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Jordan Schmidt sits at his grandparents’ house playing video games on Tuesday. Schmidt, one of eight patients in the world diagnosed with epithelioid angiosarcoma, came home from the hospital on Monday; he is taking a break from chemotherapy. (The Daily Iowan/Jaclyn Cooper)

Teen stays optimistic

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The Mumme family made a family cookbook to raise money for Dance Marathon. (Contributed Photo)
MidAmerican Energy is arounsing controversy with its future energy plans

By BAJ VISSER

Despite nuclear-power legislation running into legislative roadblock Tuesday, questions still linger about MidAmerican Energy's nuclear-energy plans. The Des Moines-based company said it has formed a new renewable-energy division, and it is expanding its current wind-energy portfolio.

Recently, an Iowa bill allowing MidAmerican to gather capital for a nuclear-power plant moved into committee. However, legislators con-

cluded the discussion session because of legislative constraints.

MidAmerican said nuclear energy is essential for the state in the coming years.

“We were moving toward a carbon-constrained future,” said Tom Potter, a MidAmerican media-

relations manager. “Nuclear-power generation is one of the few alterna-

tives to meeting Iowa’s power needs.”

She said the cost of coal and coal-transportation will “become dramatically over the near future” because of new Environment-

mental Protection Agency regulations and MidAmerican’s contract negotia-

tions with coal providers.

Nuclear Power Three Midwestern nuclear plants would 30 percent of Iowa's energy.

Iowa: Black Hawk - Black Hawk, Iowa

Wisconsin: Columbia - Columbia, Wis.

Nebraska: Gordon

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

This cost will force the company to look elsewhere for future power genera-

tion, she said.

Until the Iowa Utilities Board gives us the go-

ahead, we cannot commit plan to pay for a nuclear-

power plant,” Potthoff said, and MidAmerican “is in the middle of a three-year fea-

sibility study to determine whether a nuclear plant is in our customers’ and Iowa’s best interests.”

These actions follow MidAmerican running six electric billing rate to com-

plete for changes in fossil-

fuel regulations.

Because the committee session for the bill was canceled, Sen. Jon Jorgenson, D-

Davenport, said he’s unsure when the commit-

tee will meet again to vote on the bill. He said he is opposed to the bill but would not comment on the specifics before a debate was held in the committee.

Rep. Greg Forristall, D-

Macedonia, said nuclear energy is essential to the state.

“To important that Iowa is able to provide its base

load,” he said. “Renewables cannot be expected to do this.”

He voted in favor of the bill when it went before the Iowa House last year.

He called nuclear power “the greenest and most carbon-neutral form of energy in Iowa we have access to” and urged state senators to pass the bill.

Opponents of nuclear energy contend that MidAmerican’s electricity-

rate change is simply a thinly veiled means of pay-

ing for the company’s nuclear plans.

“Even if MidAmerican doesn’t build its nuclear plant, it would still get all the funds from the rate hike and the tax credits,” said Dave Murphy, the executive director of Democracy Now.

While Murphy approved of MidAmerican’s renewable-energy initiative, he called it “baldoozled.”

“MidAmerican wants Iowa to front the risk for its wind farms but keep all the profits to build its nuclear plant,” he said.

Nuclear power is a “sustainable alternative to renewable energies, Mur-

phoy said, or even Iowa’s current reliance on coal.

“We already have an infrastructure that sup-

ports coal,” he said. “You don’t transition to a new devil just because the old one goes out of fashion. You get easy from devils alo-

g ether.”

Murphy said instead of providing MidAmerican Energy with tax incen-

tives, officials should instead extend current wind-farm incentives set to expire at the end of the year.

“We cannot afford Iowa’s transition away from fossil fuels.”

Nuke plans still alive

Vilsack leads King in 2012 fundraising

By LYNN CAMPBELL

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To UI Student Health: We want better condoms

If the University of Iowa Student Health campaign are so dead-set on making a case for safe sex and they wish to encourage the practice it, then why does that not ease up putting condoms?

Condoms, condoms, condoms. Whether it’s the stork passing them out or a lady in a lab coat, the impression is usually one of sexually transmitted diseases, condoms won’t become any less prevalent.

As freshmen living in dorms, many students will witness the widespread availability of condoms, a basket here, a handful there. There’s no shortage of free condoms, but as a community, we should not be more aware that matters but also what, exactly, are available.

Health officials have passed out LifeStyle-brand condoms, for Student Health, cost should be negligible when considering the purchase of assorted brand-name condoms, which, by the way, is more meaningful market value and can limit its use by more than one student.

The widespread availability and subsequent distribution of higher-quality, higher-variation name-brand condoms, as well as the efforts of Student Health officials to pass them out, seems to have taken a turn in a different direction, according to a USA Today report.

The “Avoid the Stork campaign” has come to an end, according to Mintel surveys, the purchase of condoms was 47 percent higher rates — we swear. But even more important than good political policy is the seriousness with which the state takes to service and protect those who are in need.

The split between the state’s social conserva- tives and its pro-choice, not-so-social-conserva- tives is increasing. The state’s social conservative leader during the 2010 gubernatorial primary was Branstad’s Republican challenger, Terry Branstad.

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Occupy Iowa City organizers want to shift their focus away from College Green Park. One place they're looking to be active is the Southeast Side of Iowa City.

The Occupy protest started in College Green last fall, but its presence in the park has dropped substantially since then, with only a handful of people, most of them homeless, staying in the park regularly.

But demonstrators say they’re not tied down to that space. Instead, they’re interested in taking their message around town.

To that end, Lisa Bonar, an Occupy Iowa City outreach liaison to Occupy Des Moines, said Occupy Iowa City plans to focus more on the local community by having conversations with members from Iowa City neighborhoods, focusing on the city’s Southeast Side.

“We want to go out and build the community, to talk directly to the people of color and find out what their needs are,” she said. “I can’t let Occupy out of my sight, but the park and physical occupation was the beginning of the movement — we’ve seen in Des Moines and other cities — it’s not imperative to have an occupation to do things in the community.”

The group’s permit to stay in College Green Park expires at the end of the month, amid what appears to be dwindling participation. One place that space. Instead, they’re no longer holding meetings.

recently formed but is no longer participating in the movement — as part of it, “she said. “We want to do quiet advocacy, but some of them you can’t be as public as possible, and sometimes it does work better to be under the radar,” Bonar said.

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Compared with Des Moines, Bonar said, Occupy Iowa City has been pretty quiet.

“I wouldn’t say we want to do quiet advocacy, but that’s part of it,” she said. “We want to go into the community.”

Occupy Iowa City participants also plan to attend an Occupy the Midwest conference in St. Louis in March, she said, to begin coordinating efforts with regional Occupy groups. Come spring, the Iowa City chapter will look into re-establishing more visible protests.

“We’re wondering what’s going to happen to (the homeless) if the city doesn’t renew the permit,” Bonar said. “We need to do something.”

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WHAT’S SHAKIN’

46 STATES TO GO

Representative, presidential candidate, former Speaker House Beatrice Longhurst, speaks during a Florida Republican presidential primary night rally on Tuesday in Orlando. Gingrich finished second to Mitt Romney in the Florida primary on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Matt Rourke)

BONAR (center) and Haris Ibraim (right) practice their handshake in the Career Series “Preparing for the Fall Job Fair” held by Pomerantz Career Center in the University Capitol Centre on Tuesday. The lecture taught international students how to make positive first impressions at the upcoming Career Fairs. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

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lem until it comes down to what’s right.
I love the past, but we don’t have the toughness that’s necessary to defend in the league.”
When Minnesota head coach Tubby Smith was asked in the first matchup to “loosen excellent defense” when he spoke during the telecon-
ference on Monday. Since that —which was Min-
nnesota’s third-straight to start conference play—the team has won four of its last five.
Smith inserted freshman guard Coleman into the Gophers starting lineup after a 64-62 loss to Iowa in early January As a starter, Coleman led Minnesota in scoring with 13.5 points per game.
“He’s given us a big boost,” Smith said. “His
attitude has been con-
trasting to that he plays with as much passion. His
enthusiasm has been just
那么简单。”
Smith also praised Cole-
man’s improved defen-
sively, something Iowa coaches have noticed.
“Containing the 6-4, 200-
pound Soph — — easily — he’s made 51 trips to
the free-throws line in six games as a starter,”
Iowa guard Josh Oglesby said and that he and his other guards found it especially difficult.
“That’s something that will have to change if Iowa has any hope of sweeping the season series with the Gophers,”
Widen said. “It is just our focus on the defensive end,”
Oglesby said. “We don’t
come into the game know-
ing that we’re going to look someone down.”

Iowa (11-11, 3-6) vs. Minnesota (16-6, 4-5)
When: 8 p.m. Thursday
Where: Carver-Hawkeye
When to watch: Be live

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nent’s weakness, most teams are
are going to figure out ways to
outnumber them on the court.”
Smith said. “They might be able to
get the run of the dribble as
important to us.”

Hawkeyes aim to reverse road woes
With two games lying ahead in the next week — Thursday at Wisconsin and Feb. 5 at Indiana —
and the Hawkeye in a
game-by-game battle for a position both, Iowa has to face and overcome the challenge of winning on the road. Iowa is 1-7 over-
all outside Iowa City, including an 0-4 mark in the Big Ten.
Bluder said getting her young players used to playing in hostile environ-
ments is the key.
“You feel like sometimes
you can’t pull it out at the end” (Wisconsin and Indiana) are too real good oppor-
tunities to get road wins and build our confidence back up.”
Five of Iowa’s seven road losses have been by 8
points or fewer, including losses by 3 and 7 points.
Freshman Virginia Johnson said the win over Purdue gave the team con-
fidence before going on the road, but it’s important to focus for the games ahead.
“It’s nice to have the
Purdue win, but now we
realize we have to get back to work and can’t celebrate too long,” she said.

INTRAMURALS
YouTube sacks sports meetings
Traditional captain meetings were replaced with YouTube videos this semester, but not everyone likes the change.
By TOMMY HENNIG

The idea to replace cap-
tain meetings with live video in the Iowa intramural program came from an unexpected place.
Recreational Services at Florida State recently ditched its long-running
meetings on campus in favor of online videos that relay all information about the most intramural sports to participating athletes.
This semester, Tommy Schorer, Iowa’s assistant director of Recreational Services, got the idea for changing the way athletes learn rules and regulations.
“If I’d do my graduate work at Florida State, and I was talking to a few colleagues about what they were doing in their program,” he said.
“They mentioned how they were using YouTube videos instead of meetings. They had a green screen and everything.”
Iowa Recreational Ser-
services has made videos for intramural soccer and indoor soccer games so far. The nearly 30-
minute video features Schorer and Recreational Services Director Mike Widen reading rules, regu-
lations, and guidelines while a PowerPoint runs through points in the background.
Recreational Services had some meetings in past years, but Widen said his new videos offer a lot of the things the cap-
tain meetings could.
“We always had to use top-secret meeting times for each sport,” he said.
“Meetings that couldn’t be made it to the meetings, and their teams had to be dropped from the league. We didn’t like the rule, but the meetings had to be made mandatory. The videos can be watched any day, any time.”
Athletes who register their teams on recsports.iowasports.com, the school’s intramural sports hub, must now score 85 percent or better on a 20-question quiz before being able to place their squad in a league. A player can take the quiz as many times as he or she needs to pass. Widen said he prefers that captains watch the video, but it isn’t necessary or required to pass the quiz. It’s an important thing, he said, is that someone on the team watch the video, spread it to her or his teammates.
“The point is that they
learn what works well and
what doesn’t work well,” he
said. “We always had to set up meetings to come into the gym and not as boring.”
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The New York Times
By Eugenia Last

Every so often we find ourselves in the middle of a conversation and realize we've been talking for so long that the topic has changed from Paris to New York City. And yet, we're still discussing the same thing: the weather.

Why is it that we always talk about the weather? According to meteorologist and author Jim Simons, it's because we're naturally drawn to the topic. He explains that the weather is a constant presence in our lives, and it affects every aspect of our daily routine.

“People talk about the weather because it’s a daily occurrence that we all experience,” Simons says. “It’s something that we can all relate to, no matter where we live.”

But why does the weather hold such a special place in our conversation? Simons believes it’s because the weather can influence our moods and affect our daily plans.

“Many people have a favorite weather condition: sunny, rainy, or even snowy,” he says. “We use weather to plan our days and to make decisions.”

For example, if you’re planning a picnic, you’ll check the forecast to ensure there’s no chance of rain. If you’re heading out for a hike, you’ll carefully consider the temperature and wind conditions.

In fact, Simons contends that the weather has become so intertwined with our daily lives that we often use it as a topic of conversation to fill awkward pauses or to make small talk.

“People talk about the weather because it’s a common ground,” he says. “No matter what we’re doing, whether we’re at work or at home, we’re all affected by the weather.”

But the weather isn’t just a topic of conversation; it’s also a subject of study. Simons notes that meteorologists and climate scientists are constantly monitoring and analyzing weather patterns to better understand how they affect our planet.

“Weather is a complex system that’s constantly changing,” he says. “It’s a fascinating field of study, and it’s one that’s constantly evolving.”

As we continue to experience the effects of climate change, Simons believes it’s crucial that we all pay attention to the weather and its impact on our lives.

“Weather is not just a topic of conversation,” he says. “It’s a vital part of our daily lives, and it’s something that we all need to be aware of.”

So the next time you find yourself in the middle of a conversation and realize you’ve been talking for too long, don’t be surprised if you find yourself discussing the weather. It’s a natural topic of conversation, and it’s one that’s important to our daily lives.
Montell Marion hopes to finish his career on a high note. After a bumpy, up-and-down career on a high note.

Chief among those things is a likely national championship. Marion wrestled in the 141-pound title match in March 2010.

Marion was arrested for drunk driving two months before the NCAA Championship. Marion kicked off the team.

Marion rejoined the Hawkeyes in January 2011, he got suspended and kicked off the NCAA Tournament. Marion said that he's just going to go through the motions. Marion said that he's just going to go through the motions and not be afraid, and just try to hustle and get a little bit of fun out of it.

Finally, he's only been back a single week. Nothing has really changed for Marion. Marion and the Hawkeyes are the ones in the dark. Marion and the Hawkeyes are the ones who are hurting. Marion and the Hawkeyes are the ones who will reflect many of the mistakes that Marion and the Hawkeyes have been making featuring moments of doubt, lack of focus, and lack of effort.

"I have a lot of stuff that I haven't gotten done that I hope to accomplish in the next 10 years," Marion said. "That’s what’s on my mind. With these final matches, there’re a lot of people that are coming to see this."
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"Landslide of good news"

By SETH ROBERTS

Today is National Signing Day, but none of the roughly two dozen players expected to ink with Iowa are five-star prospects.

Iowa isn’t pulling in a top-25 recruiting class. Or a top-30 class. Or even a top 40 class. According to Rivals.com, the 2012 batch of Hawkeyes is the 43rd-best in the country, south in the Big Ten.

But that’s OK. Iowans—especially down the stretch here—has put together a pretty solid class.

So the Hawkeye head coach Craig Hambert told ESPn.com on Tuesday, "We don’t have a team a lot of people are buzzing about, but they’re quietly doing a good job."

Head coach Kirk Ferentz anticipates at least 23 prep players will ink in their paperworks to become Hawkeye today. The class includes as many as five four-star players, 33 three-stars, and a handful of two-stars, according to Rivals.

Iowa junior guard Jaime Printy has seen her 3-point shooting percentage fall from 38.3 percent in 2010-11 to 20.1 percent this year. The Hawkeye guard hit 11 of her 22 attempts in Iowa’s victory over Purdue Jan. 28, and it just matters of the ball coming in.

"I don’t even notice how she is shooting," said Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder. "I think it’s a matter of the desire to stop the guy who’s in front of you, and right now, we don’t have it."

Another glaring area Iowa has struggled with— which was exposed against Indiana—is Rebounding. The Hoosiers out-rebound- ed McCaffery’s squad 22-20, and had more offensive rebounds (23) than Iowa did defensively (15). It’s a trend that has developed since the team’s trip to Minneapolis. The Hawkeyes are minus-30 on the rebounding department over their last six games— five of which were losses.

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"At any time, I feel like we can get a little bit closer," Printy acknowledged, "but that’s OK. Printy said she needs to work on her 3-point shot to get a better percentage of her shots. She’s averaged 33.7 points a game, which is second in the league. Printy also said she’s been able to maintain her 3-point shooting percentage because of her high percentage of 3-point attempts. She’s worked to keep her shot consistent.

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"I don’t think there is any other coaching staff than Iowa’s in the Big Ten that can get a 50 percent shooter," the coach said. "I think it’s a matter of the coaching staff that can get a 50 percent shooter."