

## In a league of her own



(The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder watches a special video presentation in celebration of her 270th victory in Carver-Hawkeye on Monday. Iowa defeated Northwestern, 90-84. With the victory, Bluder surpasses C. Vivian Stringer as the Hawkeye women's coach with the most wins.

### Sports.

## Lawsuit in court again

A lawsuit against the University of Iowa will reach the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday.

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A local case now in its fifth year will move to the next phase Thursday, when it reaches the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Paul, Minn.

The court will hear the arguments in *Wagner v. Jones*, discussing whether or not Teresa Wagner, a potential candidate for a position in the University of Iowa College of Law, was denied a job by then-Dean Carolyn Jones on the basis of Wagner's political affiliation.



Wagner plaintiff

While officials said they couldn't be confident in how the case will culminate, they said it could have possible implications for the academic world.

"Politics is often a point of friction," said Walter Olson, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute. "[If she won,] law schools would be looking over their shoulders a lot ... more when they decide who to hire."

He said it could begin to set an example for future employees.

"It's likely to be watched by people of other law schools ... because it raises some hopes and some fears at the same time," he said. "You want to believe they are doing a better job of teaching lawyers to [be balanced because] you simply will get a better

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## Gas-tax bill faces rough water sailing in Legislature

Currently, the state tax on gas sits at 22 cents per gallon.

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A proposed bill to be taken up by the House Transportation Committee sometime this month is facing opposition, even if state lawmakers say it would provide necessary funding to repair roads and bridges in the state.

House Study Bill 514 was signed by all five subcommittee members, made up of two Democrats and three Republicans, and it now awaits review by the House Transportation Committee, which is expected to look at it this month.

"Our roads and infrastructure are in need of repair, and the costs are not getting any cheaper," Rep. Sally Stutsman, D-Riverside, said. "We're getting further and further behind."

The proposal would increase the current state tax on fuel by 3 cents on July 1. Three more cents would be added on July 1, 2015, and a final 4 cents would start July 1, 2016. Currently, Iowa's state tax on gas sits at 22 cents per gallon.

Iowa GOP chairman A.J. Spiker said the tax increase would be detrimental for families.

"When gas is well over \$3 a gallon, and a lot of Iowans are struggling financially with rising costs of everything, the last thing we should be looking at is raising taxes," he said.

According to a *Des Moines Register* poll, 63 percent of Iowans are opposed to the tax increase. But Stutsman said those opposed may not understand the benefit of the proposed bill.

"Nobody wants another tax," she said. "That's just something people generally across-the-board don't like. But this would be a user fee."

"If you use the road and buy gas, you would be paying the tax," she said.

Anyone who drives through the state would be paying the tax.

The Federal Highway Administration ranks Iowa 38th in the nation in terms of road conditions, and 20 percent of its bridges are classified

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as deficient. In Johnson County alone, out of the 361 bridges, 42 are structurally deficient, 25 are functionally obsolete, and 67 are defective. The Iowa Department of Transportation announced it is running on a \$215 million deficit to fund these necessary repairs.

"You get what you pay for," local resident Carl Schweser said. "If you want infrastructure, if you want roads, you've got to pay for them. Who is using them? The people who buy gas."

But Deb Helmick of Washington, Iowa, said she cannot afford a higher tax.

"I am disabled and on a fixed income," she said. "Every time it goes up, it takes something out of my refrigerator."

Spiker said there are many Iowans in Helmick's situation, and a higher tax is not the answer.

"With the hundreds of millions of dollars that are sitting in the state coffers in surplus, that certainly should be the first place that's looked at before ever raising taxes," he said.

But Gov. Terry Branstad told reporters in Jan. the nearly \$900 million budget surplus in Iowa is already committed to paying for programs in future years. State Auditor Mary Mosiman said on Monday the governor's 2015 budget plans to spend \$144 million more than it will take in, meaning money from the surplus will have to be used.

"It's going to take a lot of political will to move ahead with this," Stutsman said. "Because it is an election year, most lawmakers will be hesitant to pass a bill that stamps a tax raise to their record. And with the poll numbers against them, the House Transportation Committee is unsure how either chamber, or the governor, will receive the proposal."

"I'm just really concerned in an election year that the political will isn't there."

### BY THE NUMBERS

## PROPOSED GAS-TAX HIKE

A pending legislative proposal suggests increasing the state motor fuel tax by 10 cents per gallon to aid repair of roads and bridges. Similar proposals have been shot down in recent years; if passed, this would be the first time the state tax has increased since 1989.



A poll recently conducted by the *Des Moines Register* shows nearly two-thirds of Iowans surveyed oppose the tax increase. Thirty-five percent said they were in favor, and 2 percent said they weren't sure.

### THREE YEARS

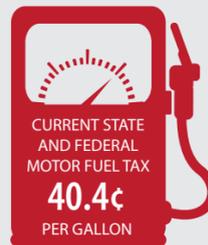
If passed, the tax would rise incrementally over the course of three years, beginning July 1.

### \$50-60

The increase is estimated to cost the average motorist an additional \$50 to \$60 per year.

### \$215 MILLION

The annual shortfall faced by the Department of Transportation for maintaining and repairing the most critical public roadways.



### ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS



Forty-two percent of Iowa's major locally and state-maintained roads and highways are either in poor or mediocre condition.

More than a quarter of Iowa bridges are in need of repair, improvement, or replacement. Twenty-two percent of the state's bridges are structurally deficient, and 5 percent are functionally obsolete.



SOURCE: TRIP report and the *Des Moines Register*

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## AT THE BUBBLE POP



Owner Soobin Youn on Monday reaches for macaroons at her restaurant Bubble Pop, located in the Old Capitol Town Center. Bubble Pop opened for business in September 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

## Schools may get more funds

The Senate passed a bill granting school districts an increase in state aid.

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Iowa's public school districts are on track to getting a raise.

The state Senate recently passed two bills for a 6 percent increase in state aid for the 2015-2016 school year for state schools.

State aid — also known as allowable growth — is the percentage increase of the state per-pupil cost to be calculated for the upcoming budget year. The allowable spending authority is based on state aid and property taxes.

"It is how we operate each year under the school-aid formula," said Craig Hansel, the chief financial officer for the Iowa City School District. "If we don't receive any growth in our cost, then that constrains our ability to deliver our educational program."

Under the proposed 6 percent increase, equaling \$222.5 million, state aid per pupil in Iowa's public elementary

and secondary schools would increase by \$382 to \$6,748 in fiscal 2016. Last session, the Legislature passed, and Gov. Terry Branstad signed, a 4 percent increase for the 2014-15 school year that will increase basic state aid by \$245 per pupil to \$6,366.

However, the state law limits how much the school districts are allowed to spend of that money, as well as how it can be spent.

"Eighty-one cents out of every dollar that we spend is for the people, and if our budget isn't allowed to grow at all, and people expect wage adjustments, or inflationary cost for supplies and equipment, then we have to go in and reduce our budget in some pretty significant ways in order to get that means," Hansel said. "We are a very people-driven organization, and we offer a service that's delivered by the number of people we have on staff to do that."

The House still has to pass the bill, and then

Branstad may or may not sign it.

The local School District hopes to use the increase of funding for wages, transportation, curriculum, as well as several other services that the board feels is necessary to give students the best education possible.

"As long as they have the same enrollment or higher, they will actually realize that growth [in overall cost]," said Galen Howsare, deputy executive director of Iowa Association of School Boards. "But if the student count goes down, then that negates the increase in cost."

Hansel said the allowable growth is what School Districts rely on to continue to operate the educational program to the best of their ability.

School District officials believe by providing the additional 6-percent increase, they will be able to increase the overall students' education along with it.

Rep. Dave Jacoby,

### Allowable Growth

The state Senate has passed a bill granting the local school districts a 6 percent increase in state aid for the upcoming school year

- The Iowa City School District hopes to use the funds for funding for wages, transportation, curriculum, and other necessities.
- School Districts rely on the allowable growth to operate the educational program.
- State law limits how much school districts are allowed to spend.

Source: Craig Hansel, the School District's chief financial officer, and Galen Howsare, deputy executive director of Iowa Association of School Boards.

D-Coralville, agreed.

"Six percent is obviously the responsible thing to do," Jacoby said. "If they are hoping to teach our students in the education program to the best of their ability, then they need to be giving them the opportunity to do so, and that would be by providing the increase necessary."

### METRO

#### Police run alcohol checks

The Iowa City police conducted more than 60 alcohol compliance checks on Nov. 15, 2013, and Feb. 7.

Of the 33 businesses that were checked on Nov. 15, 30 refused to sell alcohol to underage buyers. Three business, Liquor House, 425 S. Gilbert St., Hawkeye Convenience, 2875 Commerce Drive, and Caliente Night Club, 171 Highway 1 W, failed the checks.

During the Feb. 7 checks, 31 businesses refused to sell alcohol to underage buyers. Summit Restaurant & Bar, 10 S. Clinton St., Kum & Go, 513 S. Riverside Drive, Blackstone, 503 Westbury Drive failed the compliance checks.

Selling alcohol to persons under the legal age is a simple misdemeanor.

— by Rebecca Morin

#### Man charged with domestic-abuse assault, OWI

A local man has been accused of choking his wife.

Ori Dotson, 35, was charged Sunday with domestic-abuse assault impending air/blood causing bodily injury and third-offense OWI.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to a call reporting domestic abuse. Before the officers arrived, Dotson left the scene. Officers spoke with the accuser, who said she was in an argument with her husband. During this argument, Dotson took out the battery of her phone so she could not call the police, the complaint said.

The woman struggled to retrieve

the battery, and Dotson allegedly pushed her back over the living-room couch. Dotson allegedly held his fist on her chest, leaving a red mark. Dotson then reportedly put his hands around her neck, making it difficult for her to breathe, the complaint said.

Officers spoke to Dotson on the phone and asked if he could meet the officers to talk. Dotson agreed to meet at the Sycamore Mall, the complaint said.

Once the officers spoke to Dotson in the mall parking lot, they noticed red bloodshot watery eyes, slurred speech, swaying as he stood, and a strong scent of ingested alcohol. Dotson admitted to having a "couple shots" of whiskey prior to driving, the complaint said.

Domestic-abuse assault impending air/blood causing bodily injury is a Class-D felony. Third-offense

OWI is a Class-D felony.

— by Alison Keim

#### A\$AP Ferg to perform

A\$AP Ferg has been booked by SCOPE and will perform in the IMU this spring.

The Harlem group will perform on April 29, with the show beginning at 8 p.m. and doors opening at 7 p.m. A member of the hip-hop group A\$AP Mob toured with SCOPE alum Juicy J and was also named "Rookie of the Year" at the 2013 BET Hip-Hop Awards.

Tickets will go on sale starting 10 a.m. Friday. The tickets can be bought at all Ticketmaster locations, as well as at the Hub.

— by Rebecca Morin

### CORRECTION

In the story "Sexual assault reported in UI residence hall," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that three of the four reported assault victims last semester chose to press charges. Three of the four victims chose not to press charges. The *DI* regrets the error.

### BLOTTER

**Alison Cooper**, 30, 204 N. Gilbert, was charged Feb. 8 with assault causing injury.

**Dustin Heddens**, 27, 2650

Timber Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Joseph Lugo**, 19, 610A Mayflower, was charged on Sun-

day with possessing an open container of alcohol in public.

**Alexander Pullock**, 21, 4311 Moira Ave. S.E. Unit 3, was

charged Sept. 17 with assault on police/fire/EMT personnel, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.

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# Heroin use up nationally, locally

The number of people who have used heroin in the past 12 months rose from 373,000 in 2007 to 669,000 in 2012.

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Heroin use and distribution are on the rise in eastern Iowa, according to numerous local law-enforcement officials.

Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla, and University of Iowa police Associate Director Bill Searls said their departments have noticed a rise in heroin use in Johnson County recently.

"It's up and down," Searls said. "Right now, it's up."

The number of people who have used heroin in the past 12 months rose from 373,000 in 2007 to 669,000 in 2012, according to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

In 2012, there were 156,000 new heroin users nationally, and new users between the ages of 12 and 49 averaged 23 years old, according to the survey.

The Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement is receiving more tips about the drug than usual, said Paul Feddersen, assistant director of the agency.

Heroin, while not as prevalent in Iowa as other drugs, can be deadly.

"It seems like there are more deaths from heroin than from meth or marijuana," Feddersen said.

Overdoses from heroin have increased in the last few years. Two individuals, one in Johnson County and one in Marion, overdosed on what officials believed was heroin last weekend; however, toxicology reports have not confirmed this, said Daniel Stepleton, a special agent in the state narcotics agency.

The heroin is likely coming in from out of state.

"Most of our heroin is coming from Chicago," Stepleton said, "Bigger cities are going to produce more heroin."

However, the trend has not made its way to University of Iowa students.

"We're not seeing it on campus," Searls said.

Stepleton said heroin has become more prevalent in Iowa, and use of the Schedule-1 narcotic has been on the rise for the last few years.

This coming summer would mark the third year in a row of an increase.

Schedule-1 drugs have no accepted medical use, have a high potential for abuse, and are considered the most dangerous drugs, carrying the potential for severe physical and psychological dependency, according to the Justice Department.

Heroin can be pro-

## Heroin

Officials say that heroin use and trafficking are on the rise in the Eastern Iowa area

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Source: 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

duced pure enough that it can be snorted or smoked rather than injected intravenously, according to the Division of Narcotics Enforcement website. Injecting the drug used to keep new users away.

According to the narcotics agency website, Kansas City, Mo., has also seen an increase in the trafficking of the drug, indicating that use and trafficking of the drug will continue to increase in Iowa.

However, Sean McCullough of the Mid Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, said heroin is not as prevalent in the Des Moines area, compared with Johnson County.

"We're seeing and hearing about it more [in the area]," Feddersen said.

## WAGNER

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legal education if you get exposed to different legal [opinions]."

Olson said a possible outcome of the trial will most likely be yet another trial, whether Wagner is successful in this one or not.

"It's possible, in theory, for the court to award Wagner," he said. "[But] if she wins, what she wins is another trial."

Northwestern University law Professor Robert Burns said it is impossible to tell what will happen on Thursday.

"Public universities ... are constrained by the First and Fourth Amendments, [so they] may not discriminate against

people for political beliefs or affiliations," he said. "[But] it depends on the facts of the case."

Olson said it also raises issues because Wagner's case is not the only one in which people may complain to the university.

"Her argument was that there was a political bias against people of her point of view and was in violation of equal-protection law," he said.

He noted that earlier on in the case, the UI pointed to several different reasons that she was not hired, none relating to her political views.

"Several things are confusing or complicated in the case, but on the wider question, the university put out a big [statement] in which it said there were other

reasons in which she was turned down," he said, adding he believed the reasons were that she was not an impressive candidate and was not successful in the interview portion.

Olson added that he did not think this was an issue specific to political views. Cases such as this can arise from various situations.

"The next one could be someone who was turned down because they thought they were too liberal or left-wing," he said. "[Opinions of] the law are only a jump or two away from ... politics."

UI officials declined to comment "because it is pending litigation" and is against policy, according to Joe Brennan, the UI vice President for Strategic Communication.

# Coalition in Utah fights gay marriage

By BRADY MCCOMBS  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A coalition of religious organizations has come together to urge a federal appeals court to uphold same-sex marriage bans in Utah and Oklahoma, saying unions between a man and woman are best for children, families, and society.

The argument was made in a 42-page brief filed Monday afternoon to a Denver-based court reviewing cases that could reverse gay-marriage bans in Utah and Oklahoma.

Lawyers for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote the brief, which was signed by the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

"Our respective religious doctrines hold that marriage between a man and a woman is sanctioned by God as the right and best setting for bearing and raising children," it says. "We believe that children, families, society, and our nation thrive best when husband-wife marriage is upheld and strengthened as a cherished, primary social in-

stitution." The coalition struck back at the notion that opposing gay marriage makes one anti-gay, irrational, or bigoted.

"The accusation is false and offensive," it says. "It is intended to suppress rational dialogue and democratic conversation, to win by insult and intimidation rather than by reason, experience, and fact."

They say they have no ill will toward same-sex couples, only "marriage-affirming religious beliefs," supported by sociological facts, saying holding on to the man-woman definition of marriage is essential.

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# Local physicians reach out to Mexico

A group of Iowa health-care officials embark on a mission trip to Mexico.

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This Valentine's Day, local health officials will trade candy hearts for surgical tools.

Nicholas Von Bergen, a University of Iowa clinical assistant professor, heads the Pediatric Arrhythmia Outreach Fund. The outreach program funds medical missions each year to Mexico to provide care and resources to patients with abnormal heart rhythms.

"The medical mission trip has been going on some time, and it has allowed our group to create relationships in the areas of high needs," Von Bergen said. "These trips are both good for the heart and for the soul, it is so valuable to see the support of the people who we are helping."

Sunday marked the day Von Bergen and the team of health officials from the UI and the Des Moines area left the United States for Campeche, Mexico, where the team will examine patients who may have potential heart problems.

After nearly 20 years, Von Bergen said, the outreach health-care team has been able to grow in resources and ability to reach out to more and more patients each year. From Sunday until Feb. 15, the group will work

with cardiologists in Mexico to examine patients and give them the necessary treatments they often do not receive.

"Areas of Mexico do not have the financial or medical resources to get the appropriate diagnosis and treatment," Von Bergen said. "And children may go undetected if they have a major heart disease."

The trip is organized and performed by a large number of people from UI Pediatric Cardiology, which provides physicians, experts, and the needed equipment, while Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines brings roughly 30 children back to Iowa every year for needed surgeries.

M. Santiago Restrepo, a UI pediatric cardiologist fellow who has been on the trip with Von Bergen, said the trip's goal is to provide medical expertise and adequate treatment.

Restrepo said there sometimes problems when children are born with heart defects, and they need immediate surgery. The Mexican doctors are unable to safely conduct the surgery, so the outreach program brings the children and family members to the United States for treatment.

"The trip is also possible by the help from the local health providers and group of mothers who

coordinate the services, provide food, lodging, and translation," Restrepo said. "Their hospitality is as big as their hearts."

He said some of the patients are chosen for intervention surgery, and electrophysiology treatment, and others are evaluated on a yearly basis.

"When we go, we provide instructions to the local doctors about each case, so that they can continue managing them," Restrepo said. "In cases where there are defects that require surgery, we decide the time for the repair according to the effects on the heart function or other organs."

Stephen Mooradian, a pediatric cardiologist at the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, has also participated in the trips frequently since 2001. He said at the end of the week, they choose a certain number of patients to bring to Des Moines to finish final treatments and help the patients recover after surgery before going back home to Mexico.

"By going down there, we learn about significant heart disease that enables us to develop better knowledge to help kids in the states as well," Mooradian said. "This trip emotionally helps those who are less fortunate and help people who need our help."



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# Hawks' Night at the Net sees jump in popularity

Iowa tennis hosted Night at the Net on Feb. 8.

By **ALEC CLASEN**  
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High-school student Jamie Stewart and her father journeyed an hour and a half through a typical Iowa snowstorm this past weekend to play the game she loves with the team she adores.

"I follow the girls on Twitter ... I saw that and thought, 'Oh, that would be fun, to get out and play with older people,'" she said.

The Iowa men's and women's tennis teams hosted Night at the Net on Feb. 8. The event was open to children ages 6 and up, as well as adults of all skill levels.

Night at the Net was a

time of laid-back fun for the women's team and, perhaps more importantly, a chance to interact with the tennis community.

With a near equal turnout for adults and children at the event, all had the chance to showcase their abilities with the Hawkeyes — a perfect opportunity for the players to interact with the fans who follow them religiously.

Fans such as Vale Caro. Vale, 14, is an avid Hawkeye tennis fan who can be seen playing the sport at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex almost daily. She is nearly always in attendance at the home meets with her father.

"We've been playing here every day for the past two years ... we always come, we follow the team really closely," Vale said.

The popularity of the women's tennis team, along with tennis as a whole, is clearly on the rise. The large turnout for the event compared with last year's demonstrates that.

Women's head coach Katie Dougherty attributes this interest increase to the abilities of the marketing team and the Athletics Department, as well as the players' skills.

"It was a fantastic turnout," Dougherty said. "The popularity of tennis in the area is growing. With our

facility being as fantastic as it is, more and more people in the area are playing tennis, and our visibility has increased significantly."

This was the first year the event was held at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. The facility is top-notch and boasts eight courts indoors with

12 more outside. In 2009, it won the Iowa Tennis Association Facility of the Year Award. In addition, it also received the U.S. Tennis Association Missouri Valley Facility of the Year Award.

The inclement winter weather didn't seem to deter the Iowa tennis fans. With such a massive in-

crease in popularity, the enrollment was up exponentially from last year despite all the snow.

"The majority of our fans are tennis players," Dougherty said. "Getting to mix it up with them and spend time with them ... for them to get to know our athletes personally is important."

## TOPSY-TURVY IN RUSSIA



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## COLUMN

### All Coked up



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Now that the ruckus about that Coke ad during the Super Bowl has died down, perhaps we can turn our attention to less weighty matters.

Such as, is “winningest” really a word? and even if some people say it is, would you use it in front of your grandmother?

Or, perhaps, what was going on in House Speaker John Boehner’s mind when he first talked about Republican principles for immigration reform and then, mere moments later (metaphorically speaking), said immigration reform was dead. (Actually what normally goes on in Boehner’s mind is tanning. You’d be forgiven for thinking he’d like to resemble the people he doesn’t want in the country.)

What’s that you say? The Coke ad ruckus hasn’t died down, at least in some people’s minds?

Well, it was a fine ruckus as ruckuses go, and I’ll be the first to admit that I have no idea where they go. Is this like elephants and their graveyards?

I mean, how often do you get a former member of Congress weighing in on a song? Well, OK, in this case, it wasn’t just any old song, it was “America the Beautiful,” which is not, as some outraged conservatives apparently believed, the U.S. national anthem. Actually, “America the Beautiful” began its life (if words have life) as a poem.

But there was Republican Congressman Allen West, who wrote a blog post saying, “If we cannot be proud enough as a country to sing ‘American [sic] the Beautiful’ in English in a commercial during the Super Bowl, by a company as American as they come — doggone we are on the road to perdition.”

We’ll note that the former congressman needed a comma after “doggone.” Not to mention that he doesn’t seem to know the differ-

ence between “America” and “American.”

That’s one of the things about the English-only gang: Quite often, the members said gang don’t speak or write English all that well.

And here’s another thing about the Coke ad: One of the “foreign” languages some people complained about was, according to some reports, a Native American language. Which leaves one to ponder: Isn’t a Native American language more American than English?

Because English, after all, is a European language.

It’s a mash-up (to use a popular word these days) of Old German and Old French, thanks to the Battle of Hastings (1066, if you’re counting at home), and it has some sprinklings of Old Irish Gaelic, Latin, Ancient Greek, Spanish, and some others for seasoning.

Meanwhile, back on the “road to perdition” — really? Perdition? Isn’t that a tough road to hoe?

The *American Heritage Dictionary* defines “perdition” as “Loss of soul; eternal damnation.”

Eternal damnation for not speaking English? Wouldn’t 20 years in Guantánamo suffice?

Sigh.

Well, to give conservatives their due, not all were outraged by the ad. As well-known conservative Erick Erickson said, “People, the Coke ad was well-done. This is so crazy that there is outrage over it. E Pluribus Unum isn’t in English, either.”

Odd that there was such a ruckus about an ad, but very little (outside of West Virginia) about what happened to the water in one of that state’s valleys, which was fouled by a chemical spill around a month ago.

“I wouldn’t drink that water if you paid me.”

That’s Sen. Jay Rockefeller, a Democrat from West Virginia, talking about said water.

The first thing that struck me was you probably couldn’t pay Jay Rockefeller to do anything. He’s a Rockefeller.

Which is more than we can say about the Coke ruckus.

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## EDITORIAL

### Fighting heroin abuse

The untimely death of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman from an apparent heroin overdose has brought a new dimension to the public discussion of drug-policy enforcement: the struggle of those addicted to heroin and other powerful opiates. In the so-called war on drugs, it’s easy to forget that real people are the users.

In the case of heroin, the appeal is as alluring as it is insidious. A 2007 survey of health professionals found, on the characteristics of physical harm and dependency, heroin ranked above all other drugs, including cocaine, barbiturates, and tobacco. Heroin is classified as a Schedule I drug: a high potential for abuse with no accepted medical use, according to the Justice Department.

What’s worse? More Americans are using the drug than ever before. From 2002 to 2012, the number of people that used heroin rose 66 percent, according to the National Survey on Drug Use. And in 2012 there were 156,000 new heroin users nationally. This rampant increase did not happen overnight.

The landscape has changed in the drug world, and the prevalence of heroin, many say, can be attributed to “heroin light”: prescription opiates such as Vicodin and OxyContin. Though these drugs are relatively safe when used as intended, it’s easy to fall into a habit of use, needing more and more doses and eventually a higher potency drug.

And that habit leads many to heroin. Cheaper and much stronger than prescription opiates, heroin fills the addiction created by these drugs and then some. The aspect most disturbing about the recent surge in use: despite decades of anti-drug policies, the damage done by these powerful opiates is more apparent than ever.

That rise in nationwide use is also apparently reflected locally. Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla and University of Iowa police Associate Director Bill Searls said their departments have seen a rise in heroin use in Johnson County.

“It’s up and down,” Searls said. “Right now, it’s up.” Though prescription opiates may have opened the gate to heroin for many, modern medicine has also brought a promising heroin antidote: naloxone. Originally developed in the 1960s, naloxone can be used to reverse the effects of a heroin overdose, which could help to reduce the gravest side effect of the drug.

Now, law-enforcement officers have the tools to save lives that would have been cut short by heroin. In Quincy, Mass., a suburb of Boston, police have been carrying naloxone since 2010. They have administered the drug 221 times and reversed 211 overdoses.

The consistent success of naloxone makes a compelling case for police across the country to start carrying the drug. And because local officials have acknowledged that heroin use is on the upswing in Johnson County, we urge the Iowa City police and other agencies to start carrying drugs that can counteract the effects of overdoses on such opiates as heroin and many prescription painkillers.

It’s obvious that other efforts like the strict, even draconian enforcement of drug laws has not resulted in any drop off in use. Though the price of creating a supply of naloxone is significant, its proven track record in reversing heroin overdoses makes it a harm reduction policy well worth undertaking.

## YOUR TURN

Do you think heroin abuse is a major concern in Johnson County? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## ONLINE COMMENTS

### Re: Contractors stumble onto archaeological finds

Thank you for framing this news as that of a valuable discovery. Certain other news sources couched it in terms of the annoying delay to pipeline work, which seemed both unprofessionally one-sided and culturally shortsighted.

The discovery of such well-preserved evidence of early settlement in the area is incredibly valuable, and anything — anything at all — that can help us establish more information about the first nations in this area would be welcome.

Flood recovery is certainly an issue we must address (especially if all this snow continues to accumulate), for the preservation of

our university and its spectacular Special Collections, but the state of Iowa has always been a model for historical research and publication: Lynn Alex has championed pre-European-settlement Iowa history in several wonderful books; our town has — according to what we have learned from archaeology and early work by Weber, Petersen, Swisher, and others — been a culturally diverse community, with many stories yet to uncover and mysteries to solve. Let’s give the archaeologists not just time and funding to explore this surprise but a round of applause, too. Generations of work have gone into the extensive and valuable publications of our State Historical Society, and we should be thrilled by the chance to add chapters to the records kept there.

Especially if we find out more about the rumored pre-1850 African American settlement and the known, but under-documented, Sephardic congregation who lived here early in the town’s history.

Nialle Sylvan

### A necessary reminder on slavery

I recently saw the movie *12 Years a Slave*, a true story based on African American Solomon Northup’s autobiographical narrative, published in 1853. I hope it wins the Academy Awards’ Best Picture this year. If it does, more people are likely to go see the film because it won the award. Could it be that many who refuse to see movies like this don’t like to acknowledge or be reminded of our country’s history of sanctioning slavery, an evil

institution that existed from our country’s beginning?

Slavery was rooted in racism. It is amazing Solomon Northup lived through, endured, and survived 12 years of painful mental and physical brutality. Even though slavery ended officially by law in our country, racism did not end. Today, it is more subtle, secret, hidden — not expressed openly, outwardly, overtly as it once was.

One of the good things about February’s Black History Month is it calls America’s attention to the tremendous contributions African-Americans have made over the centuries to our nation’s development and well-being. They, along with Mr. Northup, proved and continue to prove that no one race of people is neither superior nor inferior to the others.

Paul L. Whiteley Sr.

## COLUMN

### Reintegrating the NFL



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Michael Sam, an All-American defensive lineman from the University of Missouri, came out on Sunday. In April, he’ll almost certainly be the first openly gay NFL draftee.

Among cynics, there are those who think he may have made his announcement to boost his falling draft stock. (Maybe, but if you’re looking to shame somebody for blatantly cashing in on the post-inflexion-point gay-rights movement, dial “M” for “Macklemore.”)

The attitude among the broader sports-commentary intelligentsia — maybe I’m extrapolating too much from the day-after torrent of think-pieces and tweets here — seems to be something like “who cares if he’s gay — I don’t and you shouldn’t, either.”

That’s a respectable liberal line, but I think “who cares” is the wrong tack to take here. To argue today that nobody *should* care that Michael Sam is gay isn’t very useful because it’s clear that a lot of people around the NFL *do* care. To insist that his announcement is no big deal is to imply that he’s not going to face considerable adversity in the pros.

The “no big deal” attitude is a byproduct of our erroneous tendency to hold-up high-profile institutions as places where good inevitably triumphs over evil. We believe that bad behavior — homophobia, racism, etc. — occurs in individuals, but the preponderance of good guys within a broader system will inevitably overshadow what “bad seeds” may exist. In other words, we collectively accept that a few players will be opposed to having an openly gay teammate but that a larger organization such as the Chicago Bears or the NFL couldn’t be anything but accommodating of gay athletes in the end.

In practice, this belief in “goodness-in-numbers” is everywhere. A few racially unequal laws don’t make the justice system unjust. A few malicious schemers don’t make the financial industry morally bankrupt. It helps us sleep at night.

But that line of reasoning doesn’t hold in the case of the NFL. The problems that have to this point kept gay athletes closeted or out of the league altogether seem to be systemic. The testosterone-addled old guys who run the NFL, it turns out, might not welcome gay players with open arms.

A few *Sports Illustrated* stories published after Sam’s announcement quoted 12 NFL executives, all anonymous, all of whom agreed that Sam’s sexuality would be a “distraction” for their team.

“In the coming decade or two, it’s going to be acceptable, but at this point in time it’s still a man’s-man game,” one of the executives said. “To call somebody a [gay slur] is still so commonplace. It’d chemically imbalance an NFL locker

room and meeting room.”

Such are the attitudes around the league. But what did you expect, really?

It would be foolish to think that the NFL would be any more accepting of gays than society more broadly. After all, despite our progress, a full third of the country still believes that it should be illegal for gay people to have consensual sex with each other.

Certainly a majority of guys affiliated with the NFL — like Sam’s teammates at Mizzou — won’t have a problem with a gay teammate or player. But that doesn’t mean he’s going to have it easy.

So you should care that Michael Sam is gay. Unlike forerunner Jason Collins, Sam’s career hasn’t begun yet. He’s got adversity in front of him, but he’s also got a unique chance to upend some of our most deeply held stereotypes about masculinity and sexuality.

You should care that Michael Sam is gay because he has the chance to shut a lot of people up.

# DAILY BREAK

## the ledge

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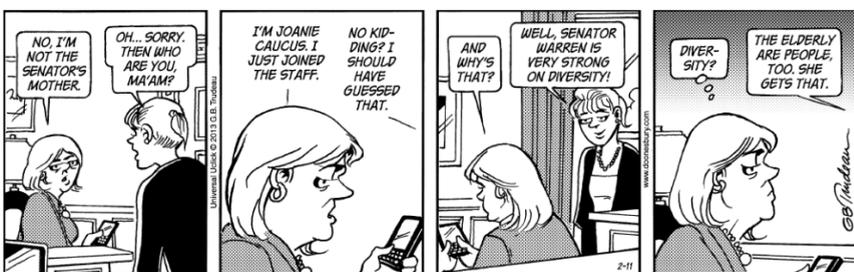
### A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend:

- "This might not suck." is about as optimistic as I get.
- I have a wrestler's body. It's in my basement.
- I refuse to shave my chest because real men know how to tweeze.
- Whenever I make a unilateral decision regarding OUR relationship, you must always remember: I just want what's best for me.
- On average, I'd say I compare myself to Raven-Symoné six or seven times each day.
- If I have one flaw as a person, it's that I'm too perfect.
- I stopped going to Catholic confession the same day I discovered guilt-free cookies.
- When making out, I will hickey my name onto your cleavage. It's my signature move.
- I'm afraid of exactly three things: zombies, marriage, and being married to a zombie.
- I get most of my exercise by feigning interest.
- I may not have a lot of money, but what I do have is something far more valuable: a chest full of gold bullion.

Andrew R. Juhl is great in bed. Unless you want sex.

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  - Facilities with padded walls
  - And more, in brief
  - Neighbor of Hung.
  - Hitter's stat
  - Square root symbol
  - Florence's river
  - Complete makeovers
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- OBEYS RIDE SKIP  
 HAVOC EMIR MESA  
 MNIGHTSHYAMALAN  
 SELA NEO ALLOT  
 MBUTTERFLY  
 GOKART LEI GAM  
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 LEG INA PLENTY  
 IAMAMERICA  
 AMBLE BIN LAUD  
 VISFORVENGEANCE  
 ELOI AIRS EMILE  
 RENE GATE ROMAN



- DOWN**
- Japanese chess
  - "In Memory of W. B. Yeats" poet
  - Ad awards
  - It may have a cherry on top
  - Alternative to Newark or La Guardia
  - One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
  - Sloughs off
  - R&B's \_\_\_ Brothers
  - Almost real
  - Place to put down stakes?: Abbr.
  - Number at a bridal boutique
  - German city on a canal of the same name
  - Lhasa \_\_\_ (dog)
  - Adult ed course, often
  - \_\_\_'acte
  - Greeting that saves postage
  - Calliope or Euterpe
  - End-of-week cry
  - Damp and chilly
  - One loyal to the Union Jack, informally
  - Sits on to keep warm, say
  - Mountain \_\_\_
  - Despot Amin
  - Infirmity sight

- PUZZLE BY MARK BICKHAM**
- Leave \_\_\_ (do permanent damage)
  - "My heavens, no!"
  - Excluding
  - Some pods
  - How sausage links are connected
  - Locks
  - About 60% of the world's inhabitants
  - More, in Madrid
  - "My heavens, no!"
  - "Alley Oop" woman
  - Dieter's salad request
  - Bonehead
  - "You have some \_\_\_"
  - Distinguished
  - Son of Willy Loman
  - Capital near the 60th parallel
  - Suffers from
  - "\_\_\_ Hear a Waltz?"

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- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You will face opposition if you aren't willing to compromise. Don't let a trivial situation turn into a major argument. Focus on personal change, not trying to change others. Plan your actions and choose your words wisely.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You shouldn't have to go far to find a little excitement. Check out what's going on in your community, and take part in events that interest you. The time you spend volunteering or helping others will lead to valuable opportunities.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You are best to take a pass if someone tries to interest you in a pricey item that promises the impossible. Concentrate on completing your work and taking care of important responsibilities. Proving how valuable you are will ensure greater stability.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Discuss your plans, and get the ball rolling. Do your research, and find out exactly what's required of you in order to reach your goals. A friend you encounter will be interested in getting involved in a project you want to pursue.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't ignore what you can do. The possibilities are endless, and if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish a lot and stay within your budget. Home or personal improvements will add value to your assets. Good fortune is within reach.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make your mark by helping a cause you believe in or someone in need. Your ability to find solutions will make you something of a hero. A unique partnership will give you the boost you need to forge ahead and finish an important project.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't gossip or get involved in office politics. Focus on what you need to get done. Protect your reputation, and refrain from making unrealistic promises. It's important to follow through with your plans to avoid looking wishy-washy.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Choose whatever direction or project you feel will bring you the greatest creative space and the most adventure. If you enjoy what you are doing, it will be that much easier to get ahead. Give your personal life a boost with a little romance.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of legal, contractual, or financial matters swiftly. Leaving room to let a negative issue escalate will lead to undue stress. Make changes at home that better suit your likes and lifestyle. Stay within your budget.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your intuition will help you decide whom can be trusted and whom to avoid. A work matter or business partnership will reveal information that will contribute to a decision you need to make. A unique twist to the way you do things will pay off.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Productivity will determine how far you get and whom you impress. Push, present, and promote your ideas. Procrastinating will cost you dearly when it comes to advancement. Take the initiative, especially when money is at stake.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Put money matters, contracts, and settlements first. Once you've taken care of personal business, you will be free to share your good fortune with the people you enjoy being with the most. Love is in the stars.

Knowledge without justice ought to be called cunning rather than wisdom.

— Plato

# BLUDER

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that her time there would eventually lead her to Iowa. "You learn a lot from doing those different things," Bluder said. "I wouldn't have traded it for anything."

## First year at Iowa

Bluder initially applied for head coach at Iowa in 1995, when C. Vivian Stringer left for Rutgers University. But that job went to longtime assistant coach Angie Lee.

Five more years passed before the opportunity presented itself again.

"I was disappointed then, because I thought I could do the job," Bluder said. "But looking back, it's probably the best thing. First of all, I didn't have to follow a legend like Vivian. And second, it gave me five more years to hone my skills at Drake."

When Iowa came knocking again, Bluder was ready.

She was given a five-year contract — at the time believing that it would be her only contract with Iowa.

"You don't ever dream of being someplace this long," Bluder said.

Following Stringer's departure, the program stumbled. Its number of wins had slowly decreased, culminating in a nine-win season before Bluder took the reins.

In her first season, Bluder showed signs of bringing the Hawkeyes back to its winning ways.

They reeled off 21 wins, but the season wasn't as enjoyable as the record might suggest, at least not the beginning.

Bluder and her staff had to earn the trust of her new players, almost all of whom Lee had groomed.

"I think that's the case for every single program and every coach that takes over. When you go into a program and there's players that you didn't recruit, there's always going to be something," Drake head coach and former Iowa player Jennie Lillis Baranczyk said. "That's a hard thing for the players to get over."

Once the players bought into Bluder's plan and her ways, winning ensued.

The Hawkeyes ran the table in the 2001 Big Ten Tournament, taking the postseason Big Ten championship, and Bluder won Big Ten Coach of the Year. The Hawkeyes made their first NCAA

Tournament appearance since the 1997-98 season.

"There's just no way I could describe it besides it was just a magical ride," Bluder said.

## A player's coach

Even if the player's took time to adjust to Bluder's coaching style — the one thing she established from the beginning were the relationships with her players.

"Bluder is one of those coaches that is very professional, she's going to demand a lot from her players," Lillis Baranczyk said. "And yet she's a wonderful teacher and just really full of life."

To this day, Lillis Baranczyk — one of Bluder's five former players who have gone on to coach — keeps in contact with Bluder.

"She's still a mentor of mine," Lillis Baranczyk said. "Every move that I have made, every time that I have had something come up, she's one of the people that I call and ask for advice. If I didn't, it would be dumb on my part."

As Bluder has done with so many of her teams, her current players are constantly reminded about their roles not only as players on the basketball court, but in the community as well.

"I think that people are drawn to her and drawn to this program," freshman Ally Disterhoft said. "She cares about us as young women and not just basket-

ball players."

Bluder's openness has translated into her player's success off the court. In her time at Iowa, she's coached 30 players to the status of Academic All-Big Ten, and of the players who have stayed with her for four years, all of them have earned degrees.

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## The beginning of a partnership

In Bluder's 14 seasons as the head coach at Iowa, the Hawkeyes have endured one losing season.

This consistency is rarely reached, especially in college sports, because every year is a new team with new faces and roles to fill. But with each season, the one thing that remains consistent at Iowa is the three coaches on the sidelines.

During Bluder's time at Iowa, her coaching staff has essentially remained the same: Bluder, Jensen, and Jenni Fitzgerald.

"The trust and loyalty have always been there," Jensen said. "I don't doubt anything that Jenni or Lisa has prepared."

Jensen has the rare perspective of being a player under Bluder and an assistant coach for her as well.

Her senior year at Drake was Bluder's first year there. Jensen led the nation in

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- Jan Jensen, assistant coach

scoring that year and then traveled overseas to play professionally for BTV-Wuppertal in Germany.

Two years later, she returned home in hope of becoming a graduate assistant. But Bluder offered her an assistant-coach position.

"When she took that chance on me that young," Jensen said. "And I didn't go through the typical ranks, that was saying something, and I never forgot that."

That trust went a long way in Jensen's mind. It's one of the many reasons that she has stayed at Iowa even with numerous offers to become a head coach elsewhere.

"When you find that you're a part of something special, I think what everybody thinks would be the

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- Jennie Lillis Baranczyk, Drake head coach

next logical step can actually be an error," she said.

Fitzgerald was a player at Drake before becoming a part of the program. She shared the court with Jensen for three years, but she wasn't a person who knew she wanted to coach after her playing days were over.

After spending time as a graduate assistant at Southern Illinois, she interviewed to coach with Bluder. But at the time, the move wasn't so much about coaching; Fitzgerald was hoping to acquire business contacts and apply them to her dream job of joining a shoe company such as Nike or Converse.

Twenty-two years later, Fitzgerald is pretty glad that interview landed her a job with Bluder and Jensen.

"If you didn't really love who you were with, it would make this job miserable," Fitzgerald said. "We're fortunate in that we love who we are with."

Bluder also shares a connection with another coach, whom she's never coached with, but one that once filled Carver-Hawkeye Arena on a daily basis.

## Following a legend

It's hard to talk about women's basketball at Iowa without mentioning Stringer.

Over 12 seasons, Stringer turned a losing Iowa program into a national powerhouse. She compiled a record of 269-84, won Big Ten Coach of the Year twice, and took the

# BLUDER'S COACHING TIMELINE

- 1987** Led St. Ambrose to NAIA national tournament for first time
- 1988** Took helm as the St. Ambrose women's basketball head coach
- 1989** Won 100th game as head coach (St. Ambrose)
- 1990** Led St. Ambrose to NAIA Final Four for first time in program history
- 1991** Won 200th game as head coach (Drake)
- 1992** Won 300th game as head coach (Drake)
- 1993** Named Missouri Valley Conference coach of the year
- 1995** Announced as head coach of Iowa
- 1997** Won Big Ten Coach of the Year honors
- 2000** Won 500th game as head coach
- 2001** Won 600th game as head coach
- 2002** Won Big Ten Coach of the Year for a third time
- 2008** Won Big Ten Coach of the Year for a second time
- 2013** Won Big Ten Coach of the Year for a second time
- 2014** Won Big Ten Coach of the Year for a third time

**Feb. 10:** Became Iowa women's basketball's all-time leader in wins

Graphic by Mercedes Potter

1992-93 Hawkeyes to their first and only Final Four.

As with Bluder, Stringer's influence extends outside the arena and into the com-

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munity. Players and coaches alike looked up to her, Bluder included.

At the time, Bluder was still at St. Ambrose. She was new to the coaching world and was looking to soak up as much information as possible. Luckily, one of the greatest college coaches ever operated in the same state.

Bluder knew a graduate assistant for Iowa at the time, and whenever she could, she studied Stringer's practice tapes.

"I would sit and watch her practices," Bluder said. "But Vivian never had a loud voice ... so I would really have to crank it up sometimes to hear the coaching advice that she was giving to her players."

Bluder's admiration for

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- Jennie Lillis Baranczyk, Drake head coach

Stringer goes beyond her being a role model on the court. One story in particular helped illustrate this.

In 1997, Bluder's husband was involved in a car accident in Davenport, which put him in a coma for 72 hours. Bluder was in Cincinnati at the time receiving an award at the women's basketball Final Four.

Unable to make it home until the next day, Bluder and Jensen stayed up all night ironing clothes and doing anything to pass the time. When they reached home, the first person besides her staff and family to call was Stringer, who had lost her husband, Bill Stringer, to a heart attack in 1992.

"She said, 'I know what you're going through,'" Bluder said. "She just reached out, which was really neat."

From Stringer's point of view, making the call was a no-brainer.

"You just want to let her know that you know what she's going through and to offer any sort of support that you possibly can," she said.

While Bluder has been at Iowa, the two coaches have faced each other three times. No matter the result — Stringer has won two of the three — playing Iowa is something that Stringer has no interest in.

"I promised that the one time I did come back to Iowa that it was never going to happen again," Stringer said. "It was strange sitting on the visitor's bench."

But that will happen again. Starting next season, Rutgers will join the Big Ten and the two teams will face off on a yearly basis.

"All of a sudden we're in the Big Ten," Stringer said. "You do what you have to do. But I don't have to enjoy that."

## Homage to the coach

In the weeks leading up to the record being broken, Bluder has fielded constant questions about what the record meant to her. Every time, she gave the same answer.

"To me, it's longevity. It's not that big of deal to me," she said. "My opinion is it should have happened a long time ago."

With those responses in mind, it's no surprise that after her 270th win, she attributed the success to her players and fellow coaches.

But in asking those that spend the most time with her, you'll find that Bluder's playing down the win is not a reflection of its unimportance, but rather Bluder's selflessness.

"I think anytime you get over 600 wins and become the all-time winningest coach anywhere, I think that says something about who you are, what you're about, and the type of people you attract," Jensen said.

After the buzzer sounded, a video tribute played over Carver-Hawkeye Arena's video screen. It showed moments

in Bluder's career, including when she was first announced as Iowa's head coach.

If the people that appeared in the video are any indication of how impressive this record is, than it's a bigger deal than Bluder will let on. Among those who appeared were former player Lindsey Meder, football head coach Kirk Ferentz, and the woman whose record Bluder broke, Stringer.

Following the tribute, the crowd rose to a standing ovation, and Bluder, in a moment in which it would have

been perfectly fine to soak it in by herself, called her assistant coaches and players over to celebrate with her.

In her 30th year of coaching, she still put the relationships with her players and peers above the wins and losses.

"I'm very thankful to [Christine Grant], Jan and Jenni, who have been here the entire time, they deserve so much of this because they have been a part of every single one of these victories, and I couldn't think of two better people to go through it with."

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## MEN'S HOOPS CLIMBS IN POLL

The Iowa men's basketball team (18-6, 7-4) moved up one spot to No. 16 in the latest AP Top-25 poll.

Despite a midweek, 76-69 home loss to unranked Ohio State, the Hawkeyes, 85-67 blowout victory over previously No. 10 Michigan was enough for pollsters to bump Fran McCaffery's squad up from their No. 17 slot a week ago.



**McCaffery**  
head coach

Iowa has the week off before traveling to Penn State on Saturday. In addition to Iowa, four Big Ten schools appear in this week's rankings: Michigan State (9), Michigan (15), Wisconsin (21), and Ohio State (22).

— by Joshua Bolander

## IOWA TO TAKE ON MISSOURI-KC

The Iowa men's tennis team will host Missouri-Kansas City this afternoon in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

The Hawkeyes will enter the meet coming off of an impressive performance in their home-opener on Feb. 1. The Iowa men's tennis team posted a pair of sweeps in a double-header against Illinois State and Western Illinois, dropping only one set en route to earning a pair of 7-0 victories.

Freshman Nils Hallestrand made his college debut, winning all four of his matches for Iowa. In doubles play, Hallestrand teamed up with senior Joey White to post a pair of victories in the No. 3 spot, in addition to posting singles victories in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spots.

Seniors Jonas Dierck, Juan Estensoro, and Michael Swank all posted a pair of victories in singles play. The Hawkeyes out scored the Western Illinois Lethernecks 72 games to 19.

Missouri-Kansas City will enter the meet with a 1-3 record. The Kangaroos defeated Baker 7-0 in their season-opener but fell to No. 42 Drake in its most recent meeting. The Kangaroos are led by senior Tomas Patino and freshman Mike Psarros in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots.

The match is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

— Jordan Bucher

## AP TOP 25

1. Syracuse
  2. Arizona
  3. Florida
  4. Wichita State
  5. San Diego State
  6. Villanova
  7. Kansas
  8. Duke
  9. Michigan State\*
  10. Cincinnati
  11. Iowa State
  12. St. Louis
  13. Louisville
  14. Kentucky
  15. Michigan\*
  16. Iowa\*
  17. Virginia
  18. Creighton
  19. Texas
  20. Memphis
  21. Wisconsin\*
  22. Ohio State\*
  23. Southern Methodist
  24. Connecticut
  25. Pittsburgh
- \* Denotes Big Ten school

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West Virginia 102, Iowa State 77  
Kansas State 85, Kansas 82 (F/OT)  
Virginia 61, Maryland 53

**NCAA**  
North Carolina 89, Duke 78  
Tennessee 81, Vanderbilt 53

**NBA**  
Indiana 119, Denver 80  
Toronto 108, New Orleans 101  
Detroit 109, San Antonio 100  
Boston 102, Milwaukee 86  
Houston 107, Minnesota 89  
Golden State 123, Philadelphia 80

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NCAAM**  
Florida vs. Tennessee, 6 p.m., ESPN  
Oklahoma State vs. Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2  
Michigan vs. Ohio State, 8 p.m., ESPN



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

IOWA 90, NORTHWESTERN 84

# Bluder sets Hawk record



Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder embraces her players after the game against Northwestern in Carver-Hawkeye on Monday. Iowa defeated Northwestern, 90-84. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

By JACOB SHEYKO  
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*With Iowa's win over Northwestern, head coach Lisa Bluder passed the legendary C. Vivian Stringer and former men's coach Tom Davis as the Iowa basketball coach with the most wins. Bluder has coached her Iowa teams to 270 wins and counting, but her time spent patrolling the sidelines is more than wins and losses.*

When Lisa Bluder began coaching women's basketball, she thought she'd try it for one year.

That seems strange, because Bluder is now the Iowa women's basketball coach with the most wins, and she has been a figure on the sidelines for three teams over the course of 30 seasons.

What's even stranger is how Bluder first came to coaching.

In 1984, Bluder, who had recently graduated

as a three-year starter for University of Northern Iowa, was taking care of 90-year-old Dorothy Buech with her husband to be, David Bluder.

Periodically, Lisa Bluder would go to Buech's home to check up on her or take her out to eat. One time, Buech was particularly excited — she knew that Bluder had an interest in coaching, and she had just found an advertisement in the paper for the St. Ambrose women's basketball coaching position.

After an interview, St. Ambrose offered the job to Bluder, who went home and told her then fiancé the news.

"I said, 'Dave, I've got good news and bad news,'" she said. "The good news is that they offered me the job. The bad news is that it pays \$2,400 for the year. And he said, 'That's all right, let's try it and go for it.'"

Bluder negotiated for \$100 more per year and accepted the job.

"To me, it was because I loved the game. I missed it, I wanted to be involved in it again," she said. "I really just went for it for the joy of coaching."

The pay wasn't the only difficult aspect. When she agreed to coach, she was also agreeing to take care of almost every aspect of the basketball program.

For the next year, she hired officials, scheduled facilities, mopped the floor, washed uniforms, and spearheaded the team's fundraising — which consisted of selling Homecoming t-shirts and cheese-and-sausage packets.

The one job Bluder vividly remembers not having to do was tape ankles.

"You do everything," Bluder said. "Absolutely everything."

She still loved it, but never did she imagine

SEE BLUDER, 8

## RECAP

# Hawks tame feisty 'Cats



Iowa center Bethany Doolittle looks for a pass in Carver-Hawkeye on Monday. Iowa defeated Northwestern, 90-84. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

By MATT CABEL  
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Monday was a night for the history books in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Not only did head coach Lisa Bluder notch her 270th win at the helm of Iowa women's basketball, she passed the legendary Vivian Stringer as the coach with the most wins in Hawkeye women's basketball history and surpassed Dr. Tom Davis with the most wins in Hawkeye history.

"When I came here 14

years ago, I was just thankful that Dr. [Christine] Grant gave me a five-year contract and that I was going to be around for five years," Bluder said. "That's all I really thought about at the time, and I'm very thankful to her."

Melissa Dixon led the way in scoring for the Hawkeyes against Northwestern, pouring in 24 points on 6-of-9 shooting from downtown. Sam Logic put in another all-around effort scoring 20 points, dishing out 10 assists,

and grabbing 8 boards in a performance that Bluder jokingly called slacking since Logic didn't notch a second triple-double in as many games. Freshman Ally Disterhoft finished with 11 points and 9 rebounds, Theairra Taylor finished with 16 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists, while Bethany Doolittle chipped in 14 points.

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## COMMENTARY

# The play's the thing



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I was in Samford Stadium when Michael Sam changed the country's perception of the 2013 Missouri football team on a balmy October day in Athens, Ga.

Up 20-10, just before the half against No. 7 Georgia, the unanimous first-team All-American nimbly scooped up an Aaron Murray fumble and bolted 20 yards for a score. 27-7. The upset of the season to that point in the books. An SEC stadium, silenced.

It was a football play, by a football player. And the other 92,745 people in attendance with me didn't think anything more of it.

The truth is, this game, is just that — a game.

Sam's announcement that he is "an openly proud gay man" is a big deal when put into a historical context. The NFL draft and season will be under a microscope in 2014. The league's stance on tolerance has been on trial for years.

But the real story here lies in Columbia, Mo.

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