The UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Unit saw 11 meth-related burn patients in 2010.

UIHC meth-lab burn numbers up

By DORA GROTE

Patients with methamphetamine-related burns are filling up the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics burn unit once again.

The steady rise comes from the popularity of the compound — also known as “Blacks and Blues” — method. The method uses a significantly smaller amount of pseudoephedrine but makes significantly less meth, causing the meth maker to produce more frequent, smaller batches, according to the Iowa City police.

Patients in the UIHC burn unit with meth lab-related burns rose from one in 2007 to 11 in 2010.

“It won’t always come out and say they were burning methamphetamine, but if they would have, it could have helped their case if we would have known earlier,” said Kelsey Boehm, the UI College Republicans student coordinator of the Burn Treatment Center.

With meth-related burns taping off because of the 2005 Federal Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act, which regulates over-the-counter purchases of pseudoephedrine — a drug used in methamphetamine production — patients with meth-related injuries sustain some sort of chemical burn, which can become a scald injury at high temperatures, she said. Patients with such injuries receive a thorough irrigation treatment, cleansing of the wound — followed by sentz.

If the wound does not heal as it should it will heal, patients then go into surgery for a skin graft.

“A lot of these people (with meth burns) do not have insurance, so the hospital doesn’t get compensated for care,” Boehm said.

“And when they leave, we have a hard time finding them for their follow-up care.”

Patients typically have to stay in the hospital one day per percent body area burned. After leaving the hospital, patients must attend occupational or physical therapy to help them return everyday exercises.

UIHC occupational therapist Melinda Shetler said burns that cross a joint often scar and cause the skin to become tight, restricting moving and getting.

“Any kind of a life-changing event,” Shetler said. “They have to make the commitment to doing that therapy, and if they don’t, they run
More women wanted in STEM areas

The number of women in UI graduate engineering programs has decreased by 3 percent in the last 10 years, as reported by Asma Elkeurti.

STEM

The number of women pursing science, technology, engineering, or mathematics degrees in Iowa report schools increased between 2000 and 2008:

• Undergraduate: 120
• Professional: 42 to 62

Source: Iowa Math and Science Education Partnership

Elkeurti said it has been known to do so in say, “You’re good at math for a girl.” We want to help people avoid such false paradox. According to the Iowa Math & Science Education Partnership, state Board of Regents’ reports for women in STEM-related graduate programs have increased from 457 degrees awarded in 2000 to 607 in 2008.

James Brown, the executive director of the STEM Education Coalition, said the lack of women and other minority demographics in aerospace and math fields is a multifaceted problem with no simple solution. "People want to make this one-dimensional issue, like it’s a factor of strictly aptitude or mainly biases or mainly culture, but the reality is there’s no one single factor," Brown said. "If brain power is distributed equally through the population — and I think we know of degmas — you have to draw from all parts of the population, whether it’s for STEM fields or other areas.”

Officials in STEM fields should look to recruit all demographics in order to maintain a talented workforce. If you’re trying to get more of our brightest students in our STEM fields as so they can be future innovators, you have to make sure that you’re drawing up backgrounds," he said.

Catherine Whiting, a fourth-year UI graduate student studying theoretical physics, said she has rarely been judged directly based on her sex. “If I feel any inequality, it’s with people who aren’t physicists.” A construction worker once thought I was "the secretary,” she said. “That’s the only time I feel that my gender would play a role.” However, she said, the lack of female peers did lead to some social difficulties. "When I was first starting out, there weren’t a whole lot of women in the grad program, and it’s hard to connect with the guys," she said. “The social aspect was also affected by my gender.”

Rachel McSharry and Becky Bullock work in the Summer Center last March. Both are majoring in civil engineering. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Weldon)
BLITZ FROM CHICAGO铜牌获得者

DOUGLAS TRUMPY

跑步者的"课程"

"课程"由伦敦亚非学院的一群教师和学生组成，他们希望在伦敦亚非学院的普通课程中引入更多非洲语言课程。他们是非洲文明的倡导者，他们希望非洲语言能够成为非洲大陆的一种官方语言。

这些教师和学生认为，非洲语言的使用可以促进非洲文化的保护和传承，同时也有利于促进非洲和世界其他地区的文化交流。

他们提出的课程将涵盖非洲语言的历史、文学、音乐和舞蹈等方面，旨在让学生们更好地了解非洲文化。

目前，这些教师和学生正在与伦敦亚非学院的管理层进行协商，希望能够将这些课程纳入学校的课程体系。

"我们希望这些课程能够吸引更多的学生，让他们能够更好地了解非洲文化和语言，"一位教师说。"这对他们的学术生涯和未来的职业发展都非常有益。"
Should online school be adopted in Iowa?

By Joe Schaeffer

Overreach inness (sign)

If it seems to you like Congress is trying to reach further and further into the lives of its citizens, you're not alone.

I've been8 thinking about this subject a lot recently, and I've decided that Congress should simply not be able to do too much. It's like a promise I made to myself when I first started attending college: I'm going to make sure that Congress can never go too far.

But Congress just won't listen. They keep pushing the envelope, trying to do more and more. It's like they think they can exceed their limits, but I don't think they can.

Here's an example: Congress just passed a law that requires all banks to provide free credit reports to consumers once a year. This is ridiculous! What does Congress think it's doing? Giving people a free pass to steal their identities?

Congress is overreaching. They're trying to reach too far into our lives. They're trying to tell us what we can and can't do. And we can't let them do this.

We need to stand up to Congress and say, "No more. We're not going to let you do this. We're going to hold you accountable for your actions."

Because if we don't, then what's next? Are we going to have to give them permission to tap our phone calls, read our emails, and track our every move? I don't think so.

So we need to draw a line in the sand and say, "This is enough. Congress, you've gone too far."

It's time for Congress to stop overreaching and start concentrating on the things that really matter: national security, the economy, and so on.

But until they do, we need to be vigilant and make sure they don't overreach again. We need to stand up and fight for our rights.

That's what I've been fighting for, and I'm not going to stop until Congress learns its lesson.

Joe Schaeffer
College programs may be cut

The University of Iowa has eliminated 25 programs in last two to three years.

By CHASTITY DILLARD

Higher-education officials nationwide are searching for ways to offset tuition increases sparked by budget crises, with some officials favoring program cuts in academic areas.

“Because states are contributing less every year as far as per student appropriations, campuses have to evaluate what they are spending on — some are eliminating programs,” said Tom Harnisch, a policy analyst for the Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

Stacey Christensen, the University of Northern Iowa’s fiscal-relations manager at the UNI, said the university with courses in last two to three years, the university has

For instance, she said, noting UNI’s 90 percent of state students’ tuition,“It’s kind of a hard situation. ’’

“Cutting programs is painful because some of these programs are popular,” Harnisch said.

“But ultimately, they have to prioritize what the campus is spending the money on,” he said. “And difficult financial times, that means programs may be cut or eliminated.”
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Locals skeptical of ed move

West High students walk through the crowded halls to get to class. The Iowa House Education Committee has voted to take money away from a program designed to reduce class sizes in Iowa. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

By ANNA THEODOSIS
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Local educators say legislative efforts to improve K-12 literacy rates requires policymakers to look at more than they currently are.

The Iowa House Education Committee voted last week to take $20 million from a $30 million education program to reduce class sizes and strengthen child literacy and put it entirely toward an education-reform bill. The bill would split funds with the current education program, which aims to cut class sizes in order to ensure higher test scores.

Part of that bill would require third-grade students to pass a reading exam or be held from moving to the next grade.

Hoover Elementary Principal Diane Bradford said legislators are right to focus on improving literacy.

“I think that it’s very important that the third-grader is ready to move on to fourth grade,” she said. “I think putting as much money as we can into an early childhood program is important.”

Iowa City fourth graders are basically on par with the rest of the state, with a 79.16 percent reading proficiency level as of 2009, compared to the 79.39 percent level statewide, according to a report by the Iowa Department of Education.

However, Bradford, said she remains unsure if money should be shifted around in the process.

“If I had to lean one way or another, it would be preparing kids to move on in order for them to be more literate later on in life,” she said. “We don’t have the opportunity to always control the number of students in the classroom.”

Lincoln Elementary Principal Ann Langenfeld said legislators will have to provide additional tools to ensure third-graders are maintaining the required reading levels.

“I think it would be a huge shift in thinking,” she said. “How do you define if a third-grader is ready for fourth grade? There are so many things that need to be considered.”

House members are split on whether the money shift will be effective in reforming education in Iowa.

“It’s not really changing the purpose of the money,” said Rep. Linda Miller, R-Bettendorf. “I think it makes sense — why wouldn’t you use the money and make it more purposeful?”

But Brad Hudson, the Iowa State Education Association government-relations specialist, said moving the money around takes away from other programs.

“The [initial] program was a reading-recovery initiative,” he said. “If you were above class size, you needed to reduce it. To see $20 million taken away from that program to put it right back into reading recovery, so how do you expand these programs?”

Miller said shifting the $20 million from the current education program would strengthen literacy efforts.

“The outrage about stealing money from one pot and putting it into another program [doing the same thing] is somewhat fringe,” she said. “Of course, everyone in education wants more money for their programs.”

Hudson said new programs should be formed instead of breaking existing ones.

“What we need is additional resources to help students,” he said. “We think the programs in place are successful, but we need to look at some additional programs.”

However, Rep. Curtis Hanson, D-Davenport, said shifting money is pointless.

“It’s shuffling the debt chairs to take money from a program that is designed to reduce class size and put it into another program (doing the same thing),” Hanson said. “It’s renaming the program, but it’s not going to be truly reformed because we are doing this before.”
BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM 10

Baasche’s numbers this season would be more than passable for a Big Ten bench player— if you had better talent in your reserve. He continued to show flashes of brilliance, but his talents were underutilized for the most part. However, he also showed flashes of brilliance when it counted.

The game began slowly with both teams playing an uncharacteristically slow and methodical tempo. Sigma Chi seemed to have the upper hand, keeping both teams in the game throughout the first half. However, it was an extremely close contest, with neither team able to keep the other away from the basket. Sigmas were some of the worst foul shooters in the conference, and they couldn’t manage to find the net. As a result, the game was a relatively low-scoring affair. Sigma Chi managed to keep up the tempo, while the Minutemen were unable to keep up.

The Minutemen were known for their quick scoring and ability to get to the basket, but they couldn’t execute offensively for the most part. The Minutemen had a difficult time scoring against the Sigma Chi defense, which was effective and difficult to read.

The Minutemen entered the tournament as the number one seed, but they were unable to find their rhythm against Sigma Chi. Their defense was effective, and they were able to hold the Minutemen to just 15 points in the first half. However, Sigma Chi managed to get their offense going in the second half, and they were able to weather the Minutemen’s storm.

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Football faces question marks

COMMENTARY

Best of the hoops class

A trio of Hawkeyes helped make Iowa basketball fun again, but not every player had a positive season.

JORDAN GARRETSON

The Iowa men’s basketball team’s run of success under Fran McCaffery is in the hands of the coach. Daily Dailies look at who helped the Hawkeyes reach their first postseason since 2006 — and who held them back from potentially achieving more.

Freshman of the Year: Aaron White

There is no argument here. White was not only this team’s best newcomer, but he impressed observers as much as any Hawkeye freshman in recent memory. The St. Louis, Ohio, native led Iowa in rebounding with 5.7 per game and finished third in scoring at 11.5 per contest. He was simply the biggest draw for the team to select him to the league’s All-Freshman team. In fact, the Hawkeyes had almost no trouble making matters easier for him to succeed in the Big Ten.

Most Improved: Devyn Marble

Marble barely edged Zach McCabe for this distinction. The sophomore guard made a push for MVP until finally slowing down slightly during the second half of the Big Ten season. But before Matt Gatens carried Iowa to a berth in the NIT, Marble res- cued the team from dwindling in disappointment earlier in the year. Marble was virtually forced into full-time point-guard duty for a five-game stretch from Dec. 4-8, and he averaged 16.5 points, 5.2 assists, and only 1.3 turnovers.

Marble is likely to assume the role of Iowa’s leading scorer next season after averaging a team-high 17.9 points 48 hours ago, I would have had no idea what was going on. We needed him to jump his shot to solid- ful transition.

That was before he bothered in a career-high 30 points on Sunday against Oregon, a defensive struggle that saw him make 7-of-9 3-pointers. Looks like he’s more than ready for the role.

Most Disappointing: Malcolm Windows

See Alex McKee.

Iowa forward Aaron White leads a fast break against Dayton in the first round of the NIT in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 13. White had 25 points and 13 rebounds in the Hawkeyes’ 84-71 victory over the Flyers. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Stubs to transfer

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