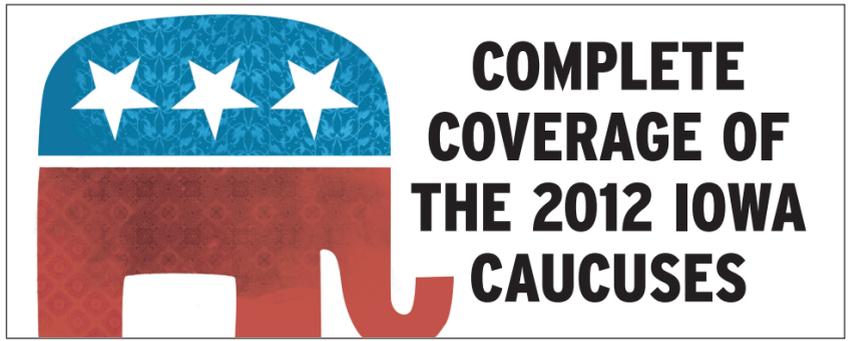


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SCOPE to bring Avett Brothers to IMU

The Avett Brothers are set to perform at the IMU Main Lounge March 7 as part of "An Evening with the Avett Brothers" at 7 p.m. SCOPE announced the event today, touting the band as "an exciting brand of folk rock" made up of brothers Scott and Seth Avett.

According to a SCOPE press release, the brothers had success with their 2009 album, *I and Love and You*, and they played a sold-out show at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., that year. The Avett Brothers also appeared at the 53rd Grammy Awards this year, performing with Mumford and Sons and Bob Dylan. Tickets will be available to the general public starting Dec. 23 at 10 a.m. at Ticketmaster locations. According to the press release, a limited number of student tickets will be sold at the IMU University Box Office starting Jan. 17.

— by Emily Busse

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(Clockwise from top left) Signs are displayed in front of the pavilion in College Green Park as part of the Occupy Iowa City protest on Oct. 10. Protesters started camping out in tents in the park on Oct. 7.

This year marked the tenth anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. More than 6,200 Americans have died in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq in the 10 years since the attacks.

Charles Thompson and attorney Tyler Johnston talk after the defense's motion for mistrial was made on Sept. 27 in the Johnson County Courthouse. The motion was granted later in the afternoon.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz observes the action during the Hawkeyes' 20-7 loss to Nebraska on Nov. 25.

Art West nearly set

Officials said they aren't concerned about moving into the new building on-time.

By **MATT STARNES**
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The anticipation of moving back into Art Building West has been building since Nov. 11 for Lynne Lanning.

That was when Lanning, an undergraduate adviser in the University of Iowa School of Art and Art History, got her first glimpse of the renovated building during an open house.

"I think when people were able to stand in the building and see how beautiful it is, people were really excited to move back in," she said. "... the people from the Art History Department were very excited to see the space again."

Art Building West is slated to open for classes next month, and UI officials said they expect the move to run smoothly.

"Things have been moving along very nicely," said Eric



Property of the School of Art and Art History sits in a room that will become a photography studio on the third floor in Art Building West on Thursday. Eric Dean, the administrator of the Office of Visual Materials, said moving back into the facility will be accomplished before the beginning of the next semester. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

Dean, an administrator with the UI Office of Visual Materials. "The contractor has been really good to work with."

Dean Dykstra, a UI Facilities Management construction project manager, said the official move-in process will be completed within the month.

"Move-in will begin next week," he said. "The library will be moved in first, and then faculty will move in after the first of the year."

But Dean said the move-in schedule is a bit more gradual.

"The building is actually not open yet for all of our faculty and staff to come back to," he said. "We hope that by Jan. 3, our faculty and staff will all be able to move back."

Dean also said there are several staff members who have already moved into the building to help with the transition.

SEE **ART BUILDING**, 3A

Professor's Bloom post sparks reaction

The Facebook comment written by Kembrew McLeod received 150 'likes' within 12 hours of being reposted.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**
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Higher-education officials from across the state said it's important for college faculty to be careful with their social-media presence.

A piece written by University of Iowa journalism Professor Stephen Bloom has caught a firestorm of criticism this week from some who say it was inaccurate and overly critical of Iowans. On Tuesday, UI Associate Professor Kembrew McLeod wrote on Bloom's Facebook wall, calling Bloom a "self-important jerk" and throwing in a few obscenities.

"... [Y]our *Atlantic* piece sunk my opinion of you further — and I didn't think it could get that low," Kembrew wrote.

None of Iowa's three state universities have formal policies regarding public content posted on social media sites such

SEE **SOCIAL MEDIA**, 3A



A bearable lightness

By **SAMANTHA GENTRY**
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When Daniell Grothus is not creating a lighting design for a theater production, you can usually find her in the paint shop at the University of Iowa.

Creating scenic works of art is what she considers to be her break from electricians, even though that is where her true passion lays.

After attending Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis., for a year, Grothus decided transferring to a bigger school with a graduate program was in her best interest.

She originally transferred to the UI with no intention of continuing her education in theater, but after two months of working in the department, she decided that theater was where her heart belongs.

UI theater Professor Bryon Winn remembers meeting Grothus when she brought in her portfolio for an evaluation prior to taking his Lighting Design 2 course.

"In the classroom, she is an excellent student, and in production, she is a multi-talented collaborator no matter what role she

assumes," Winn said. "She is one of the most engaging and ambitious students in the Department of Theatre Arts."

During the past two and a half years at the UI, Grothus has been either a collaborator or a designer in over 20 shows. Most recently, she worked on the Undergraduate Director's Festival and *Operation Midnight Climax*.

Grothus was thrown into lighting design in junior high school. From that moment on, working behind the scenes was what she wanted to continue doing.

"You can't touch light, and I think that's what makes it so cool because you can make it or break it during the play," she said. "It's not something that's tangible that can last during the play."

A breakdown of the tasks for a lighting designer begins with receiving information from a director and then working with a design team to make their vision come true.

Once the basic ideas are nailed down, it's necessary to go through the script to decide where the lighting cues should go including,



UI senior Daniell Grothus sits in the Theatre Building on Wednesday. She has been either a collaborator or a designer for over 20 shows in the past two and a half years. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Coupee)

colors, brightness, angle, and if there are any lamps or flashlights on stage.

All of those cues are then put onto a light plot, which is given to the electricians before every show. The designer will then sit through a lighting rehearsal and they watch the show numerous times in order to make adjustments.

"I do love designing, because it's a different kind of work, but personally, I feel like I'm a better electrician," Grothus said. "It's a little bit of realism and practicality."

The Iowa native has recently been the master

electrician for *A Hamlet*, *The Cherry Orchard*, *Stick Fly*, and the UI Dance Department's *Dance Gala*.

Hillary Foster, a UI academic coordinator, describes Grothus as one of those students who goes above and beyond and is a conscientious and selfless collaborator.

"It will be hard to find another student who will pitch in and do the amount of work that [Grothus] does on a daily basis," Foster said. "... I have no doubt that she will do exciting things in theater in the near future."

Health decision expected before 2012 election

By **ADAM B SULLIVAN**
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Iowa's challenge to the Democrats' health-care overhaul is headed to the U.S. Supreme Court but that likely won't mean much for officials in Iowa.

Federal officials announced last month that the country's highest court would hear arguments in *Florida et al. v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, Florida and 25 other states' challenge to the health-care reform law signed by President Obama last year.

Branstad signed on to the lawsuit shortly after taking office at the beginning of the year. He said at the time that the law would end up costing taxpayers billions.

"I am signing on to this suit as the governor on behalf of the people of Iowa, because I believe Iowa taxpayers deserve to be heard on this critical matter," he said in January. "As we begin constructing our five-year budget, there is no

doubt that the current federal health-care law will shackle Iowa taxpayers for billions in unfunded mandates."

But despite the governor's stamp of approval, the administration's legal staff in Des Moines has little to do with arguing the case.

"It's more so lending our support for the lawsuit stating that the state of Iowa is concerned with the government takeover of health care and the costs associated with it that will burden our state and with the constitutionality of the federal mandate," Branstad spokesman Tim Albrecht said. "By signing on to this, we give a voice to those who are concerned and think it's unconstitutional, the governor included."

And David Orentlicher, who heads the Hall Center for Law and Health at Indiana University, said in cases with so many litigants, few of those involved are likely doing daily work on the case.

"Most of the work is done by a few of them, rather than all of them being actively involved," said Orentlicher, who has widely defended the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. "I'm sure they all get a chance to comment and make changes, but I would expect a limited number to be doing most of the work."

But even if nobody in Des Moines is losing sleep over the case — which the court is expected to rule on before next year's presidential election — the issue is still a hot political item in Iowa.

For starters, Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, a Democrat, has signed onto a brief in defense of the law's constitutionality. That puts Iowa in a sticky situation: The state's top lawyer, charged with handling all litigation involving the state, supports the law, while the governor opposes it. In short, Iowa both officially supports the law and officially opposes the law.

Miller acknowledged the

tension in a statement he released after Branstad signed onto the lawsuit.

"However, in this unusual set of circumstances, given what is at stake for the public, Gov. Branstad should have the ability to express his viewpoint as governor," said Miller, a Democrat.

Other top Democrats in the state have been very critical of Branstad for challenging the law.

"Countless Iowans are already benefiting from the Affordable Care Act while Gov. Branstad wastes state resources to fight it," Iowa Democratic Party spokesman Sam Roecker said. "The bottom line is that health-care reform is saving Iowa families money and expanding access to health care. It's unfortunate that Gov. Branstad and his Republican colleagues want to undo the protections in this law and are so focused on repealing it that they have failed to propose any alternative plan."

METRO

3 face drug charges

Three Iowa City men face drug charges after police executed a search warrant on their apartment Wednesday night.

According to a series of complaints by Iowa City police, Jacob Pickens, 19, John Koenen, 20, and Joseph Mescher, 19, were charged after officers executed a search warrant at their apartment, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1628.

The complaints said the residents were smoking marijuana when officers entered. During the search, officers allegedly located a glass bong and a small amount of marijuana in Koenen's bedroom, and 19 grams of marijuana, a scale, and \$100 in cash in Mescher's bedroom.

The complaint said officers arrived and found Pickens and another subject locked in Pickens' bedroom smoking marijuana, and the door had to be forced open. During the search of Pickens' bedroom, officers allegedly located two packages

of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Pickens is charged with possession of a controlled substance and gathering for the use of marijuana, Koenen is charged with possession of a controlled substance and keeping a drug house. Mescher is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and keeping a drug house.

—by Matt Starns

Woman charged with domestic abuse

An Iowa City woman was charged Tuesday with second-offense domestic-abuse assault after she allegedly bit her girlfriend and covered her face with a pillow.

According to a complaint by Iowa City police, officers were called to the residence of Stacey Kiest, 27, 1131 Third Ave. Apt. 7, for a welfare check. Upon their arrival, they spoke with the vic-

tim, who stated Kiest had allegedly given her unwanted marks on her neck and had bit her right shoulder, the complaint said.

The complaint also said the victim stated Kiest had allegedly covered her face with a pillow. The officers observed two red marks on the victim's neck, as well as bruising on her left forearm and right lower leg, according to the complaint.

The complaint said Kiest denied a physical altercation between the two women.

Second-offense domestic-abuse assault is an aggravated misdemeanor.

—by Matt Starns

Man faces numerous drug charges

An Iowa City man faces numerous drug charges after Iowa City police executed a search warrant on his apartment Nov. 10.

According to a complaint by

Iowa City police, officers went to the home of Matthew Ebeling, 21, 929 Iowa Ave. Apt. 15, during a drug investigation. The complaint said residents declined a consent search of the apartment, and police obtained a search warrant.

The complaint said officers searched the apartment and located approximately 0.75 pound of high-grade marijuana, as well as \$3,179 in cash, packaging materials, a digital scale, and other items of drug paraphernalia.

Another complaint in the series said officers determined, during the course of the investigation, that Ebeling invited people over to use drugs and that drugs were being used in the apartment shortly before officers arrived.

Ebeling is charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, gathering for use of drugs, keeping a drug house, and failure to affix a tax stamp to a taxable substance.

—by Matt Starns

BLOTTER

Sarah Bartelt, 20, 906 E. College St., was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Connor Burke, 20, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1628, was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rebecca Castagno, 36, 1416 Brookwood Drive, was charged Tuesday with possession of prescription drugs and fifth-degree theft.

Hillary Cogdill, 20, Keota, Iowa, was charged Thursday with presence in a bar after hours.

Brett Erts, 23, 421 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Oct. 30 with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and keeping a disorderly house.

Cainnon Fox, 38, address unknown, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Zachary Hobbs, 20, Cedar

Rapids, was charged Aug. 14 with driving with a revoked license.

Ryan Kimmel, 21, 950 Boston Way Apt. 2, was charged Dec. 4 with fifth-degree theft.

Pedro Neria Moran, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 130, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Salena Readus, 52, 2112 Miami Drive, was charged Wednesday

with criminal trespass.

Theodore Stafford, 49, address unknown, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Samuel Stratton, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged Oct. 30 with exhibition of obscene material.

Scott Young, 31, North Liberty, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

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"We have permission for a few of our staff to be over here," he said.

Dean said some staff and faculty will move in, allowing time to get situated and for adjustments to be made, before allowing more to unpack.

Lanning said the newly renovated Art Building West will house all art history and graphic-design classes, as well as some photography and painting classes.

"It's a beautiful area, and it's well-designed for their specific teaching," she said. "It's been very exciting."

The \$11 million renovation — necessitated by damage caused by the 2008 flood — took more than a year to complete. During that time, art and art-history classes were spread widely across campus, with many held in Van Allen and the Studio Arts Building, on Highway 1 West.

The next project slated for completion in the flood recovery effort is the Theatre Building, to be completed in August 2013. Other flood-recovery projects include the Art Building, the IMU, Mayflower, a new Hancher, and a new music facility.

Lanning said for now, it's nice to have the award-winning Art Building West back.

"It's a beautiful area, and it's been something people have been excited to move into," she said. "The people who were in it before are very excited about being there again."

SOCIAL MEDIA

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as Facebook and Twitter. That leaves the lines regarding appropriate interactions among colleagues on the web unclear.

The UI caught some heat earlier this year when the school's @UIowaPolitics Twitter account posted a tweet saying, "I didn't know Bachmann was in town. Bah-dum-bum," following reports of a cougar loose in Iowa City.

Following that incident, UI President Sally Mason said university officials might consider developing a university social-media policy.

"You know, I think we'll probably look at this

Twitter

UI faculty/administration who have Twitter accounts:

- Political-science Associate Professor Timothy Hagle: @ProfHagle
- Vice President of Student Life Tom Rocklin: @tom_rocklin
- Adjunct journalism instructor Nick Bergus: @bergus
- Political-science Professor Bob Boynton: @bobboynton

Source: Twitter

opportunity to examine whether a policy would be appropriate," Mason told the *DI* in September. "These technologies are evolving so quickly that it's sometimes hard to figure out exactly what we should be doing, and we should be monitoring it."

That apparently hasn't happened, though. UI

spokesman Tom Moore said Thursday that university policy forbids faculty from doing anything illegal but does not specifically address social media.

Annette Hacker, a spokeswoman for Iowa State University, said that university has no specific policies regarding use of social media, but individual departments may enforce policies.

James O'Connor, a spokesman for the University of Northern Iowa, also said the school has no official social-media policy, but a statement on UNI's official Facebook page states, "... We ask that you provide the same respect to others, keeping your comments civil and professional, and refrain from engaging in personal attacks on other persons posting on the site."

David Perlmutter, the director of the UI School of Journalism who has written about social media and blogging, said journalism faculty represent themselves, not the school.

"No faculty member represents the university," he said. "They represent themselves as individuals unless they've been empowered by being a higher administrator or by a higher function."

Perlmutter also said he personally does not condone incivility.

"I think 99 percent of the time, it's unnecessary to be vulgar, and uncivil, and mean-spirited," he said.

Michael Bugeja, the director of ISU's School of Journalism who also teaches media-ethics courses, said he feels social media are "a barometer of

knee-jerk reaction."

"Just based on how social media is so easily shared, you're not having a private conversation with one person," Bugeja said. "You're having it with a multitude of people. If that's the case, you might want to stop the knee jerk and start thinking critically. In the end, it's not about the names we call something or someone, it's about the facts we bring to light."

Some feel the line a professional employee draws on social networks should be left to the employee in question.

"I don't think there's a clearly right or wrong place to draw the line, but I do think that it's very important for every faculty member to think about where he or she wants to draw the line," UI law Professor Todd Pettys said.

Measures of help

Iowa City musicians will hold a concert to benefit the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank.

By JORDAN MONTGOMERY
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The Johnson County Crisis Center helps approximately 4,500 individuals per month, and the number is growing. This weekend, Iowa City band Eufórqestra will hold a concert to benefit the Crisis Center.

Eufórqestra, Dennis McMurrin & the Demolition Band, and David Zollo will perform at Gabe's at 8 p.m. Dec. 23. Along with the performance from the three acts, the show will feature a canned-food drive and silent auction.

"We are really fortunate — the residents of Iowa City have a huge heart for

this kind of service," said Beth Ritter Ruback of the Crisis Center. "People walk in every day with donations, the students are great about doing food drives, and local businesses are very supportive."

Yet despite the charity of area residents, the Crisis Center is always in need. In October, the center had 3,329 household visits to receive food, Ritter Ruback said. Last year in the same month, it had 2,715 visits.

"We are up about 600 visits, and the number has been consistently on the rise since this summer," she said.

Every winter, the center

holds a large distribution called Project Holiday. With a \$15 donation at www.jccrisiscenter.org, the project ensures that families in need are provided with everything needed for a holiday meal. This year, there are 1,400 families registered to receive holiday meals from the Crisis Center.

"These people are our neighbors," Ritter Ruback said. "It affects us all when our neighborhoods aren't as strong as they could be, when children are going to school hungry, and when parents are working three jobs to put food on the table. It affects us all in ways that some people



Eufórqestra (above), Dennis McMurrin & the Demolition Band, and David Zollo will perform at Gabe's at 8 p.m. Dec. 23.

never consider.

"We are really lucky to have benefits like this; it is a great reminder to folks. At a time when most families are getting together to

celebrate a wonderful holiday celebration, there are families who are struggling to do such things as pay the rent and put food on the table."

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Guest Editorial

Mason to *Atlantic*: I'm
'proud to call Iowa home'

The opinion piece by Stephen Bloom, a professor at the University of Iowa, has generated considerable statewide and national reactions about Iowa. I disagree strongly with and was offended by Bloom's portrayal of Iowa and Iowans. Please know that he does not speak for the University of Iowa. As the president of the university, I have the opportunity to travel far and wide across this great state frequently, and the Iowa I see is one of strong, hard-working, and creative people. In this cynical world that can harden even the greatest optimist, the citizens of Iowa continue to believe.

Shortly after I came to this wonderful state, we were faced with a historic flood that devastated communities up and down the eastern corridor of Iowa. What I saw, though, in some of our darkest hours was the best that Iowa has to offer — our people. I saw sandbags being filled. I saw communities rallying together to help their neighbors protect what they treasured. I didn't see woeful distress or abandonment.

Their deeds and actions define Iowans, not some caricature. When I travel the state, what I see is a land that is rich not only because of its soil but because of how its people are grounded. Iowans are pragmatic and balanced, and they live within their means. This lifestyle, while not glitzy, is humble and true and can weather the most difficult of times. One's reputation and word are understood to be her or his most valued attributes. As a result, people cultivate a sense of fairness, cooperation, and humility.

These values are exactly what you find in the hundreds of small towns in Iowa, which are the moral fabric of our state. When you look deeper in these communities, you will find independent farmers who are savvy business people on par with any corporate executive. As every Iowan knows, farming is a multimillion dollar business for them, demanding a close grasp of markets, finance, technology, and more. I have also seen Iowa towns large and small grasping

with the challenges of the economic downturn. We are not immune to such troubles that have gripped every corner of the nation. But in these towns from river to river are entrepreneurs who are making businesses work. There's no shortage of dedicated, creative, and daring Iowans who are finding what works.

Dubuque is a perfect example of a river town that struggled but has reinvented itself by tearing down industrial plants to reclaim a stunning waterfront and build a convention center and world-class museum. Cedar Rapids, likewise, claims Rockwell Collins as a thriving centerpiece of economic development. Across the state in Council Bluffs, you will find Google — the company that has come to define the new-age economy.

You also don't have to look far to immerse yourself in the fine arts. No fewer than seven Iowa communities claim symphony orchestras, and it goes without saying that no other state comes close to comparing with Iowa's tradition of literary excellence and creativity. When you can boast one of five Cities of Literature worldwide — and the only one in the United States — you're in a class all alone.

As the country knows, we start the nominating process for the president. There is not a day that goes by when some pundit doesn't ask, "Why Iowa?" My husband and I are transplanted Iowans, having been born and raised on opposite coasts. We are both proud to call Iowa home, and we are fascinated by the Iowa caucuses and how thoroughly Iowans become involved in the selection process of a president.

My sincere hope is that those who visit our beautiful state take at least a small piece of our character with them as it might make their own neighborhood even better.

Sally Mason is the University of Iowa President. This is an open letter to *The Atlantic*.

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Nedrebo's move out of Sycamore Mall and the news of Von Maur also leaving have sparked discussion among other Sycamore Mall business owners regarding pulling out of the mall — a move that will hurt the area even further.

For many people who live on the Southeast Side, money and transportation are huge factors that sometimes inhibit their ability to travel to Coralville. They are then forced to make due with the available stores and resources in their neighborhood. But if all the stores move out of the Sycamore Mall and other locations on the Southeast Side, where will people from that neighborhood go for shopping when they are faced with transportation and monetary problems?

Business owners shouldn't be afraid to move into Sycamore Mall. There are opportunities for growth on the Southeast Side and at the Sycamore Mall, and business owners should take advantage of them. There are currently seven available spaces at the Sycamore Mall, and more will be available by the beginning of the new year.

Smart business owners and potential store owners should utilize this availability and create a market at Sycamore Mall that caters to the needs of the people in the neighborhood and also other potential buyers in the Iowa City area. For example, clothing and shoe stores that market to a younger demographic, a childcare center, a large general retail store such as Target, trendy discount stores, entertainment and gaming, and discount product stores would all go over very well at the Sycamore Mall.

Arik Akers, the owner of the Lucky Resale consignment store, said that Von Maur brings in the largest amount of clientele to the mall. Akers said that once Von Maur leaves, a huge amount of business will be lost for the entire mall. Other business owners at Sycamore Mall are also worried about losing cus-

tomers and are considering moving out as well.

Akers said that he, and most of the other businesses, would like to move out to Coralville where business is booming. You can't blame them — it's easy to understand their reasoning. Coralville is filled with newer buildings, nicer strip malls, better restaurants, and more excitement. People would rather drive out to Coralville than go over to the Southeast Side to contribute their patronage.

The city should help with a revamping of the area. An implementation of tax incentives would surely provoke interest by business owners. Many businesses have moved to Coralville because they were offered tax incentives. Some may argue that giving tax incentives to businesses is a misuse of tax-increment financing, because they are usually encouraged to be used to help the community, schools, parks and recreation, and other governmental endeavors.

However, offering TIFs to businesses that promise to build on the Southeast Side or move into Sycamore Mall is a productive way of helping and benefiting the community and local economy. Businesses would seek the tax incentive, hire employees, and create a foundation for more development, and the burden of travel would be relieved for nearby residents.

Dispelling negative and ill-informed cultural frames and connotations of the Southeast Side can also help spark a renewed business interest in the area. Some people may avoid shopping at Sycamore Mall or other areas on the Southeast Side because of false perceptions of the low-income, Latino, and African-American residents in the neighborhood. Such false perceptions come from ignorance and fear to familiarize one's self with other cultures. They have created a dangerous dichotomy of "good" stores versus "bad" stores, and the consequences rest on the shoulders of the business owners.

But with unbiased help from the city, a realization of business potential, and a dismissal of negative connotations, Sycamore Mall and nearby stores will be able to thrive. ■

Letter

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Disrespectful
showing at
Gingrich event

I got to listen to Newt Gingrich Wednesday. I was excited to see him, I happen to be a fan of his, but I was deeply disappointed in a few things.

First, the person who introduced the former speaker of the House, I believe she is the chairwoman of the Iowa Federation of College Republicans, was chuckling as she did so. It sounded as

though she was making a joke about the whole event and didn't believe a word she said. It reminded me of those "Saturday Night Live" skits in which the actors break down and laugh. It was an incredibly poor showing and showed a lack of maturity.

Quickly after that was another appalling display of disrespect, but nonetheless common these days. A woman behind me yelled, "mike check," several times, which several other people quickly repeated. Then she pulled out

her script and read it very loudly, interrupting Gingrich, who paused to listen. As these Occupy Wall Street people are known to do, they repeated every sentence she screamed. Is that the way to get your point across? Is that changing people's minds? I believe that when you can't engage people on a rational, thoughtful basis, you resort to yelling, showing a glaring lack of character.

The last disappointment was the very last question Gingrich answered from the audience. It was a man that I happened to

recognize from an Occupy Iowa City event I visited a few weeks ago. He asked about a supposedly corrupt process by which Gingrich earned book sales. His last remark was, "You seem to have a Ph.D. in cheating on your wife."

Real class act. I hope that, for the image of this terrific university and the people who live, work, and study here, next time the organizers and the organized will find it in themselves to just — show some respect.
Andrew Lorelli
UI law student

Column

Caucus for anyone but Newt Gingrich

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My fellow students and future Iowa caucus-goers, I know that this week has been tough. If you're anything like me, you were pulling your hair out over finals and salivating over the idea of winter break.

But as we head into the holiday season without a care in the world, I must ask one thing of you: Please, for the love of all that is good, if you are going to participate in the Republican caucuses, support anyone but Newt Gingrich.

Why? He's simply a liar,

a cheat, and a fraud. Take a look at www.NewtExposed.com. It is all that you need to know.

The website asks whether Gingrich is a "real conservative," and I can tell you without a doubt in my mind that he is just as progressive as President Obama. A vote for Gingrich would be a vote for the status quo.

Gingrich has claimed numerous times throughout this campaign that he is the most conservative candidate in the race. This is a complete and utter falsehood.

Does a disregard for the Constitution and the Bill of

Rights sound "conservative" to you? He supported futurist and critic of the American system Alvin Tofler with promotions of his book *The Third Wave* throughout his career. He has voted consistently against the Second Amendment and gun ownership. He cosponsored the controversial 1987 "Fairness Doctrine" that would have restricted talk-radio hosts from promoting a lone viewpoint — a near-suspension of the First Amendment.

That doesn't sound "conservative" to me.

Does Rachel Carson-style environmentalism

sound "conservative" to you? He was the instructor of one of the earliest environmental-studies programs in the United States. In his time in Congress, he cosponsored the 1989 Global Warming Prevention Act.

He was featured in a 2008 commercial with former House Speaker and staunch liberal Nancy Pelosi promoting former Vice President Al Gore's Alliance for Climate Protection.

He is also the author of a book titled *Contract with the Earth*, which outlines an environmentalist manifesto reminiscent of many

existing and job-hampering EPA regulations. Oh, and speaking of the EPA, he wouldn't shut it down as president but would instead rebrand it as an Environmental Solutions Agency.

That doesn't sound "conservative" to me.

Does support for Keynesian economic policies sound "conservative" to you? He voted to raise the federal debt ceiling numerous times as a congressman. He voted for the highly bureaucratic and financially ineffective Department of Education. He has been an outspoken supporter of Franklin D. Roo-

sevelt and his borderline-socialist New Deal policies. He said in an interview with ABC's "This Week" in 2008 that he would have voted for the \$700 billion TARP bailout package.

That doesn't sound "conservative" to me.

Must I mention his infidelity and House ethics violations that amassed \$300,000 in fines?

That definitely doesn't sound "conservative" to me.

This list goes on and on. So please, if you caucus on Jan. 3, 2012, do so for anyone other than this ghost of Republicanism's past.

Happy holidays.

UI may adopt mental-health plan

The Mental Health Center hopes to implement Mental Health First Aid at the UI by the next academic year.

BY EMILY BUSSE
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Most college students would know how to react if a roommate fell down the stairs or choked in the dining hall. But what if a roommate is excessively anxious, a friend stops eating, or a neighbor begins sleeping all day?

These could be the early signs of a mental illness, and local mental-health providers want to make sure more people know how to react when it matters most.

Stephen Trefz, the executive director of the Community Mental Health Center for Mideastern Iowa, and a team of staff members are working to implement Mental Health First Aid at the University of Iowa residence halls by the next academic year.

"We could just provide them with another tool," Trefz said. "Not to be mental-health professionals, not to be counselors, not to be psychiatrists ... but to be able to be alert to those [symptoms]."

The Mental Health First Aid curriculum aims to teach people to recognize early signs of mental illness. It originated in Australia several years ago and has since spread to 14 countries, including the United States.

The 12-hour certification course is implemented in workplaces, community centers, and schools. Within the next decade, the program's website states, organizers hope Mental Health First Aid will become as common as CPR

and First Aid training.

With the help of a federally funded mental-health block grant, Trefz received Mental Health First Aid training last spring and trained two more employees over the summer.

The staff then chose residence halls as a potential candidate for the training.

Trefz spoke with Sam Cochran, the director of University Counseling Services, about three months ago to get another opinion. Cochran said the initiative comes at a good time.

"Any kind of training that we can bring to the staff would be beneficial to keeping up with the students that live in the halls," he said.

In the last decade, he said he's seen an increase in the number of students who enter the university with a diagnosed mental illness. He attributes the increase to several factors.

One, he said he thinks high-school students are getting better treatments before coming to college, allowing them to make the transition despite mental illness. Two, he said, parents and students are more knowledgeable about resources at college and willing to move to a college campus. Three, communities have made headway in breaking down the stigma attached to receiving mental-health care.

Mental Health First Aid training, Cochran said, would fit right in to the UI.

"The entering students have unique kinds of stresses: new environment, new academics," Cochran said. "We want to be sure

we're creating safety nets for them."

Trefz said their next step is to contact the UI residence-hall staff over winter break to see if they're interested in the training.

Director of Residence Life Kate Fitzgerald said she is open to the idea of exploring Mental Health First Aid training.

Current residence hall mental-health training consists of working with the University Counseling Services staff to train both the professional staff and student resident advisers to look for signs related to mental illness and refer students to campus resources.

"I think that we have been able to intervene before most issues get to a crisis level for both the student and the community," she said.

One potential roadblock both Cochran and Trefz acknowledged about instating the program is the

amount of time officials would have to dedicate to the training curriculum.

The program requires providers to stay true to the exact lesson plan, including its handouts, PowerPoint presentation, and the total length of 12 hours.

But Fitzgerald said time would not necessarily be an issue.

Resident advisers already undergo a 10- to 14-day training period in early August as well as three rounds of classes to prepare for the job. Breaking up the Mental Health First Aid training curriculum and inserting it into the existing training wouldn't be difficult, she said.

But cost could also potentially pose a problem.

Trefz said providers of Mental Health First Aid training, such as the Mideastern Iowa center, have several options when deciding how to fund a training session.

With the UI, Trefz said

they would most likely either ask the residence halls to foot the bill or ask UI officials to partner with them on applying for a grant. He said he's unsure about what the exact cost would be.

The UI residence halls are a self-sustaining entity, therefore, Fitzgerald said, they would have to look to students' fees to fund such a program.

"If it's going to cost a lot of money, that's going to be passed back onto students, and we're going to have to weigh how effective are we being now versus how much more effective would this curriculum make us," she said.

Trefz said it's up to the residence halls to quantify improvement. For him, it's all about getting it started.

"For us as providers, [success] would be just getting in the door, doing the training, and passing that information on," he said.

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UI prof to serve as Chilean ambassador

One UI official said having professors serve as ambassadors is beneficial to students.

By **MELISSA DAWKINS**
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Though Roberto Ampuero will return to Iowa City today, he won't return to his faculty position at the University of Iowa this spring semester.

Instead, he'll begin serving as the Chilean ambassador to Mexico in January.

"In the future, my students will not only enjoy having a professor who is at the same time an internationally published author but one who served as ambassador to such an important country as Mexico," Ampuero wrote in an email.

The UI assistant professor of Spanish said he was appointed because of his work as an internationally published author, his knowledge of Mexico, as well as his connections with influential Mexican politicians, businesspeople, and journalists.

His knowledge of the region, wife Ana Ampuero said, will also prepare her husband for the job.

"At this moment, he has unique qualifications," she said. "And at this moment, Mexico is one of the most important embassies in Latin America."

The Mexican economy has grown in recent years, following a 2008 economic crisis. The country is the United States' second-largest export market, according to the State Department.

Roberto Ampuero, who is originally from Chile, first came to Iowa City in 1996 as a writing fellow in the International Writing Program.

He returned to Iowa City in 2000 to earn an M.A. and a Ph.D.

"I fell in love with the city," he said.

He is also an internationally published author.

"He's one of the most popular writers in Chile. He has a large following," said

John Stamler, an Iowa City ophthalmologist and friend of Ampuero.

Multilingual Ampuero said he is the author of 13 novels published in 13 languages on three continents.

And he's joining a list of accomplished authors who have served as Chilean ambassadors.

"There is an old and very distinguished tradition in Latin America of renown novelists becoming ambassadors," he said. "I am proud of following that step, an honor and a challenge."

He said he has been granted a three-year leave from the UI, and he will return to teach when he has completed his time serving as ambassador.

His wife was a Guatemalan ambassador to Germany, Chile, and Sweden before moving to Iowa City in 2000.

Tom Rice, UI associate provost for faculty, said having a professor with such global experience is especially beneficial to students.

"First of all, there's all the experience you have of working in the field that would enrich any class, and enriches their teaching," Rice said. "Any class with an international focus would benefit from this kind of experience in foreign countries; this is high level government experience."

He was unsure if the UI has had professors previously serve as ambassadors.

Roberto Ampuero said he is looking forward to bring his experience back to the UI.

"I will be able to be, I think, a better teacher for the wonderful students of our university," Ampuero said.

DI reporter Chastity Dillard contributed to this article.

County eyes generators

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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted Thursday to approve a grant request for four backup power generators for the county.

Sara Sedlacek, a grant specialist for the county, presented the supervisors with a proposal to purchase the generators during their informal meeting.

The four generators will cost more than \$560,000, and, if Sedlacek's grant request is approved, more than \$420,000 of that will be funded by the Department of Homeland Security. The rest will come from the county and state.

The county's only generator, which sits in the Johnson County Jail, was purchased four years ago. A generator serves as an emergency power source for the building.

Sedlacek said the generators will avoid costly shutdown payments of \$17,000 per hour for the buildings that lose power.

"We've had pretty significant power outages in the past ... This is just going to ensure the county can stay up and running during those times of power outages," Sedlacek said. "I think it will be a good thing for the county; our cost is actually going to be less than what it costs for what one would install."

Buildings scheduled to receive a generator include the Health and Human Services Building, the Secondary Planning and Roads Building, the Court-

house, and the Administration Building.

County engineer Greg Parker said the SEATS and Secondary Planning and Roads Building has experienced temporary power outages, and officials will be pleased to have a power generator.

"We probably get half a dozen storms a year in which we would lose power, and we have to be creative with all our equipment available," Parker said. "Unless our building is knocked down, those generators will allow us to continue our level of service to the people of Johnson County."

County prosecutor Janet Lyness said the Courthouse experienced power outages in the tornado of 2006, and she hopes that, in addition to backing up power, the generator will also prevent the loss of files stored electronically.

"Because in the next years all the courtroom documenting is going to be done electronically, if a power outage occurred, you couldn't access those claims or court files," said Lyness.

In addition to power generators, the proposal also includes a request for new sirens to be installed around the county.

The proposal was approved by all five supervisors, and officials will be granted official permission to submit the proposal next week. They'll wait to hear from Homeland Security.

"In case of an emergency or crisis, the people expect their government to take care of the power," said Supervisor Janelle Rettig.

iPad aids flu-shot numbers

UI Student Health Service will give away a second iPad in the spring.

By **ERIC MOORE**
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A chance at an iPad was enough motivation for many University of Iowa students to get a flu shot this year.

Lisa James, the interim administrative director for Student Health Service, said this year's vaccination numbers have exceeded last flu season's figures, which she attributes to the new iPad giveaway.

James said 2,741 shots had been administered as of Dec. 9. The figure exceeds the 2,734 shots administered from December 2010 to June 2011.

"I think [the iPad] probably was part of it; we included that in some of our marketing efforts," James said. "There were some students who didn't know that we were doing the iPad thing; when they got here, they were pretty excited to know that we were."

The idea for the promotion, she said, came from speaking with students involved with Student Health to find a stronger incentive to get vaccinated.

"We've done gift cards a lot in the past, but this was something that could be a little bit more enticing," James said.

The funds to purchase the iPad came from "no-show" appointment fees.

In 2009, the center saw an uptick in the number of vaccinations because of the H1N1 virus.

James said getting more people to be vaccinated is the best way to avoid spreading influenza.

"By getting the flu shot, you do a lot of good for everyone, not just yourself," said Michael Pentella, a UI clinical associate professor in the at the UI State Hygienic Lab. "When you're very sick with the flu, it's not a good experience, so you save yourself that experience, and you don't have to worry about transmitting it to other people."

The Iowa Department of Public Health has reported that 2.5 percent of school absences have been caused by illness during the 2011-12 influenza season so far, and one of every 5,741 hospitalizations was associated with influenza.

Some UI students said the iPad promotion may have helped to increase the number of vaccinations administered, but many said there were other reasons to get a flu shot.

Influenza in Iowa

Statistics on the 2011-12 influenza season so far:

- 2.5 percent of school absences because of illness were from influenza
- One out of every 5,741 patients' hospitalizations were associated with influenza
- .2 percent of outpatient visits were due to influenza

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health



UI junior Brittney Blanchard receives a flu vaccine from registered nurse Dom Mascardo at Student Health Service on Sept. 21. Last year, Student Health administered roughly 2,800 vaccines. (The Daily Iowan/Ya Chen Chen)

UI sophomore Reid Brown said he was aware of the promotion but it wasn't his "primary motivation" in being vaccinated. He believes a poster might have been more effective than an email in advertising the promotion.

"I certainly don't think [the promotion] could have hurt," Brown said. "I'm sure that people who get flu shots primarily get it through other motivations."

James said Student Health plans to continue to implement similar promotions in the future. She said promoting specific rewards rather than a gift

card proved more effective. "The way it seems right now, the response to it, it seems like we will probably do that," she said. "It's

excited our staff to be more proactive, and I think it's kind of invigorated everybody, so I hope it's something we continue to do."

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Notes to Self:

- When going to job interviews pertinent to your future career, be sure to fully wash off last night's hand stamps from your right hand. And your left. And use concealer on the hickies.
- Arriving 30 minutes late doesn't make your 90-minute class go any quicker; it makes time slow down to a crawl while the professor glares at you for the final hour.
- It is probably best to wait on writing that Ledge about your lazy grade-controlling TA until after your final grades are posted.
- When jamming to the Mamas and the Papas in the library, make sure your headphones are actually plugged in before you crank the volume.
- Eating gummy sharks while studying for finals does nothing to calm your stress. Especially when the kid next to you is humming the tune from *Jaws*.
- Next time you go to the computer lab, don't sit next to the guy with the box of Kleenex.
- "I ran the yellow light, but the guy in front of me didn't" is not a good enough excuse for the cops OR your insurance.
- Invest in gloves. Flipping the bird to crazy Cambus drivers isn't as effective with mittens.
- Relax over winter break. Relax every single day. Make it a point to relax. Seriously, relax. Are you relaxed yet? You should be relaxing. Concentrate harder on relaxing. DO IT NOW.

— Trisha Spence should probably invest in more Post-It Notes.

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by Scott Adams

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BY VIEV

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ALL SO YOU'RE STICKIN' AROUND?

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY, SARAH? ASSISTANT MANAGERS? YOU WANT TO BE HUGE FOR YOU? EXTRAORDINARILY HUGE!

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- **Family Medicine Noon Conference**, 12:15 p.m., 01125 UIHC Pomerantz Center Pavilion
- **Breast Tumor Board Conference**, 1 p.m., 4638 UIHC Colloton Pavilion
- **Final Thesis Defense**, "Chemical Investigations of Endophytic and Fungicolous Fungi," Annalisa Jordan, Chemistry, C10 Pomerantz Center
- **Chimaira Unearth**, with Skeletonwitch, Molotov Solution, 4:30 p.m., Blue Moose
- **School of Management Graduation Celebration**, 4:30 p.m., Coralville Marriott Hotel, 300 E. Ninth St.
- **December Brewgrass Festival**, 7 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Graduate College Commencement**, 7 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- **KoPlant No.**, 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **A Christmas Carol**, City Circle, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth Ave.
- **Tricia Park**, violin, and Scott Dunn, piano, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **UI Youth Ballet**, 7:30 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **All I Want for Christmas: A Holiday Cabaret**, City Circle, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Aaseamah's Journey** Première, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Sean Boarini**, 8:30 p.m., Gilbert Street Piano Lounge, 347 S. Gilbert
- **Big Backyard Jam Session**, Shakespeare's, 9 p.m., 819 S. First Avenue
- **Communist Daughter**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Crunkstep**, with Crizzly, Control Freqs, Arbiter, Darkgrey, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Joey Ryan & the Inks**, Consolation Champ, 9 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa

UITV schedule

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- 12:30 p.m.** Maia Quartet Final Concert, featuring guest artists pianist Assaf Weisman and violinist Robin Sharp, Nov. 10
- 2** Percussion Ensemble Concert, UI Percussion Studio, School of Music, Nov. 6
- 3:30** Afro-Cuban Dance, UI Dance Department, Nov. 13
- 4:30** Piano Sundays Concert, Old Capitol, Nov. 6
- 5:30** Percussion Ensemble Concert, UI Percussion Studio, School of Music, Nov. 6
- 7** Afro-Cuban Dance, UI Dance Department, Nov. 13
- 8** World Canvass, "Impact of *The Invisible Man*," by Ralph Ellison, a multidisciplinary collaboration, Joan Kjaer and UI International Programs, December
- 10** Alumni Dance, UI Dance Department, Nov. 12

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Friday, Dec. 16, 2011
 — by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't leave anything unfinished, or you will meet with complaints. A change with a contract, investment, or legal matter appears to be in your favor. Showcase your talents, and you will invite some interesting new prospects.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Pampering and pleasing should be high on your to-do list. Go to your local spa, or shop for something that will make you feel good. You will learn a lot if you attend a lecture or travel to visit someone special.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Choose your battles carefully. Not everyone will see things your way. A problem with someone you work with could turn costly. Use your intelligence and innovative ideas to stay out of trouble and ahead of the competition.
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- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Say no to anyone who wants to borrow possessions or cash. Get out, and do something you enjoy, even if it means doing it alone. You'll be taken advantage of if you aren't careful. Avoid anyone who is too controlling.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't let the past lead to uncertainty in the future. Clear up unfinished business so you can move forward with ease. Love is in the stars, and a little romance will ease your stress and bring you closer to someone special.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You'll be excitable and careless. Plan your actions, and think about consequences before you make a move or say something you can't take back. Change can be good, but only if everyone involved benefits from the outcome.
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- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You can make worthwhile changes that will alter the way you do things in the future. A lifestyle or professional change will help you put your life back on track and form a better relationship with those special to you.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Look at the things you can do to help a worthy cause. Your kind gestures will impress someone you want to spend more time with. A past friend or lover will bring back fond memories. Romance will enhance your life.

NO CLAUS FOR ALARM



Six-year-old Ruby Jane Hoch gets a surprise visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the UI Children's Hospital on Thursday. Santa gave her coloring books equipped with crayons, markers, and colored pencils as well as a Barbie and a Beanie Baby. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1111

- Across**
- 1 ___ scan
 - 4 Media inits. since 1927
 - 7 Music genre of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones
 - 10 Solid rock center?
 - 13 It's shown on a topographical map
 - 15 Disheveled
 - 17 Family members
 - 18 Parents, e.g.
 - 19 Prefix with -matic
 - 20 Google search object
 - 22 First name in auto racing
 - 23 Cousin ___
 - 24 "Well done!"
 - 25 Actress Merrill
 - 26 Bygone espionage org.
 - 28 Biology div.
 - 30 Cry of repugnance
 - 31 Morales of "Gun Hill Road"
 - 32 Hot spot
 - 33 First name in auto racing
 - 35 Philadelphia landmark
 - 36 Denigrates, in British slang
 - 37 Over
 - 38 Reverse
 - 39 Things gotten with a credit card, often
 - 40 Get beat
 - 41 Atlanta sch. with 30,000+ students
 - 42 Publication that clicks with readers?
 - 43 "Star Trek" extra: Abbr.

Puzzle by Alex Vratsanos

- Down**
- 1 Year the first Rose Bowl was played
 - 2 1940 Crosby/Lamour/Hope comedy
 - 3 Irregularly
 - 4 It might make you jump
 - 5 Rotary Club members
 - 6 Outlawing
 - 7 Medical bigwigs
 - 8 Place for a pad
 - 9 Wanted letters?
 - 10 Carnegie Hall debut of 1928, with "An"
 - 11 Building safety feature
 - 12 Befuddled
 - 14 Familia member
 - 16 Wipes out
 - 21 It's not a dream
 - 27 Recuse oneself from, say
 - 29 Some services
 - 31 Layer of green eggs
 - 34 "Concentration" pronoun
 - 44 Flat ones are not good
 - 47 Wrangles (with)
 - 52 Glamour types, for short
 - 53 Gift on a string
 - 54 Prefix with car
 - 56 ___ cit. (footnote abbr.)
 - 57 Dickensian cry
 - 58 Record label inits.

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Cartwright to return

Devyn Marble may be shifted out of Iowa's starting lineup with Bryce Cartwright close to 100 percent again.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**

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Devyn Marble has shone in Bryce Cartwright's absence.

A hamstring injury suffered against Brown left Cartwright hobbled on Dec. 3. The senior point guard missed Iowa's game against Northern Iowa on Dec. 6, and he was limited to just six minutes against Iowa State on Dec. 9.

Marble assumed Cartwright's starting role, and he's been the Hawkeyes' best player of late. The sophomore played 37 minutes in each of those two games, averaging 17.5 points.

But with Cartwright close to feeling 100 percent again — coach Fran McCaffery said he expects him to "play and play well" on Saturday against Drake — Marble may be in for another role adjustment.

That's OK with Marble.

"It doesn't matter to me if I start or I come off the bench," said Marble, not batting an eyelash at the proposition of less playing time. "I obviously wouldn't be playing 37 to 40 minutes when Bryce gets back. Either way, I think I can contribute."

Cartwright wasn't available for comment, but if Marble's words are any indication, few have enjoyed his recent rise as much as his elder teammate.

Marble said Cartwright has been his No. 1 supporter.

"He wants to see me have success, and of course, he wants the team to have success," Marble said. "So during



Iowa sophomore Devyn Marble drives against Clemson's T.J. Sapp in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 29. Marble has shone while replacing injured starting point guard Bryce Cartwright. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

time-outs, he's in my ear telling me what I need to do. He's been there for me, so that's been good."

Marble's career-high 21 points allowed the Hawkeyes to close in on the Cyclones in the second half before they ultimately lost, 86-76. He's scoring efficiently, shooting 12-of-24 from the floor over the last two contests, but Marble's contributions don't end there.

The Southfield, Mich., native also averaged 4.5 assists, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals in that pair of games.

Not bad for a player who was converted into a point guard just last year. "For him to step up as a sophomore, it's a tough position to be in," senior guard Matt Gatens said. "But he's han-

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Gatens faces tough defense

By **BEN SCHUFF**

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Matt Gatens knows he hasn't been as offensively effective as Iowa needs him to be over the past four games. In fact, he can feel the reason why.

The defensive pressure Gatens has faced over the past three weeks has resulted in a bit of a scoring slump for the senior guard.

Excluding the season-opener, Gatens averaged 18.8 points per game in five of Iowa's first six games. Among those performances included a career-high 27 points on Nov. 14 against North Carolina A&T.

But since facing Clemson on Nov. 29, the senior guard is only averaging 8.5 points per game. His highest output during the current stretch was 11 at Iowa State on Dec. 9.

Part of the reason for his recent struggles, Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said, is that Gatens is being "mugged" by defenders.

"He can't even breathe without somebody being right there on him," forward Eric May said. "The last few years, he's been used to that — people basically hip-chasing him the whole game. It may be a little worse this year [and] more intense."

May said another possible explanation is that opponents are focusing

more on Gatens this season. Increased attention on one of the Hawkeyes' all-time leading scorers — Gatens moved into 17th place on the all-time list against Iowa State — would explain more than just why he isn't scoring.

Gatens is touching the ball less these days, taking four fewer shots per game on average since Nov. 29.

"Teams are trying to limit my touches, limit my looks," Gatens said. "I need to work harder to get open, and attack the hole a little bit more, and try to get to the free-throw line."

What's positive for the Hawkeyes is that other players have stepped up while Gatens' numbers have gone down. Devyn Marble in particular has caught fire, and scored a career-high 21 against Iowa State.

Marble said he thinks the attention Gatens is garnering has opened up opportunities for the rest of the team.

"That's what's getting me so many lay-ups and open shots when I drive past my defender — [Gatens' defender] doesn't really come over and help," Marble said. "If



Gatens
guard

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Hoopsters set for Bradley

The Hawkeyes will begin their winter-break slate of games with a matchup against Bradley on Saturday.

By **MATT COZZI**

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The Iowa women's basketball team was on a roll at this time last year.

The Hawkeyes were 9-1, ranked fifth in the nation by RealTimeRPI, and a virtual lock for the NCAA Tournament even before Big Ten play began.

This season? Not so much.

Iowa (6-4) has an RPI of 68 and has losses to defending national title winner Texas A&M, UNLV, Kansas State, and in-state rival Iowa State. Losing to A&M will probably end up helping Iowa's tournament résumé, but overtime losses to the Rebels and Wildcats may hurt.

Iowa's game on Saturday against Bradley marks the beginning of a stretch of three games in six days. The Hawkeyes last played on Dec. 9, a 98-45 win over Western Illinois, and they had no games this week because of final exams.

"You always like a week off to prepare for finals, but at the same time, you still want to play some games," senior Kamille

Wahlin said. "I think our coaches do a good job when we get into practice for this week. We'll get a lot of scrimmaging time in. We'll be going up against the gray-squad guys, and that keeps our legs under us as far as game-wise."

Wahlin is averaging 8.7 points per game in a team-high 31 minutes per contest. The point guard is coming off perhaps her best performance of the season against Western Illinois — as she scored 14 points and added 5 assists.

Iowa — with the help of Wahlin, shooting guard Jaime Printy, and others — should be able to get off to a good start on its three-game stretch and winter-break schedule as a whole.

The Black and Gold faced Bradley last season and thrashed the Braves, 91-53. Bradley (7-3) heads



Wahlin
senior

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Wrestlers face challenge

Iowa wrestling suffered a let-down at the Midlands tournament last season, but hope to be 'bulletproof' this year.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**

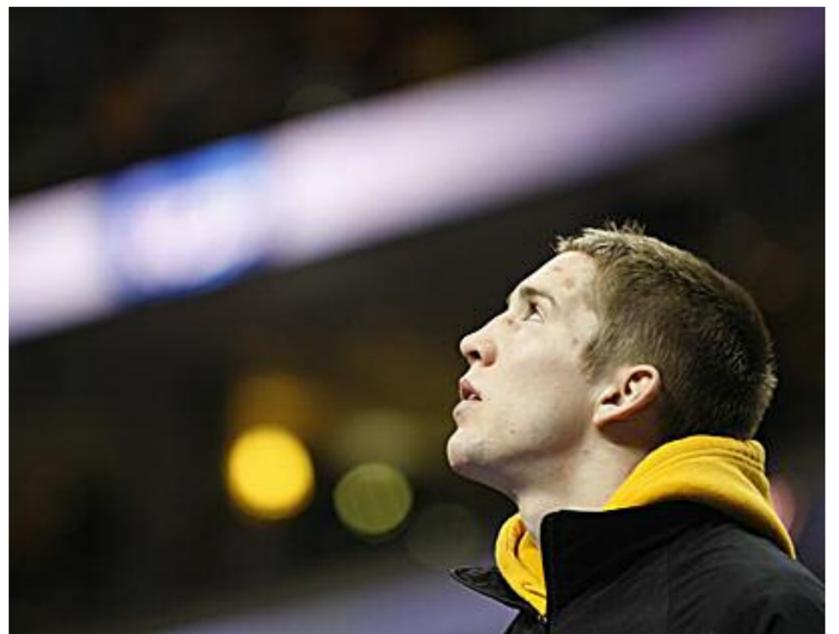
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Iowa entered the Midlands tournament in December 2010 ranked fifth in the nation, with wrestlers seeded in the tournament's top 10 in nine weight classes. The Hawkeyes had enjoyed a promising start to the season, and a fourth-straight Midlands championship seemed within their grasp.

But Iowa finished fourth.

Matt McDonough was the team's only wrestler to place in the top four of his weight class, and he suffered his first loss of the season in the 125-pound finals. Derek St. John entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed but went 1-2 and did not place.

Iowa eventually rebounded from the disappointing performance to go undefeated in Big Ten dual season and finish third at the NCAA Tournament, but head coach Tom Brands said he doesn't want a repeat of last year's per-



Iowa 125-pound wrestler Matt McDonough glances up during the Parade of All-Americans at the NCAA championships in Philadelphia on March 19. McDonough and the Hawkeyes will wrestle in the Midlands tournament last year. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

formance when the team returns to Evanston, Ill., for Midlands on Dec. 29.

"We had a huge letdown there last year," Brands said on Dec. 8. "We got it ironed out, but we don't want to have to deal with letdowns. We'd rather be bulletproof or approaching that."

The top-ranked Hawkeyes will face tough competition at Midlands; 10 teams ranked in the nation's top 25 will participate. Five of those are in the top 15, including No. 7

Illinois, No. 10 Lehigh, and No. 11 Oklahoma.

"We're going to find out a lot more where we're at in national terms," Brands said. "I'm looking forward to Midlands, and I know our guys are, too."

Several Iowa wrestlers could see matches with national-title implications.

McDonough lost in overtime to Illinois' Jesse Delgado on Dec. 2, and he later said he wants a rematch with Delgado "more than anything." He may get that chance at Midlands; he

could also see Oklahoma's No. 5 Jarrod Patterson or Northwestern's No. 8 Levi Mele.

St. John will need to quickly recover from the injured knee he sustained against Northern Iowa on Dec. 8. Ranked second nationally, St. John could see No. 3 Jason Welch of Northwestern or No. 4 Ganbayar Sanjaa of American.

The Hawkeyes have received an impressive

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dled it ... He's doing a lot of things that I've been impressed with and I'm sure he'll continue to."

Even as good as Marble has been, it's difficult to quantify the lift Cartwright's full return would give Iowa. He led the Big Ten in assists during conference play last year (6.83) and became the sec-

ond Hawkeye ever to average better than 10.5 points and 5.8 assists in a single season.

A healthy Cartwright would also rejuvenate Iowa's depth. He and Marble are the Hawkeyes' only scholarship players with significant point-guard experience.

"Bryce Cartwright's our starting point guard. He's a major part of our team," sophomore forward Melsahn Basabe said. "... We definitely need Bryce back."

Cartwright's full return might not necessarily dic-

tate a return to the bench for Marble, though. As McCaffery noted Thursday in a teleconference, Iowa started both players in last season's final five games. Gatens noted the benefits of playing both simultaneously.

"It's a good dynamic to have both of them on the court," Gatens said. "They're both guys that can get to the lane, handle the ball. And they're smart guys."

McCaffery hasn't decided how he'll adjust the lineup in light of Cartwright's full

return, he said. But the second-year coach didn't rule out a starting five that includes both Cartwright and Marble.

"We may choose to end up starting those two guys — but we may not," McCaffery said. "We may go back to bringing Bryce off the bench. We may go back to bringing Dev off the bench. I'm not 100 percent sure right now. I think you'll see it develop pretty easily over the next couple of games, and then we'll make a decision."

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they do, they bluff and go back, so I just keep going.

"We still have to find a way for [Gatens] to score, because he's really good 3-

point shooter — one of our best, if not our best, arguably."

But other players said it's vital that Gatens get back into an offensive rhythm. Doing that, players said, is going to require a team effort.

When asked if other teams are being more physical with him this year,

Gatens said, "Maybe a little bit. Not a ton." Instead, he reflected on his own play, saying he needs to start making better use of the screens set by his teammates.

Forward Melsahn Basabe said his role as a big man is equally as important as Gatens' effort of coming off the screens.

"I guess the way to get him going is to screen for him. I guess on my behalf I haven't been doing the job of getting him open," he said. "For him to be effective, he needs to get the ball in a position where he can be open. Guys are just all over him for 40 minutes a game, so that's pretty tough."

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into the game on a three-game winning streak; it last lost to Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Nov. 28, by 10 points, but head coach Paula Buscher was convinced her players could bounce back, and they have.

"It's frustrating, because we had a lack of focus in the game tonight, and

that's not normal of this team," Buscher told Bradley's student newspaper, *The Scout*, following the loss. "This team usually has a great level of focus, so it's a little bit frustrating. At the same time, we have to turn around and regroup."

Iowa will follow its matchup with Bradley with home games against Drake and Mississippi State next week to round out its non-conference schedule. The Hawkeyes will begin Big Ten play at home against Northwestern on Dec. 30.

The Hawkeyes will also travel to Columbus, Ohio,

over winter break to take on No. 12 Ohio State in a game that will be televised nationally on the Big Ten Network. The Buckeyes are 9-0 this season.

Bluder has maintained her team will be fine in the long run, but it has become apparent the Hawkeyes will need to string together some wins in bunches — and that begins on Saturday.

"We're a work in progress, and we're a team that is evolving. I think maybe people on the outside — including we coaches — will get a little frustrated because we are

Iowa (6-4) at Bradley (7-3)
When: 7 p.m. Saturday
Where: Renaissance Coliseum, Peoria, Ill.
Where to listen: AM-800 KXIC, HawkeyeSports.com

maybe not where we want to be," Bluder said. "There's no doubt in my mind that we are going to grow, and we are going to get better as the year goes on."

"Maybe we aren't where we want to be right now, but we are going to get there. I have complete faith that we will."

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start from redshirt freshman Bobby Telford, and he could have his first chance to make a national statement at Midlands. The nation's top-ranked heavy-

weight, Ryan Flores of American, will participate; Flores beat Telford at Midlands last season, 8-0.

But the tournament is perhaps biggest of all for Montell Marion, Iowa's only current top-ranked wrestler. Marion has breezed through the season with an 11-0 record at 141 pounds, and hasn't been remotely tested. He hasn't

faced a ranked wrestler yet this season.

That will likely change at Midlands. The tournament features four other wrestlers ranked in the top 8, including No. 2 Zack Kemmerer of Penn and No. 4 Boris Novachkov of Cal-Poly.

After a 10-2 win against Illinois' Daryl Thomas on Dec. 2, Marion said he knows he needs to keep

improving in order to beat the heavy competition at Midlands and later in the season.

"To be honest with you, I wanted more," he said. "I felt like I could have got in on the legs earlier, put him down harder and faster. Just get that technique sharpened up. I want that stuff perfected going into the middle of this season."

Tracksters' break full of work

Head coach Layne Anderson is confident his team will start quickly after the winter break.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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The Iowa women's track and field team feels confident that its fall conditioning phase has provided a springboard as it prepares to plunge into the season.

The meets will start quickly — Illinois will travel to Iowa City on Jan. 14, just days before the spring semester begins.

But the Iowa coaching staff said it believes having a month off from coached workouts won't slow down the team from a hopeful promising season ahead.

"Our philosophy is 'always be working,'" assistant coach Christi Smith said. "If they follow that, I think they'll be able to maintain the base they've been working on over the last four months."

Each athlete was given a small booklet listing workouts, lifting schedules, and even necessary diets to make sure they stay on track during the break.

"As long as they're working through [the break], they'll be fine," Smith said. "It's not the time to go home and pig out; it's a time where we want to be working and get a little edge on our competition."



Iowa freshman Katie Steingreaber competes in the 300 meters during the Hawkeyes' intrasquad meet on Dec. 3 in the Recreation Building. The Hawkeyes will host Illinois on Jan. 14 to start the indoor season. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

Head coach Layne Anderson said the Hawkeyes showed some "good signs" following an intrasquad exhibition on Dec. 3, despite holding out some top competition from participating in the meet.

That group consisted mainly of distance runners, who had ended their cross-country season shortly before the intrasquad; some notables were freshman Kayla Beattie and seniors Brooke Eilers, Betsy Flood, and McKenzie Melander.

But on Jan. 14, all of those runners will contribute to the overall team score to aid the Hawkeyes as their 10-week season gets underway.

"[The intrasquad] was a

clear indicator that we are a much better team [than last year], but we have to keep getting better," Anderson said on Dec. 3. "The next month will be very important because they will head their separate ways for the holidays."

"We definitely want to get people home to spend time with our families, but we want some reassurances that they're continuing to work and get better, so that we can come back in and see some better performances."

No matter what kind of training is done, the athletes themselves say they see the monthlong break as a hurdle before they hit the ground running for the season. Hannah Simonson

said she believes one of the obstacles to staying in shape will be the access — or lack thereof — to indoor facilities during the holiday breather.

"It's always a big challenge, because not everyone has indoor facilities," the Jefferson, Iowa, native said. "I'm from rural Iowa, so I know I have to drive 45 minutes [for a workout]. But coach can manipulate our workouts so we can still get the work in that we need to be successful."

Simonson said she and the rest of the team believe this season will be a good one, despite the monthlong break.

"It'll go pretty well," she said. "We've been working hard for this."

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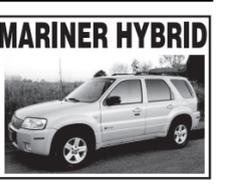
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who will win the Insight Bowl?

Iowa

A lot of fans seem concerned about Iowa's chances in the Insight Bowl against Oklahoma on Dec. 30.

They need not worry. This isn't your grandfather's Oklahoma team. Hell, it isn't even your older brother's Oklahoma team.

The Sooners offense has taken a step back in the wake of the torn ACL. Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma's All-American wide receiver, suffered. Broyles was the Football Bowl Sub-division all-time leader in receptions. Quarterback Landry Jones was once a Heisman contender, but he has looked like anything but a player worthy of the bronze statue without his favorite target.

The Sooners also lost Jaz

Reynolds, the team's third-leading receiver, to a kidney injury just last week.

The Hawkeye defense has had its share of struggles this year, but the players have to feel a little more confident knowing two of

McNutt and Company find the explosiveness they've displayed in flashes this season? Can McNutt get back on track after his worst outing of the year against Nebraska?

Probably. Iowa's No. 7 won't be seeing a corner anywhere near the caliber of the Cornhuskers' Alfonzo Dennard; the Sooners' pass defense is just 83rd in the nation. Running back Marcus Coker should find Oklahoma's 49th-ranked rush defense agreeable, too.

The Black and Gold shouldn't have a problem ironing out their problems with a month to prepare.

I think the Hawkeyes take this one in an upset.

But even if I didn't, I can't help but bet on a 16-point underdog.

— by **Tork Mason**

Oklahoma

If I had said at the beginning of the season that Iowa would play Oklahoma in a postseason bowl, you probably would have been a lot more excited than you are right now.

That's because the Sooners were ranked No. 1 in the AP's preseason poll. Iowa, on the other hand, has been unranked all season long.

But whether it's the BCS championship game or the Insight Bowl, Hawkeye fans everywhere must face the cold, hard truth: Iowa's string of three-straight bowl wins will come to an end this year.

The Black and Gold haven't faced an offense like the Sooners'. Quarterback Landry Jones leads an offense that put up 40 points a game this year and did it against some of the better teams in the country.

The Sooners trounced then-No. 11 Texas, 55-17. They put up 58 points on Bill Snyder's Kansas State

Wildcats, the same Wildcats that will play Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.

Let's not forget that the Sooners do all of this through the air. Oklahoma has the fourth-best passing offense in the country, averaging 365 yards per game. What makes that stat more

2011 INSIGHT BOWL

DI Pregame Editor Jordan Garretson will be in Tempe, Ariz., covering the Insight Bowl. Follow him on Twitter for live updates from the desert - @jordangarretson

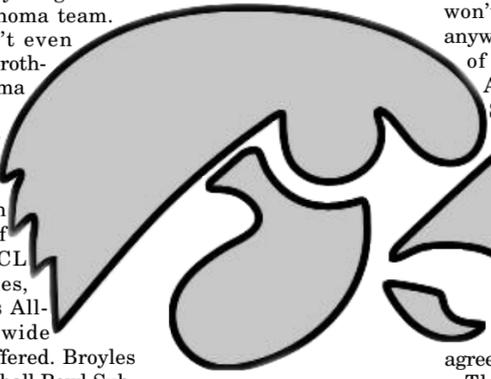
for just around 1,000 yards in the three games without Broyles, who will also miss the Insight Bowl.

Think about how badly they'll punish the Hawkeyes, who finished last in the Big Ten in pass defense.

The Insight Bowl probably wasn't the bowl game Oklahoma wanted to go to, but that won't stop it from lighting up the scoreboard against an inferior opponent.

But hopefully, you're still excited about another Iowa bowl game. This bowl season will be unlike one we've seen in a while from the Hawkeyes.

Boomer Sooner, baby.
— by **Cody Goodwin**



impressive is Jones has continued to put up those numbers without injured future NFL wideout Ryan Broyles. Jones has tossed

Falcons handle Jags easily at home, 41-14

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons had been waiting all season for a complete game.

They finally got it.

Matt Ryan threw three touchdown passes in less than three quarters of work, John Abraham had 3½ sacks, and the Falcons clinched a fourth-straight winning season with a 41-14 rout of the Jacksonville Jaguars on Thursday.

"Hopefully, we can play like we did tonight for the next couple weeks," Ryan said.

This one was over by halftime — Atlanta (9-5) led 27-0 when the teams

trotted to the locker room. Blaine Gabbert and the shellshocked Jaguars (4-10) were saddled with a net passing total of minus-1 yard, and the Falcons well on the way to strengthening their hold on an NFC wild-card spot.

Gabbert had one of his worst games in a miserable rookie season, coughing up the ball twice on hits by Abraham. Both fumbles led to Atlanta scores, with defensive tackle Corey Peters scooping up the second one and trotting to the end zone early in the third quarter for a touchdown that ended any thought of the Jaguars getting back in the game.

"It wasn't just me," Abra-

ham said. "The whole team was able to get to the quarterback."

Ryan was 19-of-26 for 224 yards and three touchdowns, with a season-high rating of 137.3. Roddy White caught two of the scoring passes, Julio Jones the other.

Gabbert was 12-of-22 for 141 yards, also throwing an interception to cap off a truly awful night of bad decisions — when he wasn't running for his life. He got most of his yards on a meaningless final drive, hitting Chastin West on a 16-yard touchdown with 59 seconds remaining. Jacksonville's other touchdown came on a blocked punt trailing 41-0.

Michael Turner burst off left guard for 15 yards on the first play of the game, and the Falcons were off and running. Ryan capped the opening drive by stepping up to avoid the pressure, flipping a short pass to Jones, then watching the rookie turn on an impressive burst of speed for a 29-yard touchdown.

Gabbert got an idea of what he'd be up against on his first snap: Abraham shrugged off a blocker and threw the quarterback for a 10-yard loss. The rookie finally completed a pass on the final play of the opening quarter, but Sean Weatherspoon read out the screen and slammed Mercedes

Lewis for a 4-yard loss.

Matt Bryant kicked a 33-yard field goal that made it 10-0, then another brutal mistake by the Jaguars early in the second quarter helped turn this one into a rout. Jarrett Dillard let a punt slip right through his hands, and Weatherspoon fell on it at the Jacksonville 5. The next play, Michael Turner rumbled into the end zone standing to make it 17-0.

The Falcons weren't done, not by a long shot. Ryan capped a nine-play, 72-yard by hooking up with White in the back on the end zone on a 6-yard touchdown, a pass that Tony Gonzalez was nearly in position to catch as well.

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