

The Daily Iowan

IMU aims to relieve finals stress



Students study in the IMU Hubbard Commons on Sunday. The IMU will put on events all week for students as they study for finals. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

FINALS AT THE IMU

The University of Iowa's Center for Student Involvement and Leadership will put on a variety of events to help students relax during finals week. The events are:

Flippin' Into Finals Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. today

Therapy Dogs 6:30 p.m. today

Carbs and Caffeine Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Tuesday

Massage Chairs, 8 p.m.-noon, today-Wednesday

Endless popcorn, today-Thursday

Yoga, today-Wednesday, 9-10 p.m.

The University of Iowa Center for Student Involvement and Leadership kicked off finals at IMU this past weekend with new events.

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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Silence fell in the IMU Sunporch as students left the world of fluorescent lights to a room bordered with twinkling ones. With finals starting this week, students are looking for any way to relax.

"Obviously, it's finals week, and in addition to the snacks and massages, this is another way to de-stress," said Emily Gehrke, a yoga instructor in the University of Iowa Recreational Services. "To just breathe and meditate and just come in and leave here starting fresh."

Yoga is just one of the many new events being offered to students this week by the UI Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. A variety of events, including breakfasts and massage chairs, will be offered.

Free popcorn and coffee are also available to students.

"This is the first time I've studied here, and it's nice to give students free food," UI senior Lana Godlewski said. "The popcorn was good, but I don't know if it was beneficial to my studying."

The UI Student Government partnered with the center to start off the week with a pancake breakfast.

"The biggest thing [we're sponsoring] is the finals breakfast," said UISG President Katherine Valde. "The 'Pancake Man' will be flipping pancakes for as many students that come."

Roughly \$1,000 is being allocated to the Flippin' into Finals Breakfast; the total expenses will not be determined until after the event today.

Valde said UISG is working closely with Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, because they are both housed in the IMU.

"We do a lot of work with [the center], and our partner-

ship is strong," Valde said. "Students have loved the Learning Commons, but we want people to remember to come to the IMU, especially when the library gets filled so quickly."

With the IMU's being open for 24 hours, most students find this beneficial and convenient for studying.

"I usually come [to the IMU] because it's open 24 hours, and there is access to computers," UI senior Jeff Doe said. "It's convenient; there's a full store here."

Some students believe the IMU is a less stressful environment because of the different activities available to students.

"I like to study here because there's a lot going on, and plus I like a little background noise when I study, plus I like seeing people — it's a nice break," UI sophomore John Stables said. "Some people might have early finals, so it's helpful to have the breakfast, and if they're studying late, there are massages."

Pharmacy pushes for new facility

University of Iowa officials advocate funding for a new College of Pharmacy facility.

By **ABIGAIL MEIER**
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After experiencing years of "outdated learning," UI College of Pharmacy officials have high hopes for an approval from the state Legislature to create a new facility on the West Campus.

Within the next few weeks, Iowa legislators will consider the decision to fund construction of a new pharmacy building.

"What we can say about today's facilities is that it is woefully inadequate for educational delivery, pursuit of research and discovery, and providing meaningful opportunities of student exchange — socially and academically," said pharmacy Dean Donald Letendre.

In the potential plan, the UI would demolish Quadrangle Residence Hall and build a new facility in its place. Letendre said officials will request \$70 million to be approved by the state in the upcoming legislative session, which will begin in January. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$96 million.



Gov. Terry Branstad meets students at the Pharmacy Building on Oct. 24. Branstad visited the campus to tour the pharmacy school's facilities. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

After years of conducting classes in cramped classrooms and outdated research labs, the communications director for the school said officials have seen a drop in enrollment and have lost staff members because of the outdated conditions of the facility.

"Have we lost a few faculty members

that we would have preferred not to because of the facility? Absolutely," said Barbara Kelley, strategic communications director at the pharmacy school. "We are a top-notch college of pharmacy, and the UI is known in that nation-

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Life in the tutor era

Iowa tutoring works to remain affordable.

By **MEGAN DEPPE**
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As the prices for tutors rise all across the United States, Iowa City tutoring services try their best to remain affordable and helpful for students.

The tutoring industry is booming — according to NBC News, the typical salary for a full-time tutor has jumped to between \$70,000 and \$120,000, depending on the requirements of the student.

While tutoring services in Iowa are not charging quite that much, there is still a steady need in the industry across all grade levels.

Zach Wahls, a University of Iowa student and freelancer for *The Daily Iowan* who owns Iowa City Learns, said the need for tutoring has not lessened since he opened his business in 2009.

"As someone who received tutor-

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SOLO FLIGHT



Isaac Gardner sings a solo for the male capella group Intersection on Sunday in the IMU Main Lounge. Intersection holds a winter and spring concert every year. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

METRO

UI a good deal, magazine says

The University of Iowa remains one of the best deals in education, according to *Kiplinger's Personal Magazine's* list of the top-100 best values in public colleges.

The list ranks universities on the basis of acceptance rate, retention rate, total cost, and average debt after graduation. Schools are rated both for in-state and out-of-state tuition.

The UI received a rating of 56th for in-state tuition and 85th for out-of-state. This places the UI above both Iowa State, ranked 62nd, and the University of Northern Iowa, ranked 71st.

— by Daniel Seidl

UI recycling team diverts tons of waste

The Iowa Recycling Team diverted 18.5 tons of waste from landfills during the football season.

The team took the waste left at football games and recycled or composted 41 percent of the material.

The University of Iowa Office of Sustainability, Athletics Department, Facilities Management, and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity participated in recycling the waste, both before, during, and after the games.

The program is a way for the UI to achieve its 2020 Vision sustainability goal, which is to have the university divert 60 percent of waste from the landfill by the year 2020.

This is the second year the recycling team has been involved in the recycling competition, which 88 colleges also take part in. The UI placed in 11th place in waste minimization and 24th in diversion rate.

— by Lauren Coffey

Man charged with robbery, theft

An Iowa City man has been accused of breaking into a woman's locker at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

Police charged Jacob Leazer, 27, on Dec. 12 with second-degree robbery and fifth-degree theft.

According to a University of Iowa police complaint, Leazer was observed on video going through a woman's personal belongings on the second floor of the Rec Center.

As seen on tape, the woman confronted Leazer, and he gave her her wallet back by taking it out of his duffel bag and throwing it at her.

She asked for Leazer not to move while she called the police, but he left the scene.

According to the complaint, the woman followed him and stood in front of the exit door, but he pushed her against a glass wall of the building.

She sustained a scratch and redness to her arm.

Leazer left the area before officers arrived, but witnesses on scene wrote down his license-plate information.

Officers spoke with him and he said he found the victim's purse and was going to turn it into lost and found when she confronted him. Leazer also stated he might have bumped into her when he left.

Leazer was also seen on tape going through two others' belongings. The third person has not contacted the police.

The first person told police she had 50 \$1 bills in her wallet.

Second-degree robbery is a Class-C felony. Fifth-degree theft is a simple misdemeanor.

— by Megan Sanchez

Woman charged with theft

A North Liberty woman has been accused of taking large sums of cash from Walmart.

Kissamee Hunter, 29, was charged Dec. 6 with second-degree theft.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Walmart, 2801 Commerce Drive, undertook an internal investigation, and investigators reportedly discovered Hunter had taken large sums of cash in six separate transactions.

This occurred between Nov. 22 and Dec. 6. According to the complaint, Hunter admitted to taking the money under Miranda.

Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

Man charged with gun violation

An Iowa City man has been accused of controlling firearms as a felon.

Antoine Clemons, 36, was charged June 25 with dominion/

control of firearm/offensive weapon by a felon.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to 2842 Whispering Hills Drive for a report that Clemons had pulled a gun on another person.

Upon investigation, detectives learned he was living at the residence with another person.

Clemons had control of two firearms — a 9-mm Jimenez handgun and a Mossberg Zombie pump shotgun.

Clemons admitted to handling the 9-mm while at a range and firing the handgun. He admitted to handling the shotgun as well.

Clemons is a felon, according to his criminal history. He was convicted for a felony on or about March 4, 2008, in Iowa.

He was in possession of these firearms well after his felony status.

Dominion/control of firearm/offensive weapon by a felon is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

Man faces drug, domestic-abuse charges

An Iowa City man has been accused of possessing marijuana and trying to strangle his girlfriend.

Edward Dembry, 21, was charged Sunday with controlled-substance violation and domestic-abuse assault impeding air or blood and causing bodily injury.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to a call from a woman stating Dembry had assaulted her while at their residence. She stated following an argument over property, Dembry held an electrical cord to her neck and threatened to strangle her.

He punched her several times in the face and grabbed her by the neck with his hand and strangled her to the point where she could not breathe.

Dembry also had a knife against her face causing a small laceration. The woman also suffered bruises and a broken nose.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with him and searched his person for the knife, but he did not have it on him.

Officers found a black stocking cap, and inside they reportedly discovered 17 grams of marijuana labeled "green crack," a small digital scale, and several empty plastic baggies.

The woman admitted to knowing Dembry sells marijuana for money.

The two have been together in an intimate relationship since June and have lived together for about five days.

Controlled-substance violation and domestic-abuse assault impeding air or blood and causing bodily injury are Class-D felonies.

— by Megan Sanchez

Man faces several drug charges

An Iowa City man has been accused of allowing a group of people in his residence to smoke marijuana, among other allegations.

Clyde Snow III, 20, was charged Nov. 5 with gathering for use of marijuana, second-offense possession of a controlled substance, controlled-substance violation, possession of a controlled substance in a structure or vehicle, and failure to affix a tax stamp.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers executed a search warrant at Snow's residence, 720 E. Market St. Apt. 3. When they entered the residence, Snow and six others were in the living room allegedly smoking marijuana.

The group allegedly had fresh marijuana, pipes, burnt marijuana, bongs, and other paraphernalia throughout the room.

Several of the codefendants admitted everyone was smoking. One admitted he got a Xanax tab from Snow. Officers reportedly located a pill bottle with approximately 88 Xanax tabs where Snow was seated.

Snow has a prior possession of a controlled-substance conviction from March 6, 2012.

Gathering for use of marijuana and second-offense possession of a controlled substance are serious misdemeanors. Controlled-substance violation and possession of a controlled substance in a structure or vehicle are aggravated misdemeanors. Failure to affix tax stamp is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

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Brandon Barkalow, 25, North Liberty, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

Jennifer Boshart, 25, Coralville, was charged Dec. 14 with OWI.

Edward Dembry, 21, 932 Dearborn St., was charged Sunday with possession of controlled substance.

Bryce Dreckman, 25, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

Michael Durham, 31, Davenport, was charged Dec. 14 with criminal trespass.

Jordyne Eston, 22, 708 Iowa Ave., was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

Herman Hicks, 41, 2001 Keokuk St. Apt. 9, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Abubakr Idris, 41, Coralville, was charged Dec. 14 with taxi violations.

Carl Jones, 27, Cedar Rapids,

was charged Dec. 14 with OWI. **Jay Kramar**, 47, 1819 High St., was charged Dec. 13 with sale of alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Shan Lin, 28, 1559 Vesti Lane, was charged Dec. 13 with making alcohol available to minors.

Christopher Martin, 23, 1104 Hotz Ave., was charged Dec. 13 with driving while license revoked.

Abigal Mata, 19, West Liberty, was charged Dec. 13 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mason Maynard, 24, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 8, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

Wade Marzen, 43, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 56, was charged Dec. 14 with domestic assault.

Donroy Merrival, 46, address unknown, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

Darryl Minniefield, 26, Coralville, was charged Dec. 13 with OWI and child endangerment/abuse.

Eric Montelongo, 27, West Liberty, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lorenzo Montelongo, 24, West Liberty, was charged Dec. 13 with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and OWI.

Jose Mulul, 27, Monmouth, Ill., was charged Sunday with OWI. **Jose Navarrete-Castrgin**, 26, 845 Cross Park Ave. 2D, was charged Dec. 13 with sale of alcoholic beverage to minor. **Austin Nixon**, 18, 436 S. Johnson St. Apt. 6, was charged Dec. 14 with keeping a disorderly house. **Kaylynn Palechek**, 20, 1831 Gleason Ave., was charged Dec. 14 with OWI. **Jessica Popham**, 29, Craw-

fordsville, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI. **Kenneth Ring**, 53, 4515 Melrose Ave., was charged Dec. 14 with public intoxication. **Ana Paulina Rodriguez-Fernandez**, 27, 4866 E. Court Street, was charged Sunday with OWI. **Andrew Sauer**, 22, 406 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 914, was charged Dec. 14 with keeping a disorderly house. **Austin Sublett**, 21, Ridge, Ill., was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication. **Stephanie Tsevas**, 47, 1029 St. Clements Alley, was charged Dec. 14 with interference with official acts. **Carol Wilson**, 59, 10 Rowland Court, was charged Dec. 13 with fifth-degree theft. **Christopher Yates**, 57, address unknown, was charged Dec. 12 with public intoxication.

Lawmakers outline their goals for 2014

By LILY ABROMEIT
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The next legislative session is approaching for Iowa, and legislators are beginning to reflect on the last year in order to create plans for the future.

Senate President Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque

"It's going to be kind of hard to beat last year's session; we really did achieve some major issues," Jochum said. "We will look at what we overlooked ... [and] fix those problems."



Jochum

She hopes to strengthen educational efforts.

"The big, overarching goal is to continue to strengthen and expand the middle class, and we will do that by ensuring all people in Iowa, from preschool to high school have ... a world-class education,"

she said.

Equalizing wages is also an issue in Iowa she would like to see resolved.

"We need to be focused on making sure that when taxpayers invest in job-creation programs that those jobs actually are paying a living wage," she said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Steve Sodders, D-State Center

Sodder said he expects this session to be a quieter one as one outcome of the productive year.

"I think last year, a lot of things got done [and] this year will be probably more tweaks to things we did last year. There might be some program tweaks here and there, but I don't expect too many huge, controversial bills coming out this year ... in part because there were major milestones last year."



Sodders

He hopes the productivity in the past session will transfer to the next one, adding that a goal is to focus on expanding broadband coverage across the state.

"I think in this next session, one of my main focus and goals is going to be looking at broadband expansion to all Iowans [and] to hit the rural areas of the state. That's going to be very important for economic growth."

House Speaker Pro Tempore Rep. Steve Olson, R-DeWitt

Olson said an assessment of last year is necessary for future development.

"I think we have to evaluate all the programs we passed last year to make sure there aren't any hiccups [or if] we need to make small adaptations or whatever we need to do so we can move forward."



Olson

A tax freeze as well as in-

frastructure will be on his list of goals. He also thinks important issues need to be featured early, so as not to extend the session more than necessary.

"Hopefully, it will be a shorter session, and if there are a major issues that come up, they need to come up front and center ... and fairly early in the session. Anything that needs to be tackled of major importance is going to be tackled right out of the box; otherwise, it's not going to happen."

Assistant Republican Leader Rep. Matt Windschitl, R-Missouri Valley

Windschitl said he would like to see the Legislature work together in a timely fashion. He said he wants to mainly focus on tax reform during the upcoming session.



Windschitl

"Hopefully, we will be able to work through our differences rather quickly, seeing

as we are already [poised] to understand each others differences between the House and Senate."

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville

Jacoby said he hopes to see a continuation of bipartisan efforts, something he noticed was in the beginning stages last year.

"This year, we're going to have some fiscal challenges [and] I think there's going to be some idealistic challenges with the extreme tea-party people and the Republican Party, [but] it's all about compromise and moving forward."

He also said he hopes to see a strong focus on education in the coming session as well as efforts on tax reform among other things.

"My first goal is to make STEM universal for all K-12 students and then my second goal is to be successful in connecting a passenger rail from Chicago to Council

Bluffs. And then my third goal ... is to reform our property tax and our income tax, [because] I'd like to simplify our taxes."

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville

Dvorsky said as the head of the Appropriations Committee, the tuition freeze will be a focus of his.

"My biggest focus is always the budget. Particularly this year, the regents have asked for a 4 percent increase ... and they say if they get [an] increase, they can freeze tuition, which is important."

While Dvorsky said he plans to focus on elder abuse and dealing with food insecurities. He hopes the Legislature will work to fine-tune programs from the previous session.

Additionally, he said, he hopes the budget is sorted out "in a timely fashion" in order to shorten the session.



Jacoby



Dvorsky

METRO

Poll: Health law seen as eroding coverage

WASHINGTON — Americans who already have health insurance are blaming President Obama's health care overhaul for their rising premiums and deductibles, and overall, 3 in 4 say the rollout of coverage for

the uninsured has gone poorly.

An Associated Press-GfK poll finds that health care remains politically charged going into next year's congressional elections. Keeping the refurbished HealthCare.gov website running smoothly is just one of Obama's challenges, maybe not the biggest.

The poll found a striking level of unease about the law among people who have

health insurance and aren't looking for any more government help. Those are the 85 percent of Americans who the White House says don't have to be worried about the president's historic push to expand coverage for the uninsured.

In the survey, nearly half of those with job-based or other private coverage say their policies will change next year

— mostly for the worse. Nearly 4 in 5 (77 percent) blame the changes on the Affordable Care Act, even though the trend toward leaner coverage predates the law's passage.

Sixty-nine percent say their premiums will go up, while 59 percent say annual deductibles or copayments are increasing. Only 21 percent of those with private

coverage said their plan is expanding to cover more types of medical care, though coverage of preventive care at no charge to the patient has been required by the law for the past couple of years.

Fourteen percent said coverage for spouses is being restricted or eliminated, and 11 percent said their plan is being discontinued.

"Rightly or wrongly, people with private insurance looking at next year are really worried about what is going to happen," said Robert Blendon, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, who tracks public opinion on health care issues. "The website is not the whole story."

— Associated Press

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COLUMN

Abe tops the pope



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Last week, *Time* magazine gave its (somewhat) prestigious honor of “Person of the Year” to the recently inaugurated Pope Francis, due to his reforming, almost radical tonal (but not policy) shifts on gay marriage and women’s ordination while also taking a rabble-rousing, populist economic stance, slamming trickle-down economics and the “idolatry of money.”

This is a perfectly fine choice; Francis has certainly added life and vigor to an institution plagued by corruption and stagnation. However, I believe a certain dark-horse candidate deserves some recognition for completely shifting the debate on an issue that, given his recent statements, means quite a lot to Francis: the structure of our economic systems.

In this regard, the Person of the Year is clearly Japanese Prime Minister Shinzō Abe.

Following his election in late 2012, Abe embarked on an audacious economic experiment, appropriately given the portmanteau “Abenomics.”

The monetary aim of Abenomics, to simplify a great deal, is to reverse decades-long deflation trends in the Japanese economy by lowering interest rates, effectively weakening the Japanese currency, the Yen. The intended effect, as *Business Insider’s* Joe Wisenthal has pointed out, is to encourage spending that boosts domestic economic activity.

Fiscally, Abenomics requires massive amounts of public works and stimulus spending (around \$60 billion for 2013 and around \$260 billion over the next five years) with the goal of spurring economic activity through such activities as building roads and bridges

and repairing the large swathes of Japan damaged during the 2010 earthquake.

Finally, there are the structural aspects of Abenomics that have the much more long-term goals of modernizing and keeping the Japanese economy competitive. These reforms include encouraging more female participation in the labor force, creating an environmentally friendly regulatory apparatus, and the promotion of Japanese culture worldwide.

To dumb down all that complex economic mumbo-jumbo, Abenomics is basically a mammoth, New Deal-style, Keynesian program of direct government intervention in the economy, the complete opposite the cut and slash austerity politics proposed and implemented by right-wingers in the United States and Europe.

As *Slate’s* Matt Yglesias notes, industrial production, household spending, and the Japanese stock market index all rose substantially in the wake of Abenomics’ implementation, and the Japanese economy has done nothing but grow in 2013, including an astounding 3.8 percent gain in the first fiscal quarter.

The economic theory behind austerity is horribly flawed, and Abenomics proves that. While Europe has languished under regressive cuts to public expenditures (which have done zilch to ease the Eurozone crisis), Japan continues to grow thanks to a plan of colossal government spending and aggressive monetary policy that is anathema to the prophets of austerity.

On a more humanistic note, however, Abenomics reaffirms the principle of an activist government whose role is to ensure a basic and comfortable standard of living for its citizens.

This government does not simply exist in the minds of bleeding hearts like yours truly, but on a practical level it works. Just look to the nation of the Rising Sun for proof.

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EDITORIAL

Regulate antibiotics

For years, the practice of giving antibiotics to livestock in attempts to encourage growth and ward off infections has gone unaddressed by the Food and Drug Administration, an omission that has finally been rectified.

On Dec. 11, the FDA announced that it would regulate the use of antibiotics — which are commonly added to the feed or drinking water to promote faster weight gain and prevent disease — in livestock, “banning” certain antibiotics from use. The FDA’s recommendation instructs drug manufacturers to voluntarily alter their labels so that antibiotics are not sold for the purpose of making livestock grow faster.

It’s a clear message and very necessary: Antibiotics should be used to fight disease, not to boost growth. We support the FDA’s move to limit antibiotic use, though stricter restrictions may be necessary to fight the problem in the future.

As in humans, infectious disease among animals can be fought using the right antibiotics. While those that prefer their food organic may disagree, their proper use raises no cause for alarm. And yet, though a livestock farmer may have all the right intentions, the results of antibiotic overuse can be lethal.

After enough of them are administered, the bacteria responsible for causing the infection can become resistant to certain antibiotics, leaving the host helpless. It’s an insidious phenomenon that kills 23,000 people each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number is startling, but when you consider the amount of antibiotics used by livestock farmers, is also unsurprising. Some estimate that as many as 80 percent of the antibiotics sold in the country are for livestock use. Doctors have cautioned for years against antibiotic overuse in humans, but it seems the agricultural industry is behind the times.

The warning signs for antibiotic misuse in raising

livestock have been there for some time. In 2008, the Pew Charitable Trusts found the persistent use of antibiotics in livestock made the drugs grow weaker and weaker over time. But heavy lobbying from the agricultural industry has prevented change from happening until now.

Unfortunately, this policy change may not mean much as it stands. While the recommendations discourage antibiotic use for bulking up livestock, they lack a legal backing. The FDA has chosen to take an approach focused on voluntary change rather than face the long procedure of product-by-product certification.

Indeed, several researchers and consumer health advocates have argued the industry, which has welcomed the changes as a whole, will not be subject to the kind of oversight that the FDA has promised and that the FDA’s action is more a move to appease growing concerns about antibiotic use.

Still others believe that the FDA’s recommendations place too much of a burden on those raising livestock. They need some wiggle room, it’s argued, to administer antibiotics as they see fit.

But when thousands of people are dying from antibiotic-resistant infections in part because of these practices, the FDA needs to step in. It’s apparent that antibiotic use in livestock has gone beyond the prevention of disease and into the realm of an animal-fattening arms race.

With these new recommendations, the FDA has made a sensible first step in regulating livestock antibiotic use, but more are needed to ensure livestock are being medicated responsibly.

YOUR TURN

Do you think the FDA should restrict antibiotics for livestock?

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COLUMN

English curriculum is inclusive



Sri Ponnada

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Last week, fellow columnist Ashley Lee expressed her frustration with the UI English Department’s failure to include perspectives from different races.

Lee wrote, in her column titled, “Teach lit in black and white,” that she isn’t sure what the English Department and UI faculty expect undergraduate students to take away from this major, which she claims ignores the voices of individuals who do not come from European or other white backgrounds.

Lee used Intro to the English Major’s as an example. She wrote that “the class is overwhelmingly British- and American-based, and it relies almost exclusively on Western and European perspectives.”

As a woman of color, I can sympathize with Lee’s frustrations. I was in Intro to the English Major this fall semester, and it would have been nice to read more works by authors of different

racess. I agree with Lee that many times the voices of people of color become marginalized, while works by white individuals are glorified and presented as being some sort of “universal truth.”

This is undoubtedly very problematic.

However, I don’t think Lee is right to use a curriculum from one English class (that is subject to change almost every semester based on the instructor) to essentially present the entire English Department as ignorant of black voices and quick to universalize whiteness. There are quite a few instructors in the department who work very hard to break these barriers and make English classes inclusive of as many different perspectives as possible.

One such instructor who has dedicated herself to battling the issue of inclusion in her courses is Taryne Taylor, a graduate instructor and head of the General Education Literature textbook committee.

I took a class with Taylor this semester. I was pleasantly surprised by how diverse her reading syllabus was. We read works by many black writers such as Nalo Hopkin-

son and Lucille Clifton. We also read works by other women of color, including Suniti Namjoshi, Gloria Anzaldúa, and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain. Furthermore, the stories and poems we covered by white authors dealt a lot with issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression that people face.

“There are a number of ‘white texts,’ including traditional canon texts that deal with issues of race and ethnicity in interesting ways (and I am including whiteness),” Taylor said. “There are white authors who deal directly with the oppression of people of color like Aphra Behn’s *Oroonoko* (1688), and there are others who deal with issues of non-normative whiteness such as Irishness, Jewishness, LGBTQ identities, and so on.”

Despite her efforts, Taylor also pointed out how difficult it can be to engage students on issues of race.

“Whenever you deal with issues of representation there is a lot of responsibility that comes with that,” Taylor said. “Talking about systematic oppression makes people uncomfortable, and efforts to be inclusive and to include the voices of people of color

and other minorities can often be read as devaluing the perspectives of those who identify with the hegemony.”

As Taylor illustrates, it is certainly a struggle for instructors to find the right balance when trying to “teach lit in black and white” — especially given the extremely complex and diverse world that we live in today.

Taylor isn’t the only one trying. If you take a look at the English classes being offered next spring, there are many that cover works by people of color. Some courses even focus solely on these non-white identities, such as African Literature, taught by Peter Nazareth.

While I understand Lee may be annoyed that she didn’t read many works by writers of color in the classes that she has taken so far, it’s not OK to ignore the hard work of instructors who are trying to move away from the “whiteness” of curriculum that Lee is fed up with.

The English Department may not be perfect in terms of racial inclusion, but there is definitely a lot of effort being made to teach lit in black, white, brown, and everything else in between.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ ONLINE COMMENTS

English Department embraces diversity

I am writing in response to Ashley Lee’s opinion column of Dec. 13 (“Teach lit in black and white”). Even as Lee takes to task the English Department’s introductory course, what a wonderful statement of the power of studying literature she provides. Although that introduction aims to sample the full diversity of literature in English and the varied approaches to engaging it, no single course can satisfactorily represent the range, the richness,

and the complexity appropriate to the study of English.

Each semester’s version of Introduction to the Major has different emphases, and I regret that this semester’s version has given Lee the idea that the English Department endorses the hegemonic power of a Eurocentric white tradition, since this is precisely one of the concepts that our curriculum aims to question. English faculty will continue to argue over and revise the scope of this introductory course (a committee happened to discuss it the very day this editorial was

published), but no single course can do justice to the broad and sophisticated engagement with questions of race, class, gender, power, and the human experience that I hope the complete major in English does offer.

I would encourage all interested students to enroll in the many English Department courses that explicitly engage these questions, including such courses as *Literatures of the American Peoples: Diverse American Voices* and *American Drama since 1900: The African American Drama* (both

with space still available for next semester).

I wholeheartedly endorse Lee’s point that studying literature allows us “to consider human experiences and their complexities” and to see that “no text is completely universal.” The range of coursework in the Department of English is a great place to engage in that imaginative complexity and to challenge the assumptions that Ashley rightly sees as a cause for concern.

Jonathan Wilcox

Professor and head of the Department of English

Colorado governor visits shooting victim

By DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — Colorado's governor asked the nation Sunday for prayers for the 17-year-old girl who was critically wounded by a classmate at her suburban Denver high school.

Gov. John Hickenlooper also credited security procedures adopted after the 1999 massacre at nearby Columbine High School for helping put a quick end to the Arapahoe High School shooting by Karl Pierson, an 18-year-old student who shot Claire Davis at point-blank range before killing himself.

"We all have to keep Claire in our thoughts and prayers," he told CBS' "Face the Nation." Davis is hospitalized at Littleton Adventist Hospital.

Davis is in critical condition and stable, but she is in a coma, her family said in a statement issued on the hospital's Facebook page Sunday.

"The first responders got Claire to the right place at the right time," the family said. They also praised the care she was receiving and expressed thanks for the outpouring of prayers and support.

Approximately 500 classmates held a candlelight vigil Dec. 14 for Davis, who was sitting with a friend near the school library when she was shot in the head. Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson has said investigators think she was shot at random by Pierson, who had gone into the school looking for a teacher with whom he had a dispute.

Pierson may have been nursing a grudge against

the teacher — a librarian and head of the school debate team — since September. Pierson was on the team and had been disciplined by the librarian for reasons yet to be disclosed, the sheriff said. He said Pierson threatened that teacher in September and came to the school Dec. 13 intending to harm him and inflict numerous other casualties.

Pierson excelled at speech and debate and was passionate about the team, friends said. They described him as a smart student who apparently didn't shirk from confrontations in class.

"He's a funny kid. He's smart. He's in the Eagle Scouts, a very intelligent kid. Did not like being wrong," said August Clary, who was a friend of Pierson. "If you're arguing with him, it's going to be, that's a feat if you win an argument against him."

"He would not be afraid to tell someone how he feels," said Zach Runberg, 18, a senior in Pierson's English class.

Pierson legally bought a shotgun on Dec. 6 at a local store, and he purchased ammunition the morning of the shootings. He managed to ignite a Molotov cocktail inside the school library before he killed himself as a fast-acting school security officer, a deputy sheriff, closed in, Robinson said.

That officer's aggressive response prevented more casualties, Robinson said. It's a tactic adopted nationwide after Columbine, in which first responders cordoned off the school before pursuing two student gunmen inside. The two killed 12 students and a teach-



Roses and a sign of support are woven into a cyclone fence around a tennis court at Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colo., on Dec. 14. The school was the scene of a shooting on Dec. 13 that left a student gunman dead and two other students injured. (Associated Press)

er before killing themselves.

"It's nice to see how well the system worked," Hickenlooper said. "It's a remarkable improvement from before. This could have been much, much worse."

After the Aurora, Colo., theater shootings and the Newtown, Conn., school shootings, Colorado's Democrat-led Legislature this year im-

plemented gun-control measures that limited the size of ammunition magazines and instituted universal background checks. Colorado also appropriated more than \$20 million for mental-health hotlines and local crisis centers.

The measures were intended to address violence associated with so-called assault rifles, not shotguns, which are

widely owned for hunting and sport.

Hickenlooper acknowledged the latest shooting raised again questions about guns and violence. But he noted that Pierson "didn't seem to exhibit any signs of mental illness," and he cautioned that the investigation was in its early stages.

"Everyone in Colorado is asking the same ques-

tions," the governor said. "On the one hand there is a deeply held conviction for the freedoms laid out in the Second Amendment, but also a very, very strong conviction about the safety of children and the safety of the community."

The Dec. 13 shooting, he said, "defies any explanation, and you know we are searching for some pattern."

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DAILY BREAK

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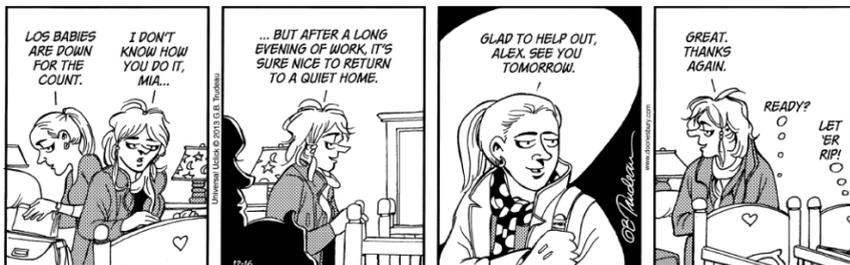
Why finals shouldn't be scheduled so close to the holidays:

- All this studying makes you more depressed than when you learned the truth about Santa in eighth grade.
- Instead of getting lost in the wonder and magic of the holiday season, you get lost trying to properly set up a stoichiometry equation.
- Your studies begin to influence your holiday thoughts, and you begin asking questions such as "Could Santa's elves perhaps be the presumed-extinct Homo floresiensis we learned about in Human Origins?"
- Your diversions become holiday-tinged, like attempting to disprove Santa's existence by using rate and distance formulae from your Calculus for Business notes.
- Instead of wearing festive red and green and listening to Christmas ditties, you feel like dressing in all black, putting on mascara, and pumping up the scream.
- You end up thinking about the rhetoric behind and the ulterior motives in Christmas commercials, instead of just enjoying how truly cheesy they are.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Brendan O'Donnell for the material in today's Ledge.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



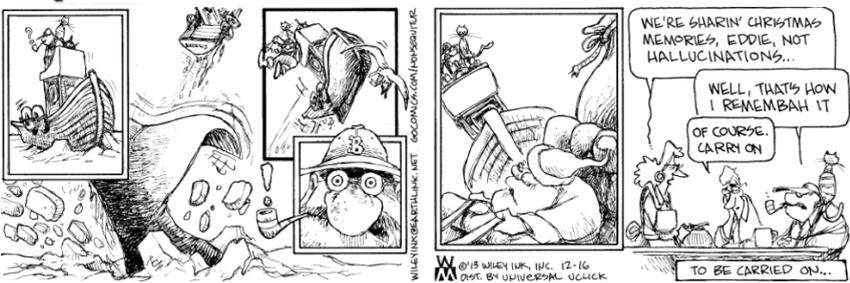
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by Scott Adams



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today's events

- **Call for Artists**, the UI Museum of Art seeks 12 artists to create wearable works of art inspired by Jackson Pollock's *Mural*. Works will be featured in a fashion show at the Museum Party, April 24, 2014. The Museum Party will celebrate the unveiling of the restored *Mural* at the J. Paul Getty Museum on March 10, 2014. Design submissions due Jan. 13, 2014: See the website <http://uima.uiowa.edu/jackson-pollock/> for details. Submissions, questions: Elizabeth Wallace, elizabeth-m-wallace@uiowa.edu
- **Biology Special Seminar**, "The UI Microfabrication Facility," Aju Jugessu, director of the facility, noon, 106 Biology Building East
- **Chemistry Seminar**, "Fundamental Paradigms of Structure and Reactivity in Uranium Coordination Complexes," Henry La

- Pierre, Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nuremberg, 12:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Inventor Office Hours**, UI Research Foundation, 2-3 p.m., 5 Gilmore
- **Open Mike**, J Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Catacombs of Comedy**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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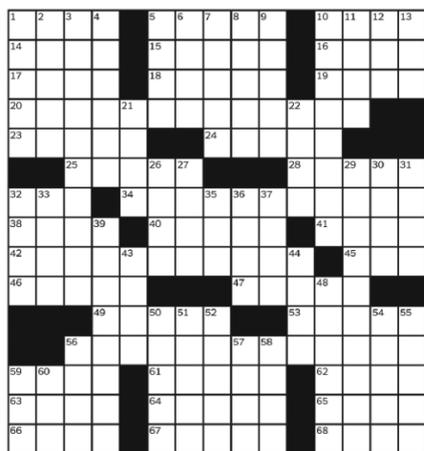
OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1111

- ACROSS**
- 1 "The Lord of the Rings" creatures
 - 5 Sprinkle with holy water
 - 10 Number in a quartet
 - 14 Muck
 - 15 Preceded, with "to"
 - 16 Lol
 - 17 New ___ (Enya type)
 - 18 Licoricelike flavor
 - 19 Colored part of the eye
 - 20 Friendly comment after providing information
 - 23 Sports stadium
 - 24 Lesser-played part of a 45
 - 25 Cellist Casals
 - 28 Puccini opera or its heroine
 - 32 Put ___ happy face
 - 34 Goes "pop!" as a jack-in-the-box
 - 38 Shakespeare in the Park founder/producer Joseph
 - 40 Italian birthplace of Paganini
 - 41 Captain ___ (pirate)
 - 42 Rome's nickname, with "the"
 - 45 Lock unlocker
 - 46 The king, in France
 - 47 Volleyball star Gabrielle
 - 49 Cuckoo ___
 - 53 French words describing how roast beef is often served
 - 56 Author of the verse that starts with the beginnings of 20-, 34- and 42-Across
 - 59 Coca-___
 - 61 Bramble
 - 62 ___ (approximately)
 - 63 Prefix with lock

- DOWN**
- 1 Nebraska's largest city
 - 2 Severity
 - 3 Party streamer material
 - 4 One of the Williams sisters
 - 5 Lacking pizzazz
 - 6 Sultry singer Horne
 - 7 Does some magazine work
 - 8 Fish-on-rice serving
 - 9 Put the pedal to the metal
 - 10 Simple means of animation
 - 11 They're in locks on a boat
 - 12 Israeli-made gun
 - 13 In medias ___
 - 21 Keep ___ on (watch)
 - 22 Tennis do-overs
 - 26 Org. for women drivers
 - 27 Pitcher Hersher
 - 29 Quirky bandleader with the City Slickers
 - 30 Give up
 - 31 Handy-___
 - 64 Whiskered creature
 - 65 Loaned
 - 66 Dynamite sound
 - 67 Insects with big stingers
 - 68 Where sailors go



- PUZZLE BY ELIZABETH C. GORSKI**
- 32 German automaker
 - 33 Kids' detective ___ the Great
 - 35 "Monsters, ___"
 - 36 Alternative to rouge in roulette
 - 37 Box-office take
 - 39 Declare loudly
 - 43 River near the Pyramids
 - 44 2013, e.g.
 - 48 Domelike top
 - 50 U-shaped bend in a river
 - 51 Magna ___
 - 52 Makes woolen booties, e.g.
 - 54 Slightly leading in score
 - 55 Mattress brand
 - 56 Voice below soprano
 - 57 Shallow's opposite
 - 58 Makes mistakes
 - 59 Hack's vehicle
 - 60 Yoko who married John

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horoscopes

Monday, December 16, 2013 by Eugenia Latt

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Protect your position and your reputation. Acting on impulse may be difficult to control. Do your legwork and get all the information you require to make the right decision before you jump into something unpredictable.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't leave room for error. Tie up loose ends, and head toward the end of the year feeling less stressed. Make last-minute alterations to financial, legal, or contractual matters. Putting a little effort into updating your image will bring compliments.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You'll come up with solutions by turning a negative into a positive. A partnership that interests you should be discussed in depth so you can adjust your current schedule to fit upcoming endeavors. Networking will open up your options.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Keep a lid on any secret information that you have been told. A situation at work appears to be unstable. Be discreet, and stay on top of the jobs you are expected to complete. A relationship you cherish must be handled with diplomacy.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Share information, and you will be able to put alternative options in place regarding how you can get ahead and help others. Travel plans will result in delays or problems with personal documents. Use charm to improve a difficult situation.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Prepare to put in extra time if it's required to finish a job. Don't be fooled by someone making a fuss or not being honest about a job. Work at your own pace, and don't take on someone else's responsibilities.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Set up talks that will allow you to address emotional issues that are of concern to you. Making plans to spend time with friends, relatives, or people who share your interests should be organized. You tend to overdo it, so pace yourself.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gather information, and share your findings. Make last-minute plans with someone you love to spend time with and show a less predictable side of your personality. Emotional spending will lead to added stress if you haven't budgeted for the future.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Onlookers will find you exciting, but those closer to you will worry about your erratic or inconsistent behavior. Reassure those concerned by offering up your strategy. Change will make you happy and lead to better professional opportunities.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Show responsibility if you want to have things your way and completed by year's end. Watch over anyone supposedly working on your behalf. It's better to be safe than sorry. Empty promises are present, and they will require a suitable backup plan.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Learn from experience. You don't have to imitate what others do as long as you can meet whatever deadline you face and do a stellar job. Positive thoughts and actions will lead to both personal and professional victory.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You have discipline and tenacity working for you. Take physical action, and complete whatever job you are given. Less said and more done will help you prove what you are capable of doing. Be a contributor, not a blowhard.

The future will be better tomorrow.

— Dan Quayle

PHARMACY

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wide realm of pharmacy schools. We need to stay at the forefront of the nation.”

Within the past few years, Kelley said, the number of applications the college has received has decreased. In 2010, the college had 785 applicants; as of this fall, the school received 568.

When comparing the UI

pharmacy school to other popular pharmacy facilities, Kelley said Kansas and Kentucky have larger and updated buildings. She said the UI only has four breakout rooms, while other schools will have 25 to 30, and they are almost twice the size.

She said the students and researchers need another area in which they can crunch the data and do their communication and research in a separate room.

The best way to see

change on the UI campus and advocate for a new building is allowing the state leaders to see the facility firsthand, Letendre said.

Lentendre has reached out to legislators for the past few months by conducting tours, visiting legislators in their hometowns, and visiting the Capitol advocating for a new facility.

The six-year dean of the school said most effective way to understand the areas in which the college

suffers is to invite legislators to tour the current facility. In October, Gov. Terry Branstad visited the facility in order to persuade the state leaders to support a new building.

Over the summer, Brandstad denied funding for planning a new building, saying the money would be better spent on the building itself.

“There’s always going to be demands for additional facilities, but we have got to make sure that we’re prioritizing with the lim-

ited resources that we have,” Branstad said in a previous interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

The last major update the facility has seen was in the west wing in 1996, which will remain if the funding is approved. The section from 1961 would be demolished.

A UI senior who is currently in the process of applying to the College of Pharmacy said she hopes legislators will approve the budget, because the health-care system and

technology are constantly evolving.

In order for the university to continue to produce the best and highly skilled pharmacists, Alyssa Breitbart said, the facilities need to evolve as well.

“It is equally important for a pharmacy school to provide me with a professional and knowledgeable base to help meet patients’ needs at the highest level I can offer in our ever changing health-care system,” Breitbart said.

TUTORS

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ing when I was younger, I knew the demand was there,” he said.

Wahls’ business is a service for middle- and high-school students in the Iowa City School District.

Iowa City Learns has not had an increase in price since it opened, which Wahls attributed as “we’ve got a good thing going, so we’re not trying to fix what isn’t broken.”

“I think there are a lot of people trying to help, but tutoring can be expensive, and sometimes the people who need the most help cannot afford it,” Wahls said.

One of the problems with tutoring is students sometimes do not seek help until late in the semester, which makes it more difficult for tutors to help them in the way they need.

Caitlin Phelan, an undergraduate teaching assistant at the UI who works in the business

fraternity Beta Alpha Psi to connect struggling business students with tutors, said she has seen this problem.

“The biggest issue is that people decide they need help after the second midterm,” Phelan said.

Generally, she said, most students won’t sign up to get a tutor until at least a month into the semester, and which requires the tutor to spend more time going over old material close to tests. She said this is not helpful for tutors, because they wish

to help students learn as best they can, and going over all the material at once is not generally what they strive for.

Waiting until the last minute also makes it more difficult to find tutors who are not busy trying to study themselves, said to Beta Alpha Psi tutor Megan Cerney.

“We’ve been struggling to finding enough tutoring for the ‘tutorees,’” Cerney said. “I definitely think there’s been a shortage.”

Cerney said her tutor-

ing service through Beta Alpha Psi is free, and she believes it helps students.

“It’s easy access, and it’s free,” Cerney said. “Tutoring can get pretty expensive.”

Phelan said half of Beta Alpha Psi is involved in the tutoring program, and the service has had to turn down only five students this semester. She also said while tutoring is beneficial for the students receiving help, it’s also good practice for the students who are tutoring.

“I know when I tutor, I’m studying for myself as well,” Phelan said. “I consider it to be study time as well as tutor time.”

Phelan said one of the main trends with students looking for help is only a few people sign up during the first two to three weeks of school; instead, they wait until after their first midterm or until right before the final exam.

“I think there are definitely opportunities for tutoring,” Phelan said. “It’s out there if you need it.”

METRO & NATION

Police release more details in Bloomfield case

The Iowa City police have released more information about John Bloomfield’s murder charge.

John Bloomfield, 73, of St. Paul, Minn., was charged in November with first-degree murder in the death of his wife.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, on Sept. 20, 1997, Bloomfield killed the his wife. The body was recovered along a road near Rockford, Ill.

Bloomfield had an interest in another woman, the complaint said, and he was reportedly in the Chicago area during the time his wife was killed.

However, the police cannot account for his whereabouts for a length of time sufficient to drive to Iowa City and commit the homicide.

A forensic analysis of one of the ligatures used to bind the victim’s body revealed DNA from a male source.

The DNA was forensically analyzed using Y-STR DNA analysis and then compared to Bloomfield’s Y-STR DNA.

The Y chromosome profile is consistent with Bloomfield’s Y chromosome, the police said.

In addition, a hair was located on the “sticky” side of the tape located on the body and was found to be microscopically similar to Bloomfield’s hair, according to the police report.

In the period immediately after the crime, as well as in the intervening years, Bloomfield has given inconsistent accounts of time leading up to the murder and his discovery that his wife was missing.

Bloomfield made his first court appearance on Dec. 13, and his preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 23.

First-degree murder is a Class-A felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

A Coralville man has been accused of choking his girlfriend.

Brandon Ruiz, 22, was charged

Dec. 13 with domestic-abuse assault impeding air.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Ruiz and his girlfriend were arguing when he allegedly pushed her against a wall and then another wall.

He then reportedly put both of his hands at the bottom of her neck and pushed up, making it difficult for her to breathe.

While doing this, the complaint said, he threatened to kill her and used profane language.

The girlfriend complained of pain where he grabbed her on her arms and she had redness on her arms and the left side of her neck.

Ruiz and his girlfriend have lived together for three months.

Domestic-abuse assault impeding air is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

Woman charged with forgery, theft

An Iowa City woman has been accused of depositing three fraudulent checks.

Alisa Anderson, 18, was charged Sept. 17 with forgery and second-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, an employee at the Federal Employees Credit Union/VA Hospital reported Anderson deposited three checks for a total of \$10,000 into her bank account through an ATM.

The employee said Anderson took out \$3,500 from the account, but the checks came back fraudulent. The employee said there is no legitimate account in regards to the checks deposited.

Anderson has failed to stay in contact with police during the investigation and reportedly told her mother that she was in trouble. The credit union reportedly has her on video making the deposits.

Anderson called the credit union and apologized. She did not repay the credit union for its monetary loss, according to the complaint.

The total loss to the credit union was \$3,500.

Forgery and second-degree theft are Class-D felonies.

— by Megan Sanchez

Woman charged with theft

An employee of Hawkeye Waste Systems has been accused of endorsing checks that were not hers and depositing them in her bank account.

Julie Taylor, 44, was charged Oct. 10, 2011, with first-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Taylor was an employee of Hawkeye Waste Systems and had access to customer payment checks.

Taylor allegedly took the checks, endorsed them with her name, and deposited them in her own bank accounts. Between Oct. 10, 2011, and Feb. 20, 2013, she reportedly endorsed and deposited 126 checks that she was not authorized to take.

Taylor allegedly deposited a total of \$58,262.75 in her accounts.

She reportedly admitted to “taking a few checks” during an interview with the police.

First-degree theft is a Class-C felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

Oklahoma gay-marriage-ban lawsuit pending 9 years

TULSA, Okla. — Two same-sex couples who sued for the right to marry in conservative Oklahoma knew it would be a struggle, but they couldn’t have expected that nine years later, they would still await their day in court.

Their federal lawsuit is the longest-running active lawsuit against the Defense of Marriage Act, according to national gay marriage advocacy group Freedom to Marry.

Mary Bishop and Sharon Baldwin, a Tulsa couple together for 17 years, and another couple filed the lawsuit in November 2004, shortly after Oklahoma voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Although the suit was revised in 2009 to name the Tulsa County clerk as a defendant, it maintains its original claim that the women should be allowed to marry in Oklahoma.

“While some people are getting their day in court and finding justice, we are sitting here, for nine years, with our hands tied,” Bishop said.

The duration of the case strikingly

contrasts the spate of lawsuits filed since the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the federal government in June to recognize legal same-sex marriages. The case that sparked that ruling — involving 83-year-old New York widow Edith Windsor — reached the high court only three years after it was filed. The case challenged an estate tax levied after Windsor’s wife died.

Yet even with that case decided, Bishop and Baldwin, who met while working at the *Tulsa World* newspaper, haven’t been able to get a hearing in a Tulsa court. Their fellow plaintiffs are Gay Phillips and Susan Barton, who legally married in Canada and have a civil union in Vermont.

Their lawsuit also challenges the Defense of Marriage Act, including parts addressed in Windsor’s case but also phrasing that says individual states don’t have to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

The couples’ lawyer recently filed paperwork with U.S. District Court Judge Terence Kern, the judge overseeing their case, noting the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in case he was waiting for the high court to weigh in on the issue, Baldwin said.

“We’ve had absolutely no guidance from the judge in terms of what he’s

thinking, what his idea of is how this is going to proceed,” she said. “Just let us have our day in court. I mean, we’re being held hostage, and the right of gays and lesbians all over the state of Oklahoma are being held hostage.”

A message left with Kern by the Associated Press was not returned.

The lawsuit made it to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2006 after the district court denied the governor and the state attorney general’s motion to dismiss the case.

The appeals court ruled in 2009 that they lacked standing, so the two couples filed an amended complaint removing the governor and attorney general as defendants, and adding the Tulsa County clerk, who issues marriage licenses.

A trial was scheduled for May 2012, but it was held up as other gay marriage-related cases made their way through other federal courts.

After the couples’ lawyer pointed out the Windsor decision to Kern, lawyers for the Tulsa County clerk said the couples had overstated the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling.

“Windsor does not forbid states like Oklahoma from preserving marriage as the union of one man and one woman. On the contrary, *Windsor’s* [sic] repeated

references to state sovereignty over the definition of marriage bolster the defense of Oklahoma’s Marriage Amendment,” attorney Byron Babione wrote.

It’s unclear what will happen in the case. But Evan Wolfson, president of Freedom to Marry, lauded Baldwin and Bishop for their persistence.

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Hawkeye swimmers, divers impressive so far



Iowa swimmer Nick Zito prepares for the second heat of the men's 200-breaststroke final at the Hawkeye Invitational in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Dec. 8. The Hawkeyes took second with 977.50 points. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

By RYAN RODRIGUEZ
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The Iowa men's swimming and diving team is at the mid-point of the 2013-14 season, and with five Big Ten matchups under their belt, they are starting to come into championship season form.

With an overall record of 3-4, the Hawkeyes are ranked No. 23 in the country, and they have remained tough when swimming against such top-ranked opponents as Notre Dame and Michigan.

While pleased with his team's progress, head coach Marc Long always looks to improve his squad with train-

ing and repetition. He likes where his team is heading, but knows that there's still a lot of work that needs to be done if the Black and Gold are to make a serious impact at the end of the year at nationals.

"I think we've set ourselves up very nicely for the rest of the year, at this point," Long said. "We've challenged this team from Day One in September with tough opponents. We swam the No. 1 team in the country in Michigan, so we're challenging them now so they're prepared for what they'll face at the end of the year."

The Hawkeyes have swum arguably the toughest schedule in the coun-

try so far, and they have impressed observers in every meeting. From top to bottom, they have been one of the most consistent teams in the conference.

Leadership

Leadership is an integral component of any team, and fortunately for them, the Hawkeyes have it in spades.

Iowa's core group of seniors have been leading by example since Day One, winning races in the pool as well as passing down a hardworking and competitive nature out of the pool.

Seniors Andrew Marciniak, Dustin Rhoads, Gianni Sesto, and Kyle

Noser have been some of the most reliable swimmers on Long's squad all season, frequently dominating their respective events.

At their annual Hawkeye Invitational in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center from Dec. 6-8, Rhoads posted numerous NCAA "B" cut times in his events, while Sesto, Marciniak, and Noser all chipped in with top-10 finishes.

"We're doing well, but the last thing we want to do is become complacent right now," Sesto said. "We've been working hard, but from here on out, we have to work even harder than what we were doing leading up to this."

Young guns

Not surprisingly, the Hawks also have one of the most talented groups of underclassmen to complement their elite leadership.

Freshman Nick Zito has been a standout since the start of the season, winning Big Ten Swimmer of the Week after only his first college meet.

Sophomore workhorse Roman Trussov has posted numerous NCAA "B" cut times in every meet this year, and breakout sophomore star Charles Holliday impressed his team with two first-place finishes as well as a third victory as a member of the 400-freestyle relay in the meet against Michigan State.

Fellow sophomores Jackson Allen and Andrew Parker have also managed to improve every single meet since coming to Iowa.

seen a tremendous turnaround in the past few weeks.

While the Hawkeyes struggled early against the depth of Notre Dame and Denver last weekend, sophomore Addison Boschult was able to end the weekend on a high note, posting a final score of 373.85 to win the event and set an Iowa school record in the process.

"I think the only place we as team have to go is up," he said. "I think we've been improving every time we competed, so I think it's definitely going to go up from here."

Divers

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133-pounder. The tactic allowed for Farmer to avoid the pin but not the technical fall.

"When I was pinning guys, I was scoring a lot of points and wearing them out," Ramos said. "We're trying to get back to scoring a lot of points. And when things open up, we

take them as they're happening."

The heavier weights favored two takedowns in particular. Nick Moore, who claimed a 13-4 major-decision at 165 pounds, favored a sweep that involved him lifting his opponent's leg, throwing him off balance. Moore collected 5 takedowns in his bout.

Of Evans' 9 takedowns, he favored a double-leg takedown. He lifted Buffalo's Rrok Ndokaj and

planted him into the mat, cruising to a 22-6 technical fall.

Ethen Lofthouse preferred a similar takedown to what Moore used, but he also had his fair share of go-behinds for 2 easy points. Lofthouse accounted for 8 takedowns.

Both Sammy Brooks and Bobby Telford tallied 5 takedowns apiece at 197 pounds and heavyweight.

That 57 takedowns came against a team

such as Buffalo — which entered the Dec. 12 dual with a 1-4 record — isn't surprising. But the kind of catch-and-release method used by Iowa wrestlers wore out the entire Buffalo team and served as a good warm-up before second-ranked Penn State heads to Carver this weekend.

"You can't look past anybody," Telford said. "Just ready to keep going. We've got a big one Saturday."

GYMNASTICS

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lowed any activities while diagnosed with a concussion. This is a common occurrence in the sport, and Reive is used to the routine by now.

"It was definitely frustrating doing the tests, and then I failed the final test twice, which set

me back. Even though I missed out on practice and the [Black and Gold intrasquad meet], it was definitely good for me," Springett said.

For now, he and the rest of the team should feel very comfortable about the program. Iowa has one of the few self-supporting athletics departments in the nation, and it receives no money from the state to fund any of the programs.

Unfortunately for gymnasts, there are schools that do not have this luxury and are subject to cuts such as the ones that Temple just underwent. Temple is one of the more successful gymnastics schools in Division I, and its student-athletes are some of the best in the country, which makes the cut all the more upsetting in the gymnastics sphere.

"I'm really upset; it has a very respectable program, and it's just really sad to see another program go under like this," Springett said. "Hopefully, we will be able to save them being a part of the gymnastics community."

"There are petitions online and things like that to help save them. I assume most gymnasts across the country would try to help them out."

COMMENTARY

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way you really can. More than likely, Iowa will just have to win a close game to get that (presumably) delicious taste of victory in their mouths.

I guarantee Fran McCaffery's squad will get the opportunity to come out ahead in a nail-biter, too. After Arkansas-Pine Bluff next week, his team has 18 games to play in the best college basketball conference in the world.

And that grueling Big Ten schedule is where this season could easily turn into that of last. If Iowa holds on to three or maybe even two of those close losses, it finds itself in the NCAA tourney. Right now, this season is sort of shaping up to be a mirror



Iowa guard Mike Gesell shoots a free throw against Iowa State in Hilton Coliseum on Dec. 13. The Hawkeyes lost to the Cyclones, 85-82. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

of 2012-13. Something's going to have to change in late-game demeanor if

this squad is going to live up to all the hype surrounding it.

Iowa is going to have to learn to be clutch. Soon.

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Cutler returns, leads Bears past Browns

CLEVELAND — Jay Cutler felt the pressure and knew he had to perform well. There was no other option.

This wasn't the time to buckle. Not with his teammates, his coach, and frankly, all of Chicago counting on him. Once the rust came off, Cutler came through.

Shaking off 2 first-half interceptions, Cutler threw 3 touchdown passes in his first start since Nov. 10, leading the Bears to a 38-31 win on Sunday over the Cleveland Browns.

Cutler, who missed Chicago's previous four games with a sprained left ankle and reclaimed his starting job from Josh McCown earlier this week, threw a 4-yard TD pass to Earl Bennett with 5:41 left as the Bears (8-6) rallied in the second half and stayed in contention for an NFC playoff spot.

— Associated Press

Frosh gymnast avoids Temple's doom

After hearing the news that Temple will drop its gymnastics program, freshman Mark Springett believes he made the right decision.

By **JACK ROSSI**

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Last week, Temple University made the abrupt decision to cut several of its athletics programs for budgetary reasons. These cuts included the men's gymnastics program, a sport that has been struggling to stay relevant in the United States.

This decision leaves many student-athletes out of luck because, for

many, this will mark the end of their college careers in their sport.

"It is one of the official Olympic sports, which is why it is so sad to see the sport disappearing from the college level," Iowa assistant coach Ben Ketselsen said.

Freshman Mark Springett almost faced that same fate when he was stuck deciding between Iowa and Temple.

The Dover, Mass., na-

tive could have had a scholarship from Temple, while Iowa did not offer him anything.

But head coach JD Reive saw the raw talent that Springett possessed and guaranteed a walk-on spot for him.

"He was persistent [during the recruiting



Springett
gymnast

process], and he was well committed to Temple," Reive said. "After our first round of signings, I called him up and said you have some skills, and it will take some time to develop, but I am happy to give you one of our walk-on spots."

The coach believes that Springett brings some new talent to the team that, once developed, will be very important.

"He is powerful," Reive

said. "We need to develop his air sense a bit, which is his twisting and flipping. He kind of has an uncontrolled amount of power right now that I think we are able to harness. We will definitely play to his strengths, though."

Springett is coming off of a concussion he suffered earlier this year, and gymnasts are not al-

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UPCOMING HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

Tuesday

Men's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Women's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Wednesday

Men's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Women's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Thursday

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Friday

Men's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Women's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Saturday

Women's Basketball vs. Drake, Carver, 4 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Penn State, Carver, 8 p.m.

Women's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Men's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Sunday

Men's Basketball vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Carver, 1 p.m.

Men's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

Women's Swimming vs. U.S. Diving Winter Nationals, Austin, Texas, All Day

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL: Baltimore vs. Detroit, ESPN, 7:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

- Buffalo 27, Jacksonville 20
- Carolina 30, NY Jets 20
- Seattle 23, NY Giants 0
- San Francisco 33, Tampa Bay 14
- Miami 24, New England 20
- Minnesota 48, Philadelphia 30
- Chicago 38, Cleveland 31
- Indianapolis 25, Houston 3
- Atlanta 27, Washington 26
- St. Louis 27, New Orleans 16
- Arizona 37, Tennessee 34
- Kansas City 56, Oakland 31
- Green Bay 37, Dallas 36
- Pittsburgh 30, Cincinnati 20

NCAAM

- Villanova 73, La Salle 52
- Syracuse 68, St. John's 63
- Missouri 66, Western Michigan 60

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- Kentucky 73, Eastern Tennessee St. 56
- Penn State 66, Texas A&M 58
- Georgia 91, Kennesaw State 32
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- Oklahoma 105, Maryland Eastern Shore 46
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- LSU 58, Arkansas-Little Rock 51
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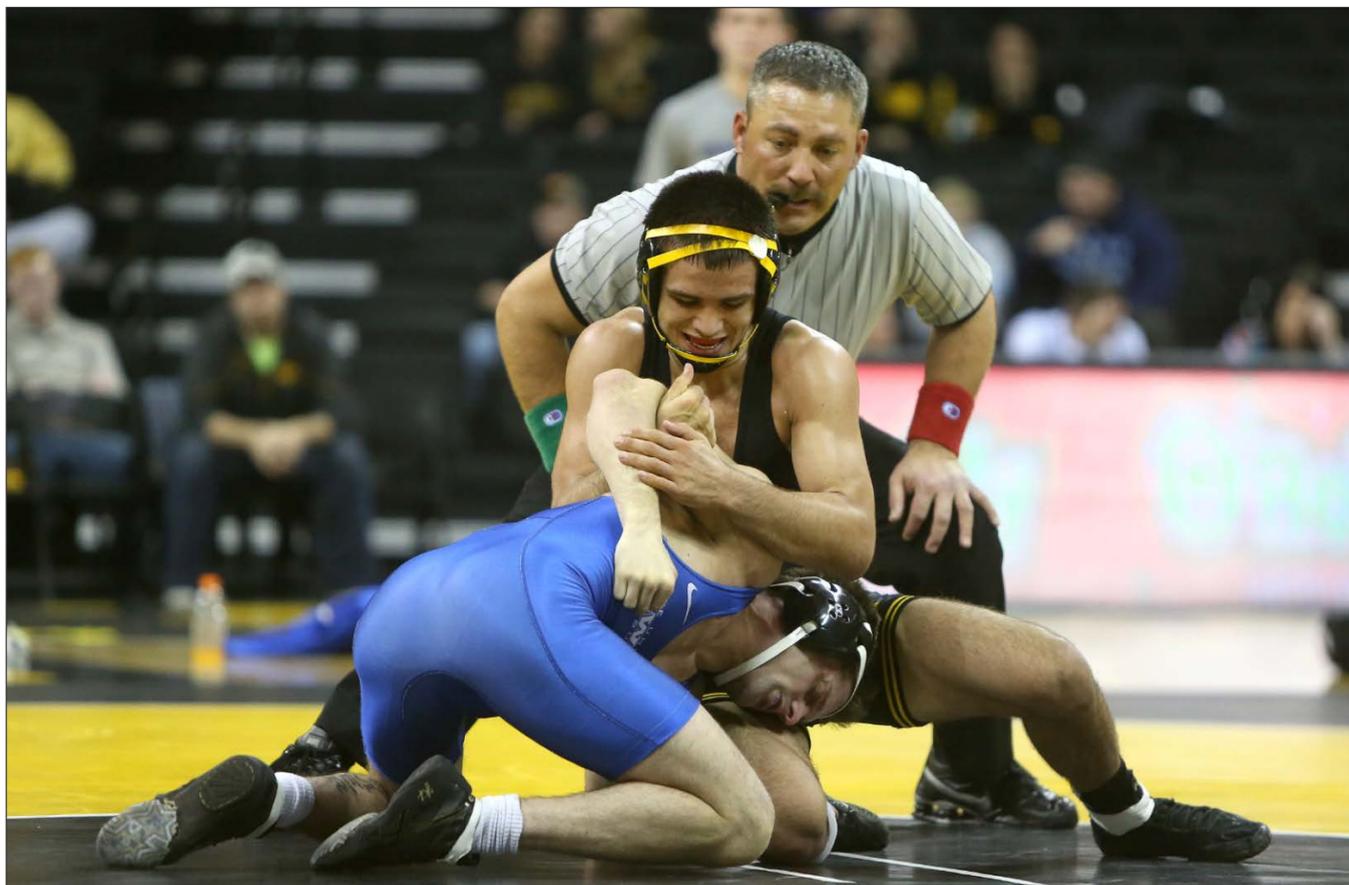
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- Sacramento 106, Houston 91
- Minnesota 101, Memphis 93
- Portland 111, Detroit 109
- Oklahoma City 101, Orlando 98
- Denver 102, New Orleans 93
- Phoenix 106, Golden State 102

NHL

- Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 0
- Florida 2, Montreal 1
- NY Rangers 4, Calgary 3
- Chicago 3, LA Kings 1
- Washington 5, Philadelphia 4 (SO)
- Anaheim 3, Edmonton 2

Takedown du jour



Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos wrestles Buffalo's Justin Farmer in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 12. Ramos won by technical fall, 22-7. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Hawkeye wrestlers spent a lot of time playing catch-and-release in Dec. 12's 46-0 win over Buffalo.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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Tony Ramos spent the afternoon of Dec. 12 playing takedown with Buffalo's Justin Farmer. Ramos recorded 9 takedowns en route to a 22-7 technical-fall victory — he tallied 4 in the first period, 4 more in the second, and just 1 in the third to secure the victory.

The Hawkeyes enforced this form of torture on Buffalo wrestlers throughout their 46-0 victory. Black and Gold wrestlers accrued 57 total takedowns in 10 matches. Ramos's 9 tied for the most on the team — Mike Evans also had 9 at 174 pounds.

This kind of wrestling doesn't occur by accident. Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands said after the dual that Buffalo entered Carver-Hawkeye Arena with the goal of limiting the number of bonus points that Iowa inevitably garnered — each Hawkeye came away with a bonus-point victory in the dual.

"We were having a hard time, I think as a team — we really have to catch some things on top if we're going to put guys away," Brands said on Dec. 12. "We struggled a little bit. Their arms seemed short, like they had dinosaur arms."

Two Iowa wrestlers did record pins in the dual — Michael Kelly and Derek St. John

recorded back-to-back pins at 149 and 157 pounds — but a myriad of takedown attacks filled most of the dual.

Each Iowa wrestler has a specific takedown attack that he favors over others. Cory Clark prefers using a two-on-one setup that allows for him to attack using both a single-leg sweep and a double-leg takedown.

Ramos's takedowns came more in the form of drags and go-behinds, mainly because Farmer turtled up and refused to open up against the nation's third-ranked

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COMMENTARY: THE ROSSTER

Snatching defeat from the famous jaws



By **BEN ROSSI**

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AMES — The Iowa men's basketball team had a whole lot of chances to seal the deal against No. 17 Iowa State in a raucous Hilton Coliseum on Dec. 13. Devyn Marble could have put Iowa up by 3 points with less than a minute left with two free-throws on a one-and-one. He missed

the front end of the shots, and Iowa gripped a 1-point lead.

With 13 seconds left, Mike Gesell could have put Iowa up by 1 or at least tied the game with his free throws after he drew a foul from Monte Harris. The sophomore clanked both his shots, and the Cyclones maintained the lead. Zach McCabe had a good look from 3 with five seconds left to tie it up, but the rock toilet-bowled out, and Iowa's chances of taking a win in a game that it had led in the waning seconds were

once again dashed.

Dating back to last season, Iowa has lost seven games in which it had the lead with about a minute or less to go in the contest. It held a 1-point lead with 45 seconds to go over Nebraska on Feb. 23. Blew it.

It was up 3 points at Wisconsin on Feb. 6 with 31 seconds left. Bucky McCabe had a good look from 3 with five seconds left to tie it up, but the rock toilet-bowled out, and Iowa's chances of taking a win in a game that it had led in the waning seconds were

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back and won that one.

This is getting old, isn't it?

Purdue took the lead from Iowa with 47 seconds left and held on to win in West Lafayette on Jan. 27.

On Jan. 10, then-No. 22 Michigan State headed into Carver-Hawkeye to face a little-talked about Hawkeye squad. Iowa squandered a 3-point lead with a 1:04 to go, and Sparty held on.

But wait, there's more.

On Nov. 30, Iowa was pitted against Villanova in the championship game of the Battle 4 At-

lantia in the Bahamas. Iowa was up by 12 with 10 minutes to go and clung to a 71-69 lead with 55 ticks left on the clock. The game went to overtime, and bested Iowa to be crowned kings of Nassau.

And then there's the Iowa State game. The Hawkeyes have proved to be a more-than-capable team for around 39 minutes per outing, it's just the last seconds that really kill them. I don't know how you teach clutch. I doubt there's a

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