Tree farmers worried

The Friday after Thanksgiving, families bundled in scarves and mittens grabbed an axe and some twine in search for the perfect live Christmas tree. Although farmers said they had a fine season this year, there is concern these memories will fade along with the Christmas-tree businesses. In the past two years, many Iowa farmers have experienced drought. While this does not affect this year’s trees, it wipes away seedlings, which means trees that would be old in five to 10 years do not exist.

*By Megan Sanchez*

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Hancher work remains on schedule

The construction of the University of Iowa’s new Hancher is on schedule and well underway, with expectations for the shape of the building to be completed in the spring of 2014.

The completion of the new Hancher is expected for the fall of 2016. The original Hancher was heavily damaged in the 2008 flood.

Rod Lehnhertz, the director of planning, design, and construction for UI Facilities Management, said the structure is “on its way out.” Lehnhertz said concrete has been poured and is approximately 50 percent complete. The concrete shell of the auditorium has been completed as well, and the full building should begin to take a real shape in the spring.

Hancher Executive Director Chuck Swanson said the Hancher staff is ready for the new building to reach completion. “We love seeing the new building come up and the old building come down,” Swanson said. “I said my goodbye a long time ago.” He said he felt a lot of emotion. “It’s going to come up and the building, which made him feel like “it’s going to come up and the building, which made him feel...”

*By Rebecca Ammon*
**LGBTQ option seen as welcoming**

“The whole purpose was to provide an inclusive environment for students,” said Michael Barron, the UI assistant provost for enrollment management and executive director of Admissions. He said many more students identified with the LGBTQ community and the students expected to start construction near American Legion Road, and offi- cials said the proposed east elementary will be built near the area expected to start in 2014 as part of the south elementary will be built near the area.

During these numbers do not include older students who were not given the option of identifying on their applications. Addi- tionally, because many students may have opted out of providing this information, there could be this if the case is students do not feel it is necessary or do not feel comfortable iden- tifying their orientation. He said the UI’s support could lead more students feeling comfort- able, and stronger advoca- cy efforts on campuses. Wherever universitaries like the UI can embrace the idea, no matter who they are … it speaks volumes to what kind of environment is there and what kind of environment they are offering.”

UI junior Heidi Aune said offering these option- al students recognize a group of students who do not always get the recog- nition they deserve.”

“Transgendered people aren’t recognized every- where, and it’s good the University of Iowa is get- ting ahead of the curve,” Windmeyer said. And it says they care about their students, and not marginally more that don’t get represented ev- erywhere.”

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"It's quite difficult for people to imagine that we are able to grow the trees as we are able to grow the trees, he said. "You really can't catch up in this business. It just doesn't work that way. If you were to lose your crop of seedlings for two or three years in a row, that would just be devastating."

Bauer said one of the only ways to prevent drought damage is irrigating, but this practice is often not an option for farmers because of the expense.

"Deer have always been a major concern for the Christmas tree program," he said. "This time of year, Christmas tree growers can't have hunters, because they have custom orders and deer are a lot more expensive when they are in the field." In Algona, Iowa, Martha Clark said her farm has suffered from deer damage. Clark's Christmas Conifers only plants trees three acres each year, so every tree counts.

"I lose 10 to 15 trees a year from deer damage," he said. "We need to eliminate a bunch of deer. We have far too many deer in the state." 

Closer to Iowa City in Solon, Handley's Hillside Inc. has not seen any effects of the drought. Owner Margaret Handley said this year has been exception-
ally good for maintaining the trees. "I hope that since our deer have moved out of the yard, that the real Christmas trees are coming back," she said. "I hope that people are working on family memories and traditions by coming to a Christmas tree farm, not only ours but any Christmas tree farm in the state." 

While local farmers have been experiencing losses in past years, Rick Denny, the director of the Na- tional Christmas Tree Asso-
ciation, said he does not think the trees have been negatively affected. "From what I have heard so far, the harvest went well all over the country," he said. "There weren't any major weather or impediments. Some places may have really had bad storms in the West, but through it, I haven't heard anything major like that."

All three planters felt that next year was just as good, as long as it doesn't rain. "The harvest was just as good as any other year," Bevins said. "I lose 10 to 15 trees a year from deer damage." 

"I'm optimistic as long as the weather cooperates."

Director of Orchestral Activities John Nieto-Phillips said the Latino/a Studies Program has been established. The music school is anxious for its opening. "It's quite difficult for students to move between buildings in 10 minutes," Jones said. 

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Lehnertz said the music school is spread out among eight different buildings and students usually have class in at least four of them. "It's quite difficult for students to move from different buildings in 10 minutes," Jones said. 

"We've grown the numbers of students and they have learned about the Latino/a Studies and director of the Latino/a Studies Program and director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Min-
nesota, echoed the sentiment. "It's quite a shame."
COLUMN

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EDITORIAL

Anxiety disorders programs working

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he National Alliance on Mental Illness and the American Psychological Association estimate that 2 percent of the population has an anxiety disorder. This could be a fear of flying, a duality in phobias, or a more severe anxiety disorder such as post-traumatic stress disorder. An estimated 7.5 million Americans suffer from anxiety disorders, which is an average of 1.1 percent of the population.

Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental health disorders in the United States. Anxiety disorders are a group of mental disorders characterized by fear or anxiety. Common anxiety disorders include generalized anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, panic disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Anxiety disorders can cause significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other areas of functioning. Anxiety disorders can be difficult to treat, and many people experience significant difficulties in their daily lives as a result of their anxiety.

Anxiety disorders can be treated with medication, psychotherapy, or a combination of both. Medications used to treat anxiety disorders include beta blockers, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, and benzodiazepines.

Psychotherapy used to treat anxiety disorders includes cognitive-behavioral therapy, exposure therapy, and relaxation training.

Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) is a type of psychotherapy that focuses on identifying and changing negative patterns of thinking and behavior. Exposure therapy involves gradually exposing a person to situations that cause anxiety and then helping them to confront their fears.

Relaxation training teaches a person how to relax their body and mind, which can help reduce anxiety and stress. A combination of medication and psychotherapy is often used to treat anxiety disorders.

Anxiety disorders can be challenging to treat, and many people experience significant difficulties in their daily lives as a result of their anxiety. However, with the right treatment, people can learn to manage their anxiety and improve their quality of life.

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THE BOX SCORE

Hawkeyes fare well statistically in hoops

The Hawkeyes are currently 7-1 heading into their game against Notre Dame tonight at 8:15 p.m.

By BEN ROSS
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The Box Score is a weekly segment in which a Daily Iowan basketball reporter uses statistics to contextualize the Iowa men’s basketball team’s performance over the course of the season.

The Iowa men’s basketball team has eight games under its belt and a top-25 ranking to go along with its 7-1 record. The Hawkeyes fell in the championship game of the Battle 4 Atlantis to Villanova over the Thanksgiving holiday, but Fran McCaffery’s squad still played some fantastic basketball against stiff competition. A closer look at the stats put Iowa tops in the nation in more than one category.

Devyn Marble, 21 steals — 21st in NCAA, 1st in the Big Ten

Marble is leading the Hawkeyes in scoring and steals, picking the pockets of opponents around twice a game. He had a big steal and assist to Aaron White against Xavier in the opening round of the Battle 4 Atlantis in a play that made it to ESPN’s top plays for the night. So far Marble is looking like his father — Roy Marble Sr. — on the court. Marble Sr. leads the Hawkeyes all-time in scoring, and when he moved on after his senior season, he also led the Hawks in steals. If his son can carry this play into the Big Ten season, he may get to play at the next level, too.

Team Scoring Margin — 33.8, 2nd in NCAA

Iowa is scoring 28 more points than its opponents on average, and that’s huge. The Hawkeyes do have some inflated stats because of their games against laughable opponents from earlier in the season, but they just came off three contests against teams that certainly aren’t slouches. Iowa’s tough defense is allowing just 61 points per game, and it is starting to look more and more like Tom Davis’ legendary press from years ago.

Field-Goal Defense — 34%, 1st in NCAA

Opponents are hitting just 34 percent of their field goals against the Hawkeyes, and if the suffocating defense can keep this up, Iowa will be tough to beat. Teams have attempted an astonishing number of field goals — 509, second most in the nation — against the Black and Gold, and only 173 of those shots have gone in. Iowa also boasts the fourth-best 3-point shooting defense in the nation, with opponents making just 23 percent of their threes. This is also big, because teams may not be able to live by the 3-point shot in order to defeat Iowa. Villanova made three-straight 3s at one point against the Hawks, but that could prove to be an anomaly.

Mike Gesell’s Assist/Turnover Ratio — 7.0 Third in NCAA

Mike Gesell really smart things with the ball. Pay close attention to what he does with the rock when he has it in his hands; rarely does he make a mistake. He doesn’t have the most assists in the world, with just 28 dishes, but he’s only turned the ball over four times in his many possessions, which is just a whole lot of bang for your buck.

Several Hawks make Big Ten teams

Postseason awards for the Big Ten football teams were announced on Monday, and members of the 2013 Iowa Hawkeyes football team, which finished the regular season with an 8-4 record, were well represented on the lists by both the conference’s coaches and the media.

Offensive tackle Brandon Scherff and linebacker Christian Kirksey were named to the All-Big Ten first team, and defensive lineman Carl Davis and linebacker James Morris were named to the second team by the coaches.

The Hawkeyes also had six players earn honorable mention awards from the conference coaches: center Austin Blythe, offensive lineman Conor Boffeli, linebacker Dean Lowery, safety Tanner Miller, defensive back B.J. Lowery, and defensive lineman Louis Trinca-Pasat.

The media placed Scherff and Blythe on their second-team ballots along with Morris, and they placed Lowery on the first-team ballot. Davis and Kirksey were relegated to honorable mention by the media, which included the same players, to go along with the addition of senior long snapper Casey Kreiter.

— by Matt Cabel

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THE MEETING

During the winter of 1998, two of college football’s premier programs completed their coaching searches. In Iowa City, newly ap- pointed head coach Kirk Ferentz was in the final stages of replacing the iconic and beloved Hayden Fry, Nearly 50 years as the head coach at the University of Iowa was over, with Fred Mims stepping into the hole left by the legendary figure Fry.

It was a time for letting some- thing old go. And so, led by Bowlsby and his committee, the Iowa athletic department set off on Dec. 12, 1998, to find that perfect person. “We were looking for someone who had a feel for Iowa,” Iowa athletic director and current Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said in a phone interview Sunday. “We just wanted to find that perfect person.”

It made sense that Iowa was the next head coach in the program’s history. During 1996, his first year in the Big Ten, Stoops led the Sooners to a national championship. A Stoops-led defense guided the Oklahoma Sooners to a national championship during 1996, his first year in charge. Stoops’ ability to lead a team was undeniable. His credentials as a coach, no longer questioned. Just a few years later, after turning down the head-coaching position at Memphis and Arkansas, he was named the head coach at the University of Minnesota and the Gophers were a different team. It was clear that his alma mater had something for his alma mater to say.

The excitement and giddiness he exhibited is contagious. Kirk Ferentz is one of his “all-time favorite assistant coaches.”

By the next day, Iowa fans were outraged, with the head coach interview Kirk. He was the last in- terview. Fans across the Hawkeye State were upset with the hiring. The media wanted answers, Iowa wanted volume on Nov. 30, 1998. Everyone wanted some sort of explanation. They even turned to Bowlsby’s side,Carole Bowlsby, for a statement from her husband.

Bowlsby said, “We had made a commitment to interview Kirk. He was the last in- terview.”

But Bowlsby squashed the rumors, and West Virginia University defensive coordinator Donnie Duncan was hiring the final candidate. A day later, Stoops was named the new head coach in the program’s history.

Stoops would be offered the job in the coming days, but Bowlsby denied the story that both the Big 12 commissioner and former player as a “dependable, loyal, hard worker, personable, dedicated, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, loyal, accountable, responsible, 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Ferentz to follow Fry

DECE. 2, 1999 — Iowa’s seven-person search committee asked Kirk Ferentz to come visit the Athletics Building in Iowa City.

Ferentz is known for his intensity and for having said the Hawkeyes’ program “will be right there next to them.” With Kirk’s personality and his morals, it’s going to fit right in.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz was officially offered the school’s head coaching position on New Year’s Day, and met with the committee for four hours in the morning.

Stoops led the Hawkeyes in interceptions in two of his four seasons. Stoops was named defensive coordinator in 1997.

He enjoyed contact. “Football is a physically demanding sport, the turnaround, and building those relationships is going to be right there next to them,” Cosgrove said. “I think he has it, he’s going to be right there next to them.”

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Since 1977, Kirk Ferentz and Bob Stoops have coached in hundreds of games in 10 different seasons. Their paths first crossed in 1981, when Ferentz joined the Iowa coaching staff where Stoops was a starting safety. They coached together at Iowa for four years before Stoops left for Kent State in 1988.

This past Monday, the first time the two finalists for the Iowa job 12 years earlier coached against each other. The teams met for the second time in 24 seasons, albeit with four years separating their coaching tenures. Following four years of regular-season meetings, the Hawkeyes and Sooners met again in the Big 12 Championship Game on December 19.

The two teams are headed by two of college football’s most respected coaches. Each has led his respective program to unprecedented levels of success. Ferentz and Stoops have both reached the pinnacle of their careers and have been recognized as some of college football’s top coaches.

A STORY STILL BEING WRITTEN

Of the 24 head coaches hired in college football during the 1990s, only four have been there since the start. Both Ferentz and Stoops have been head coaches since the start — the beginning of the decade for Stoops and the middle of the decade for Ferentz.

“Those are Hall of Fame coaches,” said Bob Bowlsby, the West Virginia athletic director and Big 12 commissioner. “Fundamentally, they are football coaches, and they understand the attention to detail, post-practice work on pace and fundamentally understanding their positions. They are fully appreciated until one of them retires, and it is then you fully appreciate what their pro- grams have become.”

Between them, Ferentz and Stoops have amassed more than 400 wins. They have reached the pinnacle of their careers, but the two have failed to win a national championship since 1987.

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 gaping holes where they thought they had them. Mike Evans opened the dual with a 16-5 major decision over Tanner Weath-
Evans' bonus points," he said. "When you go out and wrestle Iowa State, they have an abundance of points in that dual — five major deci-
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The Anticipation of the match — which is high, as it's the only game offered by the limited tickets available for this weekend, which is implied to the strong personal fans with the program. McCaffery has with Notre Dame for 11 years.
McCaffery, who is in his fourth year at the helm of Iowa, has led 11 years (1988-
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McCaffery said that "it's something I wanted to do; it was an experience for me in my first year, I'm preparing some scouting reports to coach against Bobby Knight, enough for the women's program to win, and Rick Pitino. You know that Iowa State was regularly
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A TALE OF TWO COACHES

By Josh Bolander | joshua-bolander@uiowa.edu

Fifteen years ago today, Kirk Ferentz was introduced as Iowa’s head football coach. And the fortunes of Iowa football made a historic turn.

Sunday was also a monumental day: It marked the 15th anniversary of Bob Stoops being unveiled as the new head football coach at the University of Oklahoma. And likewise—Oklahoma football would once again return to glory. One coach restored. The other resurrected. All of it made possible by one meeting in Atlanta 15 years ago.

Bonuses on their minds

By Cody Goodwin | cody-goodwin@uiowa.edu

There was a lot of good that came from No. 2 Iowa’s 23-9 win over No. 6 Iowa State over the weekend in the annual Cy-Hawk wrestling dual.

For starters, the win was Iowa’s 11th-straight in the series, keeping the Dan Gable Traveling Trophy in Iowa City. It was also the Hawkeyes’ first real competition, and they left Ames with a solid victory under their belt.

But with it came a tad bit of concern: Iowa only recorded two bonus-point wins against the Cyclones. Iowa State 141-pounder Gabe Moreno (left) won, but Iowa’s Josh Dziewa (right) won the 12-5 decision over Iowa State’s Christian Roldan (right). (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

McCaffery has ties to Notre Dame

The No. 23 Iowa Hawkeyes will square off against Notre Dame tonight in Carver-Hawkeye.

By Ryan Probasco | ryan-probasco@uiowa.edu

The Iowa men’s basketball players won’t have the opportunity to catch their breath after finishing second in the grinding, three-day Battle 4 Atlantis tournament in the Bahamas this past week.

This evening, the Hawkeyes will square off against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame in the Big Ten/AAC Challenge.