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Week highlights HIV awareness

By Tierra Simpson

Little progress has been made in the fight against HIV/AIDS. New cases are being reported almost every day. That's why the Iowa AIDS忍耐 week is so important. It is an opportunity for the University of Iowa and the Iowa City community to work together to end HIV/AIDS in our state.

The second annual Iowa AIDS Awareness Week kicks off on Monday, with events throughout the week aimed at educating people about HIV/AIDS. The week will start at 9 a.m. outside the IMU. Several speakers will address the crowd about the fight against HIV/AIDS. Their address will be followed by a march around the Pentacrest. The week will conclude on Friday with an event in the IRC Red Room on the west side of the Pentacrest.

Official's back Mason on privacy

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By Eric Clark

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Young people still contract HIV infections at a high rate, according to a study released this week—and a large percentage don't even know they have it.

Stata and local officials point to a lack of knowledge about HIV/AIDS among young people today as a possible explanation.

“Dealing with stigma gives a person associated with HIV in one of biggest problems in the field,” because it impedes care and it impedes prevention, said Jeffery Maxer, a University of Iowa associate professor of internal medicine. “HIV carries this stigma, and see them as what they are — a gift from God,” said Maggie DeWitte, a UI junior who teaches a Sexual Ethics course. “In general, I am in favor of making options for birth control more available,” she said. “If there would help that, I’d be in favor.”

One opinion that proponents of increased access to birth control focus on is the idea that contraceptives provide the power women,” she said. “We should be empowering young people to take control of their bodies and see them as what they are — a gift from God,” said Maggie DeWitte, a University of Iowa junior who teaches a Sexual Ethics course.

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The week of events addresses issues such as stigma and funding around HIV/AIDS. This week, UI Global Health Club and One UIowa collaborated for Iowa City Red Week, which aims to address issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. (The Daily Iowan/ Juan Carlos Herrera)

Brenda Griffiths

Rape trial turns scrappy

By Brenda Griffiths

A line of questioning nearly led to a mistrial Thursday in the case against a former University of Iowa student accused of sexually assaulting a woman on the Pentacrest in October 2010. 

Even Pfeifer, 20, allegedly raped a woman on the west side of the Pentacrest in the early morning hours of Oct. 3, 2010. On Wednesday, he vérified true facts about the alleged incident, saying she was walking back to her room at Staker Residence Hall when Pfeifer approached and eventually raped her.

On Thursday, Pfeifer’s attorney, Mark Brown, began to ask a witness — one of the reported victim’s friends — about the extent of the relationship between the accuser and the accused. “I don’t have any information that could lead to the identification of reported victim of sexual assault. Just as Brown appeared to be asking the witness whether he was “more than” friends with the alleged victim, Assistant Johnson County prosecutor Anne Lahey objected. The two attorneys then approached 6th Judicial District Judge Mitchell Turner, who asked the jury to leave the courtroom.

Turner decided Brown could continue his line of questioning for the record, but the jury could not be present. The witness then testified he and the accused had sex before, and three weeks after, the alleged incident. Then, for fewer than 10 minutes, the two sides presented their views on the line of questioning. Lahey characterized it as “very improper,” and said Brown was trying to “spiral a previous judge’s ruling on questions regarding the accuser’s relationships.

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KID CAPTAIN PROFILE

Premature baby now a captain

By STACEY MURRAY

Just before Christmas 2008, Tracy and Erik Tillberg received a particularly heart-wrenching announce ment that their son wouldn’t make it to their first child.

Erik is now a healthy, lively 3-year-old. But the events that led up to that news spent more time in the neonatal intensive care unit than he did in his home. Indeed, he delivered 21 weeks into his pregnancy.

Tracy spent the next six months as a mom-to-be in the neonatal intensive care unit, where she attempted to create a calm environment for her mother’s wish to be close to her baby’s life.

Now, the energetic little boy now enjoys an annual Christmas Party as a tribute to his Mom and Dad, who have come to enjoy the experience.

Today, Emery loves to eat and play, something he greatly enjoys.

His parents plan to have another baby soon.

In the end, Erik is a healthy and happy young boy.

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Woman charged with fraud, theft

A woman accused of making fraudulent claims and stealing from her deceased relative’s bank account has been arrested.

According to a news report, on April 23, 2023, 35-year-old Emily Johnson, of Denver, Colorado, was charged with second-degree theft and promoting a false instrument.

Johnson was arrested on April 24, 2023, after she was allegedly seen using a false instrument to open a bank account.

Johnson is accused of making fraudulent claims and stealing from her deceased relative’s bank account.

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

A man accused of domestic abuse has been charged with assault after allegedly chasing his wife with a baseball bat.

On May 1, 2023, 34-year-old John Doe was charged with first-degree assault and domestic abuse.

The victim, Doe’s wife, reported that he attacked her when she told him to move out of their home.

“Domestic abuse is a serious crime that should not be tolerated,” said the victim.

Public comment on comment regulations

The public has been invited to comment on new comment regulations for the city’s website.

The regulations were proposed by the city’s website management team.

The regulations would make it easier for the public to comment on city decisions.

“By providing a clear and consistent framework for public comment, we can ensure that our website remains an open and engaging platform for all users,” said the city manager.

Council to meet on plastic-bag ban

The city’s Council will be considering a proposal to ban plastic bags in an upcoming work session.

The proposal was introduced by Councilor Jane Doe, who said, “We need to take steps to reduce our plastic waste.”

The council is expected to vote on the proposal at its next meeting.

Council to tackle home-chicken policy

The council will be considering a proposal to tackle home-chicken policies.

The proposal was introduced by Councilor John Smith, who said, “We need to ensure that our residents have safe and healthy living conditions.”

The council is expected to vote on the proposal at its next meeting.

Fire captain retires

Craig Farnsworth, the city’s fire chief, will be retiring on June 30, 2023.

Farnsworth has served the city for 25 years.

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Regents on tuition freeze

The state Board of Regents must decide by Friday whether to freeze tuition at University of Iowa-regulated public institutions this fall and the board must vote by the last day in September. Tuition adjustments announced for fall 2013 for all institutions must be for 43.7 percent or less of the gross tuition revenue.

The regents will hold their next meeting Tuesday, under-graduate students at the current level. The tuition formula will increase by 2.5 percent to 5.7 percent, and the remainder may be redistributed for academic purposes.

The regents’ policy states that a maximum of 70 percent of the gross tuition must be used for student aid. Some funds are required for the National Medical Physiology Online.

The board meets Friday via telephonic meeting.

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The College of Nursing will have a study abroad program in Argentina.

The UI is also requesting almost $5 million to repair the Hancher, Voxman and Engineering.

The state Board of Regents will consider approval for the UI’s and Clinics’ Pappajohn Pavilion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The birth control pill should be offered over-the-counter

The birth control pill should be offered over-the-counter,
and it’s high time that it be done. While most people
are aware that the pill is one of the most effective forms
of birth control available, many women still do not
know that they can purchase it over-the-counter.

The pill has been used for over 30 years and has proven
to be safe and effective. It is estimated that the pill
prevents up to 99.9% of unintended pregnancies and
is effective even in women who smoke or have
pre-existing medical conditions.

By allowing the birth control pill to be sold over-the-counter,
women will have greater access to this important family-planning
tool, which can help prevent unintended pregnancies and
provide the means for families to control their fertility.

It is time to end the discrimination against women who
want to control their fertility by making the birth control
pill freely available over-the-counter. This is a simple step
that can make a big difference in the lives of women across
the United States.
Noelle Bowdler, a clinical professor and athletics Committee member Michael O'Hara endorsed the use of confidentiality among investigations similar to Gray's.

"In some cases, those complaints are not necessarily always found," he said. "There's not always a clear-cut decision.

"Fierer did express concern about the number in which court matters were announced, saying he wasn't aware of the changes would have been made if not for the media's coverage of the trial.

"The UI plans to review all hiring processes, specifically beginning with athletics Committee members.

In a prior interview with The Daily Iowan, Regent Robert Donner also expressed concerns regarding hiring policy. "My concern is from the reputational standpoint," Donner said. "In my view, this is something that needs to be looked into for all the institutions for which we have responsibility.

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Institute, stressed the importance of flood education within the university. "This sort of education does at least two things," he wrote in an email. "First, it will maintain a living memory of those life-changing natural events from the past. It will give students the opportunity to build a vision of the future and help communities that will be more aware of the effects of a natural disaster." Hanoch Auditorium, which was severely damaged by floodwaters in 2008, is one of the participating departments. "What I really truly like about this is that this is an interdisciplinary project," said Charles Steenstra, the Hanoch executive director. "It is not only about science and geography but the arts are a part of it too, and writing is a part of it. It just shows that to come back from a disaster such as a flood, it takes every- body to bring us back from something like that." Steenstra said one of the important purposes of multi-department education, besides Flynn, one of the coordinators of the project, was the approach of having a common goal in various academic departments that is relatively new, and more importantly, it has a strong effect.

"No matter what class you’re in, every single person is going to have to study how to fix floods," said Flynn, also a clinical instructor with this is look at how far we have come and what we have learned from that experience," he said. "What I love about the on- site project is that there is such a spirit of collabora- tion within the university and throughout the state." Hanoch's, his wife Sarah's, his children in the streets cheered and flashed victory signs. "Today is a big day for all of us," Abu Yazan, a 20-year-old Abu Dhabi supporter, said. Isam Bisan, a senior Haniwa figure in exile, said he welcomed the U.N. vote as an achieve- ment but noted that "the Palestinian people are looking for huma- n rights" to create a Palestinian state — underlying the group’s deep ideological rift with Abbas, who opposes vi- olence.

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The Iowa track and field teams will have their first competition on Saturday as the Hawkeyes compete in the Iowa Invitational, hosted on the campus of Simpson College in Indianola.

With a long history of tradition and success, the Iowa Invitational is one of the nation's oldest track meets and is widely regarded as one of the top meets in the country.

The meet will feature a variety of events, including sprints, hurdles, long jumps, and the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

The women's team will be led by senior All-American Emily Fried, who won the 10,000-meter run at the Big Ten Championships last year. The men's team will be led by junior All-American Zach Ziemek, who broke the 3,000-meter steeplechase school record at the collegiate indoor championships.

With the top talent in the nation, the Hawkeyes are looking to continue their success at the meet and establish themselves as one of the top teams in the country.

The Iowa Invitational will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 1 p.m. The meet is free to attend and is open to the public.

By Kevin Glueck

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The Iowa women's gymnastics team is looking to build on their success from last season as they prepare for the 2020-21 season.

The team will be led by head coach Colleen McCurley, who has been with the program for 13 seasons. McCurley has led the Hawkeyes to three NCAA championships and three Big Ten titles in her time at the helm.

The team will be joined by six new gymnasts, including two returners from last season. The team is looking to add depth and experience to their lineup as they prepare for the upcoming season.

The Hawkeyes will host their first meet of the season on Saturday, January 23, in the Field House at the University of Iowa. The meet will feature three events: the horizontal bar, the vault, and the floor exercise.

The team will also host the annual Black and Gold intrasquad meet on January 24, which will feature exhibition routines and skills.

With new faces and familiar ones, the Hawkeyes are looking to build on their success from last season and compete at the highest level.

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Tony Ramos hopes to ‘prove a point’ against an Iowa State freshman phenom.

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Iowa State freshman phenom. Tony Ramos hopes to ‘prove a point’ against an Iowa State freshman.

Ramos can’t wait to find out what all the fuss is about. His teammates hearing last year about an Iowa high-school wrestler who was pursuing a fourth-straight undefeated season, the younger wrestler had committed to Iowa State.

McCaffrey said the issue was not as much about where the shots were coming from, but that the team was not as much about where the 3-point shots were coming from, but that the team was not as much as it should have been.

Monte said cleaning things up on the offensive end of the floor is a key to improving team’s defensive issues, while Ramos needs to go after a lit bit too much on the defensive end.

“Right now, we’re not as much as we should be,” McCaffrey said. “We have to go after. This season, he pinned five of his first six opponents and beat Iowa’s Scott Festejo. Ramos, meanwhile, has been dominant early on, and didn’t press the issue where it would be least of a duel that Brands admitted isn’t the spectacle it was in 2009 or 2008, where the teams faced off Nov. 19 and in the Big Ten.

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“The junior 133-pounder, who placed third nationally last season, is not too impressed by it. ‘I’ll be ready to go.’

The junior 133-pounder, who placed third nationally last season, when the Hawkeyes faced off against Iowa State.

Where to watch/listen:

**Mountain Hawks**

Blader’s Bunch returns to Carver for this weekend after spending a little more than a week in the Sunshine State.

**By CODY GOODWIN**
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Trisha Nesbitt woke up in her own bed Wednesday morning for the first time in a week. A long trip that included three basketball games in five days in the Sunshine State finally came to an end Wednesday night after a tough loss to Florida.

But it’s back in the pool now for the Hawkeyes. This weekend will serve as a learning opportunity for coaches and swimmers alike, which has a championship format, helps them prepare for the new and improving themselves in the Big Ten championships as well as the NCAAAs.

There’s no good test with this freshman they’re high on, and he’s got to do the same in Carver-Hawkeye Arena this weekend.

Ramos was ranked No. 3 at 133 pounds by Internet, and Moore isn’t ranked. But the freshman’s pedigree means his shot-at-large would be the best shot-at-large of a duel that Brands admitted isn’t the spectacle it was in 2009 or 2008, where the teams faced off Nov. 19 and in the Big Ten.

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Ramos said, “You don’t have the No. 1 team in America, nor do you have two high-ranked opponents. From the outside, everyone isn’t as it is as a top-billed event. But we don’t look at it that way. Regardless of what it looks like on paper, we have to get ready to wrestle. It looks good for Iowa on paper. The Hawkeyes have the higher-ranked wrestler at eight of 10 weights. Mark Ballweg, Ethan Lofthouse, and Nathan Burak should all have difficult tests, but the Hawkeyes are heavy favorites.

Senior Grant Grabell has seen Iowa-Iowa State when it was a big deal. And while he knows fans may not see it that way this year, he said the wrestlers still do.

“If you’re talking about the perspective of our team and the way we train and the way we approach things, I don’t think it’s lost any of its luster,” he said. “But if you’re talking about the fans’ perspective, I can see where maybe they’re not as hyped up. Fans want the No. 1 and 2 team in the country going at it. They’ve had that in the past, and those aren’t the rankings between the two teams right now.”

No. 4 Iowa (5-0) vs. Iowa State (0-1)

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Hawks finally back

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