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Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity brother Joey Diaz stands on his balcony overlooking Burlington Street on Monday. Diaz joined the fraternity during his freshman year. When, in his junior year, he told the members he was gay at a weekly meeting, they gradually started clapping, he said.

Another tired stereotype falls

Interfraternity council's new policy promotes acceptance of gay members.

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Joey Diaz is one of only a few members in the UI's greek community to come out while still active in his fraternity.

"I could not imagine still being in the closet," the 21-year-old said. "I wish I could advocate for people to come out."

In mid-November, the UI Interfraternity Council updated its bylaws to include an anti-discrimination policy that protects gays and other minorities.

Chase Bottorff, former president of the council, said even though fraternity chapters and potential new members were already covered by university policy and state laws,

they put the act in place to display the fraternities' character.

Bottorff, 21, who introduced the clause to the council, said he wanted to show that the 700 men in the UI's greek community, often seen as archaic, are open-minded. He hopes the policy will encourage more gay students to join fraternities, he said.

Diaz said the policy is evidence of a cultural shift toward greater acceptance.

Nicholas Syrett, the author of *The Company He Keeps: A History of White College Fraternities*, said tolerance of gay members is a new trend for fraternities.

Though not specific to sexuality, the North American Interfraternity Council — which oversees the UI's

13 fraternities — states in its constitution and bylaws that member chapters should not prohibit any good-standing male enrolled full-time from rushing or joining.

During his freshman year, while he was still "in the closet," Diaz decided to take part in fraternity recruitment or "rush," a process that introduces potential new members to each fraternity or chapter.

After accepting an invitation to be a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Diaz said he continued to hide his sexuality because he was not at a stage in his life in which he was comfortable coming out.

"I always told myself I wasn't coming out until after college," he said.

SEE **FRATERNITY**, 3

Council passes extra fee

Many still want it lowered to 1 percent.

By **SCOTT RAYNOR**
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Iowa City residents will see an extra tax on their utility bills next spring if the Iowa City City Council upholds its decision to impose a 2 percent franchise fee.

The council voted 4-2 Monday night to pass the fee after failing to pass an amendment that would have lowered it to 1 percent. Councilor Amy Correia did not attend the meeting, and the council split 3-3 on the amendment.

The council also failed to pass two motions of deferral, both ending in a 3-3 vote.

The first requested to move the vote until Jan. 12, 2010, when new councilors would be in office. Councilor Matt Hayek then wanted to move the vote until the next council meeting so all seven council members would be able to vote on the proposal.

"We are running into a constitutional crisis with not having a seventh member," he said.

SEE **FEE**, 3

School revamps 2nd-grade policy

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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Rule changed after students intentionally fail courses.

Students unsatisfied with their academic standing now have more chances to boost their grade-point averages.

A student can now retake classes after receiving any grades he or she is unhappy with after the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Educational Policy Committee and the UI Faculty Assembly voted to void the rule that required a grade of a C-minus or lower before students could opt to repeat a course.

The decision only applies to students in the liberal-arts school. The rule became effective on Nov. 18; it applies to any grades obtained while a student at the university, though the person choosing to retake the course cannot have graduated. In addition, students cannot retake a prerequisite if they've already taken the subsequent class in the same content area.

Second-grade option

How to use the second-grade-only option

- Go to 120 Schaeffer Hall
- Request the option
- Discuss regression with the staff
- Students are limited to only three uses

Source: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

SEE **OPTION**, 3

Grappling with ambulance funding

The Johnson County Ambulance Service looks to expand along with demand.

By **DANNY VALENTINE**
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The Johnson County Ambulance Service won't be getting any smaller in the upcoming budget year, but it also might not get an additional two paramedics for its peak hours, county officials said.

More staffing is likely in upcoming years as demand for the service continues to increase, said Johnson County Board of Supervisor Terrence Neuzil. If the supervisors don't provide the extra funds this year, it will mean more overtime or part-time hours, he said.

The ambulance service has seen an increase of 1,850 calls

countywide between fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2009, representing a 33 percent jump. A growing county, busier interstates, coupled with a jump in alcohol-related ambulance calls during late weekend nights is stressing the service, Neuzil and paramedics said.

"We're well aware of the issue," said Supervisor Rod Sullivan. "We're just not completely sure what to do about it."

He said the major fear is that the number of emergencies will outpace the service's ability to respond. He said he doesn't think the county has reached that point yet.

SEE **AMBULANCE**, 3



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

A woman is transported to UIHC after being picked up downtown. The Johnson County Ambulance Service has seen a spike of nearly 200 calls to downtown in the last five years. A large percentage of those calls occur during the late night and early morning.

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Local conservative activist Lori Cardella is running for a spot on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. But some locals think her candidacy is a sneaky move. To learn why and to see our Editorial Board hash it out, check out today's web edition.



Council still mulling hotel-tax increase

The Iowa House would be exempt from any such rise.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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The thousands of visitors who stay in Iowa City and Coralville hotels each year may need to pay a bit extra in the future.

The Iowa City City Council is interested in implementing a 2 percent hotel-motel tax increase. The idea is a part of the council's 2010 priorities.

City councilors ranked the tax increase at No. 3 on their priority list for the next fiscal year. Gaining funding for a passenger rail line and imposing a commercial property tax on nonowners living in condos are No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

"This would be a worthwhile thing for us to do," City Councilor Mike Wright said. "It would be fairly helpful for revenue."

Mayor Regenia Bailey said the tax would be an alternative method for bringing revenue to the city.

The majority of the city's income comes from property taxes, putting a large portion of its funding burden on local residents. But the hotel tax would predominantly affect those visiting the area, councilors said.

If the idea gained support, Iowa City would see an estimated \$214,941 in additional revenue. Half of that must be allocated to tourism marketing, Bailey said. The rest can go toward any other part of the budget, but councilors are not yet sure where they would choose.

The average year-to-date hotel room-rate for the Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty area is \$80.99, said Joshua



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
Greeters at the front desk arrange reservations in the newly renovated lobby of the Sheraton on Nov. 19. City councilors have proposed a 2 percent tax increase in the hotel tax.

Schamberger, the president of the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

At this rate, the current hotel-motel tax averages \$5.66, but with an increase from 7 percent to 9 percent, lodgers would see a tax fee of \$7.28. On average, each guest would pay an additional \$1.62 to stay in local hotels.

Not all visitors to the area would have to shell out the extra cash, however. Those staying at the Iowa House in the IMU would be exempt from the tax increase because the hotel is associated with the UI, Chamberger said.

He doesn't believe the proposed increase would deter travelers from staying in other hotels in Iowa City, he said, but he is concerned it might affect business-conference bookings if the tax is higher than other communities.

If the state allows cities to raise the tax to 9 percent, each city will decide if it wants to impose the increase.

If Cedar Rapids, the Quad Cities, or Dubuque choose to stay at or below the current 7 percent tax, the Iowa City area could see a lower bid for conferences, Chamberger said. However, he said, it's unlikely any city would choose not to raise the tax.

Jeff Peller, the general manager at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, said he believed hotel taxes are necessary to provide revenue for a city, but he noted Iowa City and Coralville City Councils should take other cities' rates into consideration when deciding on the increase.

"It's important to have a fair and competitive rate," Peller said.

Even with discussion, Iowa

Hotel-motel tax

Process of increasing hotel taxes in Iowa City:

- State Legislature approval
- Local council decision
- Presented allocation of funds
- Local constituency vote

Source: Joshua Chamberger, president of the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

City lodgers won't see the tax take effect anytime soon.

After receiving approval from the state Legislature to increase the tax, councilors would have to determine how to allocate the funding. The community must also vote on the initiative — but the proposal wouldn't appear on the ballot until November 2010.

Collections at 9 percent would not start until Jan. 1, 2011. Any effect on the city's budget wouldn't be noticed until fiscal 2012, Chamberger said.

UI using NIH funding for research on women's health

It is the largest NIH grant awarded to the UI this year.

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The UI is becoming a center for women's reproductive-health research after receiving a five-year \$2.25 million grant that medical officials are already putting to use.

The National Institutes of Health awarded the UI obstetrics/gynecology department the federal funding on Sept. 30, marking the first time the university has received the prestigious grant.

The grant established the Iowa Women's Reproductive Health Research Center, one of 16 similar institutions across the country.

Other facilities include those at the University of Texas-Austin, the University of Pittsburgh, and the University of Colorado, said Becky Soglin, a spokeswoman for the Iowa center.

The grant has also made it possible for three junior faculty members to research women's health problems, such as uterine cancer and fertility concerns. Once applicants are selected, they will work under the direction of 21 UI Hospitals and Clinics senior faculty members.

The new application process will attract medical professionals from all over the country, not just the UI Carver College of Medicine, said Kimberly Leslie, the head of UI obstetrics/gynecology.

Applicants are far from neophytes. They have all completed their medical degrees, residencies in obstetrics and gynecology, and, in some cases, fellowships in specific fields, such as high-risk pregnancy or reproductive cancer treatments.

Leslie, the principal investigator of the

application process, said she will sift through at least five applicants and make a decision at the end of December.

Scholars will focus on women's health issues of their choosing, depending on the mentor selected, and they will have the option of undergoing their research for the full five years, free of job turnover.

They will also be paid a salary "protecting" their research time.

"It's very necessary to train our junior faculty to compete on a global scale, research-wise," Leslie said. "This is vital if we want to keep up with other countries."

She noted the original grant-application process was competitive.

"We competed for this grant with schools such as Harvard, Yale, and the University of Pennsylvania," Leslie said. "Our students participating will

Other women's research fields at the UI

Made possible by the grant:

- Maternal-fetal medicine
- Gynecologic oncology (cancerous tumors)
- Reproductive hormones
- Infertility
- Genetics
- Uterine cancer

Source: Kimberly Leslie, head of the UI Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

achieve true research independence with training as good as any in the nation."

While the UI has received more than \$9 million in NIH grants since April, Mario Ascoli, the director of the new research program, called this one by far the largest.

"The grant will enhance the reputation of the UI as a worldwide leader in women's reproductive research like never before," he said.

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METRO

UI should function as usual

The UI will continue to function normally, if possible, despite potential severe weather, according to university policy.

Roughly 6 to 12 inches of snow are expected to fall in Iowa City by Wednesday morning, and winds could gust as high as 50 mph, with wind chills falling as low as 20 below zero on Wednesday night, according to a National Weather Service forecast.

Classes will meet as long as students and teachers are reasonably able to travel, and essential UI services will remain in operation, according to a schoolwide e-mail from UI President Sally Mason.

But she urged students to avoid serious risks getting to and from class.

If central administration cancels classes because of extreme weather, officials will alert students and faculty on the homepage of the UI website and on the UI Severe Weather webpage, among other venues, according to the e-mail.

Administrators at the UI Hospitals and Clinics and the College of Dentistry will decide whether operations will continue based on weather developments, and will then notify the public.

Mason also urged students and faculty to watch weather reports and refer to local media for cancellations.

— **Holly Hines**

UIHC physicians among 'Best Doctors'

The 2009-10 "Best Doctors in America" web-based database has recognized 294 doctors practicing at the UI Hospitals and Clinics and Children's Hospital, UI officials announced on Monday.

The UIHC doctors represented nearly 60 percent of 507 Iowa doctors recognized in the database.

The website, hosted by Best Doctors, Inc., links people to information about medical specialists. Best Doctors recommends UI physicians in 36 different medical areas, including pediatrics, internal medicine, and psychiatry.

Of all doctors listed, 309 studied medicine fully or partially at the UI's Carver College of Medicine.

Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs, said he was impressed by the number of UI doctors recognized.

"There are great doctors all across the state, thanks in part to the role we play in education and training," he added.

Best Doctors officials compiled the database by asking doctors to rate the clinical abilities of peers in their specialization areas. The website recognizes only doctors who were supported by a consensus of peer doctors.

— **Holly Hines**

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 4 article, "New UI club roils water," the *DI* incorrectly reported that the Iowa City Eels would not compete with the Iowa Flyers until the spring. The two teams are currently competing in USA Swimming meets. The *DI* regrets the error.

POLICE BLOTTER

Justin Bergman, 26, 320 E. Benton St., was charged Oct. 30 with fourth-degree criminal mischief.

Cody Brecht, 23, 4229 Lloyd Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Kyle Brenneman, 20, 712 Dearborn St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Stephanie Brown, 20, 815 E. Washington St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Ryan Butler, 22, 418 Brown St.

Apt. 10, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Matthew Farrell, 18, 309 Mayflower, was charged Sunday with public intoxication, reckless use of fire or explosive, and possession of a fictitious driver's license or ID.

Travis House, 25, 1556 S. First Ave. Apt. 7, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Cristine Klein, 31, Oxford, Iowa,

was charged Monday with OWI.

Joseph Mendez, 29, 1412 Lower Muscatine Road, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license driving while barred, OWI, and interference with official acts.

Kathryn Pence, 43, Eldridge, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Ryan Rittman, 24, 1156 Roster Road, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Neil Rosenberg, 20, 806 E.

College St. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 7 with permitting gatherings to use controlled substances, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mary Welsh, 20, Naperville, Ill., was charged Dec. 5 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and third-degree criminal mischief.

Kimberly Worthen, 21, 2422 Lakeside, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

FEE

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The franchise fee will impose a tax on MidAmerican Energy, which the company will pass on to its customers. Revenue from the tax — which officials estimate will be around \$745,000 annually — will go toward public-safety initiatives, including funding a new fire station.

The council delayed the franchise fee vote at last Tuesday's meeting in anticipation of more firm numbers on property-tax revenue. These numbers could have indicated if any additional property taxes could cover the cost of the fire station, in turn only requiring a 1 percent franchise fee.

Interim City Manager Dale Helling told the City Council that with the city's projected tax revenue, a

'I think there is so much openness to dampening the effect on those entities that are hit hardest by the franchise fee.'

— Dale Helling, interim city manager

franchise fee of less than 2 percent would be feasible.

But Mayor Regenia Bailey had a problem with the amendment. She said the city will likely need more staffing for the fire station than what is currently expected.

"We know what we would hire for the 2 percent franchise fee," she said. "I just feel I don't have enough information to vote for an amendment at this time."

Many agreed they would try to decrease the fee by 1 percent before it goes into effect this spring.

"I think there is so much openness to dampening the effect on those entities that are hit hardest by the franchise fee," Helling said. "I

would foresee us looking for ways to shave back a 2 percent hit."

Councilor Mike O'Donnell noted it will be easier to lower, rather than raise, the fee 1 percent later on.

Still, Hayek said he would prefer the former.

"I'm of the mind that we should do 1 percent and know that we'd have to revisit it," he said.

Champion said she was unsatisfied with the results of the meeting and still supported a 1 percent franchise fee.

"Dale has worked for the city for years," she said. "If he thinks we can get away with 1 [percent], then we can do it."

FRATERNITY

CONTINUED FROM 1

But when UI freshman Thomas Paulsen decided to rush this fall, he had a different experience.

Already openly gay at the time of rush, the 18-year-old said he was excited about joining a group that many in the gay community would avoid, though he was worried about how tolerant the stereotypical "frat guy" would be of him.

Mark Rigby, recently elected president of the Interfraternity Council, said recruitment could be more difficult for someone openly gay.

"It's a sad fact, but there are definitely chapters that would be more hesitant to accept [Paulsen's] membership because he is gay," Rigby said.

While Paulsen said he did not feel as though anyone was deliberately discriminatory during the chapter visits, he said there were some chapter members who used offensive phrases, such as "that's gay."

Bottroff said recruitment workshops, which teach greek members the rules of rush, will, hope-

fully, discourage similar language.

An increase in the number of gay people in the greek community would help fraternity members learn about the community, he said.

Bottroff wants to create a partnership between the greek community and the UI's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Union at events or movements.

Cody Shafer, a member of the organization, said he "could absolutely" see a collaboration between the two groups and noted that part of the purpose of his group is to help members feel empowered.

"We want to make them feel as if they don't have to choose between their sexuality and their interests," said Shafer, 22.

But Diaz was lucky; he didn't have to face that kind of decision.

Last year, when he was a junior, Diaz said he felt comfortable officially coming out at Sigma Alpha Epsilon's weekly meeting.

All of the men responded by clapping and congratulating him, Diaz said.

"Overall, people will not judge their friends," he said.

One of Diaz's fraternity

Antidiscrimination policy

Highlights of the Interfraternity Council's new policy:

- No potential new member, current member, or alumni will be subjected to discrimination.
- Protects against discrimination in any part of fraternity programming, housing, or recruitment.
- Condemns maltreatment on account of race, creed, color, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, or other classifications

Source: Interfraternity Council

brothers, Tim McCarthy, said he was surprised when Diaz came out but did not think any less of him.

"He's gay, but he's still the same person," McCarthy said.

Diaz said he thinks that even if he had rushed openly gay, he would still be in the same fraternity.

"After getting to know all of the guys I feel like they would look beyond [my sexuality]," he said. "Times are changing, and our culture is becoming more accepting."

AMBULANCE

CONTINUED FROM 1

Paramedics said they are strapped for resources during peak hours, because more young Iowa City men and women are drinking at dangerously high levels, according to a *Daily Iowan* investigation.

Sleeping on weekend nights used to be common for paramedics. Now because of the high volume of calls, many of which are alcohol-related and occur in rapid succession, service members say sleep only happens here and there.

The new shift would cost around \$77,000, said Johnson County Ambulance Director Steve Spenser.

Because of budget issues, supervisors have said in the past they want to keep expenditures down, and they are asking

for a 2 percent reduction.

But there's a another problem with getting funding: Johnson County taxpayers might find it difficult to pay for irresponsible binge drinkers, Neuzil said.

"When it's just because somebody drinks so much, I think that is just frustrating for a taxpayer to subsidize that," he said.

Many UI students are getting more drunk, according to Health Iowa. Those arrested for public intoxication are also getting drunker.

In a sample of the first Saturday after UI students returned in the fall, alcohol levels for those arrested for the offense in Iowa City jumped 22 percent, from 0.179 to 0.229 in a six-year period.

Some local legislators said they were alarmed by the increasing severity of drinking.

"It puts all of the people

in downtown at risk," said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City. She said she wanted to know what is causing the increase.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said the overconsumption problem is a serious one with no easy solution. Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said he likes the direction the communitywide Partnership for Alcohol Safety is heading. He said the unified approach is good because in the past the approach was more piecemeal.

He said making any changes to the drinking culture will take political will and strong leadership.

Iowa City city councilors suggested a number of alcohol-related ideas at their work session Monday night, including restricting price on some drink specials, increasing liquor license fees, and monitoring cover charges.

OPTION

CONTINUED FROM 1

The college modified its second-grade-only option in 2007 to include the C-minus or lower grade requirement in an attempt to save lab space and seats in over-enrolled courses. Before this rule, the UI had allowed students to retake classes after receiving any grade since 1969.

Requiring a specific low grade resulted in numerous students purposely failing a course in order to ensure the opportunity to retake them, various UI students and administrators said.

Helena Dettmer, the associate dean of the college, said she was surprised and dismayed to hear students intentionally failed classes.

She supported the

decision to amend the option.

"We were very concerned that the policy did not reflect our overall concern for students and our hope that they would succeed," she wrote in an e-mail.

Original grades remain on student transcripts, even though it's not calculated in the final grade-point average, which some students were not aware of when they decided to fail a course in order to retake it.

Dettmer noted some graduate schools recalculate applicants' grade-point averages using all grades, even those from repeated courses.

When changing the second-grade option, the school chose a C-minus as the prerequisite for the option on the basis that a 2.0 grade-point average is the minimum required for graduation. But students applying for admission to

selective programs can risk rejection even with a C.

With intentional student failings in mind, UI Student Government President Mike Currie and former UISG President Mason Bleam met with the Educational Policy Committee earlier this semester to communicate student perspective on the policy. They both said UI students often felt pressure to perform poorly to meet the second-grade-only option qualifications and recommended a return to the previous policy.

Officials encourage students to take advantage of the new rule and aim for the best grade possible even if they intend to eventually retake it.

"I'm really happy it went through," Currie said. "I hope students take advantage of the option, especially those who want better grades."

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Point/Counterpoint

Were the tactics of a local Republican activist underhanded?

Yes

Solon resident Lori Cardella has the right to run for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors seat left open by the death of Larry Meyers. The Johnson County Republicans' nomination of Cardella was within the boundaries of legal procedure. However, her methods were highly suspect.

The Editorial Board was, and still is, in favor of the special election. Nonetheless, Cardella's entrance into this race borders on a conflict of interest.

Cardella canvassed for student signatures on the UI campus, garnering half the 7,299 signatures needed for the special election. She spoke about the need to "maintain our right to vote" against this infringement of our rights. Instead, she collected these signatures and ran herself.

Did she tell the students that she was running? Did she make it clear that their signatures would be indirectly promoting her agenda and nomination?

Students are smart enough to decide whether to sign a petition, but questions remain about whether they would have signed the petition had they known what the end result would be. I am not insinuating that Cardella intentionally deceived students, but the lack of transparency on her part makes me a bit concerned.

Cardella is a strong candidate for the position. Her background in community affairs would make her a suitable supervisor. She has devoted her time to this county and could provide solid leadership.

If only that were the whole story.

Protecting voter rights is extremely important to the fabric of democracy, even in a town dominated by one political party. I commend Cardella for her outspoken support of this American process.

I just question whether the process was handled in the right way. If the roles were reversed and Cardella was a Democrat, would Republicans be upset?

My guess is they would be.

— by Michael Davis

No

Dishonest. Underhanded. Conflict of interest.

These are some of the words critics are using to describe Lori Cardella's petition for Johnson County Board of Supervisors' special election. So what if she stood outside crowded student centers? So what if she secured the Republican nomination to run in that election? These facts don't imply some ulterior motive. The local activist worked hard to secure signatures for the special election, and the people of Johnson County should give her the benefit of the doubt.

Cardella recently received the GOP nomination to run in the election she helped instigate. In hindsight that might appear shady. But in order for that to have any air of impropriety, critics must establish the end result was her intention all along.

The facts tell a different story. Cardella did not try to interview for the position, as did Janelle Rettig, who was initially appointed to fill the vacancy. The special election was not even Cardella's idea. The Johnson County Republicans approached Cardella to start the petition campaign and, after it was successful, to run for the position. If Cardella had been interested in pursuing the seat, she would have at the very least tried to be appointed.

The course of events regarding this special election show Cardella to be a dedicated activist with more commitment to the democratic process than her critics at this point. Regardless of her emotions at the time, Cardella achieved what many thought to be an unlikely task: calling a special election.

Rettig would have a considerable advantage as an incumbent going into a regular election, but it's hard to count out Cardella now. She has drummed up enough attention that she might be able to run against Rettig and win. Dishonest? Underhanded? I'd say dedicated and hardworking are better words to describe Cardella.

— by Justin Sugg

Your turn. Are you planning to vote in the Jan. 19 special election for county supervisor? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

There, there, nebulae



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So a major winter storm is coming, public radio warns me in that grave, sonorous manner that public radio adopts because, let's face it, these are grave, sonorous times.

I need new boots, I tell public radio, but public radio doesn't seem to hear me. No, it (not they) tells me every 15 minutes or so that a major winter storm is coming. A blizzard, in fact. Thanks, public radio, I say.

I need new boots because I have fully enjoyed my current boots. "Fully enjoyed" in this context is a polite term for I have worn these boots for so many years that the soles are no longer what a reasonable person (which I have never claimed to be) would call soles. A reasonable person would describe the soles of my boots as not soles but some indescribable material probably created in the Large Hadron Collider. Not that that facility is exactly up and running just yet (if "running" is the word for something that pretty much sits in one place).

I worry about the Large Hadron Collider sometimes. Well, when I'm not worrying about major winter storms bearing down on Iowa. And wondering why they are always "Major" winter storms and not, say, Colonel winter storms or General winter storms. You have to admit, a General winter storm sounds as though it could turn Iowa into Afghanistan, not that I'm suggesting we should try this at home.

Besides, the economic recession is already doing its best to turn Iowa into Afghanistan.

I do not, like some worrywarts, worry about the Large Hadron Collider creating black holes that will swallow the Earth like BLAP. Because, first of all, were that to happen, we wouldn't know it. We'd be gone, zip, swimming to further nebulae, in the words of Apollinaire, who swam to further nebulae in 1918 — which, as far as I can

tell, is pretty much before anyone dreamed of the Large Hadron Collider. Not to mention black holes.

And in any case, any black holes that the Large Hadron Collider might create would be minuscule and would be gone, zip, before you knew they were there. At least that's what I think an astrophysicist said, gravely, sonorously, on public radio around a year ago. And, he pointed out, this process goes on all the time naturally when the Sun's radiation hits the upper-atmosphere.

They're minuscule black holes and gone, zip, before you know they're there. So there's almost no there there, to borrow the words of Gertrude Stein.

No there there. Sounds like the soles of my boots.

Well, you say, being reasonable and all, you could always buy new boots.

And you'd be right. Except that — have you noticed? — there's almost no place in downtown Iowa City to buy new boots. Something about the economy, I guess. Plenty of places to buy a beer or a cocktail, but boots? These are the thoughts you have when you don't have a car and walk everywhere. Which is why there's no there there when it comes to your soles.

(Oh, sure, there is one place downtown to buy boots, but it seems to target an audience somewhat above my income level. Just to use the polite phrase.)

Why don't you think about something important instead of boots? myself asks me. Such as the health-care debate in the Senate? Or the climate-change conference in Copenhagen?

The health-care debate in the Senate — there's a laugh a minute. First, the G-No-P says health-care reform is too expensive; then, Republicans try to strip the bill of all the cost-cutting measures.

And Copenhagen? Call me a cynic (go ahead; I can take it), but I suspect the climate-change policy that will come out of Copenhagen will look a whole lot like my boots.

Did I mention I need new boots? ■

Letters

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The fallacies of antiwar protesters

What the antiwar protesters on the Pedestrian Mall on the night of Dec. 1 fail to realize is that they cannot discredit war as a whole on one hand, yet still claim to "support the troops." The U.S. military is an all-volunteer force and, as such, members who join know that their duty will be to support or wage war. Furthermore, to reduce the effort of all military members past and present with the often-stated phrase "war never solved anything" is an insult and ridiculous.

When I spoke with the protesters, not one of them was a veteran, but they claimed to know all about the atrocities of war. One of them claimed to have spoken to an Afghan woman once, which I guess makes her the group's expert on the conflict in Afghanistan. When I asked that same protester how she could claim to hate war yet support the troops, she stated, "They are just following orders." Only the naive believe that the military is composed of mindless herds that are just waiting to be "brought home." The protesters need to realize that they can sleep without fear tonight and have the right to protest again tomorrow thanks

to the millions of American military members and veterans who have fought on their behalf.

Jason Taylor
Iowa City resident

Pulkrabek is off-base

I would like to take exception to Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek's recent letter concerning the special election for the Johnson County Supervisor position.

I was one of those collecting signatures and find it very offensive that the sheriff would accuse us of lying to the students who signed the petition. That the sheriff was not there

makes him an unreliable source to say what was said to anyone. Certainly students are intelligent enough to make a decision on their own without Pulkrabek's guidance. Since when did it become the official duty of our county sheriff to stifle the people's right to petition for a voice on who represents them?

The sheriff says Lori Cardella only collected the signatures so she could be a candidate in the election; that was not the case. There are still some of us around who believe in government of the people, for the people, and by the people and *not* government by the committee.

Dave Hogendorn
Solon resident

Guest opinion

GOP's focus on 'values' digs its own grave

By WILL MATTESSICH

For years, the Republican Party was the party of morals and fiscal responsibility, themes that rang true with many Americans. Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush both promised to shrink the federal government and reset America's moral compass. In the early 2000s, however, the party shifted away from the economic aspect of its platform and toward the indistinct, intangible characterization of "values."

This shift has harmed the party and the country as a whole.

Shortly after Bill Clinton's presidency ended, the party's

deterioration began, unseen. Many voters chose George W. Bush because he was seen as having "family values." As vague as Reagan's "beacon on a hill" rhetoric was, basing one's image on "family values" is ridiculous. What does it even mean? Nuclear or extended family? Did John Kerry and the Democrats not have family values? Basing the party on an idea this broad and ambiguous meant that the luster would inevitably tarnish.

The party continued throwing more eggs in the "values" basket and losing the image of fiscal responsibility. Voters were still used

to the economic prosperity of the Clinton years, so penny-pinching in 2000 did not feel as relevant as it had in the early '90s. Republican politicians attempted to form images of themselves as people with strong values and moral character. Focusing on forming this alabaster sheen is a main cause of the party's downturn nearing the end of this decade.

Politicians and pundits routinely remark on how commenting on politicians' personal lives is inappropriate and irrelevant. They say that ad hominem attacks are petty and distract voters from "the

issues." The GOP gave up its right to this defense when it made its members' morality become synonymous with the issues.

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., railed against child pornography and was then caught soliciting sex from young male pages. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., speaks out for prayer in schools and abstinence-only sex education, but he has been embroiled in a prostitution scandal. Unfortunately for the Party of Lincoln, the list goes on.

It is impossible to build a strong party on officeholders who dictate values for our lives but act at odds with

these values. The American people are smarter than Karl Rove, Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., like to think. Even if the GOP practiced what it preached, the views the party has come to embody are more about vote-getting sound bites than a vision for our country.

Look around. America is facing economic hardship, even though economists say the worst is over. Looking forward, our government is facing mounting debt. Republicans are becoming irrelevant, and Democrats

are becoming lazy. Spirited, intelligent debate brought on by the party would galvanize Washington the way a two-party system is meant to. (The health-care discourse doesn't count, because the Republican position of fearmongering and naysaying does not provide for intelligent debate.)

Rational Republican thought still exists, but it is drowned out by polarizing firebrands. Americans identifying with both parties will benefit from a stronger, more focused Republican Party. Hopefully, the elephant has not forgotten.

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Magic for Hope

A free magic show will take place tonight with all donations going to the Hope Lodge.

By SARAH LARSON
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Magician David Casas will bring the magic of Las Vegas to Iowa City tonight with a show designed to benefit cancer patients.

At 7 p.m. today, Casas will display his illusions for free at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., with donations being accepted for the Hope Lodge.

When he was asked to donate his time for the Hope Lodge patients, he found himself drawn to the event under personal circumstances. His father is a recovering cancer patient.

"I think it's a great cause," Casas said. "I just hope everybody comes out and supports it."

Casas said he is excited about the show, and he hopes people come out to support the good cause. The Muscatine native has been practicing magic for 10 years, including a year spent in Las Vegas under a mentor.

The performance is a result of UI student Danny Morice's aim to do more

than volunteer. The junior was taking Social Inequality when the class was assigned to set up a service-learning project. The biology and pre-med major chose to volunteer at Hope Lodge. At first, he was going to have his longtime friend Casas present his show to the patients at Hope Lodge, but Casas suggested a larger venue, and the event transformed into a fundraiser.

Hope Lodge administrative assistant Kim Mueller was overjoyed that Morice took the initiative to go beyond class requirements.

"He took off with everything," Mueller said. "This volunteer has been amazing."

The American Cancer Society created Hope Lodge. It provides free lodging and necessities and alleviates stress for cancer patients and their families who live too far away from their treatment centers. There are 29 Hope Lodges in the United States, and one is in Iowa City for patients at UI Holden

BENEFIT
Magician David Casas
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
Admission: Free, donations accepted

Comprehensive Cancer Center, Veterans Administration Medical Center, and Mercy Hospital.

"It allows the cancer patients to choose the best possible treatment," Mueller said. "Even if it's half way across the world, it allows them to choose the best treatment."

Morice said he was amazed by the positive attitudes people kept despite going through immensely difficult times in their lives. The positive and rewarding experience he had there made him want to help, he said.

"I saw what they were doing as just really, really amazing," he said. "I wanted to give to that in some way."



Indiana University's 10-person a cappella group Straight No Chaser will bring its songs to the IMU tonight.

No Monk, but a lot of holiday cheer

YouTube sensation and popular a cappella group Straight No Chaser will sing tonight in Iowa City.

By SARAH LARSON
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A YouTube video is all it took to bring a university a cappella group to national fame.

Straight No Chaser, whose genesis occurred at Indiana University in 1996, will perform at 7 p.m. today in the IMU Main Lounge. Admission ranges from \$10 to \$28.

Although the group started in the mid-90s, it did not gain popularity until 2006, when an original member posted a video of the ensemble performing a version of "The 12 Days of Christmas" that intertwined melodic samples of "I Have A Little Dreidel" and Toto's "Africa" on YouTube. The clip received around 8 million hits and catapulted the singers to stardom.

The group's six founding members and four alumni have now recorded two full-length Christmas albums and an EP.

The 10 members are touring across the United States. Newcomers Seggie Isho and Tyler Trepp both described the experience as a fun yet exhausting one.

Trepp is used to a day filled with music. He grew up in a musical family — his father was a singer, and his mother played the piano. While growing up, Trepp played the trumpet and sang in both choir and show choir. The Des Moines native became a member of the collegiate

PERFORMANCE
Straight No Chaser
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Straight No Chaser when he auditioned during his senior year of high school. After making the ensemble, Trepp decided to attend Indiana University.

The vocalist said he is excited about tonight's performance, especially because his family and friends will attend. This will be the first time for Straight No Chaser to perform in Iowa.

Tonight's show will consist of both Christmas songs and non-holiday music. The Christmas tunes will come from both the ensemble's first album, *Holiday Spirits*, and its newest record, *Christmas Cheers*.

Straight No Chaser's performances don't stop at music — comedy also plays an integral role.

"The stuff that happens onstage, our banter, is probably one of the best parts of the show, and that's why it's fun for a lot of people to come out and watch," Trepp said. "The CDs in themselves are great, but seeing our live show is kind of unlike anything else. We make [the audience] laugh."

While other new member, Isho, may not be one of the comedians

in the group, he has always loved to sing. He began performing in second grade with the song "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth." From then on, the Michigan native sang in choir and played the trumpet. Isho became a member of the a cappella group during his sophomore year at Indiana.

While Straight No Chaser's alumni and current members never expected the nationwide success they are now experiencing, they are embracing it.

"People make us feel famous everywhere we go," Isho said. "But to us, we're just us. We'll come out on stage and see a few thousand in the crowd. And stop for the crowd and just be in awe. 'Wow, really? All these people came to see us?'"

DVD VAULT

A place for us to reminisce about the movies we loved, lost, and still live for to this day.

Fargo is great, don't-cha-know?

Winner of two Oscars, *Fargo* is a dark comedy set in a bleak and freezing Midwestern town. The movie spins together a mess of unlikely genres (crime drama, satirical comedy, and violent thriller) making it both hilarious and disturbing, simple and complex, bizarre and familiar all at once.

The story follows the financially-desperate car salesman Jerry Lundegaard (William H. Macy), who hires two men (Steve Buscemi and Peter Stormare) to kidnap his wife and hold her ransom for \$1 million. Turns out the hired men are bumbling idiots from Fargo, N.D., and homespun mayhem ensues.

Three accidental homicides later, the very-pregnant Chief Gunderson (Frances McDormand) is on the small-town case, and she's determined to solve it — no matter how unusual her methods may be.

What's best about this movie is the characters: The pathetic Macy, the warm-hearted McDormand and her casual investigation of graphic crime scenes, and the quirky locals with their flat Minnesotan accents. All the "you betchas" and "yahs" and "okey-dokes" are injected into brilliantly played deadpan humor.

It's no surprise this cast of absurd characters was born in the minds of the always-offbeat Coen Brothers, who were almost unanimously praised for this work by critics worldwide.

It's easy to go back to this movie again and again and pull out new nuances to appreciate. Even the movie's lighting is deliberately oddball — the film is a wash of blinding-white snow and brown and gray winter jackets. No matter how many times I watch, I remain convicted in the fact that I've never laughed harder at kidnapping, larceny, and murder.

At the beginning, *Fargo* claims to be a "true story" based on an actual murder case, and the end makes one want to call up those tricky film brothers and say, Aww jeez, you Coens ... darn-tootin' played with me from the get-go and I gosh-darn loved it, yahhhh.

— by Dee Fabricatore

TRENDSPOTTER

LEGGINGS

Ladies, keep your pants on

Ever since the leaves fell and the nights grew colder, your apparel has shifted to a beloved '80s classic: leggings. For those of you sporting a "volcanic ensemble" worthy of jazzercising with Molly Ringwald, there is one you've missed: a solid piece of clothing.

Without that critical extra material, (a skirt or shorts, perhaps), little is left for the imagination. And not in a good way. Not

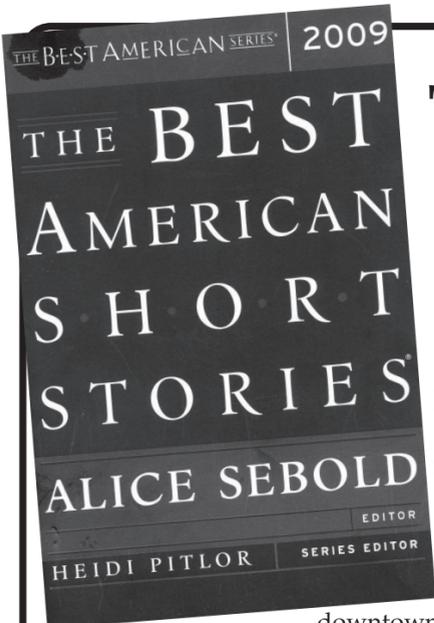
an inch of bod goes unnoticed by the naked eye. The brighter the color, the more of an arrow pointed to the most unflattering angles of your figure. Not to mention that whole muffin-top effect.

Essentially, winter apparel can be narrowed down to a science. A pair of leggings is a clothing additive to an outfit, not a substitute. They go beneath a skirt or a pair of shorts if it's mildly chilly weather, or even beneath a dress. The main point is to wear them as a second layer, not the only layer.

You may be "getting physical" like Olivia Newton John at the gym, but if that's the case, you'll need a sweatband and cut-up T-shirt to match ... and a boom box to blast your favorite Corey Hart songs.

Moral of the story, unless you are sporting a pair of \$100 Under Armor tights and running a marathon in the dead of winter, that thin layer of material alone is not doing anyone any good. And I mean anyone.

— by Hanna Rosman



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Bereavement outreach coordinator Keila Naparstek smiles in the Johnson County Senior Center. Naparstek organized the Hope for Holiday presentation, which offers various ideas on how to cope with a loss during the holiday season.

Coping with the holidays

As the holiday season looms, those dealing with the loss of a loved one find ways to cope.

By SAM LANE
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Carl Klaus and his wife always got a big Christmas tree. They celebrated the holiday with a tree-trimming party.

However, since the UI professor emeritus' wife, Kate, died in November 2002 of a cerebral hemorrhage, Klaus said, Christmas isn't quite so meaningful to him. That sentiment is one that befalls many individuals this time of year, and those who feel them search for ways to cope.

"The holidays were hard because Kate loved them," Klaus said. "She always celebrated them with zest, gusto and special meals. The holidays were always very important for her and for me."

Around a week after his wife's death, on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, the 77-year-old Klaus sat alone for the first time in his TV room. He laid his hand on the side of the chair and felt a pad of paper on which Kate often wrote. Soon after, Klaus found "a terrific urge" to write letters to his late wife.

"Once I started, it was a compulsion that drove me day in and day out for a year," he said. "If I stopped writing her, I would lose her completely."

Nearly a year after he completed his writing, he began selecting letters that would be used in his now-published book called *Letters to Kate*.

Now, Klaus' method of coping is used as an example in a workshop called "Handling the Holidays," a free program through Iowa City Hospice.

Keila Naparstek, the bereavement outreach coordinator at the hospice, led this year's session, which focused on three essential goals: offering guidance on how to proceed through the holidays, validating strong emotions, and offering specific tips and ideas for making it through the coming weeks.

"People wonder if there is something wrong with them," she said. "So to come to a program like this where they [learn] that everybody grieves differently, there is no normal way to grieve, there is no right way or wrong way."

Naparstek said the holidays are hard on people even when they're not going through a significant loss. She recommended these events for people even if they are not coping, she said, because everyone experiences anxiety.

Louise Young, 74, copes yearly with the death of her father and husband.

"There's very much good about hospice," the Iowa City native said. "There are several different ways to help people, and this one is wise and sensible."

Iowa City Hospice, which will enter its 26th year of service to a seven-county area, provides a number of

Iowa City Hospice

Some of the organization's community programs:

- "Coping With Loss: New Beginnings"
- "Life After Loss"
- "The Iowa City Hospice Walk for Dignity"
- "Mending Hearts: A Valentine's Day Event"

Source: Iowa City Hospice

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Watch more from the interview with Keila Naparstek, a bereavement outreach coordinator.

community programs in addition to "Handling the Holidays." The organization also has a number of publications and resources for individuals dealing with grief and loss.

Officials from Mental Health America said depression and anxiety are found in greater numbers during the holidays and after the first of the year while many plan their objectives for the coming year.

At the UI, counselors may sit down and talk one-on-one with a student who might have difficulty coping with the holidays.

Sam Cochran, the director of UI Counseling Service, said they typically see a slight increase in students using the free service, though part of it may be due to the stress of final exams.

"The one thing we are mindful of is that grieving and coping aren't psychological problems," Cochran said. "Lots of people go through this. They're normal human experiences."

U.S. envoy heads to N. Korea

Obama sending envoy to North Korea

By JEAN H. LEE
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — After a year of tensions, President Obama is sending a veteran diplomat to North Korea on Tuesday for the highest-profile talks between Pyongyang and Washington since he took office pledging to reach out to America's adversaries.

A key question is whether Stephen Bosworth can extract a firm commitment from Pyongyang to rejoin nuclear-disarmament talks — whether North Korea is serious, this time, about peace on the peninsula.

Bosworth is scheduled to fly from a U.S. military base near Seoul to the North Korean capital today to see if the North will return to the disarmament talks that it abandoned earlier this year.

Neither side has said which North Korean officials Bosworth will meet in Pyongyang during his three-day trip, though he is widely expected to sit down with Kang Sok Ju, the first vice foreign minister, who is considered reclusive leader Kim Jong Il's chief foreign-policy strategist.

"The main question is whether Bosworth will meet with Chairman Kim Jong Il," said Kim Yong-hyun, a professor of North Korean studies at Seoul's Dongguk University. "Such a meeting would demonstrate that both the U.S. and North Korea intend to resolve the nuclear issue."

U.S. officials would only say Monday that the North had promised high-level meetings for Bosworth. The State Department, briefing reporters ahead of Bosworth's trip, said that the U.S. envoy had a narrow mission — to find out whether the North would return to the stalled disarmament talks — and would be carrying no inducements meant to lure the North back to the negotiating table. While Chinese and North Korean officials have suggested that Pyongyang might be willing to return, U.S. officials maintained that Bosworth did not know what the North would decide.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters Monday that she hoped Bosworth would be successful in persuading the North Koreans to return to the nuclear talks and that the North

would work for "a new set of relationships with us and with our partners."

This week's talks — the first direct U.S.-North Korean talks since Obama took office in January — come after a year of threatening rhetoric and rising tensions on the Korean peninsula.

The two Koreas remain in a state of war, their border guarded by hundreds of thousands of troops, because their three-year conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty, in 1953.

While democratic South Korea strives to become a global player and has the world's 15th largest economy, communist North Korea has retreated into isolation, with dwindling sources of aid in the post-Soviet era and few trading partners.

Pyongyang says it needs nuclear bombs to counter the strong U.S. military presence in South Korea. The impoverished country has also used the atomic threat to finagle aid and other concessions from regional powers wary of the unpredictable neighbor.

Fifteen years ago, Kang, the chief strategist, himself negotiated an agreement with Washington in 1994 to freeze Pyongyang's nuclear facilities in return for two light-water reactors safer for producing electricity.

That pact fell apart in 2002 after then-Assistant U.S. Secretary of State James Kelly said the



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A South Korean protester standing beside a portrait of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il shouts a slogan during a rally to denounce the U.S. policy against North Korea in front of the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday. U.S. President Obama's special envoy for North Korea, Stephen Bosworth, held discussions on his upcoming trip to North Korea, huddling Monday with South Korean officials over how best to bring Pyongyang back to international nuclear talks.

North Koreans admitted to having a secret uranium-enrichment program.

The North denied the charge. Then, it withdrew from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and restarted its nuclear facilities, touching off an atomic crisis that led to the creation of broader, six-nation disarmament talks.

The six-nation talks — hosted by China and involving both Koreas, Japan, Russia, and the U.S. — yielded a 2005 deal calling on North Korea to abandon its nuclear program in

exchange for aid and the other security guarantees.

Months later, however, North Korea launched a long-range missile and conducted its first nuclear test.

A new pact in 2007 promised 1 million tons of energy aid and concessions in exchange for the step-by-step disablement of the North's nuclear reactor.

That process came to a halt in mid-2008 amid squabbling with Washington. Six-party talks in December 2008 yielded no progress.

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Hunting leads to chip and goodwill

UI student Dustin Gaskill's hunting passion led to an innovative creation.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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Trekking through some woods near Des Moines more than a decade ago, then-12-year-old Dustin Gaskill and a childhood friend searched among the thicket for deer.

Coming to a railroad trestle, Dustin and his friend crossed. But Dustin suddenly fell, plummeting 25 feet to the chilly gravel below.

"This is where my memory goes," said the now-26-year-old, sitting in a living-room recliner framed by a wall of mounted deer and pheasants.

Gaskill fractured his skull in three spots. Today, the reminder is in the form of a 7-inch operating scar above his left ear.

But that scar doesn't haunt Gaskill, whose affection for hunting has remained since the fateful fall. Not only has he hunted avidly with the men of his family since age 14, he's also invented a microchip that can be used to help locate arrows after bow hunters shoot them.

The chip, which he described as a security feature, can be fitted onto any arrowhead, and it only lasts an allotted amount of time to adhere to fair-chase laws, which ensure a hunter doesn't track an animal for too long.

He presented his idea for the chip at the UI. In Entrepreneurial Innovation, taught by adjunct lecturer Robert Gettemy a couple years ago, Gaskill's peers selected his invention as a top product. Now, he is working on publicizing the invention and hopes to release it soon.

Gettemy said he was



UI student Dustin Gaskill shows off a tree stand that he uses during bow hunting in front of a large collection of hats in his East College Street apartment on Wednesday. Gaskill has designed a microchip specifically for bow hunters that he hopes will hit the market this coming year.



UI student Dustin Gaskill shows how to properly load an arrow in his East College Street apartment on Wednesday. Gaskill, a longtime hunter, has designed a microchip to assist bow hunters.

Gaskill will finish his entrepreneurial certificate this winter — he graduated last spring with a degree in business management — and within five years, he's hoping his business will allow him to travel the world hunting.

"I'm going to live in and around my passions, not around my job," he said. "Some people don't understand that. It's my favorite thing in the world. Why leave something that I love to do so much and be unhappy somewhere else?"

Dustin Gaskill

- **Age:** 26
- **Hometown:** West Des Moines
- **Has:** A bow setup worth close to \$2,000
- **Favorite meat to eat:** Doe
- **Loves:** The 49ers
- **Favorite MLB team:** Atlanta Braves
- **Donates hunted meat to:** Help Us Stop Hunger, a program working to reduce the deer population and help needy Iowans.

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Gaskill's fiancée, can attest to his obsession with hunting.

"That's pretty much the first thing I learned about him," she said. "I definitely think it's his passion in life."

The proof comes in some of Robertson's anecdotes: getting up at 3 a.m. to make breakfast before a hunt or propping herself up in a tree stand with her fiancé in the frigid air for hours at a time.

Robertson's birthday also falls on the first day of pheasant hunting in Iowa, which can lead to some tough choices.

"Every year on my birthday, I always tell him he better go out with me. And he always jokes, 'I don't know ... it's bird-hunting season,'" the 24-year-old said.

At home, Gaskill's deep freezer is full of deer meat, and he's already been out shotgun hunting. One recent weekend, he brought a buck home

impressed to hear Gaskill continued to develop his chip idea.

"Dustin is a great young man. He's got a lot of passion for what he's doing, a lot of eagerness," said Gettemy, who is also an avid hunter. "Having the chip ensures you don't waste the animal."

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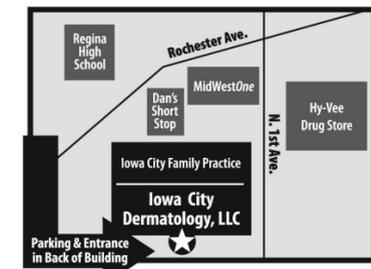
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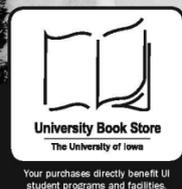
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Is Georgia Tech a good matchup for Iowa?

Yes

In the words of Will Smith, welcome to Miami.

Now that the Hawkeyes are officially bound for a BCS bowl, it's time to start talking about whether No. 10 Iowa can knock off the No. 9 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

The Hawkeyes will need to stop the most prolific offense in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the fourth-best offense in the country if they want to return to Iowa City with an orange-filled trophy.

Stopping Georgia Tech's triple-option attack is a daunting task. The Yellow Jackets average 35 points and 307 rushing yards per game.

In spite of all this, defensive coordinator Norm Parker and the Hawkeye defense will, without a doubt, be up to the challenge.

Most of Iowa's games this season have come down to key plays on the defensive side of the ball. This game will be no different — solid defense should determine which team hoists the Orange Bowl trophy.

Although Iowa hasn't played a team with the running style of Georgia Tech, the Hawkeye defense has limited its opponents to an average of 122 rushing yards per game and has only given up more than 200 rushing yards one time all season.

The Hawkeyes will avoid getting stung by the Yellow Jackets if the defensive line limits Georgia Tech's yards after contact. Linemen Adrian Clayborn, Broderick Binns, Karl Klug, and Christian Ballard will keep Yellow Jacket quarterback Josh Nesbitt and running back Jonathan Dwyer at bay.

Another overlooked aspect of this matchup is that Iowa, in fact, has an offense, too. Georgia Tech is a middle-of-the-road defense, ranked sixth in its conference in total defense with 357 yards per game.

Although Iowa is ranked near the bottom of the Big Ten in most offensive categories, the Hawkeyes have battled through adversity and found ways to win.

With Ricky Stanzi back under center and Iowa playing its typical Norm-Parker style of defense, the

Hawkeyes should have the extra, Vitamin C-like boost to lead them to its first BCS bowl victory.

— by Mitch Smith

No

The Jan. 5, 2010, clash between the No. 10 Hawkeyes and the No. 9 Yellow Jackets will be the first meeting between the two schools.

Not only that, but the Orange Bowl will also see a classic battle — a high-powered Georgia Tech offense matching up with a stout Iowa defense.

Georgia Tech's version of a prolific attack is vastly different from what the

norm has become in college football. Instead of throwing the ball down the field, the Yellow Jackets rely on head coach Paul Johnson's option scheme.

And in 2009, the option has been a pretty good option for Georgia Tech. The Jackets will enter South Beach, Fla., touting the country's 11th-best scoring offense, amassing more than 35 points per contest.

Wisconsin's 21st-ranked scoring offense is the best the Hawkeyes have seen all season. And no offense to Bucky, but the Badgers don't compare with an explosive Tech squad.

The Yellow Jackets are led by Josh Nesbitt at quarterback and Jonathan Dwyer at "a-back." Nesbitt is among the swiftest signal-callers in the nation.

Dwyer, his partner-in-crime, is not only speedy, but the 235-pounder also won't hesitate to kindly excuse himself from oncoming defenders.

Just when an opposing defense thinks all it has to do is key in on the option, junior wideout Demaryius Thomas makes defensive coordinators think twice. Recording a reception of at least 50 yards or more in nine games this season, Thomas is the definition of a home-run threat.

And Nesbitt has proven he has more than enough of an arm to get it to him.

If the Iowa defense is forced to stay on the field for long periods of time — as it often has this season — the Hawkeyes will be in trouble.

— by Jordan Garretton



INTRAMURALS

Inside-outside play lifts UISSC

Hot hands help UISSC handle Team Esteban in straight contests Monday night in the 3-on-3 tourney.

By MATT SCHOMMER
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UISSC used a combination of size and touch to finish off Team Esteban in the men's intramural 3-on-3 basketball tournament Monday night in the Field House.

Losing in straight games, 15-12, 15-13, Team Esteban is no longer in the running for a shot in the championship game on Wednesday. Both squads had lost to Omelettes earlier in the tournament, but UISSC is still poised to make it through the loser's bracket and into the title game.

Team Esteban imitated the Orlando Magic, taking a majority of its shots from behind the arc — some coming 3 to 4 feet beyond the perimeter.

Unfortunately for Team Esteban, it failed to hit enough of those to advance.

"We probably shoot five times more 3s than 2s," sophomore Brandon Beem said. "It works if you're hot."

But the team members failed to hit a good percentage from the field, going a combined 16-of-50 in the two matches. Players attributed some of the late

misses to exhaustion — the squad was without a sub and running low on energy.

The UISSC hoopsters agreed. Third-year law student Nick Kron said 3-on-3 basketball is a lot like wrestling — a shorter period of playing time, but constant work.

"We're recreational athletes," he said. "The longer the game goes, the worse it's going to get."

He and his UISSC teammates used a blend of points in the paint and some outside shooting to keep Team Esteban off balance defensively. UISSC managed to drain 45 percent of its attempts, a good portion of those shots coming in the lane.

"We don't really care who shoots," graduate student Clark Anderson said. "And we're pretty unselfish, which helps."

The strategy worked well except on one particular drive and attempted lay-up that was swatted away with authority by Team Esteban's sophomore Jordan Wells — a block LeBron James would have applauded.

That rejection was about the only thing Team Esteban could muster defen-



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Clark Anderson chases the ball during UISSC's 3-on-3 intramural basketball game against Team Esteban in the Field House on Monday. UISSC won, 2-0.

sively, especially in the second game, in which UISSC opened up a big lead thanks to 8-of-11 shooting.

"They were shooting pretty good," Beem said. "They're a fast team."

Team Esteban climbed back into the game on the shooting of Wells and sophomore Jordan Cashatt, then reverted to its earlier form and missed off the iron the rest of the way.

A lot of Team Esteban's poor shooting can be linked to the pressure defense UISSC employed. The squad faced a stifling man-to-man defense that

never allowed Team Esteban players inside for easy baskets.

"We play defense more than most teams in this style of play," Kron said.

If battle-tested UISSC can keep up its mixture of in-your-face defense and versatile offense, it has a chance to play for the championship. Team members believe their experience gives them the advantage.

"I think we know each other's tendencies by now," Kron said. "We've played intramurals together for a long time."

UConn women still atop poll

Maryland enters Top 25; UConn still No. 1

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

After being a stalwart in the Top 25 over the past five years, Maryland made its first appearance of the season in the Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The Terrapins entered at No. 25 on Monday while Connecticut remained the unanimous No. 1 for the 20th consecutive poll.

Maryland had been one of a handful of teams ranked in every poll since the start of the 2005-06 season. Coach Brenda Frese's young team, which features five freshmen and four

sophomores, has benefited from playing eight of its first nine games at home, where Maryland (8-1) has won 44-straight games. The lone blemish came with a loss at Mississippi State.

"The schedule was built so we could slowly get our feet wet and be able to put in a lot of different rotations and combinations," Frese said. "We feel like we have enough powerhouses in the league once we get there."

UConn received all 40 first-place votes Monday from the national media panel. The Huskies have been the AP's top team the past 29 polls. They're just one week short of equaling the longest run at No. 1 in school history, set from 1999-2001. They are still seven short of the all-time mark of 36 set by

Louisiana Tech from 1980-82.

Connecticut blew out Vermont by 42 points in its only game this week. The Huskies (7-0), who have won their games by an average of 46 points, will play Hartford on Thursday.

Stanford remained No. 2. The Cardinal were followed by Notre Dame, Tennessee, LSU, and Baylor. They all moved up two spots after Ohio State and North Carolina both lost this week.

Duke made a big leap, climbing four places to No. 7 after beating then-No. 3 Ohio State, and Southern Cal. Xavier moved up one spot to eighth. The Buckeyes fell six places to ninth. After the loss at Duke, they had to rally to beat Wisconsin in their Big Ten opener. Texas A&M

remained in 10th.

North Carolina dropped seven spots to 11th after falling to Michigan State in the ACC-Big Ten challenge. The Tar Heels were followed by Florida State, Georgia, Arizona State, and Pittsburgh.

Oklahoma moved up to 16th. The Sooners will visit Marist and Army this week. Texas was No. 17, followed by Vanderbilt, Virginia, and Dayton. The Fliers, who entered the poll for the first time in school history last week, climbed five spots to No. 20.

Michigan State, California, Kansas, Nebraska, and Maryland round out the Top 25. The Cornhuskers entered the poll for the first time since Feb. 19, 2007. DePaul and Georgia Tech dropped out.

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BASKETBALL

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In his absence, however, the Hawkeyes had their strongest performance of the season on Dec. 5, beating Prairie View A&M, 80-51. Walthall believes the combination of missing Lickliter and entering this stretch of in-state battles is making his players more attentive.

"Sometimes when your

leader is gone, it makes guys just say, 'OK, now we really have to step up even more,' and hopefully fulfill that role," Walthall said. "I think sometimes you just come together and say, 'We really got to do this together. Our guy's gone. We got to take care of this.' From that standpoint, it helps."

Given that the Panthers reached the NCAA Tournament last year and returned the bulk of their squad, Iowa goes into its

first true road game of the season as an underdog.

But the opportunity to play in atmospheres such as the one the Hawkeyes will see in Cedar Falls this evening is what excites point guard Cully Payne.

"I love pressure, and I know some guys favor those teams," the freshman said about playing at both the McLeod Center tonight and Hilton Coliseum later in the week. "I think they're great matchups."

INTRAMURALS

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Blue Chips, a group of seniors who met while playing basketball at Augustana College, now moves on to the title game on Wednesday. The squad will face whichever team wins in the losers' bracket championship game tonight.

If Blue Chips wants to continue its undefeated campaign, it will need strong scoring efforts from all three of its players.

In Monday's game, Mike Thomas scored the majority of the points for the Blue Chips in the first game with seven to go along with six rebounds.

Kolze was the big player for Blue Chips in the second game, scoring six points, including the final basket. The final player in the team's triad, Brian Larson, hit the game-ending 2 in the first contest, as well as gathering in a number of hustle rebounds in the second.

Yet, as the scores indicated, the trio received a tough fight from the previously undefeated Omelettes. The team of mostly physical-therapy students held a 13-12 lead at one point in the first game, as well as a 12-11 lead in the second.

Both squads shot well, and the Omelettes



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Mike Thomas of Blue Chips fights for the ball with UI junior Chris Bitter of Omelettes during a 3-on-3 intramural basketball game in the Field House on Monday. Blue Chips won, 2-0.

received an immediate boost from step-back distance hoister Josh Doyle in the first game — he hit three from behind the arc.

The Omelettes also missed one of its best players, Mike Vandello, who chose to shop with his mother instead of playing in the game. His teammates described the move as "his choice."

But even without the often-dunking Vandello, it was likely the most athletic game of the tournament, and both teams appeared to be college-level talent.

All of the Omelettes players, with the exception of one, played at Bettendorf High, and their leading scorer on the night, Jeff Bitter, played for Cornell College.

The Omelettes will play

again tonight, and a victory would send them into another matchup with Blue Chips.

In the double-elimination tournament format, even if Omelettes win the next game against the undefeated team, it would have to defeat Blue Chips in a third matchup again to give the Blue Chips its two losses.

However, Monday night's losers couldn't think of an immediate plan after the game that could stop the well-oiled Blue Chips offense. And with an unstoppable feeling brewing, the Blue Chip players were seemingly excited for their next game, letting people in on the secret to their success.

"We eat our Wheaties," Thomas quipped. "I had two bowls this morning."

BOWL GAME

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While Iowa may not have showed up on the field during the second half in its first BCS appearance, plenty of Black and Gold fans made the 1,500-mile trek from Iowa City to South Beach, Fla.

On Monday, Orange Bowl football committee member Larry Gautier estimated that 48,000 Iowa football die-hards made the trip to Miami in 2003. That experience, he said, greatly influenced the bowl committee's decision to make Ferentz's squad an at-large selection.

"We had had Iowa on our radar screen for a long time. We had a very positive experience with the Hawkeye Nation and Iowa back in our 2003 game," Gautier said. "We anticipate that same number [of Iowa fans] or maybe more this year."

In 2003, he admitted, the Orange Bowl was "a little overwhelmed" by their first experience with the well-traveling Iowa fans. Twenty-five thousand supporters showed up for the Hawkeye Huddle that year, far surpassing the Orange Bowl's expectations.

This time, Gautier said, they'll be more prepared.

"We now have that experience under our belt," he said.

Saying that Penn State was also "in the conversation" for the Orange Bowl's at-large spot, Gautier contended Iowa's win in State College, Pa., put the Hawkeyes on "the front burner" for the bowl invitation.

Also, the matchup of Georgia Tech's spread option against Iowa's defense intrigued the bowl committee enough to make the decision an easy one. It seems that

'I think it has been Coach's goal to get back to the big dance. Now, he's got his chance again.'

- Larry Gautier, Orange Bowl football committee member

contest will stand between Ferentz's first BCS win and another potential disappointment down in Miami.

"After [the 2003] game was over, Coach [Ferentz] basically came out and said, 'Now I know. Now I know what it's all about,'" Gautier said. "I think it has been Coach's goal to get back to the big dance. Now, he's got his chance again."

Bowl tickets still available

As of Monday afternoon, the Hawkeyes had sold approximately

15,000 of their allotted 17,500 tickets before the Orange Bowl announcement was made. Pam Finke, the UI's director of ticket operations, said the school could apply for additional tickets through the BCS.

Tickets for the game, priced at \$135 each, can be purchased on hawkeyesports.com, at the Carver-Hawkeyes Arena ticket office, or by calling 1-800-IA-HAWKS.

"We want the folks from Iowa to buy from us because we want our fans to be a bloc [in the stadium]," Finke said.

Kansas, Texas, 'Nova top poll

Top 3 stay the same, 4 newcomers in AP Top 25

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

Kansas, Texas, and Villanova held the top three spots in the Associated Press college basketball poll for the second-straight week Monday. For the third-consecutive week, at least three teams moved into the Top 25.

The Jayhawks (7-0), who beat Alcorn State and UCLA last week, were again a runaway choice at No. 1, receiving all but three first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

Texas (6-0), which beat Southern California in its only game last week, and Villanova (8-0), which beat Drexel and Maryland, both received one first-place vote.

Kentucky (8-0), which beat then-No. 10 North Carolina on Saturday, was fourth, switching places with Purdue (7-0). The Boilermakers beat Wake Forest and Buffalo last week.

West Virginia, Syracuse, which got the other No. 1 vote, Duke, Tennessee, and Florida rounded out the top 10.

Wisconsin, which moved in at No. 20, and No. 23 Texas Tech, No. 24 Georgia Tech, and No. 25 Mississippi moved into the rankings this week. They replaced Clemson, Louisville, Florida State, and Portland.

Last week a record-tying seven teams moved into the poll and Florida State and Portland were the only ones to drop out.

North Carolina fell one spot to 11th; it was followed by Michigan State, Ohio State, Connecticut, Georgetown, Texas A&M, Washington, UNLV, Cincinnati, and Wisconsin.

Gonzaga was No. 21, and Butler was No. 22.

Wisconsin (6-1) were ranked for the first three polls of 2008-09. The Badgers, whose only loss was to Gonzaga in the Maui Invitational, moved in following a 73-69 victory over Duke in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

This is Texas Tech's first appearance in the poll since the final Top 25 of 2004-05. The Red Raiders (8-0) beat Washington 99-92 in overtime last week.

Georgia Tech (6-1) returns after a two-week absence. The Yellow Jackets have won five straight since a 63-59 loss to Dayton in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

Mississippi has won three straight since losing 79-67 to Villanova in the championship game of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off. The Rebels (7-1) were ranked for six weeks during the 2007-08 season.



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Kansas guard Tyshawn Taylor drives on UCLA guard Jerime Anderson (5) in the first half in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Clemson, which blew a 23-point second-half lead in a 76-74 home loss to Illinois last week, was the highest-ranked of the teams to fall out of the poll, dropping from 18th. The Tigers (7-2) had been ranked in the last 14 polls.

Louisville (5-2) dropped out from 20th after an 87-65 loss to Charlotte, the worst home loss for the Cardinals since Rick Pitino became their coach in 2001. Louisville, which played without three injured guards, had been ranked in 29-consecutive polls since Feb. 12, 2008.

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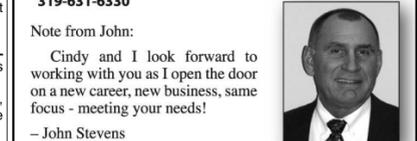
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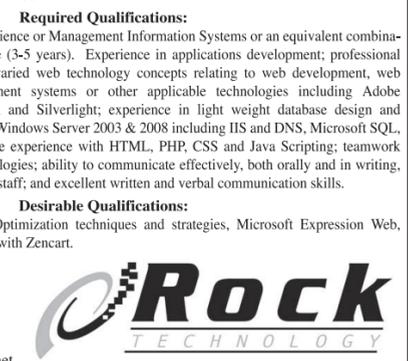
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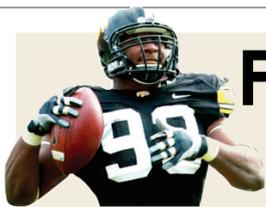
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Aaron Rodgers

NFL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The standings say the Green Bay Packers are in good shape for the playoffs. But Monday night's victory over the Baltimore Ravens showed they still have some work to do to be taken seriously once they get there.

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes, including two to tight end Jermichael Finley, and the Packers beat the Ravens, 27-14, in a penalty-filled game Monday night.

It was the fourth-straight win for the Packers (8-4), solidifying their spot in the NFC wild-card race. But it certainly wasn't pretty.

The Ravens committed 23 penalties for 310 yards, tying for the second-highest yardage total in an NFL game.

The Ravens (6-6) struggled in coverage without star safety Ed Reed, who sat out with hip and ankle injuries.

Baltimore was called for five pass interference penalties, the most by a team in a single game since the New York Giants in 2001. The Packers were flagged four times for pass interference.

Rodgers was 26-of-40 for 263 yards with two interceptions, only his sixth and seventh of the season.

While Reed's replacement, Tom Zbikowski, came up with one of the interceptions, the Ravens struggled in coverage.

BASKETBALL

Spartans hold back Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Kalin Lucas had 17 points, and No. 12 Michigan State withstood Citadel's hot 3-point shooting in a 69-56 victory Monday night.

The Spartans (7-2) figured to have an easier time in their second trip South in less than a week. Michigan State fell at North Carolina, 89-82, on Dec. 1.

But the Spartans didn't count on the Bulldogs' long-range threat. Citadel (6-5) made its first seven 3s and finished 12-of-20 for the game.

Michigan State, however, held the Bulldogs to two baskets over the last eight minutes to pull away.

Cameron Wells had 16 points to lead Citadel, which fell to 0-34 all-time against ranked opponents.

Raymar Morgan had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Spartans, who have won all three games they've played against the Bulldogs.

Not that it was easy. Zach Urbanus' basket with 8:16 left pulled Citadel to 56-51 and seemed to set up a tight finish.

Korie Lucious came back with a 3 for Michigan State, and Morgan put back Chris Allen's miss to make it 61-51.

FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com every day throughout the 2009 football season for *The Daily Iowan Football Forum*, an in-depth discussion among *DI* and Daily Iowan TV football reporters about the Iowa Hawkeyes.

The daily videocasts can be viewed exclusively online. Today's Football Forum focuses on Iowa's game against Georgia Tech, as well as the other upcoming Big Ten bowl matchups.

Iowa (3-5) at Northern Iowa (5-1)

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Hawks underdogs vs. UNI

Iowa will try to win its fourth-consecutive contest against Northern Iowa when the two teams tangle tonight in Cedar Falls.



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Iowa point guard Cully Payne shoots during the Iowa men's basketball team's game against Prairie View A&M in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 5. Iowa won, 80-51.

By **BRENDAN STILES**

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These next two weeks may not indicate how the Iowa men's basketball team stacks up with the rest of the Big Ten.

But with state bragging rights on the line in their next three games, the Hawkeyes know the significance of potentially being dubbed the top team in Iowa.

The quest for statewide supremacy begins tonight at the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls when Iowa will take on Northern

PROBABLE LINE-UPS:

Iowa (3-5)

G Cully Payne	6-1	Fr.	190	8.4
G Anthony Tucker	6-4	So.	210	12.1G
G Matt Gatens	6-5	So.	215	10.6
F Eric May	6-5	Fr.	220	8.9G
C Jarryd Cole	6-7	Jr.	250	9.3

Northern Iowa (5-1)

G Kwadzo Ahelegbe	6-2	Jr.	200	15.2
G Ali Farokhmanesh	6-0	Sr.	190	9.5C
F Johnny Moran	6-1	So.	190	2.8
F Adam Koch	6-9	Sr.	6-9	16.0
F Jordan Eglseder	7-0	Sr.	280	12.3

Iowa. It is the first of three-straight games the Hawkeyes will play against in-state foes. They visit Iowa State in Ames on Friday, then

return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena to face Drake on Dec. 19.

While the Panthers might not be considered Iowa's biggest intrastate rival, they are the one team Hawkeye players are most familiar with. Both Iowa and Northern Iowa hoopsters take part in the Prime Time League held every summer in North Liberty.

"We've played against a lot of them for a while," said Iowa sophomore Matt Gatens, an Iowa City native. "It's a lot of

fun going up to play against some old friends from growing up playing against or playing with."

That familiarity certainly makes it easier to scout the Panthers for Iowa assistant coach Chad Walthall, who will once again fill the lead role left open by head coach Todd Lickliter on Tuesday.

The third-year Iowa head coach underwent a procedure over the weekend after suffering from what were described by Iowa Sports Information

Director Phil Haddy as "severe headaches." He spoke with Lickliter's wife, Jozie Lickliter, early Monday morning.

Haddy informed the media on Monday that rumors about Todd Lickliter having an aneurysm, a stroke, or a heart attack were all inaccurate. He was set to be released from the UI Hospitals and Clinics on Monday, and he plans to provide further details at a later date.

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INTRAMURALS

Blue Chips play up to their name

The Blue Chips is now the only undefeated team left in 3-on-3 basketball.

By **IAN MARTIN**

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Mike Kolze was wide open. Catching the basketball in the corner, he nearly psyched himself before taking a shot.

But after a seemingly lengthy period of time standing unguarded, he swished it through the net from 13 feet out.

"I'd been missing open shots all game," he said. "So I just concentrated, and thankfully it went in because I was tired."

That stroke gave Blue Chips the 15-12 win in the second game against a tough Omelettes team during the intramural pre-hol-



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UI senior Brian Larson of Blue Chips defends UI graduate student Jeff Bitter of Omelettes during a 3-on-3 intramural basketball game in the Field House on Monday. Blue Chips won, 2-0.

iday 3-on-3 basketball tournament Monday night in the Field House. The first game was also hard fought,

and the Blue Chips edged the Omelettes, 15-13.

SEE INTRAMURALS, 9

Ferentz gets 2nd Orange chance

Iowa will play in its first BCS game since 2003.

By **SCOTT MILLER**

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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has experienced three bowl losses during his 11-year career in Iowa City, but none more devastating, none more cringe-worthy, none more embarrassing than the 21-point drubbing handed over by USC in the 2003 Orange Bowl.

It's not even close, Ferentz said.

That season marked his first 10-plus win season as a Hawkeye head coach. But his star-studded team failed to deliver in the program's first trip to a Bowl Championship Series bowl game. And despite two consecutive 10-win seasons in 2003 and 2004, the Hawkeyes haven't been seen on the nation's premier college-bowl scene since their 38-

17 loss to the Trojans. Until now.

Ferentz and Company will square off against ACC champion Georgia Tech (11-2) in the 2010 Orange Bowl on Jan. 5 in Land Shark Stadium. This time, the Hawkeyes (10-2) hope the glare of the national spotlight won't keep them from completing their first 11-win season since that 2002-03 team.

"I think we were just happy to be there in the '02-03 experience," Ferentz said on Sunday night. "There was a lot of hoopla and all that kind of thing surrounding our team at that point. I think we probably got a little caught up in ... the whole thing."

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