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VOTE 2012: FARM BILL



Steve Swenka walks among his cattle at his farm on Sunday. Officials in agricultural states such as Iowa are calling for the passage of the farm bill. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Farm bill's future unclear

Both congressional candidates for District 2 have said the farm bill is important to farming states.

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Officials in agricultural states such as Iowa are calling for the passage of the farm bill, and the outcome of Tuesday's election could decide its fate.

When its last session adjourned, Congress had not approved the 2012 farm bill, and since then, representatives on both sides of the aisle in agricultural states have been

calling for it to pass before the end of the year.

The farm bill is designed to secure a food supply for the country by providing subsidies for crop farmers. The bill also contains other programs such as food stamps and school-lunch programs.

Both Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, and challenger John

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UI will change drop/add

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
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The University of Iowa will begin offering an online option for dropping and adding classes during the first five days of classes starting spring semester.

"We're trying to react to the desire of the students," said Thomas Kruckeberg, a UI senior associate registrar.

He noted such issues as students having to come to office hours and not freeing up space in classes quickly enough as concerns with the current system of adding and dropping classes.

The UI uses a paper system for students to add and drop courses. Students must have a signature from their course professor and academic adviser. With the new system, students can drop or add a course in the first five days of classes without either of those requirements.

The University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University have both had online processes in place for several years. UNI allows students to drop or add courses within the first seven days of classes, and ISU allows students to drop or add courses the first five days of classes.

"[Students] love it," said Laura Doring, the Iowa State registrar. "I hope to even expand it beyond the fifth day [drop/add deadline] one day."

UNI also has seen positive feedback from their online system, something that has been in place for a few decades.

"It has been a long time [since the

SEE **DROP/ADD**, 3A

Hamburg's coffee-bean poll closes

By **ERIC CLARK**
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Hamburg Inn's Coffee Bean Caucus came to an end on Sunday when votes for the 2nd Congressional District and the presidential elections were tallied.

The unscientific Hamburg Inn coffee-bean poll system allows customers to cast their votes after the Republican and Democratic National Conventions as an entertaining way to poll customers' opinions.

President Obama beat GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney in a landslide, 6,001 to 1,741. The second runner-up was "vinegar," which represented a vote for none-of-the-above. Votes were also cast for Green and Libertarian representatives.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, beat Republican opponent John Archer by a tally of 1,784 to 452.

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Closely knit trees for downtown

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A bomb went off in Iowa City. A "knitting bomb," that is.

Cloaked in great swatches of hand-knit yarn, the trees of downtown Iowa City stand just a bit cozier this holiday season, thanks to local knitters. Each piece is unique and fashioned specifically for each tree.

"Knit-bombing has been going on all over the world, and we thought that would be a great project for Iowa City," said Ritu Jain, the co-head of special events for the Iowa City Downtown District.

Tree Huggers is a public-art project in its first year. The brainchild of special events co-heads Jain and Joni Schrup, the tree scarves are meant to bring the community together and to add a pop of color to a normally dreary season. The Tree Huggers were installed on trees throughout the city on Sunday afternoon.

"We just thought this would be a fun, public-art event that would bring the community together," Schrup said. "I think it will help bring people downtown. People are



UI senior Victoria Watson knits a multicolored sweater on Sunday. Local volunteers headed downtown to cover more than 130 trees with knit art as part of the Iowa City Downtown District Tree-Hugger Project. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

going to want to see this."

Knitters from all over the area volunteered their needles and time to the project.

"I did it while I was watching football on the weekends," said Iowa City resident Judy Neiman. "I just want people to smile when

they go by."

If people do smile, they will be smiling for a while. Plans were made for 135 trees to be draped throughout downtown. Plans be-

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Felon status to dog ex-student

Branden Plummer was charged after assaulting Iowa City Sgt. Brian Krei on Nov. 18, 2011.

By BRENT GRIFFITHS
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A former University of Iowa student will, barring an appeal, remain a convicted felon for the rest of his life after a judge denied his request to defer his sentence Nov. 2.

And that is something one University of Iowa law professor said is difficult to escape.

"The prospects of employment are extremely limited in most states," said Leonard Sandler, a UI clinical professor of law. "A felony conviction is something that can haunt you in many ways."

During the sentencing hearing, Branden Plummer said he had an internship with an insurance company lined up — a point his attorney Mark Brown emphasized as a reason to defer his sentence.

"I would hope the court would give him this opportunity politely to prove Ms. Lahey wrong," Brown said. "That [Plummer] can be productive, toe the line, and succeed."

The former UI student had previously accepted a plea deal, which dropped an attempted murder charge in exchange for the lesser charge of willful injury, a Class-D felony charge, and inference with official acts inflicting bodily injury.

The charges were a result of Plummer's assault on Iowa City police Sgt.

Brian Krei on Nov. 18, 2011. Police reports said Krei approached Plummer because he was reportedly disrupting traffic at the intersection of Linn and Burlington Streets. Plummer proceeded to strangle Krei and, according to the state, hit Krei's head against the sidewalk, causing him to lose consciousness.

Brown also called social worker and psychotherapist Janice Hill to testify on Plummer's behalf and note what she has seen from Plummer since he returned to her two months ago as well as her previous counseling of him.

Hill said Plummer suffered from "impulse-control issues" that worsen with alcohol, including the night of the assault. Hill said Plummer had entered substance-abuse counseling on his own initiative and further said alcohol is something he should avoid.

Assistant Johnson County prosecutor Anne Lahey seized Hill's later admission that Plummer still drinks occasionally with his buddies when they watch football.

"Do you feel comfortable predicting this will never happen again?" Lahey asked Hill.

Hill said the incident was "isolated and uncharacteristic of Branden's behavior" and had "a very low likelihood of occurring again."

Lahey further pointed



Branden Plummer is escorted into the Johnson County Courthouse on Dec. 5, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

to an incident over the summer in Des Moines in which Plummer was charged with trespassing when he and some friends jumped a fence to go swimming. Lahey alleged Plummer was intoxicated at time it occurred. Brown described the incident as "basically stupid."

Judge Nancy Baumgartner said her decision was based on the nature of the crime and the details of the plea agreement.

"It's not an easy decision for me to make today — you seem like a nice young man ... but what you did was a crime of violence," she said before denying Plummer's request to defer his sentence.

Plummer was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Johnson County Jail with credit for time served. He will also have to pay a fine of \$625 and restitution totaling \$816.12 and serve two years of supervised

Former University of Iowa student will remain a convicted felon

- Nov. 18, 2011 — Plummer assaults police Sgt. Brian Krei
- Jan. 18, 2011 — Plummer's motion to move the trial to Tama County is approved
- Sept. 21, 2011 — Plummer pleads guilty to lesser charges of willful injury and interference with official acts by accepting a plea deal. He was originally charged with attempted murder.

Source: Daily Iowan archives

probation.

Brown said "no decision had been made" on whether to appeal the decision after the hearing, but Plummer has 30 days to file an appeal.

same neighborhood for another report of a burglary, where the suspect forced entry, began to steal items, and attempted to sexually assault a 14-year-old female. The girl said the suspect told her he had a gun and demanded she do what he asked. The release said an adult returning to the home thwarted the potential assault.

Officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect, who they believe fled with an undisclosed amount of property and money.

The release said area residents told officers of a male who had been hanging around the area over the last several days, asking when and where people go to work.

Police are unsure if the two crimes are related, but evidence suggests they are.

The suspect is described as a black male with a light to medium complexion, 5-5 to 5-8, medium build, approximately 20 years old, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt or

sweatshirt with red sleeves, blue jeans, and gray or black Polo shoes.

The man should be considered armed and dangerous, the release said. Police encourage the public not to confront this person and call immediately. Both incidents remain under investigation.

Iowa City Area CrimeStoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest of this suspect. Anyone with information about this crime is urged to contact CrimeStoppers at 358-TIPS (8477).

—Jordyn Reiland

Area man faces driving charges

A Washington, Iowa, man has been accused of OWI and eluding a law-enforcement vehicle.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, Colton Singbeil, 21, 320 E. Main St., was allegedly

driving on Forevergreen Road and Highway 965 on Sunday.

At the time, Singbeil was allegedly exceeding the speed limit by 25 mph. He began to pull over on Interstate 80 east of Highway 965, then slowed to about 15 mph on the shoulder, then took off. He fled on Interstate 80 westbound before turning westbound onto Forevergreen Road. While on Highway 965, Singbeil was allegedly driving 95 mph and over 90 mph while on I-80, the complaint said. He also allegedly ran three stoplights while being pursued by law enforcement.

After being pulled over, Singbeil reportedly smelled of alcohol and had red watery eyes and slurred speech.

Singbeil also has an OWI pending in Louisiana. Eluding is a Class-D felony, and first-offense OWI is a serious misdemeanor punishable up to one year in prison with a maximum fine of \$1,250.

— by Quentin Misiag

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Police search for suspect in burglaries, assault

Iowa City police are looking for a suspect after residents of Iowa City's Wetherby Neighborhood reported two burglaries and a sexual assault early Sunday morning.

According to a police press release, officers responded to the area shortly after midnight following a report of a burglary in progress. The reported victim told officers a person forced entry into the residence and attempted to steal several items. The alleged victim woke up at some point and tried to chase the suspect out of the residence. The alleged victim also attempted to run after the suspect, but the man — who officers said goes by the street name of "Freaky Tone" — threatened to shoot the person, ending the pursuit.

Fewer than two hours later, officers went to a residence in the

BLOTTER

Andres Alvarez, 21, 513 S. Bowery St. Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication.

Quartez Alexander, 21, 1122 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 3, was charged Nov. 3 with domestic assault.

Daniel Barnes, 20, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2535, was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

Jason Bauman, 22, 610 E. Jefferson St., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

James Brightmore, 20, 317 S. Dodge St., was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

Andrea Brophy, 19, 719 E. Jefferson St., was charged Nov. 2 with PAULA.

Mary Bobotaylor, 48, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E. Lot 22B, was charged Nov. 1 with obstruction of an officer and driving while barred.

Jillian Bourjaily, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 2B, was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication.

Rayshaun Bullock, 26, North Liberty, was charged Nov. 3 with interference with official acts.

Clifton Carter III, 24, 2152 Davis St., was charged Nov. 3 with driving while barred.

Anthony Crivolio, 20, 526 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 3 with keeping a disorderly house.

Enrique Delavega, 20, 429 E. Burlington St. Apt. 461, was charged Nov. 2 with PAULA.

Kevin Dorr, 21, 504 S. Johnson

St. Apt. 1, was charged Nov. 3 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Payton Felton, 19, 633 S. Dodge St., was charged Nov. 2 with presence in the bars after hours.

Paul Fricano, 20, 517 Fairchild St. Apt. 1, was charged Nov. 2 with unlawful use of a driver's license and presence in the bars after hours.

Miguel Fuentes, 41, 4494 Taft Ave. Lot 22B, was charged Nov. 2 with driving while barred.

Antoinette Grant, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 2 with driving with a suspended/canceled license, OWI, and false imprisonment.

Jesus Gutierrez, 19, 2430 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 19, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Hailie Hacker, 19, 534 S. Lucas St. Apt. A, was charged Nov. 1 with presence in bars after hours.

William Hood, 26, address unknown, was charged July 22, 2011 with third-degree theft.

Thaddeus Hoover, 21, North Liberty, was charged Nov. 3 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Devarious Howard, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.

Blake Huseman, 28, Alta, Iowa, was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

Nicholas Kellerhals, 19, Mount

Prospect, Ill., was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication.

Conor Koconis O'Malley, 18, Mayflower Apt. 712T, was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication.

Lasha Lekin, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with obstruction of an officer.

Elizabeth Lindeman, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 2B, was charged Nov. 2 with presence in the bars after hours.

Michael Lipcamon, 23, Coralville, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Mallory Litzo, 20, 4 E. Prentiss St. Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 1 with presence in the bars after hours.

Victor Lopez, 36, 1205 Laura Drive Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 3 with OWI.

Paulina Markiewicz, 20, 612 E. Court St. Apt. 7, was charged Nov. 2 with keeping a disorderly house.

Courtney Mercurio, 19, 511 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2831, was charged Nov. 2 with PAULA.

Zachary Miller, 20, 516 S. Van Buren St., was charged Nov. 1 with PAULA.

Kiera Morrill, 20, 620 S. Capitol St., was charged Nov. 1 with presence in the bars after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

Lydia Neeley, 19, 302 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1217, was charged Nov. 1 with presence in the bars after hours and falsifying driver's licenses.

Daniel O'Connor, 19, 1100 N.

Dubuque St. Apt. 728C, was charged Nov. 2 with PAULA.

Tyree Payne, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2203, was charged Oct. 10 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Keith Podalak, 22, Champagne, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jacob Priest, 19, 4307 Burge, was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication and falsifying a driver's license.

Lucas Rebik, 20, 820 Newton Road, was charged Nov. 3 with presence in the bars after hours and possession of a fictitious license.

Paul Reid, 19, 333 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2121, was charged Nov. 2 with presence in the bars after hours.

Zachary Scharff, 19, 546 Slater, was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication.

Mikhaila Schmaltz, 20, 648 S. Dodge Apt. 3, was charged Nov. 1 with presence in the bars after hours.

Parrish Shaw, 22, 1960 Broadway Apt. 6C, was charged Nov. 3 with disorderly conduct.

Robert Studley, 19, 36 Valley Ave. Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 1 with presence in the bars after hours.

Nicklas Svensson, 18, C330 Hillcrest, was charged Nov. 1 with possession of a controlled substance.

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DROP/ADD

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system has been in place], since the early '90s," said Philip Patton, the University of Northern Iowa registrar. "We use it all the time; it's very easy for dropping restrictions or adding."

UI Associate Provost for Undergraduates Beth Ingram said there were several reasons for the

Drop/add classes

In the upcoming spring semester, students will be able to drop and add courses in the first five days of classes.

- Does not require a professor's or adviser's signature
- No waiting in line
- No fee

Source: Beth Ingram, associate provost for undergraduate education

delay in adding the online system, but university officials are excited about the change.

"We were an outlier in

using paper slips," she said. "Some faculty had concern for a few reasons, but so far, we haven't heard anything from any-

body. It just makes life easier for everybody."

Some faculty were concerned about students adding courses that they did not have prerequisites for. The Mathematics Department will place restrictions on adding and dropping classes online. Students will be able to take a math class and drop the course, but students trying to add a math class will need a specific permission code from the department.

Another restriction with the online system is only allowing undergraduate students to use it, in addition to not allowing NCAA athletes to drop/add courses online because of specialized education plans.

The drop/add change follows a change last spring scheduling finals to better individualize student's schedules.

"The final exams were a fixed block matrix, but that didn't necessarily do

the best match for students," Kruckeberg said. "Now, we do not schedule [finals] until the 10th day [of the school year]."

All officials hope for the trial semester to benefit students and staff.

"It's hard to think of a reason students wouldn't like it," Ingram said. "It seems like a small change, but I can see students from outside my office in the first week of January waiting in line."

FARM BILL

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Archer —running for Congress in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District — have made statements about the importance of the bill. Archer blames Congress's inaction on political games and a broken system.

"The House Committee on Agriculture has a farm bill," Archer said in a press release. "The Senate has a farm bill. But the one who is directly affected, the Iowa farmer, does not have a Farm Bill. This is a yet another unfortunate instance that clearly illustrates that Washington is broken. Both Democrats and Republicans in Washington need to put politics aside and make passing the farm bill a top priority, so the economic engine of Iowa,

the family farmer, can help kick-start our economy."

Loebsack defended his own actions encouraging a passing vote in the House.

"Our farmers and livestock producers deserve action on a long-term, reformed farm bill, and it is long past time that the House votes on a farm bill that provides certainty," he said in an email statement. "I have repeatedly pushed leadership to bring a long-term farm bill to the floor and am disappointed that they chose instead to go home for an extended vacation to campaign."

Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science, said it is not surprising to see both parties supporting the farm bill in Iowa because of how heavily Iowa's economy relies on agriculture.

Yet, he said, the reason the bill is being held up in the house is because House Republicans who are concerned about over-spending are looking for ways to cut parts of the bill that may not be considered crucial.

"Republicans are known for trying to cut spending," he said. "The problem is, it puts Republicans in farm states in difficult positions because they want it passed, but the leadership in their party is holding it up, and it gives the Democrats something to complain about."

William Edwards, an economics professor with a focus in agriculture at Iowa State University, said representatives from non-agricultural states are more likely to hold up the farm bill.

"Relatively speaking, it's probably less of a concern in the House

just because the rural states have less representation in the House," he said.

However, even farmers in not only the Midwest but also Johnson County have disagreements over the bill.

Local crop farmer Kurt Dallmeyer said he personally doesn't care if the bill passes or not.

"To me, the government program is like welfare for farmers, and we don't need that," he said. "If we let supply and demand work the way it's supposed to, the bad farmers would weed themselves out. If you let the free market take hold, the free market would decide what a fair

Farm Bill

The farm bill covers many programs related to not only agriculture but also the environment and food programs.

- Soil and water conservation programs
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- School lunches

Source: Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry

price is."

Dallmeyer said he does take advantage of the money offered by the government but that he could live without it.

Steve Swenka, a local cattle farmer, said he thinks it is important the bill pass because farmers are trying to

plan for next year, and they don't know if they will have government subsidies to help them.

"In today's farm economy, the farm bill is part of the puzzle," he said. "Not having the farm bill provides a big hole in the equation as far as planning for next year."



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 - **Student arrests will increase** — 12% of UI graduates have a criminal record when they graduate; this number will grow with a new jail.
- **TSA-style "security"** for regular Courthouse visits.
- **The Courthouse and Jail in one building = BAD idea** — the historic Courthouse in the center of downtown Iowa City does *not* need to be turned into a de-facto jail extension.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Positives of Obamacare

In this election, arguments about women's health care have often focused on abortion and contraception coverage. While I agree these are important issues, I would like to share my views from the perspective of a female cancer patient. The Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. "Obamacare," requires insurance companies to cover such preventative services as breast-cancer mammography screenings every one to two years for women over 40, breast-cancer chemoprevention counseling for women at higher risk, and annual screenings for cervical cancer. Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan have pledged to repeal Obamacare, meaning many women could lose these important benefits from their paid insurance plans. Even worse is the Republican plan, or lack thereof, for the

many women currently without coverage. When money is tight, women are often the family members who go uncovered because we are often charged as much as three times the insurance rates of men (a problem Obamacare resolves as of 2014). I know many hard-working women — single and married — who are self-employed or work jobs that offer no insurance coverage and who can't afford to pay for coverage themselves. Planned Parenthood of Eastern Iowa has been awarded funds by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to offer free breast-cancer and cervical-cancer screenings to qualified women between the ages 40 and 64. Planned Parenthood is pretty much the only way a woman in Iowa City and many other towns across eastern Iowa can get a mammogram if she doesn't have insurance and can't afford the \$450 cost of the screening (not to mention the

cost of the doctor's visit). What does Romney think about this essential health-care service for women? "Planned Parenthood, we're going to get rid of that," he said. For me, these issues are personal. In August, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Because my cancer was caught early, my prognosis is excellent. It is not an exaggeration to say that my "Obamacare mammogram" may have saved my life. If the mammogram had not been covered as part of my annual exam, I would not have been able to afford to have one. Obamacare also ensures that I don't have to worry about lifetime caps on insurance coverage or being dropped by my insurance company. It gives me the power to shop around for affordable insurance premiums without being rejected because of a pre-existing condition. And because my coverage is more

secure, I don't have to worry about saddling my family with insurmountable debt should my condition worsen. No family should go bankrupt just because one family member happens to get sick. One out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lives. Yet when breast cancer is detected in the early, localized stages, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. The evidence of my cancer was so small that I would not have discovered it with a self-exam until the cancer was much more life-threatening. Access to mammograms and other preventative cancer screenings is crucial, and President Obama has pledged to maintain access to these services for ALL women. As you mark your ballot in this election, the choice you make for president could save the lives of the women you love.

Karen Nichols
Iowa City

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GUEST COLUMN

The politics of election polling

Mitt Romney's highly anticipated and surprisingly deft pivot to the center during the presidential campaign signals his campaign's understanding that the views espoused by the candidate during the Republican primary do not align with the values of the majority of the American electorate.

This conclusion is easily drawn looking at polling data on American attitudes in a number of policy areas: Romney's attempt to retreat from his signature "more tax cuts for the wealthy" economic plan, for example, likely arises from data that show more than two-thirds of Americans support raising taxes on the top income bracket. With such reliance on polling data to inform the candidates' views, it is quite surprising how far some on the right have gone to discredit polling data in general as biased and untrustworthy.

To begin, poll data are not opinion-based; they are aggregated statistical information. To suggest that some of the most reputable polling firms in the country, including the right-leaning Rasmussen, are getting things wrong as a matter of opinion is an irresponsible characterization of the purpose and nature of poll data.

Every social-science student understands the challenges of representative sampling and identifying and eliminating biases in the information-collecting process, and these factors are undoubtedly controlled for by firms with long histories of accurately forecasting election outcomes and reporting on demographic trends. The advent of organizations such as Unskewedpolls.com to correct a perceived bias in polling by reweighting every poll to achieve a desired outcome is the only example of manifestly unreliable polling data.

Possibly the most vulgar and unsophisticated critiques in the manufactured controversy over poll data are the attacks focused on Nate Silver of the

widely read FiveThirtyEight blog. Silver's transparent methodology consists of aggregating the most highly regarded public opinion surveys available and factoring in additional economic data to forecast election outcomes.

In the last election, Silver predicted 49 out of 50 states correctly, and the one state he got wrong, Indiana, he erroneously called in favor of John McCain. Despite his record of accuracy and a transparent modeling methodology, Silver has been the target of criticism from many right-leaning organizations, as an article by Henry Blodget of *Business Insider* explains: "Every time Silver opens his mouth, the ~45 percent of the country that is rooting for Romney accuses him of being an idiot, being 'in the tank' for Obama, or both. This criticism is asinine."

The phenomenon of attempting to discredit sources simply because they do not conform to a given ideology suggests that the problem of confirmation bias is only intensifying for the American polity. While it is true that news organizations may have expressed certain political biases in the past by emphasizing certain poll results and not others, this type of cherry-picking from legitimate data is quite different from inventing a polling methodology with the sole purpose of fulfilling an ideological agenda.

Irrespective of which polling firm ends up most accurately predicting the election outcome, the effect of challenging reliable polls will be to breed unfounded skepticism among some Americans, which will be difficult to eradicate in the future. At a time of particularly low levels of institutional faith, it seems dangerous to further undermine the credibility of important sources of information by introducing an unnecessary political dimension to otherwise objective data.

Alex Nourafshan
UI law student



POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Advantages for the party in control

Incumbents running for Congress have certain advantages over their challengers. On one level they can usually talk about the votes they have taken and the things they have done to benefit their district or state. Unless an incumbent's record contains serious political weaknesses, this puts challengers at a disadvantage because they can only talk about what they want to do if elected.

On another level, long-serving incumbents can speak about how they are members of important committees and subcommittees. This is particularly so when the incumbent

is the head (if in the majority party) or the ranking member (if in the minority party).

New members of Congress will obviously have the least seniority, but they still have the power of any other member and may have additional persuasive abilities depending on several factors.

One factor is the party in control. If, for example, Republicans retain control of the House of Representatives, a new Republican will have more power than a new Democrat would. More senior members of the minority party do have more pow-

er, but it's still the majority party that controls the agenda and many committee activities.

Another factor, particularly for representatives, involves the political composition of the person's district. Party leadership will usually be aware of how politically safe a district is for a particular representative. That can sometimes influence what committee assignments a new member receives. A third factor is whether the challenger has gained national attention in some positive way. This is more likely to happen in Senate races, but it can some-

times happen in House races as well.

How much power or influence a new member of Congress may have is also related to how he or she gets along with other members of that person's party. That doesn't mean that the new member must simply follow "orders" from the party leadership, but it does mean that the member will need to be able to work with those leaders, as well as members from the other party, to achieve her or his legislative goals.

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Don't roll back FEMA



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On Oct., Hurricane Sandy struck the Eastern Seaboard, wreaking havoc on New Jersey, New York, and other areas, damaging millions of homes with winds that stretched for 900 miles.

No state should be expected to rebuild itself alone when such devastation hits. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is, at present, the best way to keep the nation united and strong in the face of national disasters.

But not all agree, all the time.

GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney said during the primaries last year that states should be responsible for their own disaster relief.

"Every time you have an occasion to take something from the federal government and send it back to the states, that's the right direction," Romney said during a primary debate June 13, 2011, responding to a question specifically about FEMA.

This was not unlike Romney — he often says that states should have more responsibilities and the federal government should have fewer programs.

It is also not unlike Romney to change his mind, as he did last week in releasing a statement saying that as president he would ensure funding for FEMA.

FEMA, as are many government agencies, is expensive and does not always act efficiently, as many who have lived in Iowa City before 2008 know very well.

Yet under the Obama administration in response to Hurricane Sandy, FEMA prepared and worked quickly to help those with greatest need.

As of Nov. 3, approximately 85,000 people had applied for assistance and around \$18 million had been issued to victims.

FEMA is working with the Red Cross to provide expanded assistance, and Obama received praise by many, most prominently Republican Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, for a swift and early response.

We are one nation made of many states. Though smaller state governments have a better understanding of states' needs on a lot of issues, when disaster strikes, states that get hit cannot always help themselves.

No state should suffer alone because of a disaster, and federal emergency support such as what comes from FEMA, when controlled by an efficient administration, deserves unwavering support. ■

Economy not the only issue in 2012



BY SRI PONNADA
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Voters have been running around trying to decide whom to vote for. Given that the next president could possibly change the future and face of this nation, it is important to make an informed and intelligent decision when casting your ballot. Should it be Romney-Ryan or Obama-Biden? Decisions, decisions — they're just so hard to make. Actually, they're not.

With leading newspapers in Iowa endorsing Romney, why should we vote for Mitt Romney? Well, his economic policies are just fantastic. Or so they say. But Romney's economic policies are not the only way out of the country's current condition: They might not be a way out at all.

So why are we focusing solely on the economy and drifting away from our society? In an election in which social issues of America are at stake, the choice needed to be made is pretty clear: Obama.

Since the conservatives took charge, they have spearheaded efforts to

defund Planned Parenthood, an organization that for the past 100 years has battled for and broadened horizons of women's health and well-being.

Planned Parenthood operates nearly 800 health centers nationwide that provide safe and reliable health-care services, which help prevent unintended pregnancies through contraception, reduce the spread of sexually transmitted infections through testing, and treatment and screen for cervical and other cancers.

Only 3 percent of all Planned Parenthood services involve abortions, whereas 76 percent of the organization's clients receive services to prevent unintended pregnancy — preventing more than 584,000 unintended pregnancies each year.

Moreover, the Hyde Amendment prohibits Planned Parenthood from using taxpayer money to carry out abortions. Any abortions performed by the organization are funded by private sources.

Romney may change his stance and say he's in favor of abortions in cases of rape and incest, but his running-mate Ryan has stated that even those cases aren't reason enough.

The economy is not the only issue in this election — let's vote like it. ■

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Sampradaya Dance Troupe performs its piece "Navrasa in Ramayan" during Diwali in the IMU on Nov. 3. The event was organized by the Indian Student Alliance. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

TREEHUGGERS

CONTINUED FROM 1A

gan in July, but locals did not begin knitting until the beginning of October.

The Downtown District partnered with local Home Ec. Workshop to bring the yarn to the knitters, and Total Tree Care sponsored the project. Originally, Total Tree Care pledged enough money to cover all the costs — but when the enthusiastic response grew so large, trees had to be added, the extra cost came out of the special-events budget. In total, the art project cost roughly \$3,000.

"We had more knitters

than we had trees," Jain said.

In fact, the response was so large it reached outside of Iowa City.

"We had people from all over the state contact us wanting to participate," said Karen Kubby, the president of the Board of Directors of the Downtown District. "We have someone from [the state of] Washington who is going to send us one."

Through Home Ec. Workshop, each knitter was given the same colors of yarn. They were also assigned a tree and told its measurements.

"They gave us a specific tree so we knew exactly how many stitches to put on and how long it had to be, but then

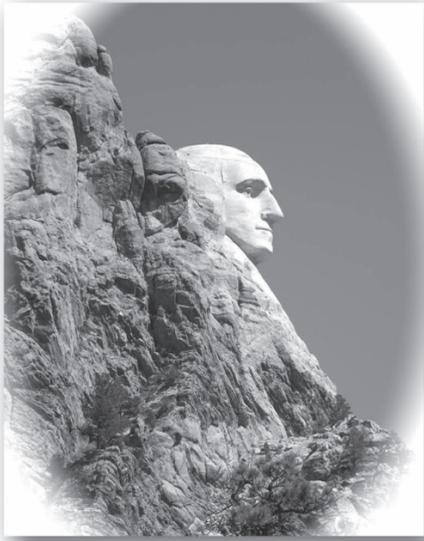
we were free to just do the color in whatever combination we wanted to," said Nora Roy, a self-proclaimed "unstoppable knitter" from Iowa City. "All we had to do was provide our own needles and do the knitting."

The city will allow the Tree Huggers to remain until the end of February.

Kubby agreed that Sunday was just the beginning for the project.

"I suspect some of the knitters who did some of the trees downtown and on the North Side are going to do it in front of their homes and do it in their neighborhoods," she said. "They're going to continue. I think this the beginning."

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Game Recap

HOOSIER DADDY?



(Top left) Iowa linebacker Anthony Hitchens is unable to stop Indiana wide receiver Cody Latimer from scoring a touchdown at Memorial Field in Bloomington on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin) (Top right) Indiana players celebrate after scoring a touchdown during the game on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh) (Bottom left) Indiana players celebrate during the game on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh) (Bottom middle) Indiana wide receiver Cody Latimer scores a touchdown at Memorial Field in Bloomington on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin) (Bottom right) Iowa wide receiver James Vandenberg is tackled by Indiana players during the game on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

BREAKDOWN

IOWA	INDIANA
RUSHING YARDS	96
PASSING YARDS	249
YARDS PER PLAY	5.4
FIRST DOWNS	17
PENALTIES	7-51

BOX SCORE

INDIANA 24, IOWA 21

INDIANA	IOWA
3	7
7	7
7	24
14	0
0	7
21	

FIRST QUARTER
Iowa - Martin-Manley 24-yard pass from Vandenberg (Meyer kick), 7:20
Iowa - Kirksey 18-yard interception return (Meyer kick), 7:08
Indiana - Ewald 45-yard field goal, 3:27

SECOND QUARTER
Indiana - Latimer 15-yard pass from Coffman (Ewald kick), 0:47

THIRD QUARTER
Indiana - Latimer 6-yard pass from Coffman (Ewald kick), 7:28

FOURTH QUARTER
Iowa - Bullock 4-yard run (Meyer kick), 12:17
Indiana - Latimer 30-yard pass from Coffman (Ewald kick), 10:58

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING
Iowa: Bullock 25-83, Martin Manley 1-15, Garmon 1-11.
Indiana: Houston 18-52, Roberts 9-9, Sudfeld 3-6.

PASSING
Iowa: Vandenberg 21-34-249-1-1.
Indiana: Coffman 21-33-315-3-0, Sudfeld 10-16-91-0-1.

RECEIVING
Iowa: Martin-Manley 7-131, Davis 5-57, Fiedorowicz 3-25, Bullock 3-24.

BY THE NUMBERS

14
Big Ten players who have thrown more touchdown passes than James Vandenberg

1,410
Yards allowed by the Hawkeyes in their last three games

2007
The last time Iowa was below .500

QUOTED

"I thought we played hard enough. But we've got to play cleaner to expect to win."
- head coach Kirk Ferentz

"The seniors on this team, we've got three, possibly four more chances to play in the Black and Gold ever. So we're going to take it one game at a time and throw as many punches as we can."
- Quarterback James Vandenberg

A look and in press

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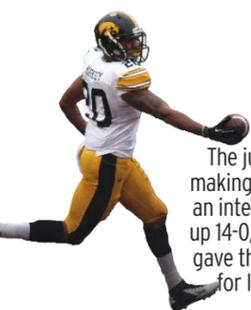
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Iowa's bowl-game hopes took a serious hit in Memorial Stadium on Nov. 3. The Hawkeyes jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead against Indiana but couldn't sustain that momentum. The Hoosiers racked up more than 400 passing yards and knocked Iowa below .500 for the first time in five years. In order to qualify for a postseason game, the Hawkeyes will need to beat Purdue and then either Michigan or Nebraska.



Wide receiver Cody Latimer from scoring a touchdown at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Coffman) Indiana fans celebrate at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin) (Bottom right) Iowa running back Damon Washington (number 2) running with the ball during a game in Bloomington on Nov. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Coffman)



GAME BALLS

IOWA

LB Christian Kirksey

The junior had an powerful performance for Iowa, making 8 tackles and coming up with two turnovers – an interception return for a touchdown that put Iowa up 14-0, and a fumble recovery in the second half that gave the Hawkeyes life. He has been a true ball-hawk for Iowa's defense, making several momentum-changing plays this season.

INDIANA

QB Cam Coffman

at the stat sheet says plenty: 315 passing yards, 3 touchdowns, no interceptions or sacks for Coffman. But it looked even more impressive on the field, as Coffman wriggled out of defensive sure time and again and found receivers downfield. He became just the latest quarterback to hurt Iowa's defense.



KEY PLAYS

- Iowa led, 14-10, when it faced third down on the Indiana 12-yard line. Quarterback James Vandenberg threw a back-shoulder fade to Jordan Cotton but didn't quite get the ball out to the sideline. An Indiana cornerback made a twisting interception, denying Iowa the chance to kick a field goal. Those 3 points ended up being the margin of victory.
- Just three plays later, Hoosier quarterback Cam Coffman escaped a sack and rolled out. Iowa cornerback Greg Castillo ran up to make a tackle, abandoning his pass coverage in the process. Coffman flicked the ball over Castillo's head to an open Kofi Hughes for a 77-yard gain that set up the go-ahead touchdown.

THUMBS UP



Wide receiver performance. Kevonte Martin-Manley had a huge performance, running crossing routes for 7 catches, 131 yards, and a first-quarter touchdown. Senior Keenan Davis chipped in 5 catches for 57 yards. Hawkeye receivers have been inconsistent this year, but they showed up Nov. 3.

THUMBS DOWN



Pass coverage. When Micah Hyde is getting burned deep for a go-ahead touchdown, it isn't a good day. Greg Castillo blew a coverage, allowing Indiana receiver Kofi Hughes to gain 77 yards. Two Hoosier pass-catchers went for more than 100 yards, and a third had 80. Iowa's defensive backs couldn't stay with Indiana's fleet of receivers.

The Daily Iowan DAILY BREAK

“How I hate those who are dedicated to producing conformity.”
— William S. Burroughs

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More Republicanese:

- “We care about 100 percent of Americans.” = Give or take 47 percent.
 - “We need to protect the integrity of the electoral process.” = We need to stop poor people from voting. They’re stupid. Because a lot of them vote the other way. That’s stupid. Also, we’re rethinking those 19th and 24th Amendments. Oh, you don’t know what those amendments were about? You must be poor.
 - “We have faith in American exceptionalism.” = I think it’s pretty obvious the rest of the world thinks we’re the Best Thing Ever. Why else would they all hate us so much?
 - “God bless America.” = Obama is a Kenyan Muslim, Democrats are all in league with Satan, women should be submissive to their men, and — seriously — screw the poor.
 - “We have to stop heading toward socialism.” = At this point, we’re just banking that voters are too frightened to acknowledge the differences between actual socialism and the Affordable Care Act, even though it was originally proposed by us, the Republicans.
 - “Social Security and Medicare need to be reformed to preserve the programs.” = Abstinence-only education counts as a reformation of Medicare, because if poor people would stop having kids, we wouldn’t have to pay for them.
 - “It was a tragedy that we did not keep troops in Iraq.” = It’s our oil, dammit.
 - “There is no scientific consensus on global warming.” = Eff polar bears.
- Duncan Stewart is a severely conservative librarian, though he does favor porn in libraries. He thanks Andrew R. Juhl for help with today’s Ledge and for lending him that nun costume for Halloween.

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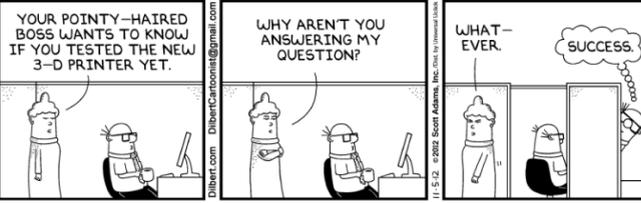
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- **English Language Learners' Discussion Circle**, noon, S126 Papajohn Business Building
- **The Palestinian Question with Dr. Patrick Hitchon**, noon, 353 IMU
- **Physical & Environmental Chemistry Seminar**, “Optical Properties of Mineral Dust Aerosol,” Jennifer Alexander, Physics/Astronomy, 12:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar**, Christopher Doran, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Colloquium, Christopher Doran, Physics/Astronomy**, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall
- **Community Potluck and DanceWeek Wrap Up**, 6 p.m., UI LGBT Resource Center
- **Hawkeye Ballroom Dance Company Lessons**, 6 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **GLBT Movie Series, Let's Talk Inclusive**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Salgado Maranhão and Alexis Levitin, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Horse Feathers**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **One-Night Stand**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- Noon** History of Medicine Lecture, Judith Houck, presented by Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, Oct. 25
 - 1 p.m.** Women at Iowa, interviews with noted and exceptional women at the UI
 - 2** “Edgard Varese in the Gobi Desert,” composition by Paul Elwood performed by Dan Moore and the Iowa Percussion Ensemble, October
 - 2:30** University Lecture Committee, Junot Diaz, Engert, Oct. 4
 - 3** UI College of Education Civic Engagement Panel, Sept. 29
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- Monday, November 5, 2012 by Eugenia Last
- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Getting involved in activities or events that interest you will broaden your plans for future development. Love is in the stars. Enhancing the relationship you are in or looking for love at networking or community events will be fruitful.
 - TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don’t allow personal issues to interfere with your productivity. Focus on what’s expected of you. Don’t lose sight of the long-term effects you will have on those you work with if you don’t pull your weight.
 - GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Get involved in an organization or an event that brings you in contact with interesting people who share similar goals. Think outside the box, and contribute your ideas in order to reach a much larger audience or goal. Love is highlighted.
 - CANCER** (June 21-July 21): Older and younger people may cause problems, but if you set rules and timelines to be met, you will keep everyone moving along and accomplish what you set out to do. Consistency coupled with creativity will bring good results.
 - LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t worry too much about what others do, say, or think. You can expect to feel stifled at home and in your personal life if you cannot find a way to step away from your responsibilities and enjoy socializing with friends.
 - VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put pressure where needed in order to reach your goals. Don’t put up with anyone who is irresponsible or overreacting to a situation that needs to be dealt with swiftly. Excess is the enemy, so keep your life and what you do simple and manageable.
 - LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You cannot control every situation you face, but you can opt to say “no” to anyone who puts you in an awkward situation. Communication, travel, and expanding your knowledge and interests will lead to an interesting connection and proposal.
 - SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a serious look at where you are personally and professionally, and make a decision that will help push you closer to your goals. Look for an unusual way to market or develop an idea you have. Discipline will pay off.
 - SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make improvements at home that will help ease your stress and improve your lifestyle. Don’t let your temper be what stands between you and someone or something you need in order to excel. Compromise will be necessary.
 - CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Discuss issues you have with partners, colleagues, or someone who has something unique to contribute to your plans. Advancement will be yours if you show your strengths and your ability to work without supervision.
 - AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t judge others, or you will end up being judged. It’s important to show discipline, but at the same time, enjoy what’s being offered. A commitment or contract will lead to prospects that will provide you with additional perks.
 - PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Calm down, and enjoy life. Taking on too much or being excessive in any way will limit what you are capable of obtaining. An imaginative plan coupled with a little determination will result in greater cooperation and good results.

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- 1 Muslim pilgrim’s destination
 - 6 Indian prince
 - 10 Kemo ____
 - 14 Map collection
 - 15 “Tis a pity”
 - 16 Shortly, to a poet
 - 17 Bloodhound’s trail
 - 18 Move like a butterfly
 - 19 Watch chains
 - 20 Second first lady
 - 23 Daydream
 - 25 Doctorate grillings
 - 27 Declare
 - 28 American Dance Theater founder
 - 32 Mister : English :: : German
 - 33 Part of the eye around the pupil
 - 34 Football field units: Abbr.
 - 35 Oscar-winning actor for “Little Miss Sunshine”
 - 40 K2 and Kilimanjaro: Abbr.
 - 43 Pitcher Hershiser
 - 44 Prefix with dynamic
 - 48 Tennis champion with a stadium named after him
 - 52 ____ the Impaler
 - 53 Largest asteroid in the solar system
 - 54 Digestion aids
 - 56 Achieved great fame ... or what
 - 20-, 28-, 35- and 48-Across did?
 - 60 Erica who wrote “Fear of Flying”
 - 61 Winter frost
 - 62 ____ Circus (ancient Roman stadium)
 - 65 Ye ____ Shoppe
- Down**
- 1 Pas’ mates
 - 2 Catchall abbr.
 - 3 Butcher’s knife
 - 4 Down Under capital
 - 5 Up and about
 - 6 San ____, Calif.
 - 7 “That’s ____ ask”
 - 8 First corner after “Go” in Monopoly
 - 9 Dashiell Hammett hound
 - 10 African big-game hunt
 - 11 Deviation from the standard
 - 12 Winter Olympics vehicle
 - 13 Officer on a PT boat: Abbr.
 - 21 Actress Scala
 - 22 “__ say!”
 - 23 Cheerleader’s cheer
 - 24 Garden of Eden woman
 - 26 The “S” of GPS: Abbr.
 - 29 Lab containers
 - 30 Like the verb “be” in many languages: Abbr.
 - 31 Suffix with no-good
 - 36 No-good sort
 - 66 Part of the U.S. that’s usually first with election returns
 - 67 Some Scots
 - 68 One giving orders
 - 69 Alimony givers or receivers
 - 70 Precipitation around 32°
 - 46 Comic Charlotte
 - 47 Gets too high, for short?
 - 49 Property dividers that may need clipping
 - 42 Leaves high and dry
 - 45 Target for a certain bark beetle
 - 51 Photo lab abbr.
 - 55 Witty put-downs
 - 57 “My country, ‘tis of ____”
 - 58 April 1 news story, maybe
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Martha Wilson browses through beads and crystals for her work during an open lab at Beadology on Sunday. The open lab provides people with the opportunity to share beading techniques. The next open lab will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

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Sports

Instant effect for Gesell, the calm in the storm

Freshman Mike Gesell wasted little time in making his presence known in his debut.

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It didn't take long for Mike Gesell to make his mark on the Iowa men's basketball team.

The freshman led all scorers with 18 points in the Hawkeyes' 100-54 exhibition victory over Division-II Quincy Univer-

sity (Ill.) on Sunday, despite playing just 19 minutes in the contest. He also chipped in 3 assists, 3 rebounds, and a pair of steals.

The keys to his output were being efficient and keeping calm in what head coach Fran McCaffery called a "scrambled" game.

"That's just kind of who he is," McCaffery said about Gesell. "He doesn't rattle. He's going to keep coming after you. He's going to pressure the ball. I'm not surprised, he's not surprised. I was thrilled with him."

Gesell hit on 5 of his 8 shot attempts on the af-

ternoon, including 3-for-5 from behind the arc. But he also had success with a pull-up jumper in the lane, something he said he uses to give himself an element many players don't have.

"That's one of my go-to shots, especially if I'm struggling," he said. "You can't always get into the lane, especially with those big guys in there now, in college... when the defense is giving you [the pull-up], you've got to take it."

He avoided forced shots and took what was available to him on Sunday. He admitted he made a conscious effort to be patient.

"Especially in this game, I knew I'd be antsy," he said and laughed. "I knew I had to just keep calm and not do anything too crazy."

Gesell said Sunday was the first time he'd ever felt nervous before a game, but those butterflies disappeared once the ball went up at the opening tip. Sophomore Aaron White said he didn't notice any jitters from the first-year point guard, or any of the freshmen, for that matter.

"The freshmen we have, I think they're ready to make a big impact on this team," White said. "That's

why they came here. They're going to be on the floor and be ready for that challenge. So Mike and Adam [Woodbury] are really composed and really mature for how young they are."

Gesell said he recognizes the responsibility he has as the point guard, and he's ready to shoulder it despite playing off the ball for much of his AAU career. He just has to keep a level head and not be intimidated, he said.

"I've got to continue to be a leader out there," he said. "Even though I'm a freshman, I've still got to be a leader from that

point guard position." Gesell said part of being the leader his team needs is finding the right balance in what's likely to become his offense.

"We definitely want to get the ball up the court," he said. "But maybe we're struggling or something and we need to slow it down and get a good shot later in the shot clock. I've got to know when to do both of those things and how to control the tempo."

COMMENTARY

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the victors."

Kirk Ferentz on Sept. 22: "Central [Michigan] deserved the win. They played the full 60 and made the plays you have to make to come out victorious. Give them credit."

James Vandenberg on his interception on Nov. 3: "That's a throw that can't be made. The guy played it really well, but that ball's got to go out the back of the end zone. We've got to be able to take 3 [points] there, and that's on me."

James Vandenberg on his game-ending intercep-

tion against Iowa State on Sept. 8: "That's just a ball that can't be thrown. A guy made a great play on it, but in field-goal range, there's no excuse for it. That ball's got to go out of bounds."

This is getting repetitive.

The Iowa football team lost to Indiana on Saturday in part because it repeatedly let the opposing quarterback escape the rush and make plays. This week it was Cameron Coffman finding open receivers downfield. Last week it was Northwestern's Kain Colter taking off and running down the field, and the week before that it was Penn State's Matt McGloin.

Iowa has allowed 1,410

yards of offense in its current three-game losing streak.

The Hawkeyes could not move the ball against the Hoosiers, scoring just 14 offensive points. For the ninth time in nine games this season, James Vandenberg looked jittery and inaccurate. The team's offense once again made a third-and-10 feel like crossing an ocean.

All these losses, especially the last three, are blurring together. The problems plaguing the Hawkeyes are almost exactly what they were after an uninspiring performance in Soldier Field to start the year.

Vandenberg, who is 15th in the Big Ten with

four touchdown passes, acknowledged as much.

"You guys get sick of hearing this every week, but it really is execution," Iowa's quarterback said. "We had a good plan, we felt comfortable with what we were seeing. We just didn't execute consistently."

The Hawkeyes aren't just a few plays away. The hard truth is that this year's Iowa team is basically on the level of Indiana, a program that went 1-11 last season. Iowa is below .500 for the first time in five years, and has shown no signs of fixing the problems that got it here.

The Hawkeyes need to beat Purdue and then either Michigan or Nebraska to reach a bowl game.

WOMEN'S

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"We shot the ball well. Especially Melissa had a really nice shooting night for us," head Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "And it's just fun when she gets on a roll like that; everybody feeds off of that."

Taylor returned to the starting lineup for the first time since 2009-10; she suffered two different ACL tears within 20 months of each other between the 2009 and 2011 seasons. The St. Paul, Minn., native tallied 7 total points as well as 3 assists in 24 minutes of play.

After the game, Taylor said she felt better before the match up against Quincy than she usually does prior to competition, citing an increased confidence level that accounted for a lack of pregame butterflies.

"It felt good. No anxiety. So no puke or ... none

of those things," Taylor said and laughed. "I was really excited to be out there. [Confidence] quadrupled basically. I feel like I'm letting everything come to me. I'm not going to force anything, and I just feel comfortable out there."

Eleven Hawkeyes saw the floor, including all four of Iowa's freshmen.

Kali Peschel saw the most time of Iowa's newcomers, spending 17 minutes on the court. The Sauk Centre, Minn., native also tallied 7 points.

She, along with Trisha Nesbitt, led the team with 4 fouls apiece. Though some coaches may be worried to see such aggression from a rookie, Bluder said she wasn't concerned with her foul count, noting that freshmen undergo learning periods when it comes to college penalties.

"I like to see them taking the ball whole heart," she said. "A lot of freshmen don't understand the hand-checking rules



Iowa guard Sam Logic fights for a loose ball in Sunday's exhibition game against Quincy in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

of college, and it takes a while to understand."

The Hawkeyes rounded out the rest of a successful performance with 24 assists on 34 field goals. Iowa also found success in the steals department, taking 14 balls away from Quincy. Logic led the way, picking five pockets in the contest.

Iowa seemed to have the competition locked down from the opening

minutes. But Johnson said she would like to see her side come out a little more intense at the tip and find more rebounds.

"That's something we really need to take care of," she said. "I feel like if we get those things, two things down, continue to work on that 3 offense, I feel like we'll be a great team on Friday [in the season-opener against Northern Illinois]."

son said. "Their relentlessness and their effort and energy. It starts with the whole front, but it really starts inside."

The Hawkeyes knew that Black and Replogle were going to be an issue before even stepping foot on the field. Blythe said he focused on the two defensive tackles throughout the entire

week of practice but still struggled against them on the field.

The Hawkeyes didn't fare well against the duo last year, either. Vandenberg was sacked four times when the Hoosiers came to Kinnick Stadium in late October 2011, and Replogle got to him twice.

"We were a little more veteran, a little more

sound at the guard position last year when we played these guys," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "It was a tough matchup for us a year ago. Thought it might be a little of an issue for us today, and it certainly proved to be ... We didn't do a good enough job against them. Run or pass."

FOOTBALL

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linemen have played a big role in the team's recent success.

"Our defense has changed because of Larry Black, Adam Replogle ... and the seniors," Wil-

time I said, 'You're better than that; go out and play the way you're capable of.' And he did."

The lone area of tenderness the Hawkeyes exposed in the scrimmage was a knack for giving away possessions — Iowa coughed up the ball 17 times. Although that number didn't hurt the Hawks against Quincy, junior forward Zach McCabe pointed out it will down the line against better talent.

"At the beginning, we were a little sloppy; it was probably just jitters," McCabe said. "But in the future, we have to make sure we don't have as many turnovers as we did."

Most of Sunday was a laughter for the reported 12,251 in attendance; Iowa's head coach had a different opinion. He saw

the contest as less of an easy victory and more as a piece of film that his team can use.

"It was kind of a scrambled game; we didn't get into many sets," McCaffery said. "[The turnovers] are great, and I want to play that way, but we have to be more efficient in our full-court offense."

At the end of the day though, the lead Hawkeye was forced to applaud the gaudy numbers his group racked up — even though it was against a school from the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"The important thing is we held them to a pretty decent number, 33 percent [shooting]," McCaffery said. "We had a couple of crazy fouls late, but again, when you're pressing, that's going to happen."

MEN'S HOOPS

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problems early."

The rookie Nebraskan was just one of several who made their debuts in the Black and Gold on the afternoon. Freshmen Anthony Clemmons and Adam Woodbury also logged significant minutes in the decisive triumph.

Clemmons was part of a 25-0 run the Hawkeyes' bench players put together midway through the second half, which effectively put the game away. McCaffery felt his back-up guard responded well from an early bout with adversity.

"[Anthony] struggled in the first half but was terrific in the second half," McCaffery said. "At half-

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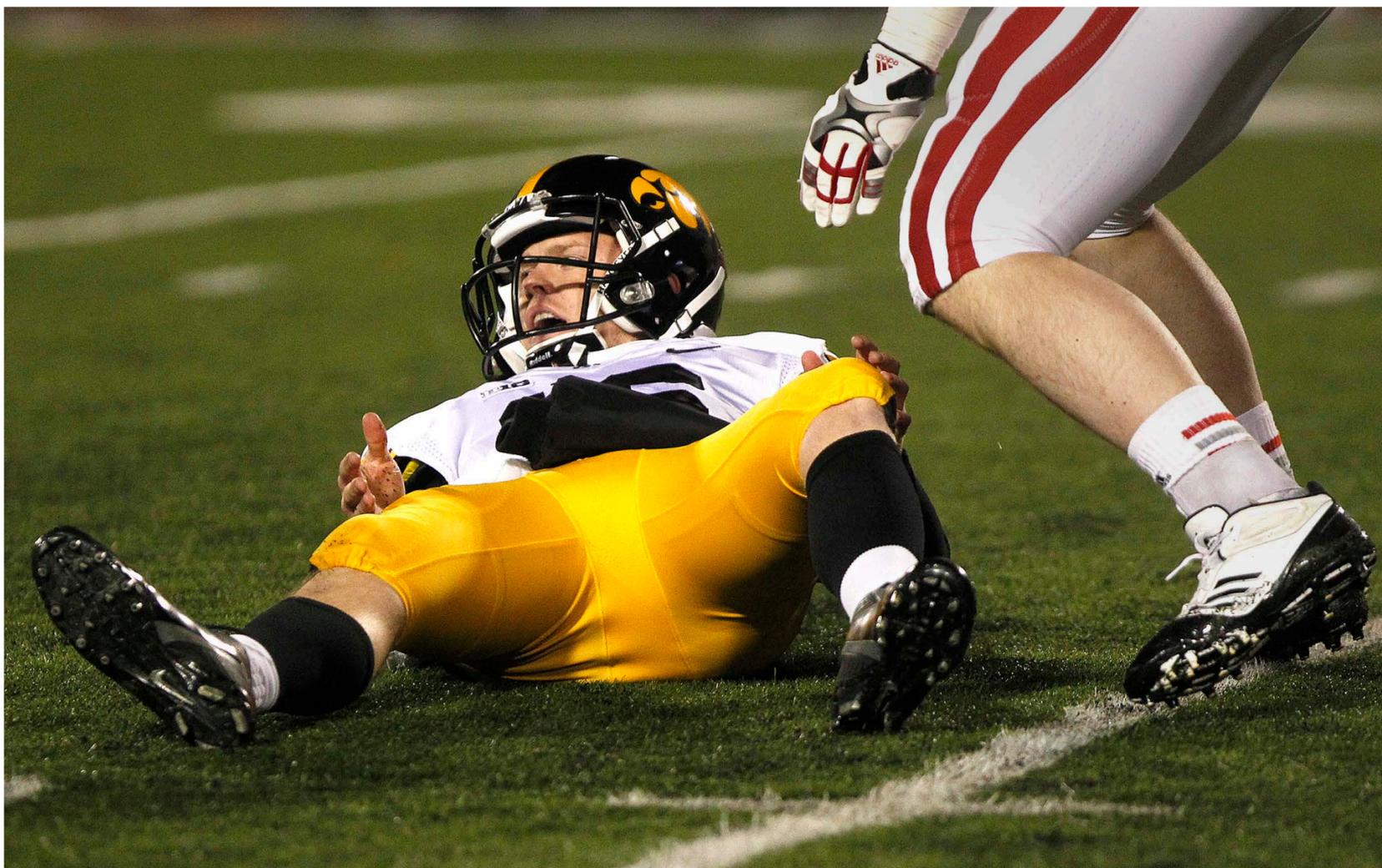
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INDIANA 24, IOWA 21

Hoosier O-line makes a difference



Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg reacts after being sacked against Indiana at Memorial Field in Bloomington on Nov. 3. The Hawkeyes fell to the Hoosiers, 24-21. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Iowa redshirt freshmen Jordan Walsh and Austin Blythe were pitted against bigger, more experienced, and more talented Indiana defensive linemen.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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BLOOMINGTON, IND. — Take two redshirt freshmen offensive linemen, 270 and 275 pounds, and line them up against a 294-pound senior and a 295-pound fifth-year senior.

Iowa's Jordan Walsh and Austin Blythe were pitted against defensive tackles with three times as much experience as they had on Nov. 3, and the Hawkeye offensive line struggled because of it. Hoosiers Adam Replogle and Larry Black, Jr. dominated the Iowa offensive line and stopped both the running game and passing game from the beginning.

"Credit goes to [Replogle and Black] — they're good players, experienced players," center James Ferentz said. "They affected the game, and they did more than we could, and they won."

Replogle and Black have played in every game for Indiana since 2009 and have racked up a combined 289 career

tackles. The seniors' experience makes them the undeniable leaders of the Hoosier defense.

Walsh and Blythe, however, have only played this season and haven't been in for every snap. Blythe started the first four games of the season before he lost his starting job because of an injury. The Hawkeye guards were matched up against bigger and more experienced tackles.

"We've got a lot of confidence in those young guys [Walsh and Blythe], and I thought they battled their hearts out," quarterback James Vandenberg said. "You're going to win some, you're going to lose some against good players."

Vandenberg was under heavy pressure all game. Black sacked him once for a loss of 10 yards.

"James got sacked — those big guys were getting a lot of penetration," wide receiver Kevonte Martin-Manley said. "I was running routes, and I was looking back, and James was on the floor."

Indiana coach Kevin Wilson said the Hoosier defensive

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COMMENTARY



By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Iowa's game against Indiana looked a lot like most of its other losses this season.

BLOOMINGTON, IND. — Kirk Ferentz on Nov. 3: "Needless to say, disappointed to get the loss. Credit Indiana. I thought our guys played hard, just clearly didn't play well enough to win. And they did, so they ended up being

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IOWA 100, QUINCY (ILL.) 54 (EXHIBITION)

Men hoopsters create turnover central

The Iowa men's basketball team forced 31 turnovers in a resounding 100-54 victory over Division-II Quincy (Ill.) in an exhibition matchup at Carver-Hawkeye Arena Sunday.

By **TOM CLOS**
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It seems allowing 72.5 points per game, as the Iowa basketball team did last season, has grown out of style in Iowa City.

For proof, look no further than the Iowa men's basketball team's performance in its exhibition Sunday.

The Hawkeyes forced 31 turnovers, and freshman point guard Mike Gesell led all scorers with 18 points in a 100-54 blowout victory over Quincy (Ill.) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The matchup was the Black and Gold's lone public scrimmage before opening one of the most anticipated seasons in recent memory against Texas-Pan American on Friday.

"We turned them over and didn't let them get into rhythm," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "We have a lot of players we can press with, and as the game went on, we got better at it."



Iowa guard Mike Gesell defends against Quincy in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Iowa defeated Quincy in the exhibition game, 100-54. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Iowa threw a devastating full-court press at their Division-II opponents from the opening tip, causing several miscues from the visiting Hawks' offense — and eventually leading to 41 points off turnovers.

Gesell made his presence felt in all aspects of the contest, racking up a trio of rebounds and assists as well as a pair of takeaways to go along with his offensive

outburst. He explained the emphasis his squad has put on being aggressive toward the ball and felt his team accomplished that task on Sunday.

"One of our main goals this year is to get after it on defense; we want to force turnovers to get out and run," Gesell said. "And our press was giving them

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IOWA 86, QUINCY (ILL.) 51 (EXHIBITION)

Hawks pout it on Quincy

By **BEN ROSS**
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Even without starting guard and captain Jaime Printy, the Iowa women's basketball team looked like a complete squad in an exhibition win 86-51 over Division-II Quincy (Ill.).

Morgan Johnson, Theairra Taylor, Sam Logic, Bethany Doolittle, and Melissa Dixon were the starting five. Lisa Bluder put out on the floor, with Dixon playing in place of the injured Printy.

The senior, as it turns out, wasn't all that missed by her teammates: Dixon scored a team-high 28 points Sunday night, with 21 of those points coming from beyond the 3-point arc. Her seven 3 balls would have broken a school record for most made 3 pointers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena if the nights stats had been official. Dixon owns the record for most 3-point shots made at home with six.

SEE **WOMEN'S**, 10A



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ALL EYES ON IOWA

Over the last few years, Iowa's universities, farms, manufacturing plants, fairs, and small towns have served as the backdrop for the upcoming election.

By **Quentin Misiag** • quentin-misiag@uiowa.edu

Campaign bus tours, town-hall events, celebrity endorsements, and countless stump speeches are commonplace during election years, especially leading up to presidential elections. For swing states such as Iowa, the political frenzy starts long before voters head to the polls in November. Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus and battleground state status mean all eyes are on this "flyover" state.

The Caucuses

The Jan. 3 Iowa caucuses brought to the state a diverse group of nine Republican presidential hopefuls who sought to gain voters' early approval and capitalize on the media-heavy event.

Caucuses allow eligible voters to cast their vote and voice support for a candidate.

University of Iowa Associate Professor of political science Tim Hagle said the caucuses are an early indication of which candidates might win the party's nomination, as well as those who might drop out for lack of support.

"Iowa's job isn't necessarily to pick the winner but to expose the pretenders — the people that aren't going to be good candidates for their party," he said.

This election year marked a particularly unique caucus outcome, as former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., won a narrow 34-vote victory over Mitt Romney, calling the legitimacy of Iowa's caucus procedures into question. Romney was originally declared the winner on caucus night. Former Iowa GOP head Matt Strawn resigned from his post following the controversy.

Campaign stops

In the subsequent months, Iowa's schools, fairs, and farms have served as the parade route for an ongoing string of political campaign events. Both presidential candidates have spent time in the state, and they've also enlisted their running mates, spouses, and celebrity supporters to appear throughout Iowa.

Both Romney and President Obama were in Dubuque on Nov. 3, and Romney made his way west to Des Moines Sunday. Obama is set to visit Des Moines today, marking his 12th visit to Iowa this year, including two stops on the UI campus.

A slew of celebrities and officials have stopped in Iowa in order to promote voting and stump for candidates. Singers Jon Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen, "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane, and actor Justin Long are just a few of the recognizable faces that have made appearances to the Hawkeye State in the past two months alone to support Obama. Speaker of the House John Boehner visited Coralville earlier this month to support GOP candidates.

Early voting

Iowa is among the earliest states to hold in-person and absentee early voting. Among swing states, Iowa is the first to head to the polls.

Early voting opened in Iowa on Sept. 28, and appeared from the start to be a record-breaking year in terms of voter participation.

According to the Johnson County Auditor's Office, voters requested 11,793 absentee ballots as of the first night of early voting, up from 7,315 in 2008. According to the Associated Press, absentee ballot requests were up 40 percent over 2008 as of Oct. 26.

As of Oct. 22, Johnson County showed a Democratic lead with 39,261 Democrats compared with 18,465 Republicans who have participated in the election. On the state level, Republicans have a majority with 626,508 recorded voters, compared to 621,401 for the Democratic party.

As of Sunday evening, 44,720 total ballots had been requested in Johnson County, and 40,862 were returned, according to the Auditor's Office. That's up from 39,466 requested by this point in 2008.

IOWA'S IMPORTANCE:

Local officials weigh in



Sally Mason
president,
University
of Iowa

"Candidates are paying a lot of attention to people in Iowa because [we] tend to take things pretty personally and ... vote, so let's make sure we don't disappoint anyone; let's make sure we get out and vote."



Matt Hayek
mayor,
Iowa City

"The campaigns aren't spending time in states they know they will definitely win or lose. They are spending time in states they could win or could lose, and Iowa is definitely in the thick of that."



Tim Hagle
associate UI
professor,
political
science

"Voter registration here in Iowa, it's split a third, a third, a third. One-third Democrat, one-third Republican, and one-third Independent. If we were a solid Democratic or solid Republican state, we might have a hard time justifying our political power and caucuses. People are politically engaged here."

ISSUES GUIDE



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LOCAL AND STATE RACES



RACE FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE – 2ND DISTRICT DAVE LOESBACK JOHN ARCHER

DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT
Residing City: Iowa City
Age: 59
Family: Wife, four children
Education: Ph.D., political science, University of California-Davis; M.A., political science, Iowa State University; B.S., political science, Iowa State University
Experience: Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, 2006-present; chairman, Linn Phoenix Club, 2002-05; local leader, Bill Bradley presidential campaign, 2000; Linn County coordinator for Howard Dean for president, 2004

REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER
Residing City: Bettendorf
Age: 40
Family: Wife, two children
Education: Law degree, Southern Illinois University School of Law; B.A., political science and business administration, Illinois Wesleyan University
Experience: Senior counsel, Deere & Company, 2000-present; part owner, The Schebler Co., 2011; Iowa Chapter of the American Corporate Counsel Board, 2010-present; law clerk for Benjamin K. Miller, Illinois Supreme Court, 1998-2000.

Note: Alan Aversa is also on the ballot, nominated by petition.



RACE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE VICKI LENSING DAVE JACOBY MARY MASCHER

House District 85

DEMOCRAT - UNOPPOSED
Residing City: Iowa City
Age: 55
Family: Husband
Education: B.A., University of Iowa
Experience: State representative, 2000-present; currently representing District 78; serves on the Environmental Protection Committee.

House District 74

DEMOCRAT - UNOPPOSED
Age: 56
Residing City: Coralville
Family: Wife, two children
Education: B.A., University of Northern Iowa
Experience: State representative, 2003-present; currently representing district 30; head of the Economic development appropriations subcommittee; runs small business, Dave's Resale.

House District 86

DEMOCRAT - UNOPPOSED
Residing City: Iowa City
Age: 60
Family: Divorced, one child
Education: M.A., University of Iowa; B.A., University of Iowa
Experience: State representative, 1994-present; currently representing District 77; serves on the health and human services appropriations subcommittee; chairwoman, Johnson County Democratic Party, 1986-1988.

ON THE ISSUES

ECONOMY

Loeb sack wants to bring more jobs to Iowa by providing tax relief for small businesses. He also supports President Obama's plan to become stricter on taxing firms moving jobs abroad.

Archer wants to reduce the national deficit by repealing the Affordable Care Act and giving businesses tax cuts. He proposes a very pro-business government and the elimination of the estate tax.

Lensing says the Legislature's expansion of several programs to assist in worker shortage skills training, tuition assistance, and jobs training will help boost Iowa's economy.

Jacoby said he believes that the economy in Iowa is doing very well, but he would like to improve jobs. "The focus should be on middle-class-income producing jobs," he said.

Mascher has said figuring out how to increase job creation in Iowa should be crucial to the state. She has said jobs and improving the economy should be priorities for the state.

EDUCATION

Loeb sack has said supporting education is critical to creating jobs and sustaining a productive workforce. He said any further cuts to education would lead to more problems in the future.

Archer says government should offer funds for children to attend private and parochial education centers if public school is not an option. He wants funding levels to remain the same to ensure long term fiscal solvency of education policies.

Lensing believes the key to education is adequate state funding. She said the Regents institutions have been shortchanged for years and supports increasing aid by \$40 million to allow for a tuition freeze.

Jacoby said he believes in a balance between adequate education funding and classroom performance. He said he hopes to remove teachers who perform poorly from the classroom.

Mascher has served on the education committee and has said the state should take responsibility for making sure post-secondary education is a viable option for all students.

ENERGY

Loeb sack supports clean-energy production and increasing fuel efficiency. He wants to invest in alternative fuels and renewable energy. He said Iowans deserve an energy policy for the Midwest, not the Middle East.

Archer is in favor of offshore drilling in the U.S., and favors the opening of XL Pipeline from Canada through the middle of the U.S. He said he wants U.S. oil production to be second to none.

Lensing currently serves on the Iowa House Environmental Protection Committee. She helped create a state wind energy package, and worked to expand existing state tax credits for wind energy projects of all sizes.

Jacoby wants energy independence. He said a comprehensive energy policy must reflect a balance in renewable and fossil fuels and a return to bipartisanship. He said Iowa could be a "springboard" for the country with alternative energy.

Mascher is opposed to nuclear energy and spoke out against an Iowa House ruling that would help fund a nuclear power plant in Iowa. Mascher suggested nuclear energy is "damaging to the environment," a "threat" to humans, and is not in the best interest of Iowans.

HEALTH CARE

Loeb sack supports health-care reform, and said he believes all Iowans should have access to affordable health care. Loeb sack wants patients to be put before the profits of insurance companies.

Archer supports Romney's stance on repealing Obamacare and also promises to work to repeal the Affordable Care Act, citing a 38 percent increased cost to healthcare.

Lensing sponsored a bill that would require health care coverage for some dependent children who need medical leave from school as well as a bill that created a mental-health services and policy division of the Department of Public Health.

Jacoby said the bottom line is that there must be some sort of health-care reform. He said he believes health care costs are out of control and supports the Affordable Care Act.

Mascher is a member of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee. She also sponsored a bill that establishes a Health Iowa for All program, as well as a Iowa Health Freedom Act.

WAR/VETERANS' ISSUES

Loeb sack supports a steady reduction of the troops in Afghanistan. Loeb sack has said "it is time to responsibly bring them home."

Archer favors a plan of troop withdrawal from Afghanistan but thinks a public schedule for the end of the war could allow United States' enemies to take advantage of it.

Lensing said the Legislature has worked hard to support returning veterans, including important emphasis on their needs with education and employment, as well as state mental health services to aid reintegration.

Jacoby said he fully supports veterans and said it is important to support veterans' families both during service and when they've returned home. He said he wants to focus on education, jobs, and family reunification.

Mascher sponsored HR 293, a bill that creates an annual appropriation to the commission of veterans affairs for the state veterans cemetery.

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATES | VISION



'We need to make sure America and the world understands Iowa is not a flyover community or state. We have the ability ... to feed, fuel, and clothe the world.'

— GOP Challenger John Archer



'Everybody is talking about uncertainty. ...Companies want certainty, of course investors want certainty. People who have jobs at a convenience store ... want to know what their income-tax rate will be next year.'

— Rep. Dave Loeb sack, D-Iowa

RACE FOR JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Note: Voters are allowed to choose up to three candidates.



PAT HARNEY

Johnson County supervisor, incumbent

Harney wants to further improve human services in Johnson County, enhance the lives of seniors, and protect the local environment and farmland.

Residence: Iowa City
Running for: fourth term
Experience: Served in county government for more than 11 years, worked as Iowa City police officer for more than 30 years



ROD SULLIVAN

Johnson County supervisor, incumbent

Sullivan wants to improve rural housing conditions, work with cities for sensible TIF use, and increase support for human services.

Residence: Iowa City
Running for: third term
Experience: Current chairman of the Board of Supervisors



TERRENCE NEUZIL

Johnson County supervisor, incumbent

Neuzil wants to improve local food initiatives, address spacing and safety issues in the county Courthouse and jail, and prioritize funding for human services.

Residence: Iowa City
Running for: fourth term
Experience: Was the youngest person to be elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2000

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DAVID FESLER

Nominated by petition, challenger

Fesler is encouraging citizens to vote no for the Johnson County justice center so that the issue can be tabled to discuss alternative funding options.



JOHN ETHEREDGE

Nominated by petition, challenger

Etheredge wants to make Johnson County more attractive to small business. He said he promotes individual responsibility and freedom of speech.

Residence: Johnson County
Running for: first term
Experience: He has a background in retail and small business

RACE FOR JOHNSON COUNTY AUDITOR



TRAVIS WEIPERT

Johnson County auditor, Democrat, unopposed

Travis Weipert, a Tiffin city councilor, defeated current Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett in the June primary. Weipert is running unopposed for the position on the ballot, and he will likely replace Slockett in January. Slockett has served as the auditor since 1977. Weipert said voter education is his first priority. He said he will also look to improve the timeliness and accuracy of election returns.

RACE FOR JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF



LONNY PULKRABEK

Johnson County sheriff, Democratic incumbent, unopposed

Lonny Pulkrabek has served as the Johnson County sheriff since 2005. He has come out in strong support of the proposed Johnson County justice center, which he says would provide needed space and improved security measures and operate more efficiently. The public vote on the \$46.8 million bond to fund most of the proposed justice center is also on the Tuesday ballot.

JUSTICE CENTER PROPOSAL



RENDERING

The controversial proposal for a new Johnson County Justice Center prices the project at \$48.1 million. County supervisors are funding \$1.3 million, but the other \$46.8 million would come from a bond referendum. Voters can vote on the bond on Tuesday's ballot.

Vote 'Yes'

Proponents of the bond say the Justice Center — which would contain a jail with 243 beds and add courtrooms, among other improvements — is necessary to relieve

overcrowding, improve security measures, and be more cost effective, because the county wouldn't have to transport inmates to other counties.

Vote 'No'

Opponents of the bond cite the high cost of the proposal when arguing for other options to relieve current issues instead of building the justice center. Some opponents argue that increasing jail space would encourage more arrests and discourage positive development in the area.

SOURCES INCLUDE: INTERVIEWS, OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN WEBSITES, GOVERNMENT WEBSITES, DI ARCHIVES, THE PRESS-CITIZEN, AMES TRIBUNE, CHILDREN'S POLICY COALITION, RADIO IOWA



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MITT ROMNEY VS. PRESIDENT OBAMA | THE ISSUES

Romney aims to bring down government spending to 20 percent of the Gross Domestic Product in the first year. He has proposed cuts in spending across board, except for defense.

ECONOMY

President Obama wants to implement spending cuts and revenue increases to reduce the deficit by more than \$4 trillion over the next decade. He promised to significantly lower discretionary spending, including cuts to defense.

Romney aims for a 20 percent across-the-board tax cut in income tax for all Americans and wants to cut the corporate tax rate to 25 percent. He also aims to maintain current rates on interest, dividends, and capital gains.

TAXES

Obama has proposed a 4 percent increase in income tax for households making more than \$250,000 while bringing the corporate tax down by 7 percent. He also wants to get stricter on taxing income made abroad by American firms.

Romney wants to create more postgrad jobs for students, as well as welcoming the private sector into college affordability. He says a "flood" of federal funding is driving up tuition and wants to simplify financial aid.

EDUCATION

Obama prevented student-loan interest rates from rising for another year and capped federal student loan repayments at 10 percent of income. Obama has invested in technical schools and community colleges, and has implemented and expanded the GI Bill.

Romney wants to reopen the XL Pipeline that President Obama and the state of Nebraska blocked to increase the U.S.'s energy independence. Romney said the opening of the XL Pipeline will lower gas prices. Romney believes that with less dependence on foreign oil, more U.S. jobs will be created and the domestic industry can thrive.

ENERGY

Obama's New Energy for America campaign aims to provide short-term relief at the gas pump and help create 5 million new jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next 10 years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean-energy future.

Romney said he believes a military option is a credible strategy in working to resolve tensions with Iran. He also wants to ensure that Egypt remains an ally of the United States and has, at different points, opposed and supported setting an end date for the Afghanistan war.

FOREIGN POLICY

Obama has said the United States will do what it takes to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, including military action. He said he will also have ended the Afghanistan War by 2014.

Romney opposes the Affordable Care Act and vows to repeal it. He believes health care should be left up to the individual states, or the private marketplace.

HEALTH CARE

Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law in 2010, and he continues to advocate for it. He believes use of the federal government is the best way to ensure all Americans have access to affordable health care.

Romney plans to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood. Romney is actively pro-life and says he hopes to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Romney supports the Hyde Amendment, which bars the use of federal funds for abortions.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Obama supports funding Planned Parenthood. His Affordable Care Act aids in women getting birth control from their employers, and he believes women's health-care choices are solely between the woman and her doctor.

Romney supports a traditional view of marriage, which he defines as between one man and one woman. If elected, Romney plans to champion the Federal Marriage Amendment to the Constitution, which would also define marriage as between a man and a woman.

LGBTQ RIGHTS

Obama supports expanding rights for the LGBT community, including directing Health and Human Services, to ensure that medical-decision-making rights of LGBT patients are respected, leaving it to states to legalize gay marriage. He supported ending the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Act in 2011.

Romney wants to streamline the immigration process, making it 'clearer' for immigrants to come to the country legally. However, he opposes giving amnesty to illegal immigrants already in the country, saying that those that have come to the U.S. illegally have taken the places of legal immigrants.

IMMIGRATION

Obama supports efforts to expand immigration and allow illegal immigrants a path to amnesty, such as through the DREAM Act. He also doesn't want to deport non-criminal illegal immigrants and instead would focus on going after "criminals, gangbangers, and others who are hurting the community."

Romney aims to create 12 million jobs during his first term and to introduce a jobs package to Congress if elected. He plans to overhaul the tax system and tear down any regulations the Obama administration put in place.

JOBS

Obama plans to eliminate tax breaks for shipping jobs overseas. He wants to create 1 million jobs in the manufacturing sector by 2016 by lowering tax rates and training skilled workers.

Romney says he acknowledges climate change is occurring, although he is unsure how much humans have contributed to the change. He opposes cap-and-trade limits on emissions and wants to remove carbon dioxide from the list of pollutants regulated by the Clean Air Act.

ENVIRONMENT

Obama said climate change is one of the largest issues of the current generation. He has put the first national safeguards in place to reduce mercury in the air. He has also put fuel-economy standards in place to reduce carbon emissions.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE THIRD PARTIES ...



VIRGIL GOODE AND JAMES CLYMER
CONSTITUTION PARTY

Goode is for a balanced budget upon taking office and a complete moratorium on green-card admissions until employment goes down.



JILL STEIN AND CHERI HONKALA
IOWA GREEN PARTY

Stein is for addressing unemployment by enacting the full-employment program, which according to her will provide for 25 million green jobs.



GARY JOHNSON AND JAMES GRAY
LIBERTARIAN PARTY

Johnson is in favor of abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, enacting a "fair tax," and submitting a balanced budget to Congress in 2013.



JAMES HARRIS AND ALYSON KENNEDY
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

Harris is for raising wages and living standards and favors legalization of all illegal immigrants.



GLORIA LARIVA AND STEFANIE BEACHAM
PARTY FOR SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION

LaRiva is for putting banks under people's control and using the money for a massive jobs program, free education, and an end to all foreclosures and evictions.

GUIDE TO THE 2012 BALLOT

The ballot below is an example of the Iowa City 5 Precinct ballot — voting location at the UI Main Library. There are 24 Iowa City precincts.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors is composed of five elected members serving four-year terms. Three current board members and two newcomers (nominated by petition) are running for three spots.

COUNTY AUDITOR

Travis Weipert, a Tiffin city councilor, defeated current Auditor Tom Slockett in the June primary. Weipert, who is running unopposed, would take over in January 2013.

CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER

The Soil and Water Conservation District works to maintain clean water and a sustainable county and balance the landscape through projects and initiatives.

CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Democratic incumbent Dave Loebbeck, D-Iowa, is running against Republican challenger John Archer to represent Iowa's 2nd Congressional District.

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Johnson County State of Iowa November 6, 2012

General Election November 6, 2012

IC05
County of Johnson, State of Iowa

County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

1. Voting Mark To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.
2. Write-In Votes To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, write name on the write-in line below the list candidates and completely fill in the oval next to it.
3. Use only a No. 2 pencil to mark your ballot, unless a marking device is provided by an election official.
4. Do not cross out if you change your mind exchange your ballot for a new one.
5. Notice to voters To vote to approve any question on this ballot, completely fill in the oval in front of the word "Yes." To vote against a question, completely fill in the oval in front of the word "No." Where to find the judges and public measures: Judges: on the back of this ballot, in the lower left-hand column. County Justice Center and other public measures: on the back of this ballot, in the right-hand column.

FEDERAL OFFICES

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for no more than ONE team)

Mitt Romney
Paul Ryan
Republican Party

Barack Obama
Joe Biden
Democratic Party

Virgil Goode
James Clymer
Constitution Party

Jill Stein
Cheri Honkala
Iowa Green Party

Gary Johnson
James P. Gray
Libertarian Party

Gloria LaRiva
Stefanie Beacham
Party for Socialism and Liberation

James Harris
Alyson Kennedy
Socialist Workers Party

Jerry Litzel
Jim Litzel
Nominated by Petition

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote for President, if any

Write-in vote for Vice President, if any

COUNTY OFFICES

FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (Vote for no more than THREE)

Pat Herney
Democratic Party

Terrence Neuzil
Democratic Party

Rod Sullivan
Democratic Party

David Kimm Fesler
Nominated by Petition

John Etheredge
Nominated by Petition

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR (Vote for no more than ONE)

Travis Weipert
Democratic Party

Write-in vote, if any

FOR COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for no more than ONE)

Lonny L. Pulkrabek
Democratic Party

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (Vote for no more than THREE)

Nathan M. Moore

Alex Schmidt

Kelley Putman

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

PARTISAN OFFICES STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING

To vote for all candidates from a single party, completely fill in the oval in front of the party name. Not all parties have nominated candidates for all offices. Marking a straight party vote does not include votes for nonpartisan offices, judges, or questions.

Republican Party

Democratic Party

OTHER POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following political organizations have nominated candidates for only one office.

Constitution Party
Iowa Green Party
Libertarian Party
Party for Socialism and Liberation
Socialist Workers Party

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 85 (Vote for no more than ONE)

Vicki Lensing
Democratic Party

Write-in vote, if any

TURN THE BALLOT OVER

NONPARTISAN OFFICES

FOR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL (Vote for no more than FOUR)

Maynard Hebl

Larry Culver

Donna Ruth

John Schneider

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

Write-in vote, if any

JUDICIAL BALLOT

Thomas D. Waterman

YES

NO

David S. Wiggins

YES

NO

Michael R. Mullins

YES

NO

Mary Ellen Tabor

YES

NO

Anuradha Vaitheswaran

YES

NO

Paul D. Miller

YES

NO

Douglas S. Russell

YES

NO

Mitchell E. Turner

YES

NO

Marsha M. Beckelman

YES

NO

Stephen B. Jackson, Jr.

YES

NO

Edward Mansfield

YES

NO

JUDICIAL BALLOT

Notice to voters. Vote on all names by completely filling in the appropriate oval below each name.

Supreme Court

Shall the following judges of the Supreme Court be retained in office?

Bruce B. Ziegler

YES

NO

Edward Mansfield

YES

NO

JUDICIAL BALLOT

Shall the following associate judges of the District Court be retained in office?

Deborah Farmer Minot

YES

NO

Jane F. Spande

YES

NO

PUBLIC MEASURES

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Shall the following public measure be adopted?

YES

NO

Shall the County of Johnson, State of Iowa, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$46,800,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping a County Justice Center, to solve current safety, security and space needs of the Sheriff, jail and court operations, in a structure to be located adjacent to and incorporating the existing historic courthouse?

TURN THE BALLOT OVER

REPRESENTATIVES RACE

Vicki Lensing is running unopposed for House District 85. Depending on the precinct, Iowa City voters may see Dave Jacoby, running for District 74, or Mary Mascher, running for District 86, in this spot.

JUDICIAL RETENTION

Voters can choose YES to keep judges in office, or NO to not retain. This year, some have campaigned against Justice David Wiggins, who was part of the controversial 2009 decision to legalize gay marriage. Two years ago a similar campaign succeeded in not retaining three other justices.

JUSTICE CENTER

Vote whether to adopt a measure that would put \$46.8 million towards a proposed justice center. Proponents say it would improve space, security, and efficiency. Opponents argue it is not the most cost-effective solution.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?

There are 24 Iowa City precincts, each with a specific voting location. The polls will be open from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. statewide. If you are in line when the polls close, you will be able to vote. Most Iowa voters do not need to show ID when voting. Exceptions include if you are registering to vote or changing your address on Election Day. More information: www.jcauditor.com

