used to live in Iowa City. His whereabouts are now unknown.

Documents show Jeffrey Marshall has an outstanding arrest warrant after failing to appear for a probation revocation hearing on charges of child endangerment and operating while intoxicated in conjunction with an incident that took place

Aug. 12, 2008.

Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science who also has a law degree, said "material witness" is a vague term; it can range from someone who saw details of a crime and is scared to come forward to a person who committed the crime.

Not all material witnesses are held by police, he said, and it is likely that Justin Marshall is being held because police have reason to believe he may flee. Police could also suspect he committed the crime, and they may be holding him until they can prove probable cause to a judge.

"The police aren't going to be able to hold onto this person for very long, until something comes up about the case," he said.

If Marshall does not become a suspect for the shooting, Hagle said he could be charged with obstruction of justice for lying to the police.

HANCHER

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The apartments — located south of Burlington Street roughly between Clinton Street and Madison Street — house many UI students.

The site's proximity to campus is one of the main reasons UI officials selected it as a possible spot for the new Hancher/Voxmann/Clapp complex.

Kristin Thelander, the director of planning for the School of Music, said the move would make it easier for music students to get to and from class and increase visibility for the school. Both students and faculty have been vocal in support of the downtown location, she said.

"The faculty have made it clear they would prefer to be downtown," Thelander said.

If UI officials move Hancher to the downtown site, they'd likely have to purchase the Kum & Go, Bank of the West, and a local auto-repair shop, according to plans.

UI junior Ryan Brondyke, a sales associate at Kum & Go, 25 W. Burlington St., said he thinks the store's owners are unlikely to sell the location in anticipation of a spike in business after construction is completed on the new UI Health and Wellness Center across the street. The owners were unavailable on Monday.

In the letter to the City Council, Holland said the city would lose \$110,000 per year in property tax

revenue if the apartments closed. Though the City Council has no direct involvement in the site selection, Holland asked councilors to encourage university officials to choose the site west of the Iowa River.

Mayor Regenia Bailey said she has seen enthusiasm about developing near the downtown location, which she favors, and said the property-tax revenue would "pale in comparison" to what the city could gain.

Bailey said the council could discuss the company's letter at its council meeting at 7 p.m. today.

Your turn. Should the UI place Hancher downtown?

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Editorial

State should conduct further research before restricting Everclear

At first glance, a glass of Everclear looks like a glass of tap water. But it is almost pure alcohol. Stories abound about Everclear's lethality when superfluously consumed, but it's unclear how detrimental the alcohol is to Iowa consumers writ large.

Consequently, the state should conduct a more thorough study before placing any new restrictions on the product.

Everclear made headlines recently when a Drake University student required hospitalization after downing cups of Everclear 151. In response to the incident, the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Commission is hosting a comment section on its website to compile additional information and opinions on the product.

Some of the potential actions include educating the public about Everclear's alcohol content, lowering that content, or banning the substance. Alcoholic Beverages Division Administrator Lynn Walding didn't explicitly advocate prohibiting the sale of Everclear, but he did indicate more action may be needed beyond informing the public. In forming its opinion, the commission hopes to draw solutions both from its comment board and a forum it will host at Drake early next year.

There are numerous horror stories involving Everclear. The aforementioned Drake student's blood-alcohol concentration was 0.50 — in excess of levels that have proven lethal for other individuals. And he was luckier than others. Justin Flowers, a 14-year-old Davenport resident, died in December 1997 after

chugging one-third of an Everclear bottle.

While these stories highlight the problems Everclear abuse can create, they do not prove the problems are endemic to the population. There is little empirical evidence on the alcohol, and even Walding admitted he knew little about the drink before the Drake incident. The state already bans Everclear 190, which contains 95 percent alcohol, and the commission should get more information before further restricting the product.

Banning or restricting Everclear could have negative consequences for non-drinkers, too. Everclear is grain alcohol, and Walding said distillers use corn to make it — much of it Iowa corn. Banning or restricting Everclear could detrimentally affect Iowa's farmers and economy.

Walding said he's open to public suggestion and admitted more information is needed before taking any additional action. The commission is right to request feedback from the community, but it should also gather comprehensive data rather than merely relying on anecdotes.

Stories can be compelling. But they are hardly reflective of the greater picture. Before deciding anything, the commission needs to determine the shape of that overall picture.

Your turn. Should the state further restrict the sale of Everclear? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.



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Special election a boon for citizens

Regarding Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek's Nov. 17 letter, I helped to collect signatures for a special election to fill the vacant supervisor's seat. I became involved when Janelle Rettig was appointed to fill the seat.

There has to be integrity in our system. That's why we stood

on the street, in parking lots — all over — and got the signatures. We didn't misrepresent anything. I don't remember Pulkrabek approaching us or asking us about our petition. I would like Pulkrabek to tell us what we said that was not true.

It is incredible that our county sheriff has used his official position to come out against a grass-roots effort. We want a

voice in our government. Did Pulkrabek write a letter to the editor about his budget and a needed deputy when Janelle Rettig co-chaired the \$20 million bond that passed last year? Your right to vote is a non-partisan issue. This is about fairness in government and our election process and not hand-selecting your best friend for the Board of Supervisors.

Can Pulkrabek explain how we are criminals for wanting to vote? He is sending an intimidating message to the community that is unprecedented for a sheriff acting in an official capacity.

I encourage everyone to vote in the special election on Jan. 19.

Katherine Ryan Hogendorn
Solon resident

Guest opinion

Rhetoric and reality in the health-care debate

By BRUCE GRONBECK

"Rhetoric must lead us through the Scramble, the Wrangle of the Market Place, the flurries and flare-ups of the Human Barnyard ..." When Kenneth Burke wrote those words after World War II, he undoubtedly was thinking about left-wing communism engaging right-wing fascism. But he'd likely have supported the assessment that the 2009 health-care debates be characterized with the same metaphors. We need some good rhetoric.

The citizen (or legislator) trying to arrive at a reasonable decision faces three almost insurmountable barriers to rational judgment

thanks to scrambling rhetoric. One barrier is arithmetic obfuscation. Who has the time and resources to estimate the number of citizens covered by various plans, the 10-year cost projections to taxpayers and insurees, and the ratio between governmental money spent and savings recouped? Any proposed new system of public/private resources for health care requires a calculus that hurts our heads. Our eyes glaze over, our minds are numbed — we believe no one.

A second set of barriers defuses central issues. One recent deflector is whether private insurers can pay for abortions under the Stupak Amendment. All

year we've listened to comparative judgments about which countries with "socialized" medicine are floundering, as though we're pursuing wholly centralized health care. And then there are statements such as "You can't keep your own doctor," "Conservatives want to destroy the Democratic majority," and recitations of fraudulent claims from greedy doctors and uncontrolled costs for medical technology and drugs. Fine issues, yes, but much better handled in single-topic, not omnibus, bills. Here, they're diversionary rhetoric.

And the third barrier, red-hot rhetorical language. Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., told

us that "Obamacare" would kill seniors. Now, MSNBC and Fox News talk shows trumpet a "government takeover of health care" by "bureaucrats," "denial of treatment" (by insurance companies for some, by governmental agencies for others); and "waste, fraud, and abuse." Bleeding hearts and angry populists ramp up the debate daily from legislative chambers, cable news, blogs, and online/TV ads.

Big advertisers include the AFL-CIO and AFSCME, Moveon.org, the Campaign for Responsible Health Reform (run by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce), AARP, the 60 Plus Association (a group countering AARP), America's Health

Insurance Plans, the conservative Family Research Council, Americans for Stable Quality Care (a medical association coalition supporting reform), and Conservatives for Patients' Rights. By mid-fall, such groups together were spending \$1.1 million a day on turbocharged, scorched-earth appeals to pity, fear, anger, altruism, and self-centeredness.

What's a citizen to do? Read the Senate and House bills? Good luck. Follow trusted advocacy groups? Maybe. Stomp your foot? Nope, it's a dirty barnyard. To escape the bad rhetoric and encounter good, reasoned arguments, you're just going to have to read — columnists you believe,

neutral websites such as ProCon.org — and watch the best of the balanced TV coverage, such as NewsHour With Jim Lehrer. Then e-mail your senator and representative. It won't get read, but it will be counted, a citizen vote. Cross your fingers in hope that today's "Wrangle of the Marketplace" will actually improve your health.

It couldn't be done during President Clinton's first term. Maybe this time a collective commitment to the well-being of all citizens will generate a positive rhetoric of health-care reform.

Bruce Gronbeck is a UI professor emeritus of communication studies and an expert in political communication.

Missing the fairway



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What Tiger Woods should have said: Usually, I drive better than that.

Not that I spend much time worrying about what Tiger Woods does or does not do. In fact, I don't spend much time thinking about golfers or golf at all. I tend to agree with Mark Twain: Golf is a good walk spoiled (or words to that effect).

And besides, there are so many world-shaking items to think about: the coming surge of U.S. troops in Afghanistan (as I write this, President Obama has not yet officially announced the troop increase, but I'm going to go out on a limb: Other NATO nations have announced they're going to send another 5,000 troops to that troubled [to use the polite word] country, and they wouldn't do that unless the Obama administration had promised a U.S. troop surge), the seemingly endless health-care debate, Iran's nuclear policy, whether the Hawkeyes will get into a BCS bowl.

The last item is probably the biggest deal around this town right now, which should give one pause.

OK, we paused long enough.

If Penn State noses out the Hawkeyes for a BCS berth, the state of Iowa should seriously consider seceding from the United States.

All right, that's maybe just a tad over-the-top. Maybe. But were that to happen, the yowling in Hawkeye Nation will make the shouting and screaming in last summer's town-hall meetings on health care seem like a polite murmur.

You have to admit, that's some yowling. And it would distract us from more important issues, such as Tiger Woods' driving habits and Obama's turkey-pardoning habits.

Yes, last week, the president took some time out from fretting about Afghanistan to follow the "presidential tradition" of pardoning a turkey before Thanksgiving. (As Gail Collins of the *New York Times* points out, the "tradition" dates all the way back to 1989 and the first President Bush. Hmm.) And as Obama

himself said:

"There are certain days that remind me of why I ran for this office. And then there are moments like this, where I pardon the turkey and send it to Disneyland."

Even if you don't like him, you have to admit the guy has a sense of humor.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the health-care debate crawls on. That debate will probably still be crawling along when your great-grandchildren are wondering how to take care of your grandchildren.

Most days, the health-care debate seems less like an actual debate and more like Sisyphus trying to roll that boulder up that hill (in case you missed the last episode, the boulder always rolls back down the hill — it's a pretty riveting series).

One of the sticking points seems to be the "public" option, which, through the magic of Congress, seems to be much less public than the word "public" might suggest — there are something on the order of 45 million uninsured people in this country; the House health-care bill would cover around 6 million, the Senate version, 4 million.

Even that puny bit is a bit too public for those on the right, however. And that would include some of our very own medical students, who have established a group to promote "private" health reform — free-market reform.

Well, I have a modest proposal: If those medical students really want free-market medicine, they'd surely support the Carver College of Medicine separating from the UI and becoming a private, free-market kind of school, instead of being a public (there's that naughty word again) school. Hmmm. I wonder what would happen to their tuition.

And, of course, they'd no longer want any naughty public research money from NIH or any of the other U.S. government agencies that fund scientific research. No, no, if the free market is to rule, it must rule everywhere, which means private (read: corporate) research funding. Which means, naturally, that most research money would dry up; most corporations would consider much of the research pie-in-the-sky because it has no immediate practical application.

Just a modest proposal. I, too, am far more fascinated by Tiger Woods' driving habits. ■



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Erin Sodawasser talks about her profile on www.okcupid.com on Nov. 16. Sodawasser has been using online dating websites for more than three years. She said online dating affects her daily life by building her confidence.

Virtually getting to know you

Free online dating websites offer busy, money-conscious relationship seekers an opportunity to connect.

By **COURTNEY SPEARS**
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Katherine Heigl used one in *The Ugly Truth*. Comedian Katt Williams devoted an entire movie to their use. And even some in Iowa City are getting the click of it.

Popular films often portray users of online dating sites as socially inept. But with the increasing amount of time spent on the Internet, storybook relationships formed through dating websites are becoming more common.

Approximately 40 million American singles use dating websites, which is roughly 40 percent of the single American population, according to Online Dating Magazine.

Because face-to-face communication is being supplemented by computer-mediated forms, the members of so-called "Generation 2.0" are learning new ways to form relationships.

While matchmaking sites serve as a good starting point, an online conversation cannot be a substitute for a face-to-face connection.

"You might find through an online profile that a person is attractive to you, enjoys similar things as you, and lives geographically close to you," said Keli Steuber, a UI assistant professor of communication studies. "But you need to interact over time

with a person to find out those aspects that make her or him unique, those little things you can live with and that drive you nuts."

However, the desire to find a mate on the Internet does not pay for the high costs of memberships.

Interest in online dating might be dimmed by the cost of such sites as eHarmony.com, which charges \$49.95 for a one-month membership.

But free venues exist, making e-dating a legitimate option for penny pinchers looking for love.

Erin Sodawasser, a junior from Davenport, has been using such free dating sites as OkCupid.com and True.com since she graduated from high school. The shy science-education major said it's an easy way to weed out potential mates.

"Getting to know someone on the Internet is like a buffer," she said. "It's private, and you really get to know them [before meeting them]."

Sodawasser's mother used Match.com to meet her boyfriend of eight years. But she said she has made more friends than boyfriends from the experience.

Like many people, she was hesitant to put personal information on a website because of Internet stalking and warnings put out by such shows as "To Catch A Predator." However, she said, she has always been careful about

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Learn more about Erin Sodawasser's online data experiencing with a photo and audio slide show.

who she exchanges messages with and is sure to connect with someone for a long period of time before meeting him.

"It's weird at first," she said. "It's just the same as a blind date. It's easier to get to know someone online ... [and to] explain myself before getting to know someone else."

For students such as Sodawasser who are uninterested in the Iowa City bar scene, dating websites can be a good option if entered with the correct attitude.

"We've heard both success and horror stories," Steuber said. "I think it's about having realistic expectations."

"Traditional" courtships are nearly a thing of the past with shifting demographics that have changed the way human beings relate to one another, she said. But it's not necessarily a bad thing, especially in cases where successful relationships are found.

"We're adapting as a society to different relational forms and alternate ways of meeting people," she said. "And, in my opinion, if people are finding themselves in quality relationships that make them happy, then that's a great thing."

BOOK REVIEW

King tackles the dome

Stephen King tackles a new breed of monster — book length.

By **ERIC ANDERSEN**
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Would Stephen King make it into the Writers' Workshop?

The literary elite often put off the author's work as simple reading that requires very little analysis or thought. Ask a UI English professor if he or she reads King's work, and the answer will likely be no.

This could be because King has written so many novels there are bound to be a few throwaways in the collection (such as the mediocre *Tommyknockers*). For the most part, however, he has written some great books (*The Shining*, *The Green Mile*, and the *Dark Tower* series).

Under the Dome is King's latest achievement, a 1,072-page novel he's been trying to write since 1976. While the Bible-length book may not be King's greatest piece of work, it is one of the best he has put out in years and provides more political and social commentary than

in the past, almost as if the author is trying to stand up to the critics.

The story centers on the small town of Chester's Mill, Maine. The inhabitants are thrust into confusion after a mysterious bubble appears around the town's borders. People inside the dome are concerned with only two things — how the invisible barrier got there and how they are going to get out. Theories involving terrorism, government conspiracy, and even aliens are thrown around.

Chester's Mill second selectman and used-car dealer Big Jim Rennie plays the part of the power-mongering politician who wants nothing more than control the townspeople through their fear.

Rennie soon takes charge with the help of corrupt police, who participate in a series of brutal murders and rape. The violence is at times over-the-top (even for King), but it does illustrate the evilness of the villains.

It would be easy to draw comparisons between the Bush and Cheney administration to the antagonists in the novel, but the book's wider theme centers on corrupt politicians and a willingness to do anything for power and wealth.

King even manages to fit in some aspects of the small-town meth problem and fanatical religious groups in the United States, which takes the story in an interesting direction and sets up the end of *Under the Dome*.

There is, of course, a group of local heroes, led by Iraq veteran Dale Barbara. He is just one of the many townspeople who appear in the story, almost to a fault. At times it can be hard to keep track of all the revolving characters.

King tries to keep things interesting throughout the course of *Under the Dome* by inserting plenty of pop-culture references and cliffhangers, but even this might not be enough to hold casual readers' attentions. (It feels like the author could have wrapped things up by page 800 instead of 1,000)

Overall, *Under the Dome* provides some insightful character analysis, especially in his villains, who often have more punch and personality than the heroes — although he could have described them in fewer words. Throughout the book, King proves that he has a strong handle on the English language, even if it is straightforward, proving that he is not just another run-of-mill writer.

Maybe he would get into the Writers' Workshop after all.



Stephen King
Under the Dome
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

SHOPPING TIPS

Don't have a clue?

Need to start your holiday shopping but don't have a car to travel to the mall? Don't fear, getting gifts is as easy as walking around downtown.

- For trendsetters — deck them out with a wrap bracelet or a pair of jean leggings from Catherine's, 7 S. Dubuque

- For music gurus — dig up an old record at Record Collector, 116 S. Linn, and give the gift of vinyl to a music enthusiast

- For mothers — head over to Soap Opera, 119 E. College, and make your own scented reed diffuser

- For intellectuals — pick out a book from Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, then brag that you bought it in the best

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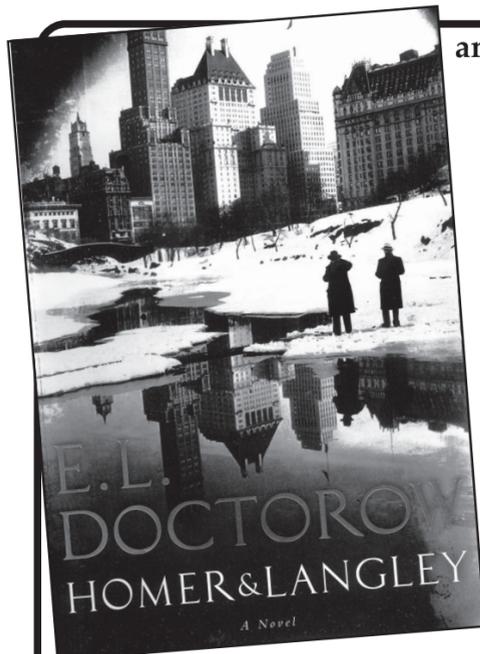
- For grandmothers — switch things up and take a class at Home Ec., 207 N. Linn, and learn how to knit her a scarf

- For significant others — have a date at Fired Up, 112 S.

Linn St., and paint each other plates, then cook dinner together.

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Spotlight Iowa City

The sting of communication

A UI researcher studies hurtful messages.

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT
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She's always loved watching people.

As an undergraduate on the historic La Salle University campus in Philadelphia, UI communications Assistant Professor Rachel McLaren didn't know what to major in. She knew her interests, though.

"I've always been fascinated by people," she said from across her tidy desk in her Becker Communication Studies Building office. "I couldn't believe people studied it."

Now, with bachelor's and master's degrees and a Ph.D. (all in communication), McLaren is tightening the focus of her research — at age 28.

Since arriving in Iowa around a year and a half ago, the researcher has begun investigating in relatively uncharted territory, studying communication between parents and adolescents, particularly honing in on hurtful messages and how family members resolve past incidents of being hurt.

But to realize any sort of conclusions, she needs the real people and scene to study.

She has both. Participants, initially solicited with an e-mail that garnered 50 replies in the first hour, fill out a survey so McLaren can collect background data. Then, the parent and child — 13 to 17 years old — discuss a scenario when one had said something that hurt the other. Essentially, McLaren wants to recreate the event.

After the recorded discussion takes place, she and the participants watch and reflect on feelings, thoughts, and comments. This is meant to build an understanding between the two parties.

"Hurt is a blend of sadness and fear," McLaren



Assistant Professor Rachel McLaren demonstrates how her subject study area is monitored by three video cameras in the Becker Communication Studies Building on Monday. The cameras record her subjects' reactions to questions.

said. "We want to see how people come to a joint understanding of this."

To make it as realistic as possible, she uses an interactive lab, one part control room, one part mock living room furnished with a couch, pictures, a computer desk, and three small but visible video cameras — the closest the room becomes to appearing like a lab. It took a few months to get it all together.

Such a setup wasn't just sitting at the UI when McLaren got here. She had left behind a similarly interactive lab at Penn State. So the Maryland native applied for a grant in February from the UI's Office of the Vice President for Research's internal funding initiatives, a program designed to, in part, give money to researchers in any "scholarly endeavor," according to its website. She got one for \$25,000, covering equipment and the cost of running the study.

Research assistant and UI senior Brooke Duval has been helping McLaren with her research.

"I really enjoyed being around Rachel," said Duval, who began working with McLaren in August but has known her for about a year; Duval had McLaren as a teacher during her junior

GEORGE POTERACKI/THE DAILY IOWAN

Rachel McLaren

- **Age:** 28
- **Hometown:** Laurel, Md.
- **2003:** B.A. in communication — La Salle University, Philadelphia
- **2005:** M.A. in communication arts and sciences — Penn State
- **2008:** Ph.D. in communication arts and sciences — Penn State
- **Vegetarian:** For eight years now
- **Hobbies:** Running, biking, traveling
- **Has:** Three Shiba Inus named Kito, Yoshi, and Sake (like the Japanese drink)

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year at the UI. "I thought she was an awesome teacher."

McLaren's interest in this field stems from her first undergraduate interpersonal-communication class. As a junior, she decided to go to graduate school, which led her to Penn State. Her focus and hard work have allowed her to reach where she is at a young age. This has created some advantages, she said.

"I have many years ahead of me to continue pursuing the questions that interest and excite me," she said.

Miller-Meeks to seek 2nd District seat again

If elected, she would become the first woman elected to Congress in Iowa history.

By MARLEEN LINARES
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Mariannette Miller-Meeks announced her plan on Monday to try to run in 2010 against Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District seat.

The Ottumwa, Iowa, native made several stops throughout the 15-county district — which includes Johnson



Miller-Meeks candidate

County — on Monday to announce she is seeking the Republican nomination for the seat. She focused on issues concerning the economy, the environment, and health care.

Miller-Meeks ran against Loebsack in 2008, but he defeated her, 57 percent to 39 percent.

Though she lost in 2008, some think her chances are better this time around.

Miller-Meeks may be able to beat Loebsack in 2010 for a number of reasons, said Cary Covington, a UI associate political-science professor. A Democrat has held the seat since 2006, when Loebsack beat out

longtime Rep. James Leach, a moderate Republican.

"[Miller-Meeks] was fighting for name recognition in 2008," Covington said. "She now has her previous campaign experience and strategic factors to build on."

The presidential election could have affected her loss in 2008, said Tim Hagle, also a UI associate political-science professor.

"2008 was a very Democratic year," he said. "There was a lot of excitement over Obama and a lot of distaste for President Bush."

The 54-year-old ophthalmologist had no previous political experience before she ran in 2008, but meeting her representative influenced her decision to run, she said.

"I met our representative and did not feel we would be represented the way I thought Iowans deserve," she said. "The problems we have at hand call for more than partisan politics."

Loebsack's aides were unavailable for comment on Monday.

If elected, Miller-Meeks would be the first woman to be elected to Congress from Iowa, a fact she said would be a major step for the state.

Miller-Meeks' platform

Some of the things she has supported include:

- A flat-tax on income
- Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Minimal government intervention
- Reducing government regulation in the free market

Source: DI archives

"I want to remind people of how important it is for women and minorities to be represented," she said.

Since the 2008 election, Miller-Meeks has made some changes to increase her chances of winning the seat, such as resigning from her ophthalmology practice and moving into the Iowa City Corridor Area, she said.

The University of Texas graduate said she hopes to gain some name recognition and give citizens a chance to assess her capabilities while living in the area.

Referring to her 2008 loss, she said it served as preparation for the 2010 race. Before making her initial announcement on Sunday night, her attitudes were confirmed by a fortune cookie that read "Failure is a dress rehearsal for success."

"I decided I'm going to keep it and bring it with me whenever I'm out campaigning," she said.

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 - Lois McMaster Bujold

Daily Break

the ledge

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Amazing, but true (but not)

- Christopher Walken and Clippit the Office Assistant are fourth cousins.
- **CORRECTION:** Christopher Walken and Clippit the Office Assistant were fourth cousins.
- Retroviruses are so-named because they were originally discovered on the set of "Happy Days."
- "Bilk" is the shortest four-letter word in the English language.
- Sitting closely to a shortwave radio receiver for any extended period of time has been shown to rupture silicone breast implants.
- Australians have more than 40 different words for "beer."
- If someone with O positive blood receives a transfusion of O negative blood, he or she will slowly fade into nothingness like people in those pictures from the movie *Back to the Future*, which I think we can all agree was awesome.
- A Dachshund's nipples are located on its knees.
- Teddy Roosevelt started the first Manhattan Project at the Waldorf Astoria. It finished when he passed out after five hours and 15 drinks.
- According to the Bible, it is a sin to read the Bible.
- Amelia Bedelia, of children's literature fame, is based on a real person: Pope Urban VI.
- A zebra's black stripes smell like cotton candy, and their white stripes smell of anise; most people assume it's the other way around.
- The late Paul Harvey was the inspiration for Benjamin Button. And now you know the rest of the story.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks his friend Erik for help with today's Ledge.

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HOT LUNCH



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Libby Sroufe, a cook for Burge Market Place, serves stir fry to UI students on Monday. Sroufe has worked in the Market Place for five years, and usually takes her post at the Asian food area.

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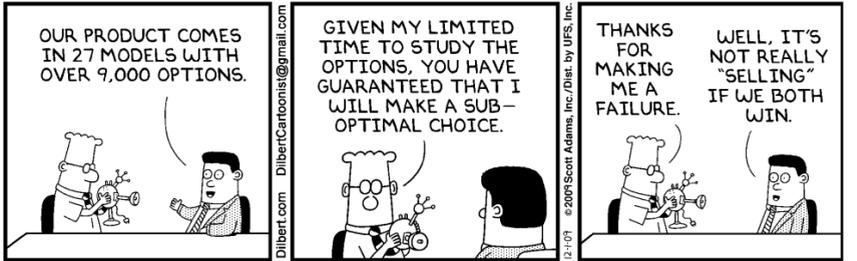
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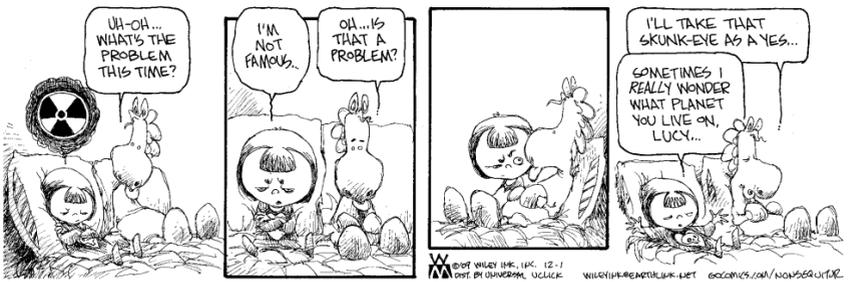
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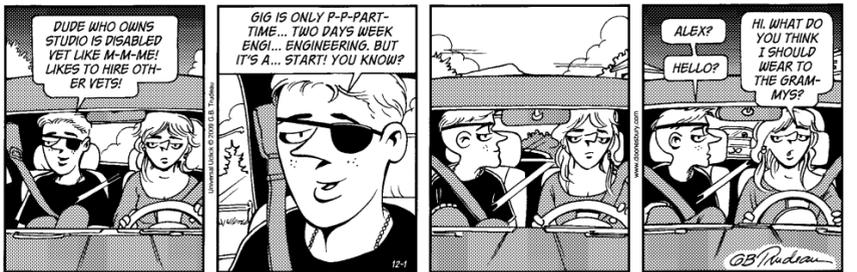
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- **Rapid HIV Testing**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **World Aids Day**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 10:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Suite 1, Coralville
- **Pharmacology Seminar**, "BDNF Actions on Both Sides of Synapses: TRPC Channels, MeCP2 and the Cellular Neuro-pathology of Rett Syndrome," Lucas Pozzo-Miller, University of Alabama-Birmingham, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon**, "North Korea and the 6-Party Talks," Scott Snyder, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Lecture**, "Global Travel, Eroticism, & Love in '60s Bombay Cinema," Ranjani Mazumdar, 2:30 p.m., E205 Adler
- **Microbiology Department Seminar**, "How to Enter and Promote Cancer in B Cells - Lessons from Epstein-Barr Virus," Richard Longnecker, Northwestern University, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium
- **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Library Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Dawn's Bead and Hide Away Staff Show**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E Washington
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- **Yoga for Teens**, 5:30 p.m., United Action for Youth Center, 410 Iowa
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- **Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
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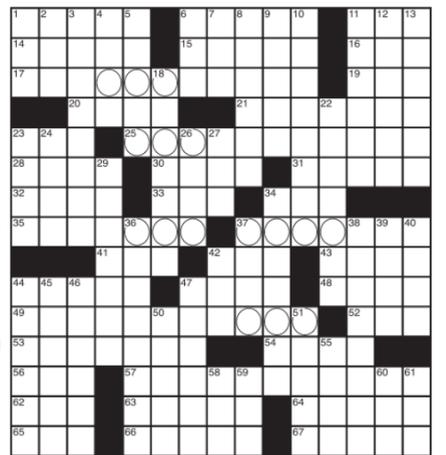
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1027

- Across**
- Mountains
 - "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" has five of these
 - "Spare" thing at a barbecue
 - Eskimo
 - Instrument played with a bow
 - Gate guess: Abbr.
 - Solid with four triangular faces
 - Lone Star
 - Scoundrel
 - 1958 sci-fi classic, with "The"
 - Population fig., e.g.
 - High muck-a-muck
 - Lifesaving team, for short
 - Most difficult
 - Loretta who sang "Don't Come Home A' Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)"
 - "Dies ____" (hymn)
 - Seat where people may sing
 - 32-Across
 - Knee's place
 - Start of the Bible
 - Post-W.W. II demographic, informally
 - Bit of wordplay
 - Boar's male
 - 43 x, y and z, in math
 - Commercial writers
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 - Cobbler's tool
 - Shouter of this puzzle's circled sounds
 - "Didn't I tell you?"
 - John Lennon's "Instant ____"
 - Explosive
 - Word repeated after "If at first you don't succeed"
 - Bird of prey's dip
 - Previously, in poetry



Puzzle by Chuck Deodene

- Down**
- Quarry
 - Suffix with propyl
 - Help in buying a car
 - Captain for Spock and McCoy
 - Series of steps between floors
 - "____ been there"
 - Reinforcements
 - Tiny bit to eat
 - Flower
 - Redwood City's county
 - Idiot
 - Win back, as losses
 - 39 500 sheets
 - Old trans-Atlantic speedsters
 - By a hair
 - First thing usually hit by a bowling ball
 - Riddles
 - Big swallow
 - Days of ____
 - Colors
 - Kitten's plaint
 - Part of a pool for diving
 - 50 "Nonsense!"
 - Carrion consumer
 - Innocent
 - Popular music style
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 - Go wrong
 - ____ v. Wade

- Like an offer that's under actual value
- Driver's caution to reduce speed
- Shocked
- Bureau part
- Jacob whose ghost appears to Scrooge
- Fernando ____ painter of plump figures

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Bogut returns to lead Bucks over Bulls

By COLIN FLY
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Andrew Bogut returned with 22 points, 15 rebounds, and two big blocks in the closing minutes to rally the Milwaukee Bucks to a 99-97 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night after squandering a big lead.

Brad Miller missed a shot at the buzzer that would've tied it after Derrick Rose, who had 17 of his 19 points in the second half, decided to pass up the final opportunity as Chicago lost its fifth straight.

Bogut was supposed to be out up to four weeks with a lower left leg strain, but the former No. 1 pick only missed six games and proved to be the spark Milwaukee badly needed to snap a four-game losing streak.

Carlos Delfino and rookie Brandon Jennings added 15 points each, but Milwaukee failed to protect a big second-half lead for the second-straight game.

John Salmons had 23

points, Luol Deng 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Joakim Noah 16 points and 17 rebounds for the Bulls, who rallied after trailing 70-56 midway through the third.

Chicago had an 89-87 lead with just over three minutes to play before Jennings, Bogut, and Charlie Bell, who finished with 16 points, all had lay-ups to give the Bucks a 93-89 lead.

Bogut then blocked two shots, swatting Deng on a dunk and turning aside a lay-up attempt by Rose. Salmons missed a 3 that would've tied it with 27 seconds left and a free throw by Delfino gave Milwaukee a 96-92 lead.

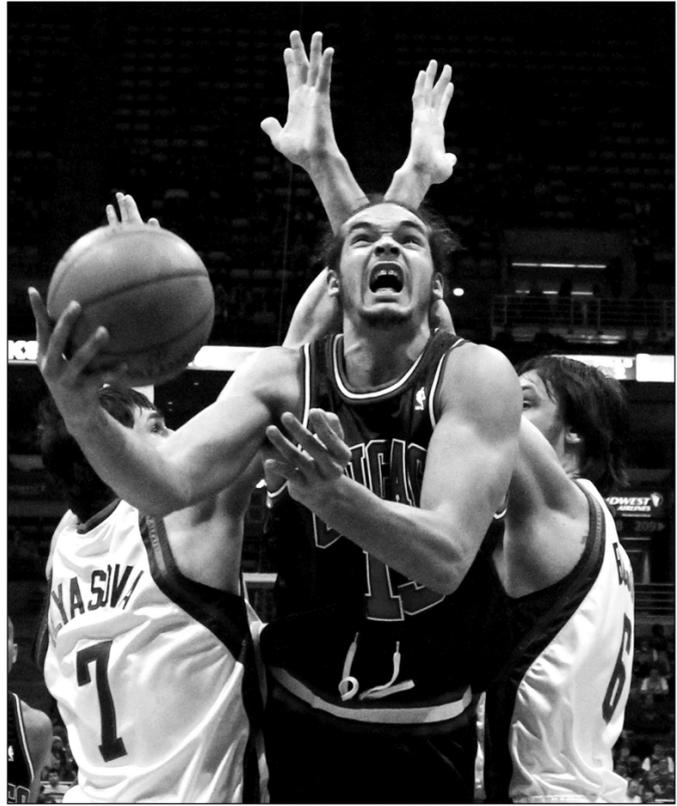
Salmons hit a 3, Jennings answered with two free throws, and Salmons dunked to cut Milwaukee's lead to 98-97 before fouling Bell with 7.1 seconds to play.

Bell hit the second of two free throws, and Rose decided to pass to Miller, whose shot was well short from 18 feet as time expired.

The Bulls (6-9) had three days off after a blowout loss at Utah but finished their circus road trip 1-5 and learned they'll be without Kirk Hinrich for a week or two with a sprained left thumb.

Milwaukee (9-7) led from the start, but after blowing a 15-point second-half lead in a loss to Orlando on Nov. 28, squandered a 14-point advantage before Bogut helped the Bucks rally.

NOTES: Besides Hinrich, the Bulls are also missing Jerome James (right Achilles) and Tyrus Thomas (left arm fracture). ... Buck coach Scott Skiles said Jennings has had several tough shooting nights in a row, but said the rookie's output is more "realistic" now after he made a splash by being the youngest person in NBA history to score at least 50 points when he scored 55 on Nov. 14 in a win over the Warriors. ... Chicago is 11-3 against Milwaukee since the start of the 2006-07 season.



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The Chicago Bulls' Joakim Noah goes up for a shot between the Milwaukee Bucks' Ersan Ilyasova (7) and Andrew Bogut during the first half Monday in Milwaukee.

Red Wings finally score, win

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Todd Bertuzzi had a goal and an assist, and Jimmy Howard made 29 saves to lift the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-1 win over the Dallas Stars on Monday night.

Drew Miller, Darren Helm, and Dan Cleary also scored for Detroit, which snapped its home scoreless streak at 1 hour, 56 minutes, and 30 seconds. Kris Draper added two assists for the Red Wings, who hadn't scored at home since Nov. 20.

Brenden Morrow scored for Dallas and Marty Turco stopped 28 shots.

Helm gave the Red Wings a 2-1 lead 5:35 into the second period when he beat a prone Turco from the bottom of the left circle for his third goal of the season. Cleary's fifth goal made 3-1 with 7:54 left in the middle period when he put in a bouncing puck from the side of the net.

Bertuzzi got his fourth goal at 3:35 of the third period, beating Turco with a wrist shot from along the right boards at



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The Detroit Red Wings' Drew Miller (20) celebrates a goal against Dallas Star goalie Marty Turco in the first period in Detroit on Monday.

the hashmarks.

The game was tied at 1 after the first period.

Miller opened the scoring with 6:12 left in the opening period when his attempted pass from along-side the net deflected in off

of Dallas' Tom Wandell and Trevor Daley. It was Miller's second goal.

Morrow tied it for the Stars with 15 seconds left in the first when he tipped in a shot for his 11th goal. It came three seconds after

a Stars' power play ended.

NOTES: Detroit scored first for the first time in five games. ... Dallas C Brian Sutherby returned after missing seven games with a groin injury.

Seven newcomers in AP poll

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

Only once before has the Associated Press college basketball poll changed as much as it did Monday.

Only once before has Portland been in the Top 25.

The Pilots were among a record-tying seven teams to move into the rankings Monday, their first appearance in the poll since February 1959.

"I heard that team was quite a squad," Portland coach Eric Reveno said with a laugh. "It's been a while."

Kansas, which had two easy wins last week, was No. 1 for the fourth-straight poll, this time falling just two votes of being unanimous, while Texas and Villanova both moved up one spot to second and third.

The Jayhawks (5-0) had 63 first-place votes from the national media panel, while Texas (5-0), which matched the highest ranking in school history, and No. 8 Syracuse (6-0) both were No. 1 on one ballot.

Texas has been ranked No. 2 for a total of six weeks, the last time early in 2005-06.

This the first time the Big 12, which started in 1996-97, has had the top two ranked teams. The last time it happened to the Big Eight

was March 6, 1990, when Oklahoma was No. 1 and Kansas was No. 2.

It happened twice last season — the Big East had Pittsburgh and Connecticut and the Atlantic Coast Conference had Wake Forest and Duke.

Purdue moved from sixth to fourth and was followed by Kentucky, Duke, West Virginia, Syracuse, Michigan State, and North Carolina.

Michigan State (5-1), which had been No. 2 in the previous polls, dropped to ninth after losing, 77-74, to Florida. At No. 13, the Gators were the highest ranked of the seven newcomers.

The only time seven new teams entered the poll was Dec. 13, 1955, when it was still a Top 20.

Florida, No. 17 Gonzaga, and No. 21 Florida State were all ranked last season, while No. 19 Texas A&M was last rated in 2007-08, No. 24 UNLV in 2006-07, and No. 22 Cincinnati in 2005-06. Then there was Portland's long absence.

The Pilots (5-1) burst onto the national scene with a 74-47 dismantling of UCLA in the first round of the 76 Classic, then followed that with a 61-56 semifinal win over then-No. 22 Minnesota and an 84-66 loss to West Virginia in the title game.

"I felt like we could compete. I know and still know our team is very solid and can compete with a lot of talented teams and this weekend was no different," Reveno said. "I also knew we could have competed and not win games, so to really play well against UCLA and get them out of sorts was a great start."

Having a number in front of their name isn't going to change the Pilots much, according to their coach.

"It definitely is something that can be distracting but we have a veteran team and they know what it took to get here and it won't take much to remind them what it takes to stay successful," Reveno said.

"This basically just confirms the progress we're making. It's not an accomplishment in and of itself," he said. "This is definitely a milestone if you want to be a team that can compete in the West Coast Conference and be an NCAA Tournament team. This is a marker you should see along the journey."

Tennessee was 11th followed by Washington, Florida, Connecticut, Ohio State, Georgetown, Gonzaga, Clemson, Texas A&M, and Louisville. The last five ranked teams were Florida State, Cincinnati, Butler,

UNLV, and Portland.

Michigan, which fell from 15th after losing to Marquette and Alabama in the Old Spice Classic, was the highest ranked team to drop out of the poll. The others were ranked from 20th through 25th: Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, and Oklahoma. All the teams that fell out lost two games last week except Notre Dame and Vanderbilt, which lost one each.

Gonzaga and Portland give the West Coast Conference two ranked teams just as it for one week last season when Gonzaga and St. Mary's were in the poll together.

"It shows our conference is getting the respect it deserves," Reveno said. "Gonzaga has been the powerhouse in our conference that we all sort of look to be. But the depth in our league is sometimes underrated. ... I think is getting us on the radar earlier than usual because it usually doesn't happen until late in the season."

The seven teams that moved into the poll in December 1955 were: No. 9 Vanderbilt, No. 11 Temple, No. 14 Cincinnati, No. 16 North Carolina, No. 17 St. Louis, No. 18 Kansas, and No. 19 Indiana.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Is going to a BCS bowl game good for Iowa?

Yes

Barring any crazy upsets on in the Big East and Big 12 championship games on Dec. 5 (I'm talking to you, Texas and Cincinnati), the Hawkeyes appear to be headed to their first Bowl Championship Series bowl game since the 2003 Orange Bowl.

But is playing in the national spotlight of a BCS game good for Iowa?

Absolutely.

There would be no better way for the Hawkeyes to cap off their historic season than with an at-large bid to a BCS bowl game.

First and foremost, Iowa has earned the right to play in one of these illustrious games. The squad has played one of the toughest schedules in the country and is one of only 13 Football Bowl Subdivision teams with a 10-2 record or better.

The Hawkeyes defeated six bowl-eligible opponents, took Ohio State down to the wire at

the "Horseshoe" with a backup quarterback, and came from behind in eight of its 10 victories this season.

Let's not forget about the all-important Benjamins. The BCS bowl games pay out the most money, giving millions of dollars to the teams selected to play in their respective game each year.

This year the Fiesta Bowl teams receive \$17 million compared with \$4.25 million for the non-BCS Capital One Bowl. A little extra cash is never a bad thing.

Playing in a BCS game is also a great recruiting tool. Most top recruits want to go to a school that consistently participates in high-profile bowl games. The team's success this season has helped the Hawkeyes get the 18th-best recruiting class in the country thus far, according to Rivals.com.

With Iowa in a BCS game, there could be a lot more four-

and five-star recruits taking an interest in Iowa City.

Iowa loses only seven impact seniors after this year. With nearly everyone returning next year, the Hawkeyes will head into the 2010 season as one of the best teams in the Big Ten and one of the top squads in the nation.

Gaining the experience of playing in a BCS bowl game will not only be great for players and fans this year, but it will also have the Hawkeyes more prepared in seasons to come.

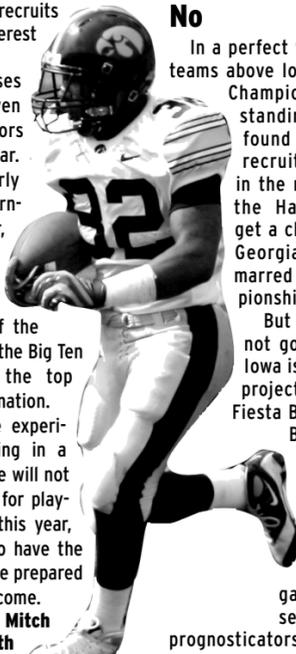
- by Mitch Smith

No

In a perfect world, all eight teams above Iowa in the Bowl Championship Series standings would be found guilty of recruiting violations in the next week, and the Hawkeyes would get a chance to stomp Georgia Tech in a marred national-championship game.

But because that's not going to happen, Iowa is relegated to a projected shot at the Fiesta Bowl (or Orange Bowl).

Yet, Hawkeyes fans should not be near as excited about the big-time game as they seem to be. All prognosticators seem to have



Iowa against Boise State, a non-automatic qualifying team whose underdog charm always puts the nation behind it.

So let's say Iowa defeats Boise State handily, or even in a close contest. Congratulations Hawkeyes, you've beaten a team that history says you should beat.

Boise State is a team from a smaller conference that won one good game against a disheveled Oregon squad in the first game of the season, a team that may not even make the Rose Bowl if it loses the Civil War on Thursday against Oregon State.

If anything, critics of Iowa will spin it as a loss by a team that has been fooling pollsters all year long.

If the Hawkeyes should fall, then that will be even worse.

Sure, the athletics department will get the Fiesta Bowl payout, but that is all. Any

exposure on national television will be nullified by the stigma of another Big Ten team embarrassing itself in the BCS.

Now think of all the positives from a Big Ten versus SEC matchup in the Capital One Bowl. Iowa would play an LSU team in a matchup that favors our turnover-loving defense.

Iowa would still get the recognition of a January bowl game and a rematch of one of the greatest games in Iowa history. For some odd reason, I would rather the Hawkeyes beat LSU to go 11-2 than lose to Boise State and go 10-3.

Trust me, recruiting won't take a hit if Iowa goes to the Capital One Bowl, and even then the Hawkeyes would get a shot at a top 15 BCS team. If Kirk Ferentz and Company don't go to the Fiesta Bowl, it won't be the end of the world. - by Ian Martin

Saints come marching over Pats

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

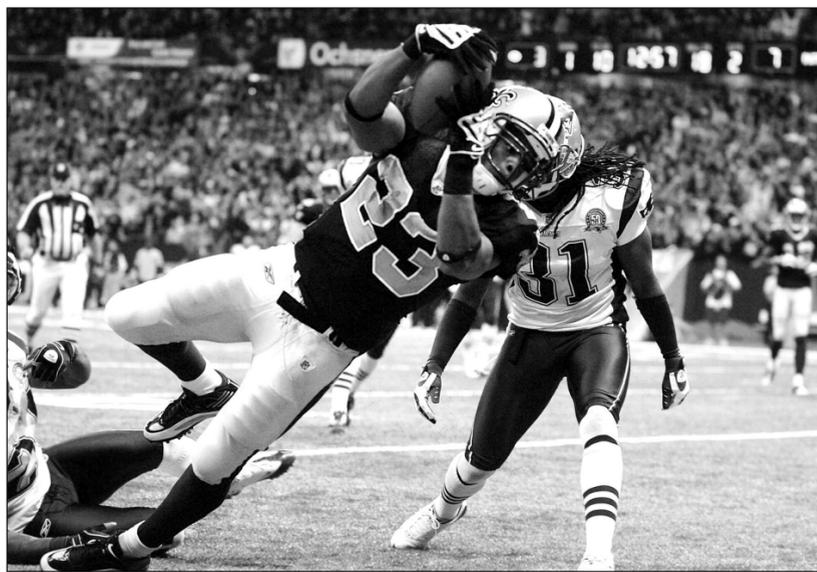
NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Saints are still unbeaten and have joined the Indianapolis Colts in making NFL history. Drew Brees threw for a season-high 371 yards and five touchdown passes, and the Saints beat the New England Patriots, 38-17, on Monday night. The Saints joined the Colts at 11-0, the first time two teams have opened with that many wins in the same season.

The convincing victory left little doubt about New Orleans' credentials to match the Patriots' 16-0 regular-season mark in 2007. New England remains the only team to go undefeated in a 16-game regular season — for now.

Brees threw touchdown passes to five different players: Pierre Thomas, Devery Henderson, Robert Meachem, Darnell Dinkins, and Marques Colston.

It was the second time the Patriots (7-4) lost to an unbeaten team on the road in three weeks.

Unlike in Indianapolis, there was no drama at the



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New Orleans Saint running back Pierre Thomas dives into the end zone for a touchdown during the first quarter against the New England Patriots in New Orleans on Monday. At right is New England's Brandon Meriweather.

end, only thunderous chants of, "What dat say they gonna beat them Saints?"

Tom Brady, returning to the Louisiana Superdome for the first time since leading the Patriots to their first Super Bowl title in 2002, won't have many fond memories of this game. He was inter-

cepted twice, sacked once, hit as he threw several times, and was pulled from the game in the fourth quarter with New Orleans leading by three TDs.

Brady finished 21-of-36 for 237 yards; he did not throw a TD pass. He did, however, become New England's all-time passer,

eclipsing Drew Bledsoe's mark of 29,657 yards passing.

The Patriots were within a touchdown early in the third quarter after marching 81 yards on a drive highlighted by Brady's 47-yard completion to Randy Moss, which set up Laurence Maroney's 2-yard TD.

New Orleans needed only three plays to get it back, though. Brees hit Colston along the right sideline, and the receiver turned it into a 68-yard gain by eluding Jonathan Wilhite's tackle. That set up tight end Darnell Dinkins' first TD of the season on a 2-yard pass to make it 17-17.

Patriot coach Bill Belichick, clearly worried about his club's ability to stop Brees, made his latest unconventional fourth-down call.

Unlike in Indianapolis,

where the Patriots tried to put the game away by going for it in their own territory late in the fourth quarter, New England this time went for it on fourth-and-4 from New Orleans 10 in the third quarter.

Brady's pass for Moss along the left sideline was broken up by Mike McKenzie, who was playing for the first time since fracturing his right kneecap a year ago. The play preserved New Orleans' two-touchdown lead.

SOFTBALL

Softball to hold Coaches Clinic

The Iowa softball team will host an annual Coaches Clinic on Jan. 30, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. inside the Bubble, located near the Recreation Building.

Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins, her staff, and strength and conditioning coach Gabby Quiggle will hold several sessions during the day. The event will feature two sessions from 9-10:45 a.m. with three breakout sessions afterward that will focus on different aspects of pitching, catching, and building a team.

Following a lunch break, there will be three more breakout sessions geared toward base running, leadership, and video analysis. A hitting session, followed by mental training and speed and agility sessions, will conclude the clinic.

Participants will also be able to observe the Iowa softball team in practice.

Registration costs before the clinic are \$65 for coaches and \$20 for students. Registered coaches will receive a clinic notebook, notes, and a lunch.

On-site registration is \$70 for coaches and \$25 for students.

Contact the Iowa softball office for additional information. A Coaches Clinic brochure is available on the softball page of Hawkeyesports.com.

- by Ryan Young

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Iowa guard Cully Payne drives during Iowa's game against Texas during the 2009 CBE Classic at the Sprint Center in Kansas City on Nov. 23. Payne scored eight points in his 37 minutes of play.

BASKETBALL

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Putting up a career-high 24 points and making 10-of-13 shots against North Carolina Central, Cole consistently capitalized on his increased number of touches in the paint. The Kansas City native's 13 shots on Nov. 28 were equal to his shooting output from the three prior games.

"I think our offense is growing," Lickliter said. "As you saw the other night, we're more in tune to throwing it inside. That doesn't mean we're going to live on that, but we're starting to get some really good balance."

On Monday, the third-year head coach emphasized the importance of

"We could definitely use them because it's a great arena when it's filled with people screaming and yelling."

- Matt Gatens, sophomore

his team maintaining its defensive intensity while trying to overcome the current shooting slump.

That's especially crucial tonight, when one of the premier scorers in the ACC, junior Malcolm Delaney, comes to town. The 6-3 guard has scored 56 points in his last two games; he is averaging 21.8 points per game.

When asked about Delaney, Lickliter's reaction was simply, "Oh, my."

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An average of 8,468 fans have attended Iowa's four home games. A small fraction of that number is students.

"We could definitely use them because it's a great arena when it's filled with people screaming and yelling," sophomore Matt Gatens said. "It's a great environment, and hopefully, we can get that back."

HOOPSTERS

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They defeated Santa Clara and Illinois State on their way to winning the KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge.

"Bluder's Bunch" was also without freshmen Gabby Machado and Theairra Taylor, leaving the group with eight players to challenge No. 18 Kansas on Nov. 18. Iowa battled the Jayhawks to a 66-55 loss, leading by as much as three points with fewer than seven minutes remaining.

Things looked as though they would turn out all right for the Hawkeyes, but the news only got worse.

Superstar junior Kachine Alexander, who led the Hawkeyes with 21.0 points per game and 15.7 rebounds per game in the team's first three contests, was next to be bitten by the injury bug — hard.

On Nov. 20, Bluder

announced "Kach" would be on the shelf for about a month with a stress fracture in her right leg.

But how did the Hoopsters respond?

Sophomore point guard Kamille Wahlin combined for 53 points in a pair of wins over Northern Iowa and William & Mary. Then, on Nov. 27, Wahlin launched a buzzer-beating bomb against West Virginia that would have sent the game to overtime.

The shot was blocked, and Iowa lost, 69-66.

And how did Iowa respond this time?

Well, if you've been reading, you already know.

The next day, Wahlin drained a shot from distance with 16 seconds remaining to seize a 72-69 victory over Columbia in Reno, Nev.

Now, the Hawkeyes may still stand as one of the most bruised teams in America — but they also stand with an impressive 5-2 overall

record.

With four of Iowa's next five games slated to take place in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the Hawkeyes should be in good shape before their Big Ten road-opener at Penn State on Dec. 28.

The adversity the team has faced early in the season has certainly hindered Bluder's club thus far, but come March, it may prove to be Iowa's biggest asset.

With so many closely contested battles under the team's belt, it's safe to say the Hawkeyes still have at least a few more thrillers left in them.

And when the Big Ten and NCAA Tournaments arrive, heart-halting duels such as these will be the norm.

But with a healthy Alexander and company, Iowa will be more than prepared to take on any challenge that comes its way.

COMMENTARY

Hawks aim to annihilate wrestling world

Domination is the word for Iowa wrestling, which will be the most exciting team to watch during the winter.



J.T. BUGOS

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Dominant.

Not even a month into the season, that word has continually appeared in my articles about Iowa wrestling, and unfortunately, it is short on usable synonyms (examples include: commanding, domineering, and my favorite, tyrannize).

But those synonyms don't convey the same message that dominant does.

So I will continue to use dominant, and for good reason: The 2009-10 Iowa wrestling team hopes its season can be defined using just that one word.

All throughout media day, the message from both coaches and grapplers was clear. The Hawkeyes won't settle for anything less than obliterating their opponents.

That will make the wrestling team the most exciting thing to watch in Iowa City throughout the frigid winter months.

Football's miraculous and nearly heart-stopping season is down to one game.

Basketball has been as big of a disappointment as Samuel L. Jackson in

Snakes on a Plane (although, I remain convinced that movie was intended to be a comedy; in which case, bravo Mr. Jackson?).

In just one day of competition during the Iowa City Duals, the wrestling team quintupled the win total of Iowa men's basketball coach Todd Lickliter's squad to that date.

In fact, all 10 Hawkeyes who participated in the duals had as many or more pins than the basketball team did wins on the day of the meet.

Now, this isn't meant to tear down the basketball team, which is young and going through growing pains but rather is an endorsement for the wrestling squad.

In the Iowa City Duals, the Hawkeyes had 50 matches.

They won 49.

Of those 49 wins, the majority (25) were by pins. Nine came by technical fall and seven were by major decision. Nine others were by decision.

Two grapplers, seniors Brent Metcalf and Jay Borschel, pinned all five of their opponents. Metcalf did so in 992 seconds, or roughly 16½ minutes.

Borschel bested his teammate by flattening his competition in an astounding 498 seconds, a little more than eight

minutes, including a 13-second pin in his last match.

That dominance gave Iowa five wins on the day. Four were shutouts.

The Hawkeyes outscored their opponents by a total of 246-3 in the duals. Iowa's lone loss of the day was a 4-3 decision from junior Jake Kerr. But Kerr lost that match in the last 30 seconds, and then went out and pinned his next two opponents.

Essentially, Iowa's second-string heavyweight, sophomore Jordan Johnson, filling in for the injured Dan Erekson, pinned three of his opponents — one in 47 seconds.

No opponent will be given mercy by any Iowa grappler this year.

Expect many opponents to walk off the mat with a look of dejection while a Hawkeye hand is raised. But don't expect the Hawkeye to be smiling as his arm is lifted.

A smile means he is satisfied. Iowa won't be unless the team is standing behind a third-consecutive national championship trophy on March 20, 2010, with gold medals around the necks of 10 individuals.

Last year's national championship did not end completely happily for the Hawkeyes, and this year their motivation is fueled by that disappointment.

DODGE BALL

CONTINUED FROM 12

Jevon Kearse.

Team members said they wear the Moss and Rice jerseys because of the players' great hands. However, they caught only one ball during the game, with sophomore Adam Barnett making the reception appropriately attired in the Rice jersey.

All the members of Post Pseudo hailed from City High, and Cosmic Brownies was made up of players from Urbandale High School. However, the team chemistry certainly favored Post Pseudo, which claimed that City High breeds dodge-ball players.

"They're the best team



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Sophomore Jordan Wagner, sophomore Paul Kleen, and junior Bryson Amato from Cosmic Brownies play in an intramural dodge-ball game in the Field House on Monday.

we've played by far," Kleen said.

The Cosmic Brownies members came into the match confident, but they left the court with a different attitude. Coming up short at the end left

the team members exhausted and sucking air like a rotund kid after running a mile.

"Just look at us; we're cosmic," Amato said. "We just weren't so cosmic tonight."

The squad members said some of the letdown came because of its assorted uniforms — only one player wore the team's official T-shirt, sophomore Jordan Wagner.

Cosmic Brownies players said they were dominant at dodge ball in high school, but it didn't help them much in the Field House. While the team has been eliminated from contention, there's a chance that neither of the squads will play a game later on.

Post Pseudo may have to forfeit its match today because of a class scheduling conflict, leaving the group a player short. With the championship game looming later this week, the team hopes to come up with a solution quickly.

What it has so far may not be the answer.

"We might try to do what Ochocinco did," Parker said. "You know, bribe the teacher or something."

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Jamie Printy

BASKETBALL

Printy honored

Iowa shooting guard Jaime Printy was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week on Monday. The award is Printy's first Big Ten honor.

The Marion native averaged 16.4 points, 6.7 rebounds, and 5.3 assists while helping the Hawkeyes to a 2-1 record last week. Printy scored a career-high 20 points in Iowa's 78-54 victory over William & Mary on Nov. 24.

The 5-11 guard followed that performance with 16 points, five dimes, and four boards in Iowa's 69-66 loss against West Virginia on Nov. 27.

Printy played a crucial role in Iowa's 72-69 victory over Columbia on Nov. 28. She drained a 3-pointer to tie the game at 69 with 52 seconds remaining.

Printy is the second Iowa player to garner a Big Ten weekly honor this season, joining junior Kachine Alexander. Alexander was named Co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Nov. 16.

Printy and the Iowa women's basketball team (5-2) will return to the court Wednesday night to take on Boston College (3-3) as a part of the third-annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and the game will be televised live on the Big Ten Network.

— by Jordan Garretson

MEN'S GOLF

Men's golf snares recruit

The Iowa men's golf team improved an already solid roster by signing its first recruit for 2010.

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins announced on Monday that Ian Vandersee, a senior at Valley High in West Des Moines, signed a national letter of intent to attend Iowa in the fall.

Vandersee has been one of the best high-school golfers in the state since his freshman year, placing in the top 15 at Iowa's state golf tournament four years in a row — including a second-place finish this season.

The West Des Moines native also placed first in the U.S. Golf Association Boys Junior Amateur Qualifier — one of five top-10 finishes in amateur events this past summer.

He was also the only Iowa native to compete in the U.S. Junior Amateur. Vandersee will join a Hawkeye team who had four top-five finishes this fall after placing 17th in the nation in the 2008-09 season.

— by Clark Cahill

FOOTBALL FORUM

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Hawk defense to be tested



Iowa forward Brennan Cougill watches his shot during Iowa's game against Wichita State during the 2009 CBE Classic at the Sprint Center in Kansas City on Nov. 24. Iowa lost, 74-57.

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The ACC/Big Ten Challenge will bring a 4-1 Virginia Tech team to Iowa City tonight.

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During the last 15 minutes of Iowa's 17-point loss against Wichita State on Nov. 24, the Iowa men's basketball team only mustered 15 points. After the game, head coach Todd Lickliter cited poor shooting and inopportune turnovers as reasons for his team's 15-minute lapse on the court.

Starting 2-4 overall, the 2009-10 season has been full of lapses, but none more prominent — and consistent — than the Hawkeyes' lack of shooting touch beyond the 3-point line.

For the year, Lickliter's squad is 41-of-154 (27 percent) from long distance, including a 3-for-20 output against North Carolina Central on Nov. 28.

Tonight, Iowa's 3-point shooters will again be tested — this time, by a wiry Virginia Tech backcourt. Only a week after playing Texas and Wichita State on back-to-back nights, the Hawkeyes (2-4) will host Seth Greenberg's Hokies (4-1) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena as apart of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge beginning at 8:35 p.m.

"It's another part of this schedule that's very demanding," Lickliter said.

Virginia Tech, which has defended the 3-pointer well this year (opponents are 21-of-71, 29.5 percent), brings a defense that is only giving up 58 points per game.

The Hawkeyes' reliance on the triple — nearly half of their 314 shots have come from outside the arc — has led to a scoring slump. In fact, the North Carolina Central game was the first contest all year in which Lickliter's team scored more than 70 points.

"It is kind of baffling," the third-year head coach said. "But what are we going to do?"

Freshman Eric May said, "We've got to continue [shooting]. The shots are going to come. I'm not worried about that."

The Hawks may have found a solution to their scoring woes in junior forward Jarryd Cole.

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COMMENTARY

Injuries can't stop hoopsters

The Iowa women's basketball team has faced plenty of injuries already, but it stands at an impressive 5-2.



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Injuries happen.

A team that hopes none of its players will suffer an injury is simply foolish. The important part is how a team copes with those hurdles.

The Iowa women's basketball team is providing a pretty good example.

Injury first struck the team days before the program's exhibition against Washburn on Nov. 8 — about as seriously as one

could imagine.

The Hawkeyes' lone senior, JoAnn Hamlin, was sidelined for the contest.

Just days later, Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder announced Hamlin would be out indefinitely with a major blood clot in her right leg. The 10th-year head coach also said sophomore Hannah Draxten, another expected starter, would also be out with a herniated disk in her back.

Just like that, Iowa was down two starters without even playing a regular-season game.

But how did the Hawkeyes respond?

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INTRAMURALS

Post Pseudo for real

Post Pseudo downs Cosmic Brownies in dodge-ball tournament.

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Post Psuedo posted a win in the first round of the intramural men's dodge-ball tournament Monday night in the Field House, beating Cosmic Brownies 10 games to 7.

Led by some nice moves from junior Derek Parker, Post Pseudo jumped out to an early and formidable 8-2 lead. Parker sealed the first win by jumping over a Cosmic Brownie throw and hurling a return shot in midair that hit his opponent. "That's sort of my signature move," he said.

But the 8-2 advantage didn't last long.

Cosmic Brownies stormed back to make the score 9-7 before falling in the clinching match.

"We tried to take advantage when we started with two of the three balls," said junior Bryson Amato



Sophomore Paul Kleen and junior Bryson Amato of Cosmic Brownies try to avoid being hit by the ball during an intramural dodge-ball game in the Field House on Monday. Post Pseudo won the match, 10 games to 7.

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of Cosmic Brownies. "But we didn't, and then got down early trying to figure out our opponent."

Sophomore Paul Kleen said the squad was too tentative, not exploiting the advantage. Post Pseudo tried a different, more

unorthodox strategy. "We wear football jerseys, and we dominate," Parker said.

The Post Pseudo squad all sported NFL jerseys, including those of Randy Moss, Jerry Rice, and

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