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## Regents to students: Show us the benjamins

The surcharge will be due with next semester's tuition.

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UI students will have to pay \$100 more next semester after the state Board of Regents approved a tuition surcharge for spring semester Thursday on a 6-3 vote.

Originally presented at the board's Oct. 29 meeting, the one-time \$100 fee is meant to help fill the regent institutions' budget gap.

Though Regents Michael Gartner, Greta Johnson, and Ruth Harkin were the only members who voted against the surcharge, Regent President David Miles said the fee is "certainly nothing I believe that any regent favors."



**Miles**  
regent president

"We appreciate [students'] sacrifice, we recognize it, and hope they understand," he said. "In the scope of things I think this is a regrettable but reasonable sacrifice to ask of our students."

Recent talk of a 6 percent tuition increase has forced UI freshman Collin Keegan to consider transferring back to the University of Maryland, his home-state school, in order to pay in-state tuition.

But he said the \$100 will not

really have a significant effect on his already hefty out-of-state tuition, and he sees the merit of the regents' decision.

"In the end, it will help out the university a lot," Keegan said.

The \$100 will be wrapped into next semester's tuition and due the same day, Miles said, and the extra money will change financial-aid packages.

SEE **SURCHARGE**, 3A

## Firm suggests savings

A consulting firm has new ways for the regents cut costs.

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The state Board of Regents is asking its institutions to explore 19 new cost-saving opportunities following a consulting firm's investigation into the entire state's budget crisis.

The regents' Board Office recently released a 100-page reaction to the findings from consulting firm Public Works LLC, agreeing in principle to 17 of its 19 recommendations for the regents.

Gov. Chet Culver hired the firm in August to investigate possible cost-cutting measures throughout the state government, including the regents institutions.

The majority of the firm's recommendations dealt with efficiencies in information-technology services. Recommendations included the creation of a "cabinet-level" IT agency to consolidate planning and operations, and the consolidation of e-mail services, something the UI is already working toward.



**Culver**  
governor

SEE **REGENTS**, 3A



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Andy Poggenpohl of Big 10 University Towing helps prepare to tow a truck on Jefferson Street late in the day on Thursday. Jefferson, who started working at 7 a.m., said he will continue towing throughout the day "until they stop calling me." A new city snow emergency has confused many residents, with some saying they didn't know it existed.

## Parking tickets fall as fast as snow

The city doles out more than 160 tickets to those in violation of the snow ordinance.

By **MARLEEN LINARES**  
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When UI junior Amanda Seaquist went to get her car Thursday morning, she had a surprise waiting for her: an empty parking spot.

"There were no other cars on the street, so I figured my car got towed," she said.

Seaquist's car fell victim to the city's new snow-emergency policy, which puts restrictions on what side of the street cars can be parked on during a winter storm. The tow cost her \$175.

The city gave out 167 tickets and towed 126 cars on Wednesday after the first winter storm of the season hit.

Seaquist said she didn't know about the new towing policy, which the city first enacted last winter.

"I wish there was more of a warning," Seaquist said.

Kirkwood junior Alex Brinker, who watched his car ride away on the back of a tow truck as he was making dinner Thursday evening, also said he didn't understand the policy.

"I was not very happy," he said.



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A yellow truck sits in snow on Jefferson Street while city employees knock on doors to alert people their cars might be towed. Since the city declared a snow emergency on Wednesday, cars have been getting towed that are parked on the wrong side of the street.

SEE **PARKING**, 3A

## Frosh drinking class not seen soon

Mandating a freshman alcohol course not yet 'feasible' for UI officials.

By **JORDAN FRIES**  
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Discovering new ways to educate students on alcohol safety has been classified as a "public-health issue affecting the entire community" by UI Provost Wallace Loh.

But the university must overcome a variety of roadblocks — including teacher shortages and a lack of finances — before mandating an in-person alcohol-education class for incoming freshmen, Loh said.

Though he said he would like to implement an in-person class in the future, he doesn't envision being able to require such a class for at least another year.

AlcoholEdu, a two-part online course required for all first-year UI students, beginning in 2006, has been a success, said program director Angela Reams, and participants have reported consuming less alcohol after taking the class. But Loh still believes a more comprehensive curriculum is necessary.



**Loh**  
UI provost

SEE **ALCOHOL**, 3A

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Delta Delta Delta sorority women say their 80-year-old house mother is "very with it for her age." Take a tour through Jeanne Beckman's daily grind with an exclusive photo slide show in today's web edition.



# Regina busing cut

Regina officials contend their views have not been considered.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**  
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The scraping of chair legs and rustling of coats filled the room as parents sprung to their feet Thursday evening.

They weren't happy. The Iowa City School Board had just voted to cut off busing to students at Regina Catholic Education Center for the 2010-11 school year.

Regina parents and administrators pleaded with the board to take time to consider other options during the hourlong discussion. But School Board members, contending with the same 10 percent across-the-board budget cut as other agencies in the state face, declined to defer the issue.

They approved the resolution to cut the busing on a 6-1 vote. The move is expected to save the district \$260,000 per year.

"There's no good decision here," said board member Mike Cooper. Other members stressed they felt they had no other option given the budget crisis.

But Regina parents and officials insisted there are other avenues the board hadn't considered yet.

Dozens of parents sat listening as two other parents and several Regina officials spoke. The most frequent suggestion made



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

A school bus drives by Iowa City's Regina High on April 14, 2008. The School Board voted Thursday to cut bus service for Regina students.

Thursday evening was to consider putting Regina and Iowa City Public School District students on the same buses.

"There's no reason to have two buses traveling down the same street, economically or ecologically," said Regina High Principal David Krummel.

Parents and officials both expressed concern about half-empty buses wasting the district's money. But state regulations, including a cap on how long children may stay on buses, limit the district's options.

Still, Regina officials insisted their views hadn't been taken into account and their questions hadn't been answered.

According to Iowa law,

school districts must provide transportation or reimbursement for private schools in the area. The Iowa City Public School District has provided busing for Regina for several decades.

Regina Center President Carol Trueg said she requested information never provided and asked for a delay until all the facts have been explored.

Krummel said he wanted to erase the misconception that Regina officials hadn't cooperated. Regina had never requested segregating Regina students from public-school students in busing, he said.

After tonight's vote, district officials must decide which of two revenue-neutral options to pursue:

## Transportation options

**The Iowa City School District now has two options to provide busing to Regina students:**

- Reimburse families with state funds for their own transportation costs
- Send Regina officials state transportation money so they can arrange busing for their own students

Source: Lane Plugge

reimbursing families with state funds to cover their transportation costs or sending Regina some of its state transportation money allowing the school to arrange its own busing.

# Publications head for virtuality

Moving from print to online publishing has several positive aspects.

By **MITCHELL SCHMIDT**  
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Some UI departments will no longer print their college publications, opting in favor of online versions that provide more opportunities.

"There are things we can do online that we can't in print," said Lindon Larson, an assistant director of University Relations.

The UI College of Engineering's biannual *Iowa Engineer* is one publication stepping into the electronic age after around 20 years of printing. The new *Iowa Engineer Online* unveiled its premier issue earlier this month, said Fred Steicher, the director of marketing and communication for the engineering school.

Serving almost 13,000 alumni worldwide is one of the biggest goals of *Iowa Engineer Online*, Steicher said, and the magazine is the No. 1 source of information about the college. *Iowa Engineer Online*, which runs four times a year, also reaches out to interested employers, future students,

and the K-12 system, Steicher said.

The web publications include Internet links, color photos, and video uploads. The engineering version also includes a careers section that provides information about job opportunities and an events page.

"The new vehicle is enabling us to reach some audiences in a pretty effective way," Steicher said.

Another publication going online is the International Programs' *International Accents*. With the help of the UI's Information Technology Services, the publication went online in August.

Program External Relations Director Gerhild Krapf said the online version allows for worldwide accessibility, continual updates, and expanded features such as video and audio.

Officials at both publications also noted that online publications are more environmentally friendly and support the UI's commitment to green alternatives.

Budget concerns at the UI have also been a driving factor in the push for online publications.

The print version of *Iowa Engineer* ran close to 18,000 copies per issue, which cost approximately \$30,000, said Editor Wendy Brentner. Going online will save around \$60,000 a year, she said.



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

The *Iowa Review's* managing editor, Lynne Nugent, displays the past covers for the publication in the magazine's office on the third floor of EPB on Oct. 27. Unlike some of its sister publications, the *Review* will continue to publish a print edition in addition to an online edition.

Krapf said that with around 16,000 alumni — a large number of whom live overseas — postage for mailing *International Accents* contributed to a large portion of the cost. *International Accents* cost approximately \$13,000 to publish in print, with \$6,000 going toward postage, said Tracy Rew, International Programs administrative accountant.

Larson, editor of the UI Annual Report — another publication going online — said the yearly document cost about \$15,000 to print and mail.

But *The Iowa Review* — nearing its 40th anniversary — is one UI publication planning to utilize

## Online publications

**UI publications utilizing online applications:**

- *Iowa Engineer Online*
- *International Accents*
- UI Annual Report

Source: Publication officials

online media in April 2010 while maintaining a print version. Managing Editor Lynne Nugent said that though online publications do cost less, officials at the review plan to keep printing for as long as possible. The print version of *The Iowa Review* costs approximately \$9,000 per issue.

"A lot of us are nostalgic about the feel of paper and the book," she said.

## METRO

### Chemistry Building forums announced

A UI task force that found some practices in the Chemistry Building were unsafe and could have contributed to several occu-

pants' illnesses will hold two forums today to discuss its findings and recommendations.

The first forum will be held at 10 a.m. in C130 Pomerantz Center; the second will be at 11:30 a.m. in W228 Chemistry Building. Officials expect both

forums to last an hour.

At the forums, attendees will be able to ask questions of the task force, which included officials from several UI departments. The task force began investigating the building in April after 11 of the building's occu-

pants complained of respiratory problems, headaches, short-term memory loss, disorientation, and difficulty concentrating.

Some in the chemistry department have said the task force's findings had several flaws.

— by Brian Stewart

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Kate Burney**, 24, 815 Bowery St. Apt. 4, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

**Brent Chroman**, 21, 523 N. Linn St. Apt. 8, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

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4. Grapplers eye improvement
5. Bowl game changes travel plans

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Regent President Pro Tem Jack Evans listens to budget-reduction plans from the presidents of Iowa's public universities with other regents on Oct. 29 in Cedar Falls. As part of the plan to cut the budget, the state Board of Regents approved a \$100 tuition surcharge on Thursday for next semester.

**SURCHARGE**

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The fee will be factored into need-based aid.

"While \$100 is real money to all of us, it is not a large dollar figure," Miles said. "You can anticipate it will not have a large impact on the financial-aid component."

The total amount garnered from the surcharge at all three state institutions is predicted to recover approximately 10 percent of the \$60 million budget gap left in the wake of Gov. Chet Culver's statewide cuts in October.

The remaining 90 percent should come from "all other quarters" of the universities, Miles said.

Johnson, a senior at Iowa State University, said her being the only student representative on the board affected her decision to vote against the surcharge.

"You look at the constituents I am representing and ... I try to look out for

their best interests," she said. "There is a student on the board for a reason."

Because today was the first day students knew for sure they would pay the \$100 is "pretty short notice for planning ahead," she said.

UI Student Government officials announced their support of the surcharge in October, something UI President Sally Mason commended shortly after the regents approved the fee today. But in the same sentence, she went on to say the decision was made reluctantly.

"Obviously, asking our students to bear a portion of the burden of these budget cuts was not a place that any of us had hoped we would have to go," she said. "I think everyone has stepped up and been willing to make some sacrifices."

For junior Molly Shapleigh, asking students to compensate for state budget cuts is not the appropriate answer. "It shouldn't be our responsibility," she said. "I just feel like that's a shady way to get money quickly."

Though Shapleigh does

**Spring semester Regents approve a surcharge for next semester, hoping to help fill the budget gap:**

- \$100 due with next semester's tuition
- Predicted to cover 10 percent of the \$60 million budget cuts
- Approved by a vote of 6-3
- Will be factored into need-based financial-aid packages
- Supported by UI Student Government
- Originally proposed at the board's Oct. 29 meeting

Source: Board of Regents, DI archives

not pay for her tuition, she said \$100 per student "seems like a lot."

But Miles said the regents decided on the \$100 amount after discussions with student leaders and found it "a reasonable figure overall."

"There's no magic figure, but we tried to find a number that would help alleviate and make a difference," he said. "It could have been a little more, a little less."

**ALCOHOL**

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"I'm very committed to having a class of this nature on a mandatory basis for all first-year students," he wrote in an e-mail. "But I don't decide the curriculum. A faculty group has to decide whether to include more alcohol-safety education, either as a separate class or embedded with a current first-year course."

The UI already offers Alcohol and Your College Experience, the only alcohol-education elective available to all students. Tanya Villhauer, an associate director of Student Health, started the course in 2005.

She said the eight-week class, which satisfies a general-education requirement in health and physical activity, offers four sections of 20 students each semester.

Though she said she'd like to expand that number, Villhauer said a required class isn't feasible.

"How many instructors would have to teach this

class, then?" she said. "We can't cram 100 students into one classroom. It would still have to be 20 students per teacher, and that's putting a lot of strain on the educator."

Victoria Sharp, the UI special assistant to the provost on alcohol safety, said school officials shouldn't clutter students' minds with more class requirements and prerequisites. But she supports expanding Villhauer's class sections, she said.

Alcohol and Your College Experience Today offers a solid template for the possible formation of a required alcohol-education course, she said.

"It's a very positive class for both drinkers and non-drinkers alike," Sharp said. "Students are able to discuss the drinking culture with their peers instead of being force-fed information."

Students are split on the issue. UI freshman Tom Ferenac thinks that "AlcoholEdu has the issue covered," and junior Bridget Cooney disagrees.

"I would definitely support a required in-person class on alcohol education," she said.

**Top U.S. party schools**

Requiring AlcoholEdu for incoming freshmen:

- The University of Texas-Austin
- Florida State University
- Penn State University
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison
- The University of Georgia

Source: The Princeton Review, university officials and websites

"It would give freshmen a good understanding of the responsibility that comes with drinking."

Whether the UI mandates an alcohol class, Loh said, it will require other efforts to confront drinking problems on campus and in Iowa City. This includes bar owners training their servers and faculty raising academic standards, he said.

"Making a decision without engaging the residents of Iowa City would make no sense," he said.

Your turn. Should the UI require all freshmen to take an in-person alcohol education class? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

**REGENTS**

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Regent President David Miles said officials would look to build on work underway and would collaborate with other state agencies to improve efficiency.

One of the firm's recommendations dealt specifically with such cooperative initiatives, encouraging collaborative purchasing efforts among agencies — such as one-time bulk purchases of computers for various government entities. The UI spent \$651 million in fiscal 2009 on equipment and supply purchases. The Board Office's reaction letter said the regents have always encouraged university departments to make these types of purchases to get discounts.

Miles could not give any

specifics about how the regent institutions would collaborate with other government agencies to reduce expenditures.

Another recommendation was to trim the fleet of vehicles used by the regent institutions. The UI alone has a total of 683 vehicles, and the regents agreed with the recommendation to reduce the number of vehicles and set minimums on total mileage before a vehicle can be retired.

UI officials met with the consulting firm numerous times to aid in the analysis.

No regent institution contributed funding to hire the firm for the state.

Miles said he found the firm's analysis useful and said officials would begin a closer examination of how they might implement the recommendations soon.

"They are asking all the right questions," Miles said. "I think we need to

**Public Works LLC recommendations**

Some cost-saving measures suggested to the state Board of Regents:

- Create a cabinet-level IT agency
- Consolidate e-mail services
- Reduce fleet of vehicles
- Explore collaborative purchasing agreements

Source: Regents Board Office

start as soon as we can."

He called the firm's four-month investigation a "quick look" into the state's budget issues and the regent institutions could take advantage of the suggestions.

"We can benefit from that outside perspective," he said. "I want all the institutions to take a fresh look at it."



AMY OLESON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City Transportation Department employees knock on doors on Jefferson Street to alert people their cars might be towed on Thursday. The city towed more than 120 cars on Wednesday.

**PARKING**

CONTINUED FROM 1A

After trying the new rule for the first time last winter, officials increased the fine for violating the snow emergency from \$15 to \$50, the amount needed to tow a car, said Rick Fosse, the Iowa City public-works director.

During a snow emergency, on streets that normally have odd-even parking, the usual evening and Sunday exemptions no longer apply. On streets that allow parking on one side of the street only, parking is allowed on even dates if that side is the even side, odd dates if that side is the odd side. On streets that allow parking on both sides, odd-even

parking takes effect.

City officials said they have done their best to inform the public, sending releases to local media and putting notifications on the city website.

Fosse said the idea of the policy surfaced after parked cars made it difficult to plow the streets last winter.

"It was becoming impossible to keep the streets clean," he said.

Many surrounding communities already had the snow emergency restrictions in place, Fosse said, though Iowa City's student population adds unique challenges.

"Students are not driving to work every day, so that makes for a lot of cars being in the streets," he said.

Fosse said though the policy is beneficial, it has

**What to do if you get towed**

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- Bring ID and exact cash to pay outstanding citations to the police department.
- An official will then give you instructions on how to get your vehicle back.

Source: Iowa City website

its disadvantages.

"It does slow us down quite a bit in getting complete coverage of the city," he said. "However, the end product is much better."

He said this improved quality of snow removal has contributed to the overall positive response from the public on the policy.

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## Spotlight Iowa City

# Loving not having 'typical' days

Even at 80, house mother Jeanne Beckman remains a sorority girl.

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When Iowa City resident Jeanne Beckman graduated from the University of South Dakota, she did it with a degree not heard of anymore: home economics.

Studying cooking, textiles, and the economics of running a household took Beckman through jobs as a secretary, caterer, party planner, and cook at the Pillsbury test kitchens in Minneapolis.

Now, nearly 60 years after getting that degree, 80-year-old Beckman has arrived at what she says is her true calling — the house mother for roughly 60 young women at the UI Delta Delta Delta mansion. She's one of the oldest in such a position on campus.

"I think in all the jobs I ever had and all the things I've ever done, I was in training for this job," said Beckman, sitting in the Delta Delta Delta living room by the women's photos and a fireplace.

She certainly has the experience.

A member of Alpha Phi when she was in college, Beckman, a petite woman with short, gray hair and a knowing smile, has worked in sororities for the past 20 years. She's been with Delta Delta Delta for seven.

As a house mother, her

duties include not just housekeeping but also tailoring, first aid, and dispensing advice. Of course, there's always the unexpected — such as the day the house freezer broke down, forcing her to throw away all the food in it.

"I don't have a typical day," Beckman said. "I never know what's going to happen. Generally, I'm just here for anyone who needs me."

Her nature draws people to her, and she's always willing to help out — even other sororities, said Pi Beta Phi house mother Jo Fischer.

"I love hearing [about] her past," Fischer said. "She's been around the block, and she shares those things with us."

The women living in the house say Beckman is approachable and very much "with it," as Delta Delta Delta President Katelyn Jeffers put it.

Staying "with it," the house mother has had to make some changes to how things operated 20 years ago.

"It's a difference in our culture. The girls are much more independent, and they pretty much do things the way they want to do it," she said. "I change, and my feelings about the whole thing have changed with the changes in their behavior and attitude. I don't get

## Jeanne Beckman

- **Age:** 80
- **Hometown:** Howard, S.D.
- **Favorite movie:** *The Hunt for Red October*
- **Favorite books:** Historical novels and autobiographies
- **Leisure activities:** Walking, reading, going to movies
- **Favorite vacation:** Paris, with her sister, daughter, and niece
- **Best thing about Iowa City:** The connection between the town and the university

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shocked or upset about anything."

The hardest part of the job, she said, was realizing that she wasn't the sorority members' actual mother. The second hardest part? Getting back to sleep if the women wake her up when they come home late at night.

But even with 3 a.m. wake-up calls, she said she will always enjoy her work.

"I really like the interaction," she said. "I'm a nurturer-type person, [and] I've got all these young women to help."

Beckman feels that she



BRENNA NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Delta Delta Delta house mother Jeanne Beckman watches as sorority members come and go on Tuesday afternoon. Beckman has been at the sorority for seven years. Her many duties include doing dishes, giving advice, and sewing, among other odd jobs. "I wear a lot of hats," she said.

still has something positive to offer college students. She said, at the very least, she can make them laugh.

The house mother resides in Madison, Wis., during breaks, where her five sons and one daughter live. While being away from her family is sometimes hard, she said, she doesn't plan to give up her life in Iowa City, and her job as a house mother, any time soon.

"I'm going to do it until somebody takes my driver's license away and I can't get back to Madison," she said. "A lot of people don't like kids who are in high school or college. Not me. [This is] where I belong."



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Delta Delta Delta house mother Jeanne Beckman sits in her room at the sorority house on Thursday. Beckman has worked at the sorority for seven years.

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# Court case to affect UI group

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The U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether a religious student group, which has a chapter at the UI, will be forced to change its constitution banning gays and lesbians as officers and voting members or risk losing university funding.

The Christian Legal Society, a national law-student group, has a clause in its constitution prohibiting executive members from engaging in sexual conduct outside of a traditional marriage — including homosexuality.

The clause has generated controversy across the country and at the UI.

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*. The court's decision will decide whether a public university's law school may deny funding to a student organization requiring its officers and voting members to agree with its core religious viewpoints even it goes against university policy. The decision will affect all chapters.

The justices agreed to hear an appeal from members from the chapter at the University of California-San Francisco after the school refused to recognize the society because it did not abide by its universitywide policy barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The UI has a similar clause in its Human Rights Policy.

Supporters of the society say the members have the right of expressive association, or to choose who to allow in their group to make sure their leadership is compatible with its message.

"It's completely unreasonable — and unconstitutional — for a public university to disrupt the purposes of private student groups by forcing them to accept as members and officers those who oppose the very ideas they advocate," Gregory Baylor, a lawyer with the Alliance Defense Fund Center for Academic Freedom, said in a press release.

Opponents agree religious groups can limit their membership but

**Case timeline**  
The various points go below:

- April 17, 2006: A district judge rules in favor of university
- March 17, 2009: 9th Circuit Court of Appeals agrees, backs school
- May 5: Petition filed with Supreme Court
- Dec. 7: Petition granted

Source: U.S. Supreme Court

argue the UI shouldn't have to foot the bill.

"The problem is that they're using public taxpayer funds," said Rita Bettis, a third-year law student and member of the Iowa Campaign for Human Rights.

But members of the Christian Legal Society said the group operates within the UI's antidiscrimination policy.

They noted the group's bylaws only apply to voting membership. Anyone is permitted to attend events, most of which are Bible discussions and charitable functions.

The Christian Legal Society is apparently the only group at the UI with bylaws prohibiting certain groups of people from leadership positions.

"Legal issues aside, by providing [the Christian Legal Society] with public university funds, the UI encourages bigotry toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and staff," said Joe Austen, a third-year law student and vice president of Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

Last year, that group, along with the Iowa Center for Human Rights, circulated a petition calling for UI and student government officials to halt the society's funding. More than 100 UI law students and faculty members signed.

The group was, nonetheless, granted university funding.

As the Supreme Court mulls the decision, Bettis and Austen are working to build a coalition of people and groups at the law school who disapprove of giving funding to the Christian Legal Society, they said.

# Justices want end to electing judges

By KRISTEN WYATT  
Associated Press

DENVER — An old debate about whether judges should be elected or appointed is heating up again.

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and several state Supreme Court justices are planning a nationwide push during next year's state legislative sessions to end the practice of electing judges. Nevada already has such a proposal before voters on the 2010 ballot.

Many judges and the American Bar Association argue the legal system is tainted by judges seeking campaign donations.

"It doesn't support the fundamental principle of judges acting fairly and impartially," Ohio Chief Justice Tom Moyer told the Associated Press.

A judicial think tank at the University of Denver has assembled a group of prominent judges, including O'Connor, to push for the abolition of directly elected judges in the 33 states that have them.

They want state commissions made up mostly of non-lawyers to pick judges. Governors would appoint judges the commissions select, and voters would decide in future elections whether the judges keep their jobs.

Current judicial elections give a false impression that voters have much invested in court picks, O'Connor said.

"A voter goes into the voting booth on Election Day, and they have a long list of races to vote for," O'Connor told the AP. "When they come to the



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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Sept. 24 is flanked by Jonathan Lippman, chief judge of New York (left), New York Gov. David Paterson, (at Sotomayor's right), and Dennis Jacobs, the chief judge of the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals (far right) during a ceremony in her honor at the New York County Courthouse, N.Y.

judges, they don't typically know any of them. How are they supposed to decide?"

Open judicial races lead to pricey television campaigns in some states. That requires fundraising, often from trial lawyers or businesses interested in who decides cases that affect them.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court narrowly ruled that elected judges must step aside if campaign donations are likely to create the perception of bias. That ruling was sparked by a West Virginia case in which a state Supreme Court judge ruled on a dispute that affected a company whose chief executive spent \$3 million to help get the judge elected.

"It really highlights the need for a change," said former Arizona state Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor. Arizona has long used the appointment and retention-vote system backed by the Denver-based initiative.

McGregor said the rising

expense of judicial races, topping \$1 million in some states, could lead more states to follow Arizona.

"Contributions have gotten so enormous that it causes voters to step back and say, 'Isn't there better way?'" McGregor said.

But history suggests the appointed-judge initiative faces long odds.

Even O'Connor concedes only two states — Ohio and Minnesota — are likely to put the question before voters in the near future along with Nevada.

One of the nation's most prominent backers of appointed judges, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, concedes his state has little appetite to forgo partisan judicial races.

"You have to be realistic. We've been trying to change this for 30 years," said Jefferson, who has been on Texas' highest court since 2001.

In Ohio, voters have rejected appointment schemes as far back as 1938. In 1987, Ohio voters again declined to change

the state Constitution to do away with elected judges.

"It has sort of an elitist tinge to say that voters aren't sophisticated enough to make this determination," said Jeff Patch, a spokesman for the Alexandria, Va.-based Center for Competitive Politics, which opposes campaign finance limits.

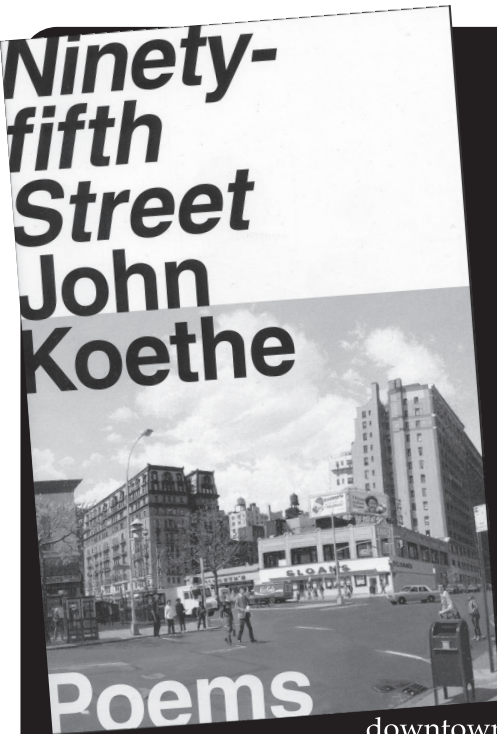
Patch said voters don't buy the argument that appointed judges, even those who face retention elections and performance reviews, are somehow insulated from accusations of bias. He pointed out the possibility of a governor appointing a donor to the bench, or a commission choosing a popular lawyer.

"To say that merit selection is going to be more ethical is pretty misguided," he said.

Rebecca Love Kourlis, executive director of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System and a former Colorado Supreme Court justice, said a pending decision from the U.S. Supreme Court could boost interest in the elected-judge debate.

The high court is expected to issue a ruling on campaign finance that could lead to fewer restrictions on how much businesses and unions can spend on favored candidates. If that happens, states could see more expensive judicial races.

"We think the timing is right" for a national debate on elected judges, Kourlis said. "Judicial elections have become so expensive, and so unseemly, that this is something ripe for action."



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## Editorial

## Regents' vote to approve surcharge a tremendous disappointment

Forty-five minutes into the state Board of Regents' meeting on Thursday, UI students could feel the sting of financial defeat.

In an almost preordained, anticlimactic manner, the \$100 surcharge passed, 6-3. For an issue that has sparked such a vigorous and substantive debate, the final vote went on without much fanfare. This alone is crippling to UI students.

We commend the three regents — Michael Gartner, Ruth Harkin, and Greta Johnson — who voted against the surcharge. While it would have been easy to capitulate in the face of inexorable passage, these three stalwartly — and admirably — backed the student interest.

University leaders and regents have said from the very beginning that these budget issues should be the burden of everyone, including students. Thursday's vote made real that once-abstract notion.

"We feel that this is a regrettable, but acceptable, sacrifice for our students," Regent President David Miles said.

The surcharge is expected to plug 10 percent of the state universities' \$60 million budget hole.

The Editorial Board understands that our budget problems have caused a great deal of strain on our faculty and staff. Layoffs, furloughs, and retirement-benefit cuts are never easy to deal with. But students should not have to pay for the economic misfortune of our university or state — especially in the absence of equitable sacrifices from upper-level administrators.

Exorbitant tuition rates already put enormous pressure on families to raise additional funds to send their children to college. This surcharge does not make that weight any easier.

UI President Sally Mason has stressed that the

surcharge will not be a "recurring expense" and that financial aid will be possible for all those that qualify. However, the regents' support of the increase makes further hikes a distinct possibility in the future.

Students can argue that the regents have failed them, but UI leadership should take a share of the blame as well.

UISG President Michael Currie failed the students when he announced his support for the surcharge in late October. His endorsement of the increase — especially after its passage on Thursday — has undoubtedly undercut his support among students.

In addition, the UI's administrative search for a strategic-communication vice president during our budget crisis runs counter to necessary fiscal responsibility.

The university had options to prevent the surcharge from becoming a reality. The university could have made a small cut to the salary of the highest-paid employees and furloughed affluent

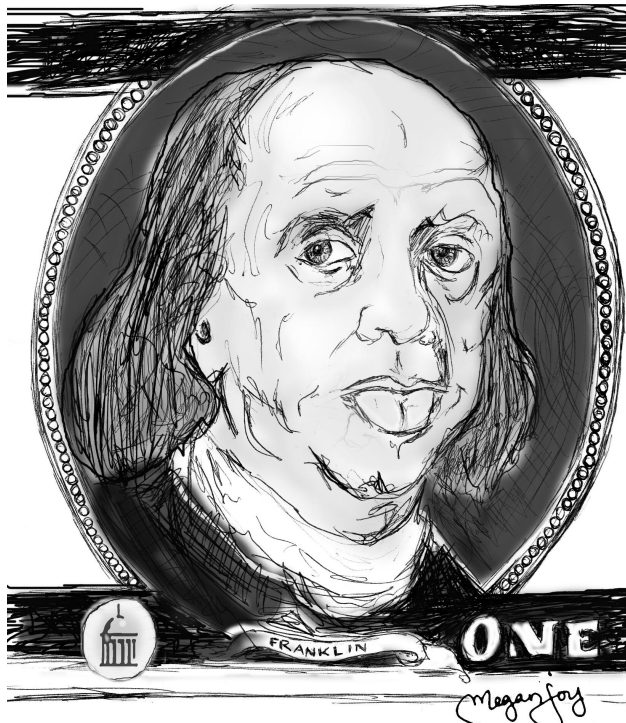
administrators. This would have provided the fairest and most egalitarian approach.

Unfortunately, those options were set aside for the surcharge.

We support our university and the strides it has made to meet these tough economic issues head on. The UI administration has worked diligently in response to Gov. Chet Culver's budget moves.

Nonetheless, we vehemently deny that the surcharge is the best option. The Editorial Board is disappointed that the regents ultimately rejected more equitable approaches.

Your turn. Do you support the regents' decision to levy a \$100 surcharge? Weigh in on [dailyiowan.com](#).



## Letters

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## DI furthering stereotypes

I am writing to you regarding the Dec. 7 article "The siren song of alcohol." I think this article was very informative and presented good information, until I came across a quotation by Kristina Swanson, a paramedic. She was quoted as saying, he smelled "homeless," referring to a man found at a downtown apartment-complex on top of a Toyota Camry.

I thought this comment was unnecessary and completely inappropriate to include in the

article. It does not matter whether or not it was said by an individual; it can be perceived as offensive in nature. I think by *The Daily Iowan* using this specific quotation, it is giving itself a reputation of supporting stereotypes and social stigma. The quotation had no rationale, and it did not add to the purpose of the article or specific situation. I think it made not only the person who said it sound ignorant, but the paper's staff as well.

I write this to remind you to keep in mind your potential audiences and remain sensitive,

as well as professional, while presenting the facts.

**Kelley Haines**  
co-administrator of the UI Economic  
Human Rights Organization

## Single-payer or nothing at all

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., will put forward Senate Amendment 2837 calling for Medicare for all, the only health reform that means anything. We will indeed have a vote on Medicare for all (same thing as "single paye," same thing as HR 676) in the Senate.

Call your representatives, and let them know you support the amendment.

And when that vote is taken we will know two things: 1) Who will stand up for the interest of the people, and 2) Whether we have done everything we could have done to speak out. Our most urgent mission is to get enough people to speak out to compel real health-care reform. Either stand up for your rights or let the CEOs control your health care and pick your pockets — again.

**Michael Mitchell**  
Swisher resident

## Guest opinion

## Open dialogue needed to reduce unwanted pregnancies

Whether I'm dining with Rotarians in Washington, Iowa, or dining with Cabinet secretaries in Washington, D.C., everyone has a story of unintended pregnancy and how it changed a life. The story may be a secret, a subject of gossip, or our own story. But the story, as well as the real-life situation, had consequences for us or people we care about.

Yet most of the stories of unintended pregnancies are stories left untold.

In my family, we recall the night my brother rolled the VW in the grocery-store parking lot, the night our son hit a deer in the Bonneville, or the time I lost a clutch on the Ohio Turnpike returning

to college. But we've never shared stories about what went on in the back seats of those cars, and I imagine that's true of many other families as well.

There's secrecy and shame associated with sex — even the kind between married adults — despite the fact that it's the reason we're all here. It seems that the shame should be in not finding a comfortable way to talk about sexual decision-making.

Most of us have begged our parents for stories of the harrowing ride to the hospital as they tried to beat the stork, but seldom, if ever, do we ask, "Did you want to beat the stork

senseless when you found out you were pregnant?"

How many of us have the nerve to ask our parents if we were planned and what was going through their minds when they found out they were going to be parents?

I grew up in a family that only talked about body parts you can see. My penance for not talking freely with our sons about anything to do with sex, for telling them to cover their eyes when a sexual scene showed up on a TV movie, is that I now travel the state talking to others about the need to address these subjects with our children and grandchildren

so they can make responsible decisions.

I'm sure there are lots of parents out there who have talked with their children and grandchildren about sex-related decisions they made or didn't make and the numerous consequences of those decisions. Maybe, but I'm not so sure.

Last year, I had a conversation about sex with a dozen people who had never met one another. We came from all walks of life. The *Quad City Times* sponsored our "community conversation" about unintended pregnancy, and we shared stories of how pregnancies — intended and unintended — affected our

## In defense of puff



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When winter rolls in each year, there is always a list of things it brings with it. Car accidents, wet socks, frozen noses, hot chocolate, and the music of Bing Crosby all come to mind.

But there's another thing that I find amusing every winter: the extensive media weather coverage that is just as fluffy as the snow blanketing Iowa City.

While people in the news industry usually look down upon these feel-good pieces with little depth, these stories seem to fit well into the papers and evening news broadcasts during the holiday season.

It's the first snow of the year. It fills the city with a sense of glee. People start catching themselves humming tunes to Christmas carols — "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" is usually my opening act. Memories of childhood laughter leap into everyone's head. It sparks the joy of the holiday season.

That is precisely why these stories make the front page. Residents can relate. They want to hear more of these kinds of stories that will get them in the holiday mood. It's a release from the sometimes-overwhelming front-page stories that you wish you hadn't read.

Stories filled the pages of the *Des Moines Register*, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, *The Daily Iowan*, and other papers. They detailed the day's highlights, including weather warnings, snowball fights, less-than-artistic (and borderline obscene) snow constructions, and stories of how students spent their day without class.

The news stories are either soft and enjoyable like the freshly fallen powder or as punishing as the huge balls of ice buried beneath the white blanket.

It's marvelous how quickly news organizations switch their focus from the dangers of a snowstorm to the youthful pleasure that fills the college-student community. What's even more entertaining is the outpouring of comments and reactions from audiences who consume the stories. There is a clear divide between those who are filled with the holiday spirit and the Scrooges who seem to hold a grudge against the inevitable swirling snow each year.

Countless readers criticize media managers for publishing work that is supposedly not newsworthy. Some may even say writing about the weather is the last resort — similar to the hopeless romantic trying to hold on to every last second of a conversation by bringing up the weather outside.

Despite their criticisms, the stories always draw numerous readers and a barrage of comments.

But the massive bombardment of weather-related media isn't great throughout the season — just as the joy of Christmas barely lasts through the beginning of the new year. After the first snow has stopped, the streets are plowed, and slush fills every crevice of the sidewalks. Fluffy snow stories grow irritating and pointless. Though I don't know from personal experience, I imagine it is similar to parents' feelings after the gratification of giving their children new toys turns to outright fury when the things never shut up.

So, as winter rolls on, let's all hope the focus of the news returns to normal. Let today be the last day for the guilty pleasure of placing a snowball fight on a newspaper's front page. Forget the story about strands of peoples' hair freezing as they walk outside.

Let's find a story that's right in between, such as the snowballs you could make Tuesday afternoon — the ones that won't burst on contact or the ice that leaves you limping all the way home. A story that will wake you up when you get hit, leaving you wanting to do something about it. ■

Christie Vilsack is executive director of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies and the former first lady of Iowa.



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Jacob Yarrow, the new Hancher programming director, watches the Parker String Quartet perform in the UI Hospitals and Clinics Coloton Pavilion Atrium on Nov. 17. The performance was the first he set up for Hancher on his own.

## From honking on a sax to Hancher

From the stage to the office, Programming Director Jacob Yarrow brings a fresh perspective to Hancher Auditorium.

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Check out a video feature about Hancher's new programming director, Jacob Yarrow.

A music career can begin with a used saxophone in a funky green plastic case. For Jacob Yarrow, the Hancher Auditorium programming director, it was just that, plus a note from his grandfather.

He distinctly remembers the note's words of wisdom: one — listen to your saxophone teacher, and two — music is a great hobby, but in no way, shape, or form a career.

Despite his grandfather's advice, Yarrow embarked upon a musical life journey. Beginning as a junior-high music teacher, his music career escalated into professional touring stints with the Glenn Miller Orchestra and other ensembles before finally settling into arts administration (first at the Association of Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and now at Hancher Auditorium).

"I eventually decided I couldn't live on a bus much longer," Yarrow said about his move to arts management.

He has served as the Hancher programming director since the beginning of the fall semester. Though this totals only around three and a half months, he said he has become fascinated with the programming process and feels pride in the performances Hancher has brought

to the stage thus far. Hancher presents approximately 20 shows during the academic year. Within each season, Yarrow noted that one of Hancher's primary goals is to present a vast variety in terms of music, dance, theater, and multidisciplinary art.

"There are so many possibilities, and narrowing them down to a grouping of performances that make sense as a whole and appeal to a wide range of people [is difficult]," he said.

As the programming director, he deals with this challenge through monitoring touring ensembles, searching out like-minded organizations for potential collaboration, and keeping his eye on the pulse of both local and national arts trends.

"[Yarrow] is very respected in the field," said Hancher Executive Director Charles Swanson. "He fits in extremely well given that it is an unusual time for Hancher."

Indeed, the UI's premier arts venue has embarked into uncharted territory over the past year. As a direct result of the auditorium's displacement after the June 2008 flood, Hancher's administrative offices have moved across campus numerous times,

### Jacob Yarrow

- **Favorite actor:** Chevy Chase
- **Favorite color:** "Recently, black and gold in response to my children."
- **Favorite weekend activities:** Going to the Iowa Children's Museum or attending a soccer game with his children.
- **Did you know?:** Yarrow is doing a lot of small renovations on his house.

from the Lindquist Center to Seashore Hall (separate from the Hancher Box Office, which is now located in the University Capitol Centre). Additionally, Hancher performances have been staged at 11 local venues, including Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, City High, and the U.S. Cellular Center.

Hancher Marketing Director Robert Cline said the atypical climate presented Yarrow with immediate challenges.

"[Yarrow] had to hit the ground running by facing difficult decisions because of the new programming," Cline said.

Yarrow has risen to the occasion, Cline said. One of the programming director's recent triumphs includes a November recital featuring the Parker Quartet at the UI Hospitals and Clinics (the first performance he set up for Hancher on his own).

"I feel like I give a bigger contribution to the world in helping world-class artists to get on stage for audiences," he said. "I think that is a more valuable role than me honking on a saxophone."

## All the world's a canvass

The UI's International Programs returns with a second installment of the monthly WorldCanvass, featuring African arts and culture.

By ERIC ANDERSEN  
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Iowa City will get a taste of the African arts and culture in the second installment of WorldCanvass, a new program created by the UI International Programs, focusing on a specific topic of cultural interest each month.

Joan Kjaer, the former host of "Know the Score" on Iowa Public Radio and now the senior communications adviser for International Programs, will moderate the event at the Old Capitol Senate Chamber. The two-hour show will start at 5 p.m., and it will be aired on UITV and student radio station KRUI 89.7 FM.

"[WorldCanvass] highlights the many diverse and remarkable activities of faculty, staff, students, and visiting guests from all over this institution, who are involved in 'things international,'" International Programs external-relations director Gerhild Krapf wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. "Joan is remarkably skilled at finding common threads and sharing them with the audience in a way that's easily understandable — but not dumbed down — and very enjoyable."

Kjaer, who used to work as director of communications for Iowa Public Radio, said she puts in at least 20 hours the week of the program, preparing background material and making sure every technical detail is in place. This does not include the planning she does months in advance, setting up guests for future events.

"It's interesting how the second and third guest on



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Art is displayed in the IMU exhibit on Thursday. WorldCanvass features speakers focusing on the UI Museum of Art's collection of African art.

### EVENT

#### WorldCanvass

**When:** 5 p.m. today  
**Where:** Old Capitol Senate Chamber  
**Admission:** Free

**This month's WorldCanvass event features a variety of UI departmental guests including:**

- The Yahoo Drummers, an African drum ensemble featuring UI visiting Professor Cliff Missen
- Geography Professor Rex Honey, who will lead a discussion on human trafficking with two UI graduate students
- Art History Professor Christopher Roy, discussing the UI Museum's Stanley Collection of African Art
- Journalism Associate Professor and documentarian Leo Eko, presenting his work in Africa
- Graduate student Sunday Goshit, comparing life in Nigeria and the United States
- Former UNICEF officer Alan Brody, reading from his children's fable, "The Forbidden Fru Fru Fruits Epidemic," which brings up issues of HIV/AIDS to young children

the show will reflect back to what the first guest may have said," she said in her soothing, made-for-radio voice. "It sort of feels like that really interesting party or dinner you went to, where people you never met were sitting next to you, and by the end of the evening it sort of feels like you know about what they do with their lives."

Kjaer initially thought two hours would be a long time for a live show, but she said she was amazed at how quickly the first WorldCanvass, focusing on human rights, went by.

"One hundred fifty people attended the first show, and it was the limit of the seats," she said. "It really was an amazing turnout, and we hope the program will continue to gain an audience."

### ARTS

#### Student Video Productions puts students' work on display on UITV

As UI students prepare for final exams, another student group is getting ready to put its work on television for public consumption.

Starting at 8 p.m. Dec. 13, Student Video Productions will air 10 programs back-to-back. These shows will be featured on channel 4 in UI dorms, channel 17 for the city. The event is being held as what can be considered a finale of sorts for the fall semester. In fact, many of the

shows featured will be airing their own season finale.

Student Video Productions, now in its 28th season, is an organization that was created for the sole purpose of generating television shows for UITV, the UI's on-campus cable network. The idea to have every show run on one night is a new one, as shows typically air throughout the semester on alternate weeks.

For participants in Student Video Productions, this event will be a chance to show off the results of their efforts. The group's marketing director, UI senior Alex Scott, said that for those involved, the experience

will be much like that of an art show or theater performance in that it will introduce work to an expanded audience.

"Not only does airing all of our shows at once allow students to see the wide range of material we produce, it allows us to see what's working and what's not," he said. "Getting our work out there ... allows our creativity to be seen and our opinions to be heard."

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— by Rebecca Koons

### SANTAS ABOUND



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Several Santa figurines line the railroad tracks that run through the house of David and Roxanne Bahnsen on Thursday. The display also features more than 100 Santas, three train sets, a Nativity Scene, and rooftop decorations. The Bahnsens began collecting the plastic Santa figures, known as "blow molds," in 1991.

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# Climate brouhaha heats up

By **H. JOSEF HEBERT**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At a critical time, the uproar over stolen e-mails suggesting scientists suppressed contrary views about climate change has emboldened skeptics — including congressional Republicans looking to scuttle President Obama's push for mandatory reductions in greenhouse gases.

The e-mail brouhaha dubbed "Climategate" by doubters comes as U.S. delegates to the international climate conference in Copenhagen are trying to persuade the world the United States is determined to move aggressively to rein in heat-trapping pollution. To counter the delegates, a group of GOP lawmakers is going to Copenhagen to argue against mandatory greenhouse-gas reductions.

The climate skeptics gained political momentum when former Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin said Obama should boycott the negotiations in Denmark and "not be a party to fraudulent scientific practices" — a clear reference to the purloined e-mails from computers belonging to scientists at a British climate research center.

Obama is going anyway. Former Vice President Al Gore, the most recognized U.S. voice on climate change, quickly rebutted Palin and accused the climate deniers in an interview with CNN of "taking things out of context and misrepresenting" what the e-mails actually said. On Thursday, more than 1,700 British scientists released a statement saying they continue to have "the utmost confidence in the observational evidence for global warming and the scientific basis for concluding that it is due primarily to human activities."

That hasn't stopped Senate Republicans. More than two dozen sent a letter to U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon on Thursday demanding that he launch an independent inquiry into the e-mails. GOP lawmakers say they will loudly and often raise questions about what they consider a corruption of climate science at the Denmark conference,

where delegates from 192 nations are trying to forge a political agreement.

It all began when hackers broke into a computer system belonging to a highly respected climate research center at Britain's University of East Anglia, stole several thousand e-mails spanning a decade among some of the world's leading climate scientists, and three weeks ago put some of the spiciest ones on the Internet.

One referred to using a "trick" that could be used to "hide the decline" of temperatures. Another disparaged the skeptics, and a scientist said "the last thing I need is news articles claiming to question temperature increases."

Yet another complained about "getting hassled by a couple of people" to release temperature data that suggests uncertainties about climate change. "Don't any of you three tell anybody that the UK has a Freedom of Information Act," Phil Jones, the director of climate research unit, wrote in one e-mail.

Jones, who temporarily stepped aside as unit director as an investigation into the matter proceeds, has said the comments have been taken out of context and there never was an intent to manipulate data.

Opponents of legislation before Congress to cap heat-trapping emissions and cut them as much as 17 percent by 2020 have seized on the e-mail disclosures and are likely to use them not only at the Copenhagen talks but in the Senate debate of climate change early next year.

"These e-mails show a pattern of suppression, manipulation, and secrecy," insisted Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., a longtime climate skeptic who is among a group of GOP lawmakers heading for Copenhagen.

"We now have thousands of e-mails showing several of the U.N.'s top scientists apparently evading laws requiring transparency, defaming scientists with opposing viewpoints, and manipulating data to fit preconceived opinions," declared Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., another leading climate skeptic in Congress, also going to Copenhagen.

# Americans' net worth rises

By **DANIEL WAGNER**  
and **DAVE CARPENTER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Inch by inch, Americans are recovering some of their vast loss of wealth from the recession, thanks to gains in stock investments and home values.

It's likely to be a long trek.

Net worth — the value of assets such as homes, bank accounts, and investments, minus such debts as mortgages and credit cards — rose 5 percent last quarter, to \$53.4 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. That was the second-straight quarterly increase.

Yet even with those gains, Americans' net worth remains far below its revised peak of \$64.5 trillion reached before the recession began. That underscores the vast loss of wealth over the past two years. Net worth would need to rise an additional 21 percent just to return to its pre-recession height.

And many analysts don't expect a repeat of the strong second- and third-quarter gains any time soon. That's why Scott Hoyt, the senior director of consumer economics at Moody's Economy.com, thinks household wealth won't match its pre-recession peak until about 2012.

"We're clearly moving in the right direction, although we have questions about whether we



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Shoppers look at TomTom GPS devices at a Target store in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, on Nov. 27. Americans got wealthier for a second-straight quarter in the fall, as the economic recovery again boosted home values and investments.

can get there as quickly as we have in the past couple of quarters," Hoyt said.

Stock investments delivered the biggest boost to net worth in the July-September period. The value of stocks jumped \$1.04 trillion, or about 17 percent — slightly less than the previous quarter's rise.

That increase mirrored the stock market's powerful showing. The Standard & Poor's 500 index, a barometer of the market, rose 15 percent in the third quarter. And it's surged about 60 percent since March.

Still, even with an additional 4 percent gain so far in the fourth quarter, the S&P index is still 32 percent off the peak of October 2007. The recession began in December 2007.

Net worth hit bottom at \$48.5 trillion in the first quarter of 2009. That fol-

lowed three huge quarterly declines: 5 percent in the third quarter of 2008, 10 percent in the fourth quarter, and 6 percent in the first quarter of this year.

In coming months, the gains in net worth are expected to slow, along with the broader economic recovery. Credit remains tight. And consumers still aren't spending freely.

Some analysts fear the Fed's policy of cheap lending and the weak dollar are inflating stock market performance and encouraging too much speculation. They say the gains of recent quarters aren't sustainable.

"We will eventually recover the loss in net worth, but it may take three to five years," said Mark Vitner, senior economist for Wells Fargo Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

Real estate was a smaller part of the increase in

third-quarter net worth. The value of American households' real-estate holdings rose 2 percent, or \$348 billion. But analysts expect prices to dip again this winter as foreclosures spread and economic growth remains modest.

Barclays Capital economist Michelle Meyer forecasts an 8 percent drop in prices before they hit bottom next spring. Other analysts expect a drop of 5 to 10 percent.

Americans also are paying off debt at record levels, the Fed said. They reduced mortgages, credit cards, and other loans by 2.6 percent in the third quarter and have been cutting household debt levels for a year. That's a healthy sign for personal finances, but a cautionary one for economic growth: Consumers are paring their debt with money they might otherwise be spending.

Economists say they doubt the higher net worth will lead many consumers to spend more, thereby invigorating the economic recovery.

"The psychological effects of the big declines are so fresh that people are still scared — they don't have faith in the wealth," Hoyt said. "And much of the gains are from stock increases. How many consumers are confident enough that those gains are real and not going to evaporate next week that they're going to go out and spend more?"

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### BASEBALL

#### Hawks to play I-Cubs

The Iowa Cubs announced on Thursday plans to open the 2010 season with an exhibition game against the Iowa baseball team at Principal Park, in Des Moines, on April 7, 2010, at 6:35 p.m.

The Triple-A Chicago Cubs affiliate team and the Hawkeyes are slated for a seven-inning matchup the night before the I-Cubs open the 2010 Pacific Coast League season at home against the Nashville Sounds.

Since 2004, the Hawkeyes have played exhibition contests against the Iowa Cubs every two years.

The last time Iowa played the minor league squad, the Hawkeyes fell, 3-1, managing just four hits.

"We are excited about the opportunity to play the Iowa Cubs again," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said in a statement. "This will be extra special with Hall-of-Famer Ryne Sandberg managing. We appreciate the relationship we have with the Iowa Cubs and everything that they've done for us."

General-admission tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Reserved grandstand and field box seats are \$10 and \$12, respectively.

I-Cub season-ticket holders will receive an admission to the game with their ticket packages.

— by Ryan Young

### FOOTBALL

#### Ferentz among 10 finalists for Coach of Year

On Thursday, Liberty Mutual Insurance selected Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz as one of 10 finalists for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award. The accolade goes to a Football Bowl Subdivision coach who displays sportsmanship, integrity, and responsibility on and away from the gridiron.

Fans can vote for Ferentz at [www.CoachoftheYear.com](http://www.CoachoftheYear.com). If the 11-year Iowa coach wins, \$50,000 will be donated to a charity of Ferentz's choice and a \$20,000 grant will be donated to the UI Alumni Association for scholarships and activities. Voting begins on Dec. 15 and runs until Dec. 29.

Also on Thursday, the NCAA released its Graduation Success Rates among the 10 college football teams playing in BCS bowl games this winter. Of the 10 schools, Iowa finished second overall with a 74 percent rate. The only institution with a higher percentage was Cincinnati, with 75 percent.

— by Brendan Stiles

### CORRECTION

In the Dec. 10 article "Hawks try to shake their luck in Ames," the *DI* incorrectly reported the number of Iowa natives on the Iowa women's basketball team. Four players hail from Iowa: freshman Trisha Nesbitt, freshman Jamie Printy, junior Kelsey Cermak, and sophomore Kelly Krei. The *DI* regrets the error.

### FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit [dailyiowan.com](http://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 previews Iowa's game against No. 9 Georgia Tech in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl in Miami on Jan. 5, 2010.

### IOWA 48, NORTHERN IOWA 3



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa 149-pounder Brent Metcalf gets points for a near-fall before eventually pinning Northern Iowa's Trevor Kittleson during a dual between Iowa and Northern Iowa on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa won the meet, 48-3.

# Wrestlers maul N. Iowa

Successful substitutions and six pins helped No. 1 Iowa oust Northern Iowa Thursday night.

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Coming off a sloppy 18-16 victory against No. 2 Iowa State in Ames, concerns about a potential fall from grace weighed heavily on the Hawkeyes.

But any misgivings were quickly eased Thursday night as No. 1 Iowa posted six pins and three major decisions to down Northern Iowa in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 48-3.

"It's lopsided. That's the way it needs to be," Iowa head coach Tom Brands. "That's what you preach, and that's what you see these guys talk about, so you feel good that maybe these guys feel good."

#### Iowa 48, Northern Iowa 3

125 – No. 10 Matt McDonough (I) pinned Caleb Flores (UNI), 4:38  
133 – Nate Moore (I) pinned Ryan Jauch (UNI), 2:42  
141 – Montell Marion (I) pinned Trent Washington (UNI), 3:28  
149 – No. 1 Brent Metcalf (I) pinned Trevor Kittleson (UNI), 3:49  
157 – Aaron Janssen (I) major dec. Tyson Reiner (UNI), 11-1  
165 – No. 5 Ryan Morningstar (I) pinned David Bonin (UNI), 5:32  
174 – No. 2 Jay Borschel (I) pinned Jarion Beets (UNI) 4:44  
184 – No. 6 Phillip Keddy (I) major dec. Andy O'Loughlin (UNI), 15-5  
197 – No. 10 Chad Beatty (I) major dec. Dustin Bauman (UNI), 15-5  
Hwt. – No. 17 Christian Brantley (UNI) dec. Blake Rasing (I), 3-2

With four-straight falls, Iowa mounted a 24-0 lead. Redshirt freshman Matt McDonough spearheaded the effort at 125 pounds, sticking Northern Iowa redshirt junior Caleb Flores to the mat in 4:38.

At 133, Iowa lacked the services of All-American senior Daniel Dennis, who donned a

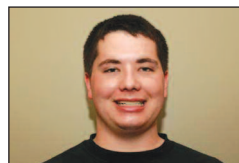
walking boot during the meet. Brands said "a bad thing happened" during practice Wednesday night but declined to comment on the severity of the injury.

"Dan Dennis is a tough guy, and he'll be fine," the fourth-year Iowa head coach said.

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### COMMENTARY

## Iowa goes back to business



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The Iowa wrestling team went to Ames on Sunday and won an uncomfortably close match against Iowa State. Between the rivalry, the No. 1 versus No. 2, and hostile Hilton Coliseum, adrenaline was spilling out of Hawkeye ears while facing the Cyclones.

Iowa's intensity showed in the first five matches (four wins), but the last five were sluggish (four losses).

Combine their finish with the emotionally draining win, and one could imagine the Hawkeyes coming into Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday against Northern Iowa with an Iowa State hangover.

It happened to the football team after its win over then-No. 5 Penn State. One week after the Hawkeyes' dominating win over the

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### IOWA STATE 85, IOWA 66

## Women Hawks fall to Iowa St.

Turnovers and 3-pointers spell doom for the women's basketball team.

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Iowa State entered its game against Iowa averaging an NCAA-best 11.2 made 3-pointers per game.

On Thursday, the Cyclones (6-1) hit 16 shots from beyond the arc en route to an 85-66 victory over the Iowa women's basketball team (5-5) in Hilton Coliseum. The loss is Iowa's third straight, while the victory marks the Cyclones' fifth-straight win overall, as well their fifth-straight against the Hawkeyes in Ames.

A total of 12,244 fans braved the blistering cold and filed into Hilton Coliseum to watch Iowa State avenge last year's loss to the

Hawkeyes. Iowa upset the then 22nd-ranked Cyclones, 66-46, on Dec. 7, 2008, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Thursday night was a vastly different story for Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder and her squad.

"[Hilton Coliseum] is a tough place to play," she said in a postgame radio interview. "They play well here. They play with a lot of confidence. They're very emotional when they play, and they did a really good job."

The Hawkeyes entered the game knowing they had to keep senior point guard Alison Lacey in check, but they weren't able to do so.

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### Iowa (3-6) at Iowa State (6-3)

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## Hoopsters still without Lickliter

The team will visit Ames tonight to face Iowa State without head coach Todd Lickliter.

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Iowa men's basketball head coach Todd Lickliter may not be on the court tonight in Ames, but he assured players and fans on Thursday that he'll be watching.

Thursday marked the first time Lickliter spoke publicly since revealing on Tuesday that doctors had to stent his carotid artery after discovering a tear last week. That artery is responsible for bringing blood to the head and neck.

And for the third-straight game, Lickliter will not be on the Hawkeyes' bench as they take on Iowa State at 7 p.m. today in Hilton Coliseum. Associate head



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter waits on the sideline during Iowa's game against Texas in the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic at the Sprint Center in Kansas City on Nov. 23.

coach Chad Walthall will continue to fill Lickliter's head-coach duties. The decision for the third-year Iowa head coach to stay away came after doctors

recommended rest as he continues to recover from the procedure, which took place on Dec. 5. Lickliter

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The Hawkeyes didn't falter in Dennis' absence, though. Iowa City product and West High graduate Nate Moore managed a late first-period pin against Panther redshirt freshman Ryan Jaunch in his collegiate debut for Iowa.

Moore, a "game-time decision" by Brands, tallied a 23-4 record and 13 pins while competing unattached last season.

Afterwards, Iowa sported another lineup surprise at 141 in sophomore Montell Marion, who had been previously reinstated following a suspension in February.

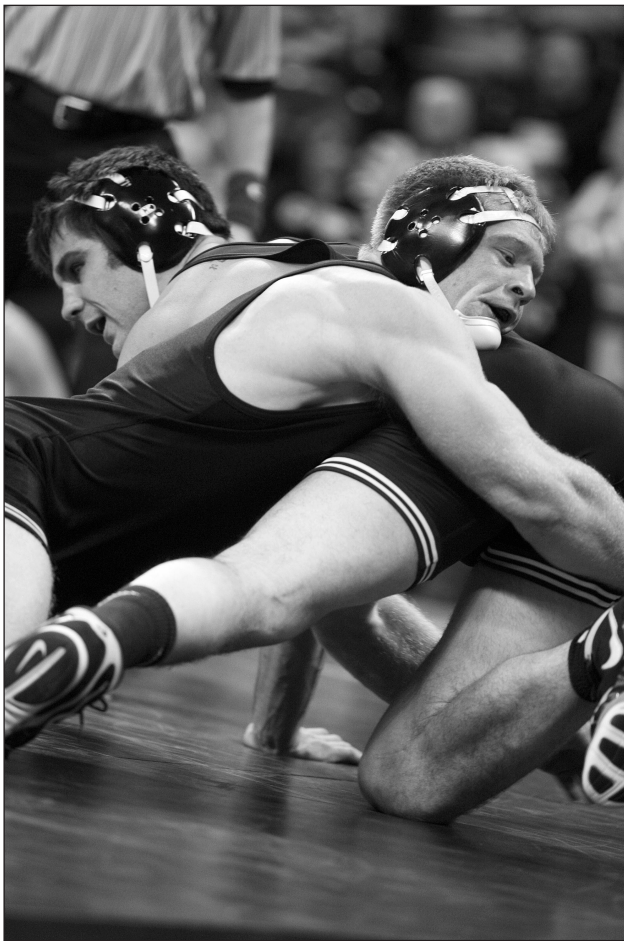
Marion took the place of seventh-ranked senior Dan LeClere, who lost to Cyclone senior Nick Gallick, 8-6, in sudden victory on Sunday. The Des Moines native issued another second-period fall against Northern Iowa's Trent Washington in 3:28.

Brands said the swap wasn't a reflection of past performances and that LeClere is still the No. 1 wrestler at the weight class for the Hawkeyes. But considering the team's November wrestle-off, the Iowa coaching staff elected to go with Marion against the Panthers.

LeClere, Marion, and senior Joe Slaton will all compete in the Midlands Championships later this month.

Marion said increased maturity and soaring positivity over the past 10 months helped earn him a chance on the mat.

"Basically, ever since the incident or since my suspension, I've shown that I'm a changed person," he said. "A lot's changed since then. I was stupid. I was a stupid kid."



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Iowa 197-pounder Chad Beatty wrestles Northern Iowa's Dustin Bauman during a dual between Iowa and Northern Iowa on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Beatty won the match, 15-5.

'Basically, ever since the incident or since my suspension, I've shown that I'm a changed person. A lot's changed since then. I was stupid. I was a stupid kid.'

- Montell Marion, sophomore

After Marion's tyrannizing show in front of an announced crowd of 5,490, the top-ranked Hawkeyes continued to illustrate their in-state supremacy.

Seniors Ryan Morningstar and Jay Borschel posted back-to-back falls at 165 and 174, respectively, following an intermission that effectively put the meet well out of reach

for Northern Iowa at 40-0.

Sophomore heavy-weight Blake Rasing recorded the only Iowa loss, a 3-2 decision against No. 17 Panther big man Christian Brantley.

Heading into the holidays, the victory pleased Iowa 149-pounder Brent Metcalf.

"We did a pretty good job of taking what we wanted," he said.

would never allow his team to come unprepared.

After the Iowa State victory, Brands was not happy. Iowa had just beaten the best team in the country outside of Iowa City, and the coach didn't even crack a half-smile. Not even the corner of his mouth twitched indicating the slightest feeling of happiness.

Brands called the win "sloppy." At practice on Tuesday, he told me the team had work to do.

On Thursday, Brands was smiling.

After the match, he went on the radio to chat with Mark Ironside. Brands said he looked over at Ironside at one point and saw him grinning, and that's when he realized he wore the same expression.

It might be one of the only, if not the only, times

you see the fourth-year head coach smiling, though. He joked that he would have to go back to being a "sour-puss" for the cameras and then proceeded to do just that when he said the team can't rest and must build on the win.

Much of this comes from the "Gable philosophy," referring to the attitudes of legendary Iowa head coach Dan Gable, whom Brands wrestled under.

I'm sure Gable would tell you his nine-straight national championships weren't enough, nor were his 21-straight Big Ten titles.

Thursday demonstrated that the wrestlers and coaches at Iowa carry those same attitudes, and you can expect nothing less out of them than a national championship.

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Nittany Lions in State College, Pa., Iowa nearly let Arkansas State come to Kinnick Stadium and steal a victory.

The football team's situation was eerily similar to what the wrestling team faced Thursday.

Both had just beaten highly ranked teams. Both won on the road in very hostile environments. Both faced a vastly inferior opponent next.

But the wrestling team didn't falter.

Not even close.

If you don't believe me, just look at the results of the nine winning weight classes.

Six pins, including the first four weight classes, and three major decisions.

Two of those first four pins belonged to Nate Moore and Montell Marion, both of whom were making their season debuts for the Hawkeyes.

Each wrestler came out ready to make a statement. After building comfortable leads, you could see the grapplers working for the pin. They did not want to accept winning by anything but the greatest margin.

The only loss Iowa suffered was at heavy-weight. Unranked Hawkeye Blake Rasing faced No. 17 Christian Brantley, who defeated Dan Erikson last year, and lost, 3-2.

But Rasing was in the match until the final seconds, and he spent the entire third period taking shots at Brantley's legs, not satisfied just hanging with his ranked opponent.

The reason the Hawkeyes avoided a let-down is their head coach. Tom Brands simply

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

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Lacey scored 19 points while piling up 13 assists and 11 rebounds for only the second triple-double in the history of Iowa State women's basketball.

If Lacey's performance wasn't too much to overcome, Iowa State's Kelsey Bolte was. The 6-1 junior tallied a game-high 26 points. She was 9-of-14 from the field, including an astounding 8-of-13 clip from 3-point land. Led by 17 first-half points from Bolte, the Cyclones headed into the locker room with a 43-29 edge at the half.

Despite Bolte's hot hand, the Hawkeyes clawed to remain within closing distance until the midway point of the second half. A 3-pointer from Iowa sophomore Kelly Krei at the

11:31 mark cut the Iowa State lead to 14, with the Hawkeyes trailing, 61-47.

Fourteen points were the closest Bluder's Bunch could get for the rest of the game.

"I thought, OK, here's our opportunity," Bluder said in a postgame radio interview. "Here, we can get going right now. We just couldn't get it going. Again, it comes down to missed box outs and too many turnovers."

A mini 7-0 Iowa State run caused the lead to balloon to 21 points. Led by 14 points off of Iowa turnovers in the second half, the Cyclones took care of business and secured an 85-66 walloping against their rivals.

In total, Iowa State forced 19 Hawkeye turnovers on the night, ultimately leading to a season-low 50 field-goal attempts for the Hawkeyes.

"If we take away opportunities for ourselves to score, we're not going to

win ball games," Iowa assistant coach Shannon Gage said in a postgame radio interview. "Every category here I can look at, it's across the board. We can look at this and analyze this 10, 15 different ways, but it comes down to giving up 29 points off turnovers. You're not going to win a ball game that way."

Freshmen Jaime Printy and Morgan Johnson were among the few bright spots for the Hawkeyes. Printy led all Iowa scorers with 14 points, while Johnson recorded her second-career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Iowa will experience a layover because of finals before returning to Carver-Hawkeye Arena to take on Drake (5-2) at 1 p.m. Dec. 20. Drake handed Iowa State its only blemish of the season, 78-75, in Des Moines on Nov. 22.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

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had the procedure after visiting doctors for "severe headaches."

However, Licklitter intends to return when Iowa and Drake tangle in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 19.

"It's hard just to step away, especially under these circumstances where I really couldn't prepare them for it," Licklitter said. "I know it can be a lot worse. Without your health, it's hard to enjoy anything, so I'm going to do what the doctors say. I respect them, I appreciate them, and I have confidence in the rest of the program."

"I know that they'll compete well and play hard, and that's what we're trying to do — continue to grow. I'll watch from afar, stay out of their way, and

when I get the chance to come back, we'll resume, and I'll put my touches on."

As for tonight's matchup with the Cyclones, junior Craig Brackins is one Iowa State player catching the Hawkeyes' attention. Last season, Brackins was first team All-Big 12. Through nine games this season, the Palmdale, Calif., native is averaging 17.1 points per game.

"You can see they've made strides, and Craig coming back was huge," Licklitter said. "He's a guy who's multidimensional. There's a reason why he's advertised the way he is. He deserves it."

"I don't know if you stop him, but what you try to do is understand your game plan and try to execute it."

The last Iowa victory at Hilton Coliseum came during the 2003 NIT, with Iowa State having won its previous three home games with the Hawkeyes. Iowa won last year's

matchup at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 73-57.

While the Hawkeyes head to Ames coming off a trip to Cedar Falls that stuck them there an extra day, Iowa State has had more than a week to prepare, not having played since a Dec. 2 home loss to Northern Iowa, 63-60.

Sophomore Matt Gatens sees plenty of similarities between the Cyclones and the Panthers, who beat the Hawkeyes on Dec. 8, 67-50.

"They run a lot of the same plays, so we can take what we learned from this game and take that into the next game with a lot of aspects," he said in an interview with the Hawkeye Radio Network after Iowa lost to UNI. He said he expected Iowa State to be prepared. "It's a great rivalry," he said, "and we'll be ready."

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# Pistons knock off Nuggets

By **LARRY LAGE**  
Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Charlie Villanueva scored 27 points, and Rodney Stuckey had 26 to help the banged-up Detroit Pistons hold on for a 101-99 victory over former teammate Chauncey Billups and the Denver Nuggets on Thursday night.

Billups missed a lay-up in the final seconds, allowing the Pistons to run their winning streak to a season-best four games.

Carmelo Anthony scored 40 points for Denver, Billups had 21 and reserve J.R. Smith added 14. The Northwest Division-leading Nuggets have lost consecutive games for just the second time this season after winning four straight and eight of 10.

Anthony scored 30-plus points for the 14th time this season, one more than all of last season.

Detroit was without Richard Hamilton (right ankle), Ben Gordon (left ankle), Will Bynum (ankles), and Tayshaun Prince (back). Denver's Kenyon Martin (dislocated left pinkie) missed his second straight game.

Detroit traded Billups to Denver 13 months ago for Allen Iverson and his expiring contract to create salary-cap space — which the Pistons used to sign Gordon and Villanueva — and to speed Stuckey's development.

Billups' return didn't register much of a buzz at the Palace, where he was adored for helping Detroit win the 2004 NBA title, and he fell to 0-3 against Detroit as an ex-Piston.

Detroit was very competitive despite adding Bynum to the list of injured players.

Swedish rookie Jonas Jerebko had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Ben Wallace had seven points and 16 rebounds.

Detroit led 52-50 at halftime after 15 lead changes and nine ties.

Denver rallied from eight-point deficits in the third and had a chance to take the lead, but Smith missed a dunk, and the Pistons scored the last seven points of the quarter to lead 80-73.

The Nuggets quickly pulled within two in the fourth, then Villanueva made a 3-pointer as the Pistons scrambled to beat the shot clock and rookie DaJuan Summers followed

with a 3 for another eight-point lead.

Anthony made consecutive three-point plays to tie the game and another shot to put Denver ahead with 3:54 left for the first time since midway through the second quarter.

Chucky Atkins, who left the game in the second half with an injured right ankle, made free throws on the ensuing possession to give Detroit a 95-94 lead.

Wallace's hustle helped the Pistons hold on over the last couple of minutes, scoring on a putback and stealing a pass in the backcourt to set up Stuckey's lay-up that put them ahead by three.

Anthony missed a free throw on the ensuing possession with 52.6 seconds left, then Detroit failed to make a shot on consecutive possessions, and the Nuggets had the ball at midcourt with 6.1 seconds left. Billups had a good look at a shot in the lane, but simply missed it.

Billups was scoreless until making free throws with 1:28 left in the first quarter and missed his first five shots before his lay-up in the final seconds of the first half.

# Spartans beat Oakland

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Draymond Green scored a career-high 19 points and matched his best effort with 12 rebounds to lead No. 12 Michigan State to an 88-57 victory over Oakland, Mich. on Thursday night.

Green hit his first nine shots from the field and finished 9 of 11. He had 16 points and seven rebounds as the Spartans (8-2) took a 44-21 halftime lead.

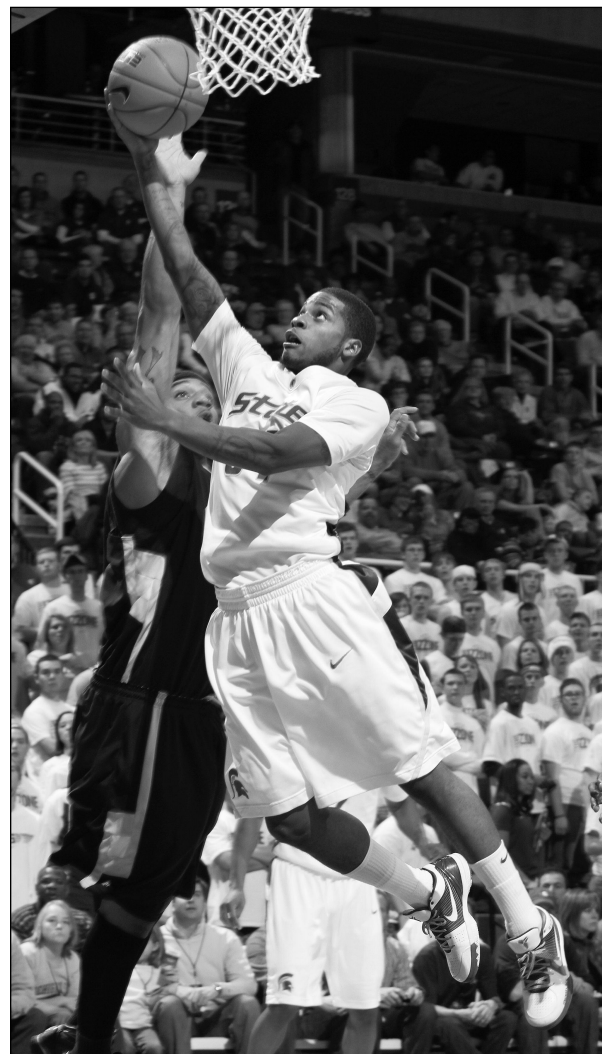
Kalin Lucas had 19 points and Delvon Roe added 11 for the Spartans, who blew the game open with a 25-3 run early in the first half.

Keith Benson had 21 points on 7-of-15 shooting and 11 rebounds for the Golden Grizzlies (4-5). Johnathon Jones, last seasons NCAA assist leader, had nine points, two assists, and four turnovers.

Michigan State shot 63.3 percent from the field and held the Golden Grizzlies to 26.7 percent in the first half. The lead grew to 35 points in the game's final minute.

The Spartans started a smaller lineup with two point guards and got great energy with Korie Lucious replacing Durrell Summers. They got every loose ball in the first 20 minutes and finished with a 41-30 rebound advantage and 20-9 in assists.

Oakland was 5-20 from



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Michigan State's Korie Lucious (right) shoots during the first half Thursday in East Lansing, Mich.

3-point range but just 1-8 in the second half when it couldn't get closer than 20 points.

On a three-game winning streak, Michigan

State gets a nine-day break for semester exams, then plays Indiana University Purdue-Fort Wayne before a Dec. 22 game at No. 2 Texas.

# Browns blind-side slumping Steelers, 13-6

By **TOM WITHERS**  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — There's nothing Super about the Pittsburgh Steelers anymore.

The defending NFL champions lost their fifth straight and had their playoff hopes sacked by the lowly Cleveland Browns, who ended a 12-game losing streak against their bitter rival by beating the Steelers, 13-6, on Thursday night in subzero wind chills.

Ben Roethlisberger was sacked eight times and lost for the first time in 11 career games against the Browns (2-11), who extended Pittsburgh's longest losing streak in six years and defeated the Steelers (6-7) at home for the first time since 2000.

"A long time coming," Brown quarterback Brady Quinn said.

Pittsburgh's postseason chances are in peril — if not over completely. The Steelers are going to need help to make the postseason, a stunning free fall for a team that hit the season's halfway point at 6-2.

Unexpected losses to Kansas City, Oakland, and Cleveland — three of the NFL's worst teams with a combined record of 9-28 — have pushed Pittsburgh to the brink.

Chris Jennings, who began the season on Cleveland's practice squad, scored on a 10-yard run and Phil Dawson kicked a pair of 29-yard field goals for the Browns, who snapped a seven-game losing streak, a 10-game slide at home and beat the Steelers for just the second time in 20 games.

Roethlisberger tried to rally the Steelers, but his fourth-down pass to Antonio Holmes with under two minutes left was knocked down by linebacker David Bowens.

When Holmes was tackled on a punt return and the final second ticked off the scoreboard's clock, frozen Browns fans, who were nearly outnumbered by Terrible Towel-waving Pittsburgh fans, danced in the aisles. Several Cleveland players sprinted down field and jumped

into the Dawg Pound section to celebrate.

The win was just the second for Cleveland's embattled first-year coach Eric Mangini, who certainly helped his job security by beating Pittsburgh, something no Browns coach had done since Chris Palmer nine years ago.

Josh Cribbs, Cleveland's Mr. Everything, rushed for 87 yards out of the wildcat formation, had 104 return yards, and caught one pass for 9 yards. Cribbs picked up a big first down on a 14-yard run in the fourth quarter when the Browns were trying to milk the clock.

Still, the Steelers managed to get the ball back with 6:16 left at their own 21. Roethlisberger, who has broken Cleveland's hearts before, began working his team down field with short passes. But he was sacked at midfield in the final two minutes and had his final pass batted away.

Quinn, making his first career start against Pittsburgh, completed just one pass in the second half and finished 6 of 19 for 90 yards.



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Cleveland Brown running back Chris Jennings (34) dashes past Pittsburgh Steeler cornerback William Gay on a 10-yard touchdown run in the second quarter Thursday in Cleveland.

Roethlisberger went 18 of 32 for 201 yards. He had trouble throwing in the swirling winds that consistently blew over 20 mph and the Steelers were never able to establish their running game against the Browns'

defense, which came in ranked 32nd overall.

Cleveland's defense dominated the first half, sacking Roethlisberger five times and pressuring him on nearly every snap.

Jennings' 10-yard scamper around right end — the

first TD scored by a Cleveland running back in more than a year — put the Browns up 13-0 late in the second quarter. With their defense stuffing the Steelers and the temperature dropping, the Browns' lead seemed insurmountable.

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## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Orange Bowl patches on sale

Iowa football fans can now purchase an exact replica game-day patch to commemorate Iowa's bid to the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl in Miami.

The decal is the same one that will be sewn onto the Hawkeyes' jerseys during their matchup with No. 9 Georgia Tech on Jan. 5, 2010. It will also serve as a ticket to select Iowa men's and women's basketball games with the purchase of a full-price general admission ticket.

Hawkeye faithful attending the postseason contest can also use the patch as a coupon to save money on tickets for two event during the FedEx Orange Bowl's Festival of Events.

The patch will be available beginning Dec. 14 for \$10 at the following locations: the official Hawk Shop, Kum & Go, Scheels, and GameDay Iowa.

— by Ryan Young



## the ledge

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### A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend

- Every morning, first thing, I have a can of diet soda. I can't even shave without my morning soda. I tried it once; I still haven't completely regained the vision in my left eye.
- I think King Kong got what he deserved for beating up that Tyrannosaurus.
- I use a variety of aphrodisiacs in preparation for extended lovemaking, most notably whiskey and fried cheese.
- I'm not as zealous about religion as I once was. Right now, I'm more of a Christmas and Easter atheist.
- I have a lot of acquaintances, but very few close friends. Seriously, I have about six close friends. Give or take three. Actually, take three. So I have three close friends.
- Two, if imaginary friends don't count. Zero if parents don't, either.
- I dropped acid once. Ruined my favorite pair of Skechers, too.
- Lending me a book is effectively the same as giving me a book. (Libraries know better.)
- Do I enjoy answering my own questions? Yes. Yes I do.
- I read *Playboy* for the articles. I look at *Playboy* for the pictures.
- I've written epic poems about past bowel movements.
- If you're good, someday I may show them to you. THE POEMS, I MEAN.

- Andrew R. Juhl continues to learn more about women every day, primarily how much he still has to learn.

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## CRAMMED



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Students cram into the already crowded Cambus near Schaeffer Hall on Thursday. Students had to keep bundled during the frigid day since temperatures were just around 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

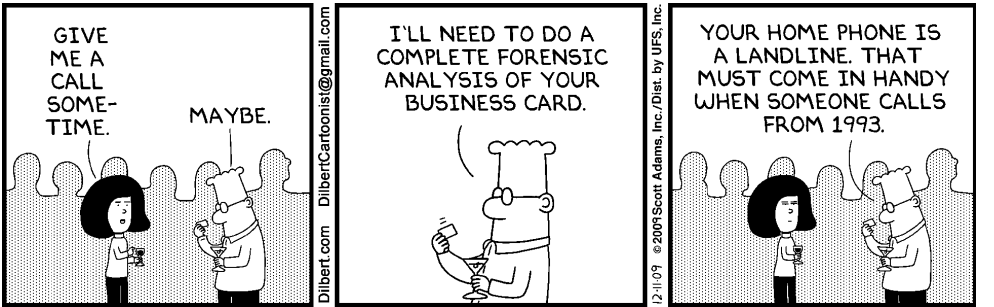
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## horoscopes Friday, December 11, 2009 - by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Forget about trying to get things done, and take the day to relax, travel, about, or pick up gifts or supplies for the social events you will attend later this month. A physical change will boost your confidence. Love is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Don't jump to conclusions, or you may get blamed for spreading rumors. Concentrate on finding solutions for someone you see struggling with too many burdens and responsibilities. A new friendship will turn out to be priceless.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Getting together to celebrate the festive season with some of your peers will help you get an understanding of how you can make your relationships work better. A creative look at some of the plans being implemented at work will give you greater control.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Look for any out that enables you to take off and enjoy the day. Don't let demands lead to overspending. You will come up with alternative ways to please the ones you love without going over budget if you shop wisely.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You will face problems at work if you let someone with a negative attitude put a nix on a project you want to pursue. Home-improvement projects or a space that can be used for entertainment will enhance your life and please the people you live with.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Getting together with friends or collaborating with someone with similar interests will help you reach a destination you've been working toward. Take a practical approach to the expenses that can be incurred at this time of the year.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't push or pressure someone you care about, or you will face resistance. Listen to the complaints being made, and you will find a way to take care of the problems that exist. You can do things on a shoestring if you shop for bargains.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Get the go-ahead from neighbors before you make outside changes. A diplomatic discussion with someone with experience will help you make whatever adjustments are necessary. Reducing your overhead will help eliminate stress.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You might want to do a little research regarding the location you are living in and a destination that interests you both professionally and personally. Don't let someone's change of plans disrupt yours.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Make the first move to reunite with someone you have been missing. Taking the opportunity to make a change will surprise someone you cares for you. A private deal will be profitable if you move quickly.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something good is heading your way. Extra cash or a token of appreciation will help you resolve a problem regarding your current financial status. A budget will be necessary if you want to make the most of what you receive.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Work with others will be a learning experience you won't want to miss. Your talents will be used wisely and will enable you to show what you have to offer. Don't let a romantic encounter cause you to lose sight of your professional goals.

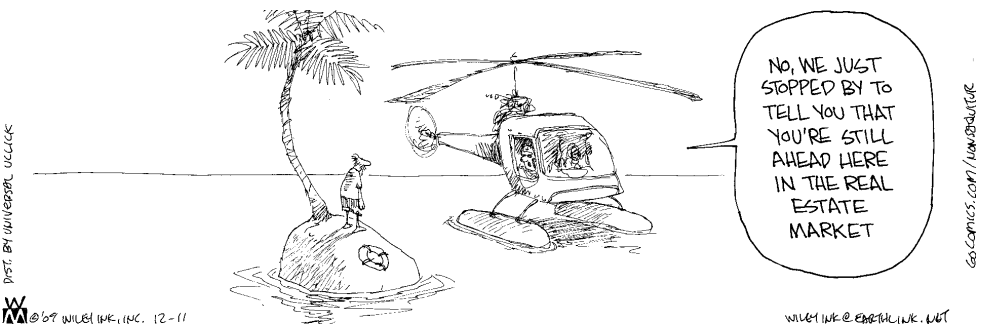
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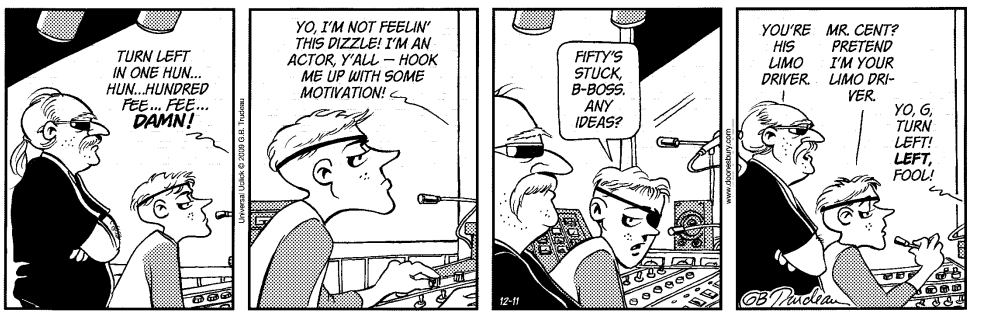
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- **Free Half-Day Entrepreneurship Boot Camp**, 9 a.m., BioVentures Center
- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Tumble Tots**, 10:15 a.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Holiday Tubas**, 12:30 p.m., Old Capitol
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Center for the Book Open House**, 3:30 p.m., North Hall Studios
- **After School Activities**, 4 p.m., Scanlon Gymnasium
- **Flu-Shot Clinic**, 4 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **WorldCanvass: Africa**, Joan Kjaer 5 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Boogie Woogers**, 6 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Marimba Xylophone Music**, 6:45 p.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden Road
- **DMX**, 7 p.m., Marriot Hotel and Conference Center, Coralville
- **Social Justice Potluck**, 7 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market

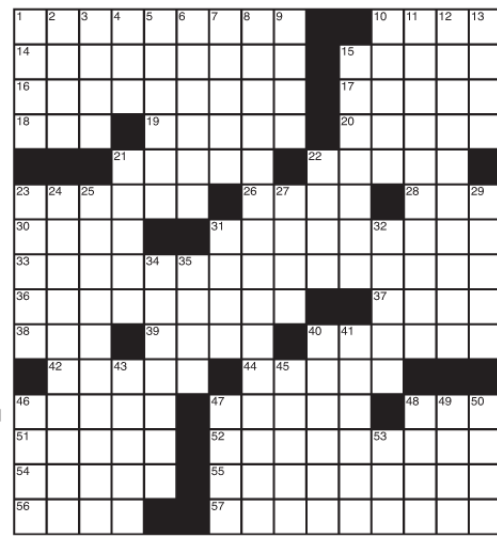
- **A Christmas Carol Radio Play**, City Circle Acting Company, 7:30 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Opera Without Elephants**, School of Music, 7:30 p.m., Englert Theater
- **Collaborative Dance Performance**, *Mixed Signals*, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Matthew Davies and the Sneaky Band**, 8 p.m., Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **How Catherine D... Got Her Expression**, University Theatre Gallery Series, 8 p.m., Theatre B in Theater Building
- **Country Dance Party with DJ Boots**, 9 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 Walleye Drive
- **Crude**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Emmitt-Nershi Band**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Friday Night Karaoke**, with Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **Kris Delmhorst and Jeffrey Foucault**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Campus Activities Board Massage Chairs**, 9 p.m., IMU Hubbard Commons
- **Campus Activities Board Inglorious Basterds**, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Campus Activities Board Night Hawks: Winter Wonderland**, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

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- Across**
- Far Eastern pilgrimage destination
  - Page with convictions
  - Dull type
  - Campus V.I.P.
  - Leader of the pack
  - Clearly riveted
  - "One \_\_\_"
  - "The Ballad of \_\_\_" 1967 comedy western
  - Made time
  - Suspension
  - Relatively stable
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  - Set up
  - Bernina (highest peak in the Eastern Alps)
  - Dull shade
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- Down**
- They had C-shaped sound holes
  - Avalanche, e.g.
  - Best in shows
  - Where some buffalo roam
  - Spotted
  - Kafka's "\_\_\_ Hungerkünstler"
  - City in San Joaquin County
  - Gruff
  - They may be glowing
  - William McKinley's Ohio birthplace
  - Hamburger's acknowledgment
  - Availability sign
  - Occasional medicine dropper?: Abbr.
  - Not so welcoming
  - John Hurt played
  - Caligula in it

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- Across**
- By its nature
  - Wood distillation product
  - Its bulb is small
  - G.P.S. output: Abbr.
  - Vivacious
  - Baseball nickname that's a portmanteau
  - Fibula neighbor
  - They're concerned with checks and balances
  - Sight-seers at the Prado?
  - Split
  - Trip part
  - Kipling's "great gray Lone Wolf"
  - More terrific, to a hip-hopper
  - One may be given a 10
  - Nervous reactions
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