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Area officials eye future

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When it comes to continued investment in affordable-housing options, racial equality, and infrastructure expansion, officials throughout the county believe one thing for certain is necessary: communication.

More than two dozen officials hailing from Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty, Hills, Solon, and Tiffin joined several members of the Iowa City School Board, and the Johnson County Board of Supervisors at a joint commission meeting in the North Liberty Library on Tuesday to contemplate and begin laying the framework for the area's direction.

Most all agreed that the lines of communication must be kept open as these issues continue to rise and develop.

These issues, officials say, stand as only a taste of what will need to be of concern in the coming years and decades, as one of the state's fastest-growing metropolitan areas continues to change.

"We're only becoming larger, and our problems are becoming more complicated," Iowa City City Councilor Jim Throgmorton said about not just the state's fifth-largest city but about the surrounding communities as well.

Race



(The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Throgmorton, alongside Supervisor Rod Sullivan, said the issue of race, particularly pertaining to equality, is pressing because it has overarching effects, from the recently failed justice-center measure, to the School District's long-discussed diversity policy, which aims to bring comprehensive education among all socioeconomic spectrums.

Recent action including the newly released report and public forums by the Coalition for Racial Justice, Throgmorton said, only push the urgency.

Affordable Housing



(The Daily Iowan/file photo)

While Johnson County has experienced decades-long housing gains, few affordable housing units have been a part of that equation, several local officials said.

Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig said she has been a part of the discussion for the past 23 years and with Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek, stressed that affordable housing needs to be met on a county-wide scale and not restricted to certain parts of the community.

"It's a regional issue, and I think it's an issue that can only be addressed the most effectively on a regional basis, Hayek said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, Iowa City is the second most expensive city in Iowa to rent, at an average of \$742 a month.

Rettig said the area's local service industry, composed of restaurants, bars, and retail, could suffer if the affordable housing stock does not keep pace with traditional residential development.

"What we know is a lot of people who work in the service



industry don't make enough to even live in our county," she said. "Housing dollars are going to get tighter."

Rettig said ideas for a collective housing consortium on educating individuals about affordable housing should now be mulled.

School District facility planning process



(The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

In light of a July 23 decision to eventually close a nearly 60-year-old Iowa City elementary school, the planning practices for Iowa's fifth-largest School District was met with slight scrutiny.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil, Rettig and School Board member Tuyet Dorau said the district should be mindful as the coming years experience growth, particularly in unincorporated or more rural areas.

Neuzil said among the aspects he would like to see avoided is another situation similar to the one met with the planning and construction of North Liberty's North Central Junior High and Van Allen Elementary, when sites were chosen by the district and then local government leaders had to scurry to provide the area with sewer, water, and road in-

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Branstad pushes farm bill

Gov. Terry Branstad has called upon the U.S. Congress to pass a farm bill.

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Farmers, legislators, and experts in Iowa expressed mixed reactions to Gov. Terry Branstad's letter to Congress calling on it to take immediate action on the farm bill.

Branstad — along with Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, and Chuck Gipp, the director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources — sent the letter to the congressional leaders on July 25 expressing the importance of the farm bill to Iowa and the rest of the country. The letter asked the leaders of both parties to come together quickly to pass a new farm bill.

"Gov. Branstad believes passage of the farm bill is vitally important to provide predictability and stability to the Iowa farm economy," Tim Albrecht, Branstad's spokesman, wrote in an email. "The governor believes both parties in both legislative chambers should work together on a bipartisan basis to enact this legislation and provide Iowa farmers the certainty they deserve."

Larry Sailer, a farmer from Franklin County, said he applauds Branstad's effort to stir up momentum in Congress on the issue.

"He needs to be a cheerleader," he said. "I think it's great that he put his two cents worth in. I hope that it would move forward the debate and get the farm bill jump-started again."

If Congress does not reach a compromise before the end of September, Tim Hagle — a University of Iowa associate professor of political science

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Dickens to run again for council

Terry Dickens is running for the district B seat this November.

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Following some city redistricting, City Councilor Terry Dickens will seek re-election to the Iowa City City Council — but for a different seat.

Dickens will vacate his at-large seat to run for the District B seat that Connie Champion currently holds. After serving for 16 years, she won't seek another term.

"I've learned a lot in the first three and a half years of being on the council," Dickens said.

Dickens has served on the City Council since 2010. A lifelong resident of Iowa City, Dickens co-owns Herteen and Stocker Jewelers, 101 S. Dubuque St.,

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FARM BILL

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— said it is likely the old farm bill will be extended for another year, which Sailer said would waste tax dollars.

The old bill provides the farmers with direct payments based on how much they plant per acre, which he said most farmers are willing to give up.

“We’re trying to do our part to balance the budget,” he said. “We have to get rid of this gridlock in politics. Both parties have great points but they’ve taken it to such an extreme that there’s no way to get legislation passed.”

Hagle said the current tension over the farm bill is in relation to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly referred to as food stamps. He said Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives are concerned at how much the program has grown in the past few years. In August 2008, 29 million Americans used nutrition assistance. As of April, more than 47 million Americans were using the program.

“When you have a governor of a farm state like Iowa that is sending a letter to the leaders of Congress, you hope that it would get them to spur things along,” Hagle said.



Steve Swenka shows off his John Deere equipment on Nov. 4, 2012. Gov. Terry Branstad recently sent a letter to the leaders of Congress calling on them to pass a new farm bill soon. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Sen. Dan Zumbach, R-Ryan, characterized Branstad’s letter as being wise.

“He understands the impact agriculture has on the state of Iowa,” he said. “Gov. Branstad is a well-read man. What he has to offer is pretty good information, so I’d like to think they’d listen to him.”

State Democrats were less impressed with Branstad’s letter.

Iowa Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said Branstad’s letter was purely a political move.

“That letter is eight months overdue, and quite frankly, if he really wanted to get any work done, he could have met

with the Legislature [in January] to see what we could do to get it done,” he said. “If it was truly one of his priorities to get the farm bill done at a national level, he could have asked for collective support [from the Iowa Legislature].”

Trudy Wastweet, national policy adviser for the Iowa Farm Bureau, said regardless of the effect Branstad’s letter may or may not have on the farm-bill debate, at the very least it should get the attention of Iowa representatives.

“Every legislator is looking for their constituents to speak up and tell them what’s important, and when the governor of

Farm Bill

Gov. Terry Branstad recently sent a letter to the leaders of Congress imploring them to pass a new farm bill soon. Some elements of the farm bill are:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Crop-insurance provisions
- Conservation policies

Source: USDA.gov

your home state speaks up and puts this in writing, that’s very noteworthy,” she said. “The more people who speak up with the same voice and the same message, the better.”

DICKENS

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with his father.

Champion said she encouraged Dickens to succeed her, and she endorsed his candidacy.

“I thought with him running in District B — it’s a sure win that would open up the at-large seat to anybody in town, whereas District B you have to live in District B,” she said.

Dickens said he decided to make the switch after consulting with Champion when the 2012 precinct redistricting drew him out of District C and into her turf.

“She was very pleased to have somebody she knew and could trust move into her district and run in her spot,” he said.

Downtown business owner Catherine Champion, Connie Champion’s daughter, is running for one of two at-large seats available this November.

City Councilor Rick Dobyns praised his colleague without actually endorsing his candidacy.

“I enjoy working with [Dickens],” he said. “I think he’s a very effective leader for the community, and I think he’s an excellent representative.”

Dickens said he prefers to seek compromise but is also willing to take a stand. When asked about an issue he felt strongly about, he pointed to the discussions the City Council had with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors regarding the SEATS contract.

Mark Weaver, who owns Active Endeavors, 138 S Clinton St., said he supports Dickens’ return to the City Council.

“Terry’s done a very sol-



Terry Dickens reads a new jewelry magazine in his office at Herten and Stocker Jewelers on Monday. Dickens will be up for City Council re-election this year. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

id job, and he obviously is a business owner downtown,” he said. “He makes well-thought-out decisions that benefit the community.”

It appears as though Dickens may have some opposition for the seat.

City Clerk Marian Karr said Royceann Porter has also picked up the paperwork necessary to file for candidacy, but she does not consider anyone to be a candidate until the paperwork is filed.

“Picking up papers is not returning them,” she said, noting that the papers can’t be filed until Aug. 12.

Porter, who has lived in Iowa City since 1993, works at the Shelter House, 429 Southgate Ave, where she assists people who are chronically unemployed and homeless.

“I’m committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility as Iowa City provides essential services and community development,” she said. “I plan to continue to work with others on

establishing living wage jobs, affordable housing, and a better quality of life for those in our community.”

Champion said she thought Porter would be a viable candidate in the election but called Dickens a “shoo-in” for re-election.

Despite having a wide range of support, Dickens hasn’t started celebrating victory yet.

“You never take anything lightly. I have the same election committee that I had the first time,” he said, noting that his large extended family, consisting of 40 to 50 local people, also helps.

Mayor Matt Hayek said he does not endorse City Council candidates, but he was willing to comment on Dickens’ past performance.

“I think Terry Dickens does an excellent job for the community,” Hayek said. “He’s prepared, easy to work with, and thoughtful.”

Dobyns praised Porter

Terry Dickens

Recent positions Dickens has taken in City Council votes:

- Dickens was in favor of eliminating a rule requiring bars be separated by a minimum of 500 feet in neighborhoods outside downtown and the Riverfront Crossing District.
- Dickens reluctantly supported an ordinance banning traffic cameras and drones after a petition required City Council to pass the measure or hold a citywide election. Dickens said he would like to bring back traffic cameras as soon as possible.

Source: DJ archives

as well.

“[Porter] has shown some excellent leadership as well for the community,” Dobyns said. “We’ve really appreciated Royceann’s activity on the Police Citizen’s Review Board. I can’t show any favoritism, and I wish them both luck.”

BLOTTER

Michael Amerson, 19, Park Forest, Ill., was charged July 27 with fifth-degree theft.

Marilyn Brammeier, 77, Wilton, Iowa, was charged July 26 with fifth-degree theft and criminal trespass.

Abigail Brandt, 20, 650 S. Dodge St. Apt. 7, was charged July 27 with presence in the bars after hours.

Jacob Butler, 307 E. College St. Apt. 1824, was charged July 27 with OWI.

Glen Caddell, 47, 1401 Ridge St., was charged July 26 with driving with a suspended or

canceled license.

Daniel Drews, 21, 3154 E. Washington St., was charged July 27 with possession of drug paraphernalia, fourth-degree criminal mischief, and public intoxication.

Michael Fratini, 28, Manchester, Mo., was charged July 27 with OWI.

Casey Feagins, 19, 2205 Holywood Blvd., was charged July 25 with fifth-degree theft.

Jonathan Hart, 23, Tiffin, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Franklin Kebschull, 51, ad-

dress unknown, was charged Sunday with littering.

Martelle Knox, 39, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. N4, was charged July 26 with criminal trespass.

Ryan Meadows, 23, 424 S. Lucas St. Apt. 9, was charged July 26 with third-degree theft.

Ryan Merck, 24, Wellman, Iowa, was charged July 27 with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Oscar Narvaez, 23, Coralville, was charged July 27 with OWI.

Cameron Noble, 33, Helena, Mt., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Leontene Robinson, 43, 1960 Broadway Apt. B8, was charged Sunday with OWI and possession of a controlled substance.

Gregory Schneider, 21, Brighton, Iowa, was charged July 27 with OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Martin Valdez, 50, address unknown, was charged July 27 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Quashawn Wright, 21, 902 N. Dodge St., was charged Sunday with obstruction of an officer.

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FUTURE

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infrastructure.

And while Hayek said his staff has worked closely with the School District on public infrastructure, Rettig said the same cannot be said for county officials.

"The county hasn't been consulted at all, and we read it on Twitter," she said of recent district-expansion plans.

District officials have contended over the last several weeks that closing less-efficient older schools and replacing them with higher-capacity new facilities will not only save the district general-maintenance money, it will help retain teachers.

For the next decade, a new \$260.4 million building outline details a new 1,500-student north-corridor high school opening in the fall of 2018, renovation and expansions at several elementary and secondary schools, and three new 500-student elementary schools.

Superintendent Steve Murley is projected to come before the School Board at the end of November with a final sequencing plan, board member Karla Cook said.

Regional approach to U.S. Special Census

Nearly each area com-

munity has witnessed population gains during the last several U.S. census counts, sparking a discussion of applying for a special census in the coming years.

Iowa City City Clerk Marian Karr said the city of more than 70,000 may apply for the lengthy and costly process because the city could receive benefits from the marketing and educational perspectives.

Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said Coralville has no plans to seek a special census at this time.

Fast-developing North Liberty, which had 13,374 residents as of the 2010 count, is also considering an updated count, Mayor Tom Salm said. Around 16,000 now call the suburb home, he said.

The most recent special census given to North Liberty was in 2004.

Rettig said a county-wide marketing and publicity plan may need to be explored to save all communities monetary investment in the long-run.

Economic Development

The one particular point of praise during Monday's discussions came about through updates on localized economic-development plans.

For Iowa City, that means continued flood mitigation and restoration projects, continued downtown and recreational investment, and improvements to critical thoroughfares, such as the Rochester Avenue bridge project and the \$40 million Gateway Project along North Dubuque Street.

"We've got a lot of dirt flying," Hayek said.

One key point of contention lies in the continual battle against the controversial 21-ordinance, he said, setting "up another fight."

Officials in North Liberty, Coralville, Hills, Solon, and Tiffin said even the smallest of projects underway now will help set the pace for growth in the coming decades.

Major reconstruction and traffic lane expansion is set to continue along the often-congested Highway 965 in North Liberty through the end of the year.

Both the towns of Solon and Tiffin are set to move into new City Hall spaces in the coming months, while seeing further bike trail connectivity and a handful of new commercial businesses.

Iowa City is set to host the next commission meeting, scheduled for Oct. 28.

'We're only becoming larger and our problems are becoming more complicated.'

—City Councilor Jim Throgmorton

BAGEL BOUNCE BACK



Construction on the new Bruegger's Bagels building is moving along rapidly. The previous building burned down in 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Jake Stanbro)

METRO

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

A local man has been charged after allegedly pulling out a large chunk of his girlfriend's hair.

Shelby Walker, 27, was charged on Monday with domestic-abuse assault without intent of causing injury.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to Walker's residence after receiving a report by his girlfriend about an assault.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with Walker and his girlfriend, as well as a witness. The two were allegedly having argument about dinner, the complaint said.

As the argument continued, Walker became upset, then allegedly pulled a chunk of his girlfriend's hair out of her head.

She also suffered a superficial injury to her ear and side of her face, the complaint said.

The two were separated by witnesses, and Walker's girlfriend called the police.

Domestic-abuse assault without intent of causing injury is a serious misdemeanor.

—by Cassidy Riley

Area man charged with theft

A North Liberty man was charged after allegedly committing a series of thefts.

Jonathon Jones, 42, was charged June 21, July 9, and Sunday with two counts of third-degree burglary, fourth-degree theft, and second-degree theft.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Jones allegedly entered two

persons' trailers without their permission and took several construction tools worth approximately \$3,000 on June 18.

On June 20, a search warrant was granted to officers to search Jones' residence.

Following the search, the tools were reportedly located in a shed at Jones' home.

After being read his Miranda rights, he admitted to entering the trailers and taking the tools.

On June 18, Jones also reportedly went to the Coralville Wal-Mart and received assistance in picking out a 70-inch Vizio TV.

Store employees apparently were under the impression that he had paid for the television and helped him take it to his car. The TV was valued \$1,698.

Second-degree theft and third-degree burglary are Class-D felonies. Fourth-degree theft is a serious misdemeanor.

—by Cassidy Riley

Man charged with OWI

An Atkins, Iowa, man was charged after allegedly driving more than 40 mph over the speed limit on Interstate 380.

Benjamin Phipps, 28, was charged on July 27 with first-offense OWI.

According to a North Liberty police complaint, Phipps was stopped while driving 118 mph on southbound Interstate 380 in a 70 mph speed zone.

Officers stopped Phipps near the 1-mile marker in rural Johnson County.

Upon contact, officers noticed he smelled strongly of ingested alcohol, had slurred speech, bloodshot, watery eyes, lazy eyelids, and a swaying balance.

Phipps reportedly admitted to police that he had been drinking.

He reportedly failed several intoxication tests, including a walk and turn test, before refusing to undertake further testing.

Phipps refused preliminary breath testing and DataMaster testing.

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METRO

Trueblood Recreation Area to hold grand opening

A grand opening celebration will be held on Aug. 24-25 for the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area.

On Aug. 24, officials will offer tours of the area and its facilities. Other activities include lake sports, fishing, bird-watching, and

live music, among other things. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 11 a.m.

On Aug. 25, locals can take part in the Terry Trueblood Walk for Pancreatic Cancer 5K. The walk, which organizers aim to make annual, will raise funds for the American Cancer Society as well as go toward funding the area's improvement and maintenance costs.

The park is located at 579 McCollister Blvd. in Iowa City.

Iowa City Parks and Recreation Director Mike Moran previously told *The Daily Iowan* that the park will be the largest in Iowa City. The area covers 207 total acres.

The total budget for the entire construction project was roughly \$6.4 million.

—by Kristen East

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COLUMN

Shaking off concussions



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My sophomore year of high school, I played on the JV football team, and I got a concussion. I don't have the stereotypically muscular build of a football player, and I never took the weight room seriously, so it could be thought of as a miracle that I didn't get injured as often or as badly as I could have been, but head injuries do not care how big you are and if you play football long enough, you've probably had a concussion or two.

A lot has been done in the last few years since I banged my head in practice. Medical studies have been performed, former NFL players suffering from debilitating mental illnesses have spoken out, and controversial fines and suspensions have been handed out for big hits. Studies such as the current collaboration between the Big Ten and Ivy League schools are a good start, but fines, suspensions, and talking points from the highest sports leagues aren't enough to change the culture of these sports.

We still praise big hits and ignore the injuries.

Athletes continue to ignore reporting concussion symptoms to avoid looking weak, and this is exactly what I did when I received my injury. But, perhaps more importantly everyone surrounding the injured individual often ignores concussion symptoms, too.

My concussion happened at practice after school one day. We were just getting done with a light tackling drill, prac-

ting tackling technique to supposedly wrap up our opponents and take them to the ground rather than just drill them. The group of defensive backs I was in was ready to take a water break, but one of my teammates asked to do one more tackle — I was to be the dummy. I was unprepared for the severity of the hit — perhaps I underestimated my teammate, and before I knew what happened, I was taken down and the back of my head hit the ground hard.

I imagine there were a lot of "oohs" and "aahs" after the hit, but I have no idea because I blacked out for a few seconds. When I came to, I was surrounded by my teammates. A friend jokingly administered a test to see if I was OK. He raised one finger and asked to say how many I saw. I was seeing double but I had the presence of mind to realize that because there were two of him, there must also have been two fingers, so I said one.

That was it. That was the extent of my concussion test.

I spent the rest of practice that I can recall in a dizzy haze. I remember being very confused at where I was supposed to be, and when special teams were supposed to practice, I couldn't remember that I was on special teams, let alone what special teams even were. The majority of practice was blacked out from memory, and I don't remember how I got home, so it has always astounded me how no one knew I had a concussion or that they chose to ignore it.

The fact is that the culture of football, in the low levels, at least, has not yet developed beyond that "shake it off" mentality. Until that culture changes, no amount of research will be able to stem the tide of head injuries in sports.

EDITORIAL

Fighting farm-bill waste

Last week, Gov. Terry Branstad sent a letter urging congressional leaders in Washington to act quickly to pass a new farm bill — legislation that has traditionally set funding for both agricultural programs and food stamps — before the current stopgap measure expires at the end of September.

"Quick resolution will allow [Congress] to seize the opportunity to enact needed farm-program reforms, gain real cost savings, improve the sustainability of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and provide long-term certainty for farm families and agricultural producers," the letter said.

The Senate and the House have each passed its own version of the farm bill, and the latter is notable for excising SNAP — the food stamps program — altogether. Such a cut does not necessarily mean that food stamps are at risk of being defunded, but the decision to break the bill into two parts has created political and regional animosity that threatens the passage of a new farm bill.

In the past, a farm bill that included funding for agricultural programs and food stamps appealed to rural and urban politicians alike and made passage of such legislation relatively easy. In this case, however, an inconsistent commitment to eliminating "wasteful" government spending on the part of House Republicans has wrecked that precedent.

A previous version of the House farm bill included \$20.5 billion in cuts to SNAP, but that bill failed to pass. Many Democrats believed the cuts were too deep, many conservative Republicans believed that the cuts weren't deep enough.

That conflict prompted Republican leaders to attempt to pass a farm bill without SNAP and save a more caustic debate about food stamps for later.

Republicans contended such cuts to food stamps were justified because the program is bloated and plagued by waste and fraud and should be scaled back accordingly.

Since 2008, the annual cost of SNAP has roughly doubled to about \$80 billion per year. The cause of that hike was an increase in participation thanks to the economic recession as well as a temporary increase in benefits included in the 2009 economic-stimulus bill. The Congressional Budget Office projects that the cost of SNAP will begin to decline modestly as the economy continues to improve.

It is difficult to know exactly how much of that \$80 billion is wasted, but a report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities suggests that SNAP is one of the nation's most efficient

Countdown to expiration

The clock is ticking on a resolution of the farm-bill fight in Congress. The most recent five-year bill was passed in 2008.

Jan. 1 — Congress temporarily extends 2008 farm bill as part of the "fiscal cliff" deal.

June 10 — Senate passes \$955 billion farm bill that includes SNAP funding.

July 11 — House passes \$195 billion farm bill that does not include SNAP.

Sept. 30 — Current temporary bill expires.

Source: Daily Iowan/Congressional Budget Office reports

public-benefit programs.

According to the report, SNAP's overpayment rate is at an all-time low — only around 3 percent of SNAP money went to ineligible households or to eligible households in excess in 2011. Furthermore, state data suggest that a majority of overpayments are the product of governmental errors, not fraud.

Still, the House Republicans' commitment to combating waste in the farm bill seems to focus mostly on SNAP. A look at some of the agricultural programs that were passed in the House's scaled-back farm bill demonstrates the shallowness of their crusade against waste.

The House bill contains a number of taxpayer-funded benefits for the agricultural sector, which is performing quite well already. Among these provisions is a robust crop-insurance program in which the public pays a majority of the farmers' premiums and insurance payouts, a remarkably Soviet set of protections for the sugar industry, and higher price targets for crop subsidies that are already selling at fair market value.

A commitment to modest spending cuts that target waste is admirable, but directing such efforts at an important social-welfare program while allowing wasteful agricultural programs to remain on the books is shameful.

If Congress is truly intent on eliminating wasteful spending on the farm bill, it must look beyond SNAP and meaningfully scale back expensive agricultural subsidies.

YOUR TURN

Should funding for food stamps be included in the farm bill? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

COLUMN

A moveable beast in IC & Texas



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The great thing about moving in this town is that you meet so many interesting people.

Well, OK, maybe not so much. That's probably roughly as true as saying Republicans love minority, female, young adult, and gay voters and hope that they turn out in multitudinous droves.

The only great thing about moving in this town is that you don't have to do it every week.

Although, if we did have to move every week, we could have some truly interesting traffic jams, especially in the winter, given the way this town approaches plowing the streets. (Hint: very, very gingerly and slowly, as if plowing the streets were a religious rite or a social construct, not an actual physical activity.)

The other thing about moving in this town is

that you lose so much stuff. Well, OK, maybe that's just me. (Where are those flannel shirts? Not much of a loss, you point out, given that flannel shirts are around 20 years out of garage-band date.

Thanks, you, whoever you are. But what about the nuts and bolts [yes, wing nuts, since you asked] that put the table together. Tables are never 20 years out of garage-band date. Tables don't know anything about garage-band dates.)

And yes, I know, technically, the wing nuts and bolts don't put the table together. I put the table together. I know this very well. So just table your technicalities.

It occurs to me that if we had to move every week (oh, joy), pretty soon, none of us would own any stuff. We'd just leave our stuff on the curb for the next renter, drive to the new (in a vague sense of the word) place, pick up the stuff on the curb that the previous tenant had left, and move it in. Talk about it takes a village. Or maybe that's, it takes a rummage.

The other thing about having to move — did I mention that I had to move? — is that you pay no attention to what Texas Republicans are doing to voting in that state.

And what might that be? you ask. (I don't know why you keep popping up with all these questions.) Well, basically, Texas seems as if it has decided that only white people should vote, because, you know, those "other" people tend to vote for Democrats.

According to many reports (interestingly enough, or oddly enough, both the *Washington Post* and *The New Yorker* had the same headline about the story: "Mess with Texas."), after the Supreme Court gutted the Voting Rights Act last month, Texas immediately moved to put in place voting rules that the act had blocked.

These included a voter-ID law that a federal court had overruled, saying, it "imposes strict, unforgiving burdens on the poor and racial minorities in Texas." Yes, I know, Republicans are enam-

ored of voter-ID laws to prevent so-called voter fraud, which almost never occurs in this country. At least not since the days of the original Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago. As many have observed, voter ID is a law in search of a problem.

Texas also, in 2011, redrew the political districts, but a court ruled that minority groups had "provided more evidence of discriminatory intent than we have space, or need, to address here."

Well, under the Supreme Court ruling, Texas may draw the political lines however it pleases. And it will, given the history of redistricting in Texas.

Attorney General Eric Holder has moved, under a different provision of the Voting Rights Act, to stop Texas, but that different provision is not so strong as the one ruled unconstitutional, so who knows?

Maybe my flannel shirts know. Wherever they are.

Meanwhile, where are those damn wing nuts and bolts? (No, not those damn wing nuts.)

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NOTEBOOK

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tional Championships last month in Indianapolis. Betulius and Nelson both advanced to the finals, finishing 16th in the 50-meter backstroke and 13th in the 50-meter breaststroke, respectively.

Edwards selected to Hall of Fame

Michelle Edwards, a former All-American for the Iowa women's basketball team, was recently selected to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Edwards joins the Class of 2014 — Lin Dunn (coach), Mimi Griffin (contributor), Yolanda

Griffith (player), Jasmina Perazic (player), and Charlotte West (contributor) — which is the Hall's 16th group of inductees.

Edwards is one of the most decorated players in Iowa women's basketball history. The 5-9 guard amassed a career record of 102-22 from 1984-88. Edwards earned the nickname "Ice" and led the Hawkeyes to three NCAA Tournament appearances and two Big Ten titles.

The three-time first team All-Big Ten selection is the only Hawkeye to have her jersey retired (No. 30). Edwards still ranks high in several Iowa statistical categories, including second in career assists (431), fourth in career scoring

(1,821), and third in career steals (235).

Edwards was named the Champion Products National Player of the Year in 1988. It is the highest honor in women's college basketball.

The Class of 2014 will be formally inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on June 14, 2014, in Knoxville, Tenn.

Brickman joins Iowa baseball coaching staff

Iowa baseball coach Rick Heller announced on Monday that Scott Brickman has been named the interim pitching coach for the Iowa baseball program. Brickman joins the Hawkeyes after serving as the head coach at Belmont Abbey University (Division II)

for the last four years.

"Scott will be a great fit for our program and the University of Iowa," Heller said in a release. "He is an excellent pitching coach, tremendous recruiter, and wonderful person. I know our players will enjoy working with him."

Brickman led the Crusaders to a 104-82 record in four years, including a 2012 Conference Carolinas Western Division Championship and a pair of top-25 national rankings — the first in school history. He leaves Belmont Abbey with the best winning percentage in the program's 22-year history.

Brickman and Heller have a history of working together. The two teamed up at Northern Iowa for

Hawkeyes at U.S. Open Championships

Men's Team

(Athlete, events)
Manuel Belzer, 400 freestyle, 1,500 freestyle
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Matthew Boyd, 200 backstroke
Brian Donatelli, 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle
Tyler Lentz, 200 IM, 400 IM, 200 butterfly
Andrew Marciniak, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke

Mike Nelson, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke
Quillan Oak, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke
Andrew Parker, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke
Dustin Rhoads, 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke

Women's Team

(Athlete, events)
Emily Hovren, 200 IM
Olivia Kabacinski, 100 breaststroke
Becky Stoughton, 400 freestyle
Karolina Wartalowicz, 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke

two seasons, where Brickman coached five pitchers who were drafted or signed by Major League Baseball organizations.

"There are very few jobs that I would have left Belmont Abbey for, and this is one of them,"

Brickman said in a separate release. "... This was a very difficult decision, but my wife and I felt like it was the best thing for us to do professionally at this time and to be near our families in the Midwest."

BIG TEN

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Meyer wins the national title. But even then, it's arguable that, beyond wins and losses, the Big Ten should still be considered a powerhouse conference.

Look at the recent history of the conference. The Big Ten Network is going into its seventh season of broadcasting with the most recent containing its highest ratings ever, said network President Mark Silverman,

who spoke in Chicago last week. The network will showcase games against teams from the SEC, Pac-12, and ACC this season.

The Big Ten and the SEC were the two conferences that basically sparked the conference realignment discussion — they took the lead in acting on it. The Big Ten added Nebraska, and the SEC added Texas A&M and Missouri. The Big Ten also announced earlier this year that Rutgers and Maryland would join the conference next fall, which

will help the conference get stronger from the additional pipeline states that Rutgers and Maryland bring to the conference.

It's such a big addition for adding recruits to the conference that when Penn State head coach Bill O'Brien was asked about the addition of Rutgers and Maryland, he spoke about the recruiting advantages, not the added competition.

"Now in the Big Ten, you have Nebraska, which borders Colorado, so you [can recruit] all the way to the border of

Colorado," O'Brien said. "You go to the border of Canada with Michigan. You have the East Coast with Rutgers and Maryland. We have a pretty neat little corridor there that make the Big Ten a national conference now, more so than it was."

The SEC has a lot of wins — that can't be denied. It has its own television network, which is owned by ESPN. Its schools continually land the top recruits in the nation. It's the conference to beat. Plain and simple.

But national titles, while a big determinant of success, aren't all there is to it. The Big Ten is locked in with the Rose Bowl for the short-term future, so at least one team will represent the conference in a BCS bowl. Teams such as Michigan, Ohio State, Wisconsin, and even Io-

wa have represented the conference in BCS games in the last five years.

The Big Ten has work to do before it comes even close to the SEC — at least on the field. But with everything else, it's keeping pace.

And for now, with everything else that the conference has done in the last few years, that's OK.

BRAUN

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He might actually look forward to it.

The Milwaukee Brewers had a 41-57 record at the time of Braun's suspension, and Braun himself was going through one of his worst seasons in recent history with a batting average below .300 and a single-digit home-run total, albeit in only 61 games.

Where the true significance lies is what comes to mind when we think about Ryan Braun.

Cheater. Liar. Fraud. Braun now joins the ever-growing community of players who represent everything that's wrong with the game of baseball.

He joins the ranks of players such as Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Alex Rodriguez, and Mark McGwire, among others. These players are associated more with steroids than the sport they spent a majority of their lives playing.

Braun is only 29 years old (he turns 30 in November) and has plenty of playing days left. But we never looked at any

other steroid users the same after they were caught. Braun joins that club, too.

— by Jacob Sheyko

Not Enough

A 65-game suspension isn't a harsh enough penalty for a Ryan Braun.

This is a man who lied to the public after he tested positive for performance enhancing drugs at the end of his 2011 MVP season. He deceived everyone claiming that his urine sample was tampered with, causing a positive result. His first steroid bust was overturned in February 2012, and he stated that it was "the first step in restoring his good name and reputation."

What good name and reputation? Braun represents everything that is wrong with baseball — lying, cheating, and the arrogance to think that he could get away with it. I know this was technically his first time offense, which merits a 50-game suspension, but was this really a first-time offense?

Not at all. This is Braun's second time being linked to steroids

but only his first time being punished. A hundred games without pay would've been a more suitable punishment for the 29-year-old slugger.

Sitting out the rest of the regular season without pay sounds like a stern penalty, but it really isn't after looking at Braun's contract. The Brewers' star was scheduled to make \$12 million during the 2013 season. He's already been paid \$9 million of that this season, so he's only losing approximately \$3 million by sitting out the rest of the regular season.

That's a lot of money. Still, Braun is going to make \$9 million after playing less than half a season in which he was found cheating. That's preposterous. That's nearly eight-times as much as the combined salaries of young superstars Bryce Harper and Mike Trout.

Braun's actions are comparable only with Lance Armstrong's lying and cheating ways. The 2011 MVP sacrificed the good reputation of someone else for his personal benefit. He deserves to be punished more severely — 65 games is getting off too easy.

— by Dominick White

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Brewers snap Cubs' streak

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Carlos Gomez broke a scoreless tie in the ninth inning with an RBI single, and Jeff Bianchi added a two-run double to lift the Milwaukee Brewers over the Chicago Cubs, 5-0, on Monday night.

The Brewers, sitting in last place in the NL Central, won for the third time in eight games and ended the Cubs' winning streak at three games.

Brewer reliever Brandon Kintzler (3-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the victory.

Cub reliever Pedro Strop (1-1) gave up the single to Gomez on an 0-2 pitch, and Jean Segura easily scored from second to give the Brewers a 1-0 lead. With one out and the bases loaded, Bianchi gave the Brewers insurance with

a double to right to score two more runs, and Rickie Weeks also added a two-run double as Milwaukee batted around in the ninth.

On a cool July night, the Cubs opened an eight-game home stand with a little different look. Left fielder Alfonso Soriano and pitcher Matt Garza were both traded while the Cubs were on a 10-game road trip as team President Theo Epstein continues the rebuilding process.

In his Wrigley Field debut, left fielder Junior Lake was 2-for-4, breaking out of an 0-for-14 slump.

Neither starter factored into the decision despite strong outings.

Brewer starter Kyle Lohse pitched six innings. He pitched around five hits and three walks with six strikeouts. Lohse has

only allowed one run in his last 19 innings.

Cub starter Jeff Samardzija pitched seven innings, allowing just three hits with two walks and seven strikeouts.

Samardzija did not give up his first hit until two outs in the fifth on Caleb Gindl's single. He quickly got out of the inning by striking out Juan Francisco looking.

With runners on first and second with one out in the sixth, Samardzija knocked down Norichika Aoki's comebacker with his bare hand to retire him at first. After being checked out by a team trainer and few practice pitches to see if he could continue, Samardzija struck out Segura looking to end the inning.

Samardzija was 1-2 with a 6.85 ERA in his four previous July starts.



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Men's hoops to face Xavier in Battle 4 Atlantis

Another part of the Iowa men's basketball schedule was revealed Monday, when the Athletics Department announced that the Hawkeyes will face Xavier in the first round of the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas.

The game will tip off at 6 p.m. CST on the NBC Sports Network on Thanksgiving Day. Depending on the outcome of their matchup, the Hawkeyes will then face either UTEP or Tennessee.

Many anticipate that, should the Hawkeyes make it to the tournament's final, they will face Kansas. The Jayhawks, along with Wake Forest, Villanova and USC, round out the pool of tournament participants.

The tournament will take place at the Imperial Arena, a ballroom at the Atlantis Resort that will be converted into a basketball arena that can seat 3,900 fans.

As was announced earlier this summer, Iowa will play in the Battle 4 Atlantis, which replaces the Great Alaskan Shootout on the team's schedule. The Hawkeyes will head into the upcoming campaign after a strong 2012-13 season, in which the team won 25 games and made it to the NIT finals in Madison Square Garden, where they fell to Baylor.

— by Matt Cabel



McCaffery
head coach

NOTEBOOK

Hawkeye nation stirs



Hawkeye Tyler Lentz swims the backstroke in the 400 individual medley during the Big Ten meet at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Feb. 24, 2012. Lentz finished fifth. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Iowa swimmers are set to compete at the U.S. Open Championships, former Hawkeye women's basketball player was selected to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, and Rick Heller adds to his coaching staff.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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A group of Iowa swimmers will compete at the U.S. Open Championships at the William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center in Irvine, Calif., beginning today and running through Saturday.

Fourteen Hawkeyes will compete in a field comprising American and international athletes. The competition will take place in an Olympic-sized pool, and it will feature club swim teams.

"It is exciting to take the Hawkeyes to one of the premier swimming competitions in the world," Iowa swimming coach Marc Long said in a release. "It is a continued expectations that our athletes compete at the highest levels. We're looking forward to outstanding racing this week."

Ten members from the men's team will compete at the event. Seniors Manuel Belzer, Tyler Lentz, Andrew Marciniak and Dustin Rhoads will all be the oldest members. Juniors Grant Betulius and Brain Donatelli join them, along with sopho-

mores Matthew Boyd, Mike Nelson, Quilan Oak, and Andrew Parker.

The women's team features the other four Hawkeyes. Junior Becky Stoughton and sophomore Olivia Kabacinski will join seniors Emily Hovren and Karolina Wartalowicz.

For Betulius, Nelson, and Hovren, the U.S. Open Championships will be the second national event of the summer. The three swam at the 2013 Phillips 66 Na-

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2 Hawk golfers finish fourth

Two members of the Iowa women's golf team — Lauren English and Briana Midkiff — tied for fourth at the Pure Silk Women's Collegiate Team Championship at the Wedgewood Golf and Country Club.

English and Midkiff were one of 42 two-person teams in the three-day tournament. Each team comprised two players from the same school in the stroke-play event and competed in alternate shot (day one), best ball (day two), and combined score (day three).

The two Hawkeyes opened with a 76 on Day One, carded a 67 on Day Two, and combined for a 156 on Day Three. English and Midkiff totaled a 299.

The tournament was presented by the Women's Golf Coaches Association.

English competed in 10 tournaments as a sophomore in 2012-13. The Bloomington, Ill., native posted a stroke average of 76.40 and recorded four top-10 finishes. She paced Iowa in six events and carded three rounds at or below par.

Midkiff also competed in 10 tournaments last season. The freshman posted a 79.20 stroke average.

— by Cody Goodwin



English
Hawkeye golfer

Incoming track frosh takes gold in national meet

Incoming Iowa freshman track athlete Brittany Brown won the 100-meter dash at the 2013 USA Track & Field National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships on Sunday. The event was held at the Irwin Belk Track in Greensboro, N.C.

Brown earned a gold medal by crossing the line in 11.61 seconds. The Chino, Calif., native beat 55 athletes in the first round of the competition when she posted her fastest meet time of 11.56. She then posted a second-place finish in the semifinals (11.78) before grabbing gold in the finals.

Brown is one of 26 recruits expected to join the Iowa track team this fall.

— by Cody Goodwin

COMMENTARY

Big Ten still a power



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz answers questions from the media during the Big Ten media days last week in Chicago. Ferentz, along with many other Big Ten coaches, face challenges as the season approaches. (The Daily Iowan/Ryan Probasco)

The Big Ten might not be able to top the SEC for a national title, but it should still be considered a power conference.



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Kirk Ferentz was asked an interesting question on July 24 during the Big Ten media days.

What do you think about the perception that, if Ohio State and Michigan aren't

at the top of their game, then the [Big Ten] is down?

"I think it's cyclical, although nobody is going to argue right now — the SEC has played outstanding football," Ferentz responded. "... But that's half of the mystery, too. USC looked like it was going to have a dynasty five years ago — things change, things move around. I've been in the league awhile. I think everyone that I've interacted with in this league, we're all trying to win. We're all do-

ing our best to win. It's been that way for a long time."

Ferentz is right about the cyclical nature of sports, especially college football. And the Big Ten has been on the decline. It's been 11 years since Ohio State brought the conference its last — and only — national title in the BCS era.

This cycle could begin its climb this year — that is, if the heralded Buckeye team under head coach Urban

SEE BIG TEN, 5

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Tough penalty for Braun?

Did the MLB do enough to discipline Ryan Braun?

Just Enough

Ryan Braun's suspension was just right.

What the 65-game suspension does is erase Braun from the 2013 MLB season.

Had he faced the usual 50-game suspension for first offenders, he would have returned during the pinnacle of the playoff race. Had he faced a longer suspension, he would have returned midway through next season and brought a stain along with it.

But instead, he gets 65 games — enough to make him disappear for this season and small enough to make his return as little of a story as possible.

Truthfully, though, the suspension carries little significance in MLB's fight against performance-enhancing drugs.

Braun won't lose sleep over losing \$3.25 million of his salary — he'll still make \$5.25 million this year — and he certainly won't lose any of sleep over missing the rest of the season.

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Ryan Braun Suspension

Length: Remainder of the 2013 season, including potential postseason
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