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Tree farmers worried



The Barnes Tree Farm, located just outside Iowa City, is shown on Sept. 11, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Officials are worried about the future of Iowa's Christmas-tree business.

By MEGAN SANCHEZ

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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.

Michael Bauer, owner of Timber Creek in the Davenport area, said last

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Latino Studies pushed

Some University of Iowa faculty and students are pushing for a Latino Studies minor; the UI is the only Big Ten school without one.

By REBECCA MORIN

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After a cluster hiring initiative to start a Latino Studies program in 2006 stalled — a push by University of Iowa faculty and students has blossomed once again.

"When I contacted [Omar Valerio-Jimenez, a University of Iowa associate professor of history] we tried to figure out a way to make [a Latino Studies program] happen," said UI doctoral candidate Carla Gonzalez. "The faculty could write a proposal, but it would need both faculty support and student support."

Valerio-Jimenez is working on a proposal for a Latino Studies minor with Claire Fox, a UI associate professor in English and Spanish and Portuguese, which they hope to submit by spring 2014.

If the proposal is approved, Valerio-Jimenez said he hopes the minor will be available by the fall of 2014.

Students are also creating awareness about the proposal.

Gonzalez said she conducted a survey throughout the semester and

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Hancher work remains on schedule

By MEGAN DEPPE

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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 estimated for the fall of 2016. The original Hancher was heavily damaged in the 2008 flood.

Rod Lehnertz, the director of planning, design, and construction for UI Facilities Management, the structure is "on its way out of the ground, but there is much more growing to go."

Lehnertz 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



Construction of the new Hancher is seen on Monday. Construction is expected to be completed in the spring of 2016. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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 goodbyes a long time ago."

He said he felt a lot of effort went into the planning

process and the design of the building, which made him feel like "it's going

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Special needs examined

By GABRIELLA DUNN

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A public forum about the future of one special-needs program in the Iowa City School District fostered discussion about how the program should be structured for coming years.

The Transitional Services Center helps special-education students develop independence in a community atmosphere through a four-year-plus high-school program.

The Transition Services Work Group began meeting in April in an effort to unite parents, community members, educators and School District staff toward making recommendations for improvement of the Transition Services program.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON ROARS TO LIFE



Christmas lights and decorations hang outside the Brown Street Inn on Monday.

(The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

LGBTQ option seen as welcoming

By LILY ABROMEIT

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A year has passed since the University of Iowa became the first school in the nation to show support for the LGBT community during the admission application process.

Students are now able to identify as transgendered, and officials said the UI's leadership in providing this opportunity is spreading a strong message, both locally and to other campuses.

"It sends a really profound and welcoming message," said Matty Smith, communications director at One Iowa. "It certainly sends the right message to people in the community who are looking for a place to feel welcome."

The optional question that allows students to identify as transgendered was added to applications last year. Of the number of UI undergraduates, two students identified as transgender enrolled in the fall 2013 semester.

"The whole purpose ... was to provide an informational link," said Michael Barron, the UI assistant provost for enrollment management and executive director of Admissions.

He said many more students identified with the LGBT community — 468 students during the fall 2013 semester.

These numbers do not include older students who were not given the option of identifying on their applications. Additionally, Barron said some students may have opted out of identifying for various reasons.

Smith said this could be the case if students do not feel it is necessary or do not feel comfortable identifying as transgendered.

He said the UI's support could lead to more students feeling comfortable, and stronger advocacy efforts on campus.

"Whenever universities like the UI can embrace all students, no matter who they are ... it speaks volumes to what kind of environment is there and

what kind of environment they are offering," Smith said. "It is really important that every aspect of the LGBT community ... are always included in the conversation, and I think that's what the university is doing."

UI junior Heidi Aude said offering these optional questions recognizes a group of students who do not always get the recognition they deserve.

"Transgendered people aren't recognized everywhere, and it's good the University of Iowa is getting ahead of the curve," she said. "It says the UI is open and accepting, probably more accepting than other universities, and I think it says they care about their students, especially minorities that don't get represented everywhere else."

Shane Windmeyer, the executive director of Campus Pride, said including this option on forms is one step in holding places of higher education accountable for academic success among the LGBT students.

"By asking the optional question, the UI is able to make sure transgender students have the services and programs in order to be successful academically," he said. "At the end of the day, it's about making sure students have the opportunities ... to come out if they want to."

Windmeyer said he predicts there will be an increase in the next five to 10 years in campuses including optional questions similar to the UI's model.

Smith also said he thinks the UI's example will lead to other universities increasing efforts toward effective conversations and inclusion on campus.

"The UI is heading in the right direction and ... being in the Iowa City area, which is such an inclusive place to begin with, it makes sense for the UI to set the standard," he said. "In this day and age ... that's definitely the right message [to be sending] and direction we need to be moving."

METRO

Council to vote on school project annexation

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a first consideration on the annexation of Sycamore Street and American Legion Road to the Iowa City School District at the Dec. 3 meeting.

The School District's proposed south elementary would be built near Sycamore Street, with construction expected to start in 2014 as part of the 10-Year Facilities Plan. The district's proposed east elementary will be built near American Legion Road, and officials would like to start construction in 2016.

The council will also vote to rezone parts of the Sycamore Street property, which will include an Interim Development Single Family Residential zone. New zoning for the American Legion Road property will also be voted on at today's meeting.

(by Rebecca Morin)

15, and Nov. 12 council meetings.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Council to vote on City Park pool project

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a first consideration on renovations for City Park pool at the Dec. 3 council meeting.

City officials hope to renovate the pool's wading pool because it is not compliant with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

The 2010 standards mandate all municipal pools to be accessible. The existing wading pool does not comply with the standards because of raised edges.

The project would include the replacing the existing wading pool at City Park pool with a zero-edge pool, extending the perimeter fence, and establishing picnic areas within the pool fence.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Council mulls Mini Park regulations

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a second consideration for a resolution that would provide uniformity of regulations between the Pedestrian Mall and Black Hawk Mini Park at today's meeting.

The city currently doesn't include Black Hawk Mini Park in the definition of the Ped Mall. However, various code provisions have been adopted by the council over the past several years that apply to both the Ped Mall and the park.

Some regulations that could be added to the park include smoke-free initiatives and more police regulation.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Council to consider rooftop regulations

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a second consideration to exempt low-occupancy rooftop patios from certain clauses of the Iowa City liquor-license ordinance. The vote will take place today.

The current liquor-license ordinance requires establishments with a new liquor license to have windows, which permit visibility of its interior from the public way and to be located on the ground floor.

After input of the city's Housing and Inspection Services, rooftop patio occupancies of under 50 people would be exempt under the proposed resolution. The Iowa City Police and Fire Departments have approved of this exception because of the low occupancy and indoor commercial recreational uses, which would bring lower risks than those associated with eating and drinking establishments.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Council to mull velocabs

Iowa City residents could see a new variety of human-powered vehicles in town.

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a first consideration to revise Iowa City's pedicab code at today's meeting.

The code currently defines pedicabs as a vehicle propelled only by human power. However, under the ordinance the definition of pedicabs will include vehicles such as velocabs. Velocabs are human-powered vehicles that include a power-assist motor.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Housing may downsize

Because of budget cuts from sequestration, the Iowa City Housing Authority may downsize its staff by two full-time positions.

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a first consideration on a resolution that will reduce by one full-time housing program-assistant position and one housing-assistant position.

With Section 8 administrative revenue down by 30 percent, public-housing subsidy down by 18 percent, and Section 8 voucher funding down by 6 percent, the Housing Authority had reduced one part-time position in the past year in anticipation of the budget cuts.

The Housing Authority had previously cut several expenses in a variety of operations, as well.

If passed, the two full-time positions will be laid off effective Feb. 19, 2014, and will be indefinite in duration.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Company pulls out of project application

Paddock LLC withdrew its application for the Shire Lane project at Saddlebrook.

The Iowa City City Council will vote to amend the planned development for single-family residences at Tuesday's meeting.

The project would have included 13 apartment buildings with 142 multifamily dwellings, as well as six duplexes with 12 dwelling units.

At a Sept. 6 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, officials recommended by a 6-0 vote to deny rezoning for future development of Saddlebrook. However the applicant requested a hearing, and the ordinance was deferred at the Oct. 1, Oct.

(by Rebecca Morin)

Council may aid FasTrac

The Iowa City City Council will vote on a resolution to allocate Diversity Focus funding from Mayor's Youth Empowerment Program to assume the role of fiscal agent for FasTrac Cultural & Diversity Awareness Program.

The FasTrac program ended Nov. 15 due to a lack of funding. Officials are asking the city to allocate \$15,000 to cover salary, fringe, and equipment expense for a part-time employee from Nov. 15 through June 30, 2014.

The council will vote on the first consideration at today's meeting.

(by Rebecca Morin)

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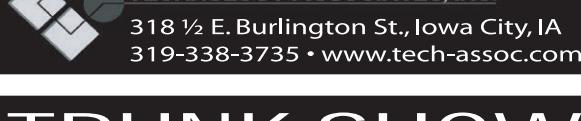
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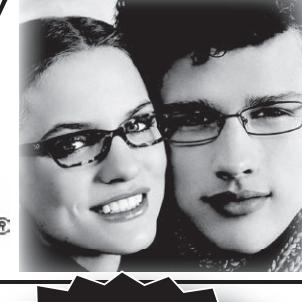
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year, nearly 90 percent of his seedlings did not survive. This year, however, only 20 percent of his seedlings suffered. He said if farmers lose their crops numerous years in a row, trouble will arise.

"I'm optimistic as long 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 irrigation, but this practice is often not an option for farmers because of the expense.

Another issue many growers see is damage from deer. State Horticulturist Mike Bevins said the deer rub their antlers on the trees, causing them to falter.

"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 customers, but fencing would be terribly expensive."

In Algona, Iowa, Matthew Clark said his farm

has suffered from deer damage. Clark's Christmas Conifers only plants 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 this state."

Closer to Iowa City in Solon, Handley's Holiday Hillside Inc. has not seen any effects of the drought. Owner Margaret Handley said this year has been exceptional, like the rest.

"I hope that since our business is so good this year, 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 of Iowa."

While local farmers have been experiencing issues in past years, Rick Dungey, the public-relations manager for the National Christmas Tree Association, 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 impediments. Some places can have really bad storm systems go

through, but I haven't heard anything major like that."

All three planters felt their opening day was the biggest it's ever been. The Friday after Thanksgiving, each farm had record numbers in families attending.

Bauer said opening days were packed, possibly because of Thanksgiving falling later this year. Whatever the reason, he said he is thrilled with the outcome.

"We sold more trees on our first weekend than we've ever sold before," he said. "We ran out of parking. That's never happened to me before. It was a beautiful weekend."

While it appears more and more families are choosing to create memories through cutting down a live tree, Bevins said he is worried tree farms may be hard to find in the future.

"Most of the growers [in Iowa] are elderly and will be out of the business in 10 to 15 years down the road," he said. "We don't see a lot of young people wanting to go into the business. Christmas-tree growing is a lot of work. It's not an easy way to make a living. I don't normally think of Christmas trees as a rarity, but who knows. It may become that way in Iowa, which is a shame."

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received feedback from students who also want a program established. The next step, she said, is to get other students together to become a more unified entity.

"We're planning on having an information meeting next semester and writing letters to administration and

meeting with administrators," Gonzalez said. "We're trying to make it a more centralized as one unit."

Although the UI has yet to establish a program, universities across the nation are offering Latino Studies majors or minors.

"For the last five years or so, there has been growth in universities that offer Latino Studies program," Lemuel Berry, the executive director of National Association of

African American Studies and affiliates. "One reason it's beneficial is because Hispanics make up a major part of the population. It's also important because of the culture ... we are a multicultural society."

Indiana University's Latino/a Studies Program has been established for more than 30 years.

With a 58 percent increase in the past five years in student enrollment in the program,

Director John Nieto-Phillips said it has been beneficial for students going into a variety of professions.

"We've grown the number of classes being offered, and there's a value in taking Latino Studies classes," Nieto-Phillips said. "A number of students come from [the College of] Education because the kids who they are going educate will be from the Latino community, and a number of stu-

dents are from the health profession ... a large part is shaped by the Latino market and there is broad interest, across [degrees]."

Jimmy Patino, an assistant professor of Chicano Studies and director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Minnesota, echoed the sentiment.

"I think it's been successful in terms of the growth," Patino said. "Diversity requirements and history requirements

have played a role in an increase of teaching both Latino and non-Latino students to look at the history of that society."

With a number of programs succeeding in other universities, Gonzalez said she hopes the current movement will bring light to the issue.

"People have tried to do it separately; my focus is to make it visible," she said. "Latinos have a voice, and it should be heard."

HANCHER

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to be one of the finest [buildings]."

Director of Orchestral Studies William Jones said he believes the School of Music is especially excited about the new Hancher.

"There's a light at the end of the tunnel," Jones

said. "We're going to be in a building again [for some performances] and a music family again."

Jones said it's been difficult for students to move between buildings since the flood damage. The music school is spread out among eight different buildings, and students usually have classes in at least four of them.

"It's quite difficult for

students to move from different buildings in 10 minutes," Jones said.

Lehnertz said the music programs have been very patient throughout the rebuilding process, and they have learned about how to work together under duress.

"I think [construction] will change and affect how they continue to come forward as great programs, once in

a building worthy of their program and the UI," Lehnertz said.

The building will house many large event programs with their larger stage, Swanson said, such as orchestras, Broadway performances and dance recitals.

Some of the changes to the new Hancher also include a change in seating. There will be an estimated 1,900 seats in the

new building, which is approximately 600 fewer seats than in the old Hancher.

"This is not a functional loss," Lehnertz said. "Shows that come to town today are different than was the case when Hancher was built in 1972."

Swanson also said during the three years between now and Hancher's completion, the staff

will continue with its programming.

"As we've always said, you can't contain us," Swanson said.

The future is bright for Hancher, Swanson said, and the UI and Iowa City have a great deal to look forward to.

"Everybody has a Hancher story," Swanson said. "I feel that Iowans all across the state are anxious for its opening."

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Why not give tanks?



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So I see we all (well, most of us, anyway) made it through Black Friday, if not Cyber Monday, without too many casualties (outside of credit-card balances). Outside of sense, too (or maybe that's cents).

Where did Black Friday come from? you wonder. Well, according to *The New Yorker*, it came from 1930s Philadelphia. Philadelphia? you say. Yes, Philadelphia. Apparently, the City of Brotherly Love gave us more than pelting Santa Claus with snowballs. Thus, Black Friday.

But what about the other days? Don't they deserve some special time, too?

Glad you asked.

• Why not Tank Tuesday? If we're not going to have gun control (and it appears that we're not, because that would infringe upon the most holy of holy constitutional amendments, the Second), we should *really* not have gun control.

I mean, why take wimpy half measures? That's some kind of wimpy liberal thing. On Tank Tuesday, people 18 and over who can prove they've never been busted for smoking in a prohibited area can buy spare tanks from the Army.

The Army has spare tanks? you ask. Of course the Army has spare tanks. It's the Army. It has spare everything. For that matter, the National Defense Nation as a whole has spare everything. Except for the budget. That's definitely not spare.

Besides, think about the road-use taxes those babies would bring in. Talk about Thanksgiving.

• Wiley Wednesday. On Wiley Wednesday, all posted prices for everything would be null, and all, even nonconformists and hipsters (not necessarily a redundancy), would have to haggle, dicker, bargain

for all items they wished to purchase.

Of course, all this haggling, dickering, et cetera-ing would slow the economy to a grinding crawl, thus rather hindering the National Anthem of "Shop, Shop, Shop," but, you know, one small step for a shopper, one giant leap for Shopper Land.

• Thirty Thursday. On this day, if you're lucky enough that it's your 30th birthday, everything is free, even lunch. A word to the wise, as well as the hip (not necessarily the same thing): The possibilities are endless, as are the taxes you would probably owe the IRS the next day.

• Fried Friday. If we're going to have a health-care plan, we might as well dig into fatty foods and thus, need to use said plan. And, as we all know, fast food is light years faster than any government website, so dig in. We could even call it the Big Dig. Except that, that term has already been used — you can ask anyone from Boston how well that turned out.

Saturdays and Sundays are reserved for football, because football is also what makes America great. Those Saturdays and Sundays when there is no actual football is being played are reserved for thinking about football and pining for the days when football will be played again. Thus, football distracts us from life, as opposed to those dark moments when life distracts us from football.

Ever wonder why we call it football when it's a game played with the hands, when the rest of the world plays soccer, which they call football and which is mostly played with the feet?

Me, neither.

I'm thinking about going shopping. Just thinking about it, you understand.

(Isn't thinking about it the same as doing it?)

I thought so.

(Note: My longtime friend David Wenzel came up with the idea of letting people buy tanks many years ago. I thought he was in the tank.)

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EDITORIAL

Antipoverty programs working

Throughout much of recorded history, governments have provided assistance to the poor in various forms, from ancient Rome to medieval Islamic caliphates to early modern England all the way to present-day United States. But in recent decades, long-institutionalized welfare programs have come under fire.

The Supplemental Nutrition Food Assistance Program (food stamps), earned income tax credit, unemployment insurance, and even Social Security have been on the chopping block for conservative, self-proclaimed "deficit hawks" in Washington.

Considering the far-reaching impact of welfare programs and the weak jobs climate, cutting funds to these services in the recent past and near future are an enormous mistake.

Recently released data from the U.S. Census Bureau show that according to the Supplemental Poverty Measure (a measure of poverty far more accurate than the official poverty rate), 49.8 million Americans live in the measure's defined poverty. The census data also show that last year, Social Security kept 26.4 million people out of poverty, food stamps held 5 million people above the poverty line, and refundable tax credits managed to get 9.3 million people out of poverty.

These programs are essential to maintaining the well-being of families facing dire financial straits, largely thanks to the poor economy. While the official narrative is that the unemployment rate has improved slowly but surely, when economists account for the 6.1 million workers who dropped out of the labor force because they couldn't find work, it turns out that October's unemployment rate would be 10.8 percent, rather than the official 7.3 percent.

Not only are American workers between a rock and a hard place financially, but a study published in *Science* in August found evidence that poverty substantially reduces mental abilities that can only make it harder to support families.

"Being poor means coping not just with a short-

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fall of money but also with a concurrent shortfall of cognitive resources," it stated. "The poor, in this view, are less capable not because of inherent traits but because the very context of poverty imposes load and impedes cognitive capacity."

The notion that poor Americans just have to pull themselves up by their bootstraps (as the cliché goes), is much easier said than done, given the crippling effects of poverty coupled with a hostile economy. Now is probably the worst time to cut welfare benefits.

Obviously, as long as there is government, funds will be misappropriated. Sometimes, a bureaucrat makes a rounding error, and other times, people receiving financial assistance are intentionally cheating taxpayers. This is unfortunate but inevitable.

On the bright side, mistaken welfare payments rarely occur. Payment Accuracy, a federal government website reports. In 2012, food stamps had an improper payment rate of under 4 percent, Medicaid was at a mere 7 percent, with unemployment insurance at around 11 percent.

There is abuse. There are mistakes. But there are also desperate families who depend on this money to survive. Is it really fair to punish a huge proportion of welfare recipients simply because a very small minority may abuse the system?

The United States faces a debt problem. There's certainly waste in the federal budget. But the cost of various welfare programs barely amounts to peanuts compared with other budgetary behemoths, such as the elephant known as the defense budget.

This isn't just about compassion or empathy, but fiscal commonsense. Cutting welfare benefits in a rough economy is bad public policy.

YOUR TURN

Do you think the U.S. should cut social-welfare programs?

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COLUMN

The trouble with Hobby Lobby



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having anything to do with the purchase or use of "abortion-inducing drugs and devices," such as a morning-after pill, their religious rights have been violated by the government.

They further argue that they were treated unfairly because the Obama administration lifted the mandate for many religious nonprofit groups but not for Hobby Lobby.

The issue has been weighed in the nation's lower courts and last week the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case formally known *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores*.

This controversy raises a few tough questions. Should a religious employer have a right to deny her or his employees certain medical procedures simply because they conflict with some religious doctrine? As Amy Davidson pointed out for *The New Yorker*, "transplants, blood transfusions, vaccines, [and] psychological care" could all potentially be subject to religious complaints.

Do indirect birth-control purchases really leave religious employers "morally complicit" in the

"death of an embryo," as Hobby Lobby contends?

Questions of religion and religious freedom are important, sure, but this issue isn't simply about God and birth control.

It's also another chapter in the long-fought battle between capital and labor.

The real question here is how much control should a company have over its employees? Do the rights of the Green family outweigh the rights of their employees?

Hobby Lobby — which seems to hold its owners' religion in higher esteem than its employees — is a testament to the flawed system of employer-centric health care that will remain in place in the United States regardless of the outcome of this Supreme Court case or the success or failure of Obamacare.

As it stands, a vast majority of Americans with private health insurance get it from their employer, which means that a vast majority of those with private health insurance have temporary plans contingent on their continued employment. That arrangement affords employers a great deal of control over their employees.

Until the link between employment and health insurance is broken, the American health-care system will be marred by that relationship and resulting moral conflicts such as that facing Hobby Lobby and its workers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ONLINE COMMENTS

Spirit of Lincoln

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln addressed those who gathered to dedicate a cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa. His brief speech of 272 words — the Gettysburg Address — is considered today one of the greatest speeches in our country's history.

Lincoln's words honored all the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought in a bloody three-day Civil War battle just four and a half months before the dedication ceremony. For many, that Gettysburg battlefield became their final resting place.

Lincoln's love of country, citizen equality, freedom, and democracy shines through his Gettysburg

Address. His words spoke not only to the people gathered at Gettysburg and the nation, but also to the future, even speaking to us today, seven score and 10 years later.

I do not believe Lincoln would be pleased with our turning his call for the United States to be a democratic "government of the people, by the people, for the people" into plutocratic government of the rich, by the rich, for the rich. Greed and big money in politics, the great dividers, are destroying American democracy.

Abraham Lincoln, a uniter who was hated by many citizens in his time, knew that "a nation divided cannot long endure."

Paul Whiteley Sr.

Help out with food

More than 1,600 households in Johnson County have registered for the Crisis Centers 2013 Project Holiday food distribution. Registration began in November for families to receive a whole turkey or chicken and select a variety of additional ingredients to help celebrate the holidays using their family recipes and traditions. New registrations are still being accepted at the Crisis Center's Food Bank until the 26th-annual food distribution, which will take place Dec. 17-20.

Project Holiday entrées and other foods have always been paid for through community support,

and the Crisis Center is still seeking funds to cover the costs of serving more than 5,000 Johnson County residents through this event. A \$20 donation provides a low-income family with holiday food. Contributions can be dropped off or mailed to the Crisis Center or accepted online at its website, www.jccrisiscenter.org.

Volunteers are still needed to help with distribution of Project Holiday food at the Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court, during the week of Dec. 17-20. Specific dates and times for volunteering are also available at the website, www.jccrisiscenter.org.

The Crisis Center

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 aston-



Iowa guard Mike Gesell dribbles the ball in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 17. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

ishing 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 21

percent of their treys. 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 does 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 only four times in his many possessions, which is just a whole lot of bang for your buck.

SPORTS

Several Hawks make Big Ten teams

Postseason awards for the Big Ten 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 tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz were named to the All-Big Ten first team, and defensive linemen Carl Davis and linebackers James Morris and Anthony Hitchens were named to the second team by the coaches.

The Hawkeyes also had six players earn honorable-mention awards from the conference's coaches: center Austin Blythe, offensive lineman Conor Boffeli, linebacker Christian Kirksey, safety Tanner Miller, defensive back

B.J. Lowery, and defensive lineman Louis Trinca-Pasat.

The media placed Scherff and Fiedorowicz on their second-team ballots along with Morris, and they placed Lowery on the first-team bal-

lot. Davis and Hitchens 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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Front: (Oklahoma Daily/Aaron Magness) Above: Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops patrols the sidelines against rival Texas on Oct. 12, 2013. Stoops became the winningest coach in program history this season. (Oklahoma Daily/Alex Niblett)

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THE MEETING

During the winter of 1998, two of college football's proudest programs completed their coaching searches. In Iowa City, newly appointed head coach Kirk Ferentz took on the unenviable role of replacing the iconic and beloved Hayden Fry. Nearly 700 miles to the southwest, Stoops sat in his new office, tasked with leading Oklahoma back to prominence.

The glory days of Barry Switzer and Billy Sims were a distant memory among the Oklahoma following. While fans in Norman, Okla., were still in search of the conference crown that had eluded them for more than a decade, the Kinnick faithful just wanted to have a football team to believe in again.

"I think there was an expectation that I should have just gone to Florida and offered Bob Stoops the job," said former Iowa Athletics Director and current Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, 15 years after leading the coaching search that altered the face of the football programs at Iowa and Oklahoma.

"I got blamed for letting him get away to Oklahoma."

Fred Mims, an Iowa associate athletics director who played a major role in the Hawkeye coaching hunt in the late-90s, remembers exactly what Iowa's coaching search committee wanted all those years ago.

"We were looking for someone who knew Iowa. Someone who had a sense and a feel for Iowa. That was what set us out to find that perfect person."

On Nov. 30, 1998, Iowa fans believed they had found that perfect hiring.

It made sense that Stoops would follow his former coach after the legendary figure Fry announced his retirement on Nov. 22, 1998, while battling prostate cancer. For an Iowa record 238-straight games, the Hall of Famer had patrolled the Kinnick Stadium sidelines. Stoops was on the field for game No. 1 as a freshman safety in 1979.

He was there for the team's first winning season in 20 years in 1981, when the Hawkeyes knocked off two top-10 opponents en route to a Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl berth. The following year, Stoops was named the Most Valuable Player in Iowa's Peach Bowl victory over Tennessee, the program's first post-season win since the 1959 Rose Bowl, only the third in program history.

And so, led by Bowlsby and Mims, the university's seven-person search committee set up a meeting in Atlanta to discuss the Hawkeyes' options with Florida's defensive coordinator, regarded

as one of the nation's hottest assistant coaches.

"Keep in mind the University of Florida was one of the well-known programs in the country; its head coach [Steve Spurrier] at the time was very well-known and well-respected as well," Mims said. "That put a heightened interest in the individuals in the college ranks."

The heightened interest in Florida's defensive guru was warranted.

Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder knew all about the potential Stoops possessed when he named the 31-year-old to his staff in 1990. The two had faced off in practice for four years a decade earlier, after Snyder followed the legendary Fry to Iowa to run the offense in 1979. That same year, a freshman safety named Stoops

transpired in that late November meeting remain unclear to the public.

"All of the interviews took place over six or seven days; it was a pretty crazy chase for a while there," said Bowlsby in a seemingly rare candid moment.

The meeting itself seemed a formality to many in the Hawkeye State. Rumors had swirled for weeks across message boards and media outlets. A week after Fry's retirement, the *Gainesville Sun* reported that both Bowlsby and the former coach would travel to Florida to name Stoops the 26th head coach in the program's history. The report included a timetable and salary figures. The only thing left to do was put pen to paper.

But Bowlsby squashed the rumor, and WHO-TV in Des Moines reported that while Stoops did say he was interested in returning to Iowa, he had received a "good offer" from Oklahoma. And when Bowlsby told Stoops that the committee didn't feel it could make a decision without interviewing the final candidate on Nov. 30, Stoops called the Sooners to accept their head-coach vacancy. A day later, Stoops was named the head man at Oklahoma.

And so, the prodigy who was groomed by Fry, competed against Snyder, and blossomed under Spurrier, headed to Norman.

"Oklahoma knew that he was deep in the mix at Iowa, so they intelligently said, 'We have to have an answer in the next 24 hours,'" Bowlsby recalls. "I had made a commitment to interview Kirk. He was the last interview."

Fans across the Hawkeye State were outraged with the indecision. Everyone wanted some sort of explanation. They even turned to Bowlsby's wife, Candice Bowlsby, for a statement from her husband. But the local media were told they would have to wait.

Bowlsby, meanwhile, was out of town, interviewing the candidate who eventually gave Iowa fans the success they had been longing for.

"Coach Stoops was gone by the time we made the decision," Bowlsby said. "Coach Ferentz did a great job, and you know, the rest, as they say, is history."

THE GROWING PROCESS

Andrew Baylock has been involved in the University of Connecticut football program for nearly 50 years as a member of the Division of Athletics since 1964. He sounds like a football coach. His voice, deep and booming, comes across as direct and matter-of-fact.

To this day, the events that

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— FORMER IOWA ATHLETICS DIRECTOR AND CURRENT BIG 12 COMMISSIONER BOB BOWLSBY

arrived on campus in Iowa City.

With Snyder orchestrating the Wildcat offense and Stoops taking control of the defensive side of the football, the two oversaw a radical transformation in Manhattan, Kan. One of the nation's worst programs won 35 games and made three bowl appearances in the next four seasons.

The success caught the eye of Spurrier, who picked Stoops to run his defense in Gainesville. A Stoops-led defense guided the Gators 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-coach positions at Minnesota and Arkansas, Stoops waited in the South, ready to hear what his alma mater had to say, with an offer from the Sooners on the table.

"Stoops was absolutely the runaway fan favorite and leader in the rumor-mill clubhouse," remembers Gary Dolphin, who was hired as the "Voice of the Hawkeyes" in 1996. "Coach Fry wanted one of his disciples to be the next head coach."

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2 coaches officially in the hunt

Kansas' Allen said he was contacted, but not interviewed

■ Bob Bowlsby squashed a report that he is already planning to offer Bob Stoops the job this week.

By Andy Hamilton The Daily Iowan

Iowa athletic director Bob Bowlsby said he wants to hire a new football coach this week, but most of the candidates he has interviewed are in the rumor mill.

Reports have surfaced during the six days since Bowlsby announced his retirement, but none have been heard by the Hawkeyes.

The *Gainesville Sun* (Fla.) Sun reported Friday that Bowlsby and Terry Fry would travel to Gainesville to meet with Steve Spurrier, Am Rhoads, vice president for athletics, and Florida's athletic director.

Mark Jenkins, assistant athletic director, said the job was worth more than \$300,000 per year.

What's the difference between a coach and a head coach? "It's not necessarily a matter of ways," said Bowlsby. "It's just right and wrong."

The *Des Moines Register* stated sources close to the situation said Allen Family said Allen would interview the candidates Saturday.

Patterson pleased about the position Saturday.

Allen was in Iowa Sunday, but the Hawkeyes' new coach has not yet been named. "I am not sure what the reason is," said Bowlsby. "I am not sure what the reason is."

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had a football passion about him, a love of the game. It was a mindset that would resonate with his players and fans across the state.

"Certainly there was pressure to win and succeed. There always is when you are replacing a Hall of Fame legend," Dolphin said. "That said, Ferentz had the perfect demeanor and personality to rebuild things, and Bob Bowlsby was very patient with the process. Kirk's familiarity with the university, the climate, and the fans also prevented him from pushing the panic button."

Slowly, Ferentz began to turn things around. His unique enthusiasm for quality offensive-line play, which undoubtedly stemmed from a lifetime surrounded by brilliant coaching minds such as Joe Moore at Upper St. Clair and Pittsburgh, Ted Marchibroda in Baltimore, and Fry, became evident. To the ordinary fan, line play is simply viewed as a strength — to a football coach, it's visual poetry.

"The value and importance of the offensive line, I never truly felt it in the art form that he made it until he was here," Cosgrove remembers from their time spent together in Maine. "The detail, the attention to detail, post-practice work on pass rush. He really made that part of the game more extensive then, to that point in my career, I had thought it to be."

After a 11-24 record in his first three seasons in Iowa City, Ferentz and the Hawkeyes went 31-7 in their next three campaigns. They won a share of two Big Ten championship and finished No. 8 in the AP poll in each of those seasons. In 2002, Iowa came out of nowhere to earn an invitation to the school's first BCS Bowl. In that moment, Bowlsby's decision had been validated, a decision he said, he has never doubted.

"I really wouldn't have changed anything, because I made a commitment to interview the five people we interviewed, and Bob wasn't in a position to wait," Bowlsby said. "I don't blame him for jumping at a great opportunity at Oklahoma, and I think I did the right thing by meeting my obligation to interview the five candidates we interviewed."

A STORY STILL BEING WRITTEN

Of the 24 head coaches hired across all divisions of college football before the start of the 1999 football season, only Stoops and Ferentz remain in their current positions.

Over the past 15 years, they have reached the pinnacle of their professions, experienced similar ups and downs and have become staples in the Norman and Iowa City communities.

While their success is now expected, the pair's mutual accomplishments and triumphs cannot be fully appreciated until one puts into context where their programs were before their arrivals.

Oklahoma had not won a Big 12 championship since 1987 before the Sooners took the field for the first time under Stoops in 1999. In his second season as head coach, the Sooners captured the program's seventh national title. He has since guided the

Sooners to three more BCS title game appearances, eight conference titles, and a 39-game home winning streak (2005-11). The Sooners' win over Bill Snyder and Kansas State on Nov. 21 gave Stoops the most victories in program history. His Sooners are poised to play their 15th bowl game in 15 seasons after missing the postseason entirely in the four seasons preceding his hiring.

Every indication points to Ferentz doing the same in regard to passing Fry for the most wins in Iowa's program history. With the exception of two seasons in the middle of the decade, Iowa football was mired in mediocrity for much of the 1990s. But under Ferentz, the Hawkeyes put together the greatest four-year run in school history between 2002-05 (32-12), including a school record 22-straight home wins during that span. Ferentz's most significant achievement in recent years came in 2010, when he led Iowa to its first ever BCS victory in the 2010 Orange Bowl over Georgia Tech.

The dean of Big Ten football coaches is tied for third in coaching longevity among BCS schools and tied for fifth among all Division I head coaches. And with his contract extended to the 2020 season and his recent \$500,000 donation made to the Iowa Football Legacy Foundation in an effort to bring a state-of-the-art football operations center to the Iowa campus, all signs point to Ferentz digging in for the long haul.

Similarly, Ferentz and Stoops have both dealt with their fair share of scrutiny as well. On July 11, 2007, Stoops and the Sooners were placed on NCAA probation for two years for rules violations involving former quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman JD Quinn receiving payment for hours not worked. The university had decided to hold off on suspending the players, for which Stoops came under fire after the penalties came down. On the field, things weren't much better for Stoops, whose team lost its third-straight BCS title game in the 2008-09 season and stumbled to a 8-5 record the following season.

After a remarkable start to his time in Iowa City, Ferentz fell on hard times as well. Following the school's groundbreaking success in the middle part of the 2000s, the Hawkeyes lost five of their final six games in 2006 after starting the season 5-1. Their woes continued the following season, and Iowa failed to make a bowl appearance.

In January 2011, another stumbling block appeared off the field: 13 Hawkeye football players were hospitalized with rhabdomyolysis, causing the university to launch an investigation to determine the common cause of each athlete's injury. Procedures were subsequently changed, and the program received national attention because of the incident.

After leading the Hawkeyes back to postseason play for four successive seasons after their disastrous 2007, last season's campaign ended miserably for Ferentz; the Hawks lost their final six conference games. But once again, Iowa's headman rebounded, putting Iowa back in

the bowl picture after picking up the team's sixth win of the season against Purdue last month.

"I've never met a more grounded human being. He knows exactly what he wants and how to get there," said Dolphin after watching Ferentz turn things around again in 2013. "You're seeing the proof in the pudding. A young team is getting better and better."

Despite Iowa's success during his tenure, including another 8-win regular season in 2013, Ferentz knows the pressure to produce results and develop the program in Iowa City is always there. It is something the 15-year veteran accepts.

"We've been getting judged all along. I'm sure we'll continue to be judged," Ferentz said. But it's like I said back in the spring or even in August, let's wait till the book's finally written, then go back and look at it."

Throughout both their mutual hardships and achievements, Stoops and Ferentz remain incredibly grounded and connected to their respective communities. Ferentz and wife Mary continue to be involved in a number of charities in the Iowa City area. In May, Stoops showed up without fanfare to help out with tornado relief in Moore, Okla. For 30 minutes, no one was aware Stoops was even there. He still returns to Ohio, where he catches up with former teammates and friends, such as Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini, helps out with youth football camps, and of course visits Bucci, who remains close with Stoops' mother, Dee Dee.

Ferentz and Stoops even had dinner together before the 2011

Insight Bowl, the first time the two finalists for the Iowa job 15 years earlier coached against each other. The bond the two share still resonates with Stoops.

"Once I started being a graduate assistant, I started to hang around Coach Ferentz and Mary, his wife, over at their house, and they would have us over a little more and just had a lot more interaction with them. Not only was he a mentor but a great friend, and Mary was great to me and at the time, my girlfriend, Carol, who is now my wife. We had some fun times around their house. Kirk even helped me out and gave me some money by letting me paint his house."

Cosgrove echoed the sentiment.

"There are things I have always remembered about him. He was very caring, very passionate about the game, very caring about people. The players, student-athletes who were here, the guys who were here and played for him probably recognize that at well," said Cosgrove from his coaching office in Orono, Maine.

Baylock feels the same way about his former linebacker.

"Every time I see Iowa on TV, I stop what I'm doing and flip over," Baylock said. "I want to see Kirk on those sidelines."

To this day, Bowlsby and Mims remain unsurprised by the success their former two coaching finalists have had. Two coaches, their reputations preceding them wherever they are coaching, still excelling at what they were seemingly born to do, changing the lives of young men, both on and off the football field.

As is often the case with coaches' careers, Ferentz and Stoops will always be compared for the numbers they put up on the field of play. Here is a look at how the stats stack up for the two since taking over their respective programs before the 1999 season.

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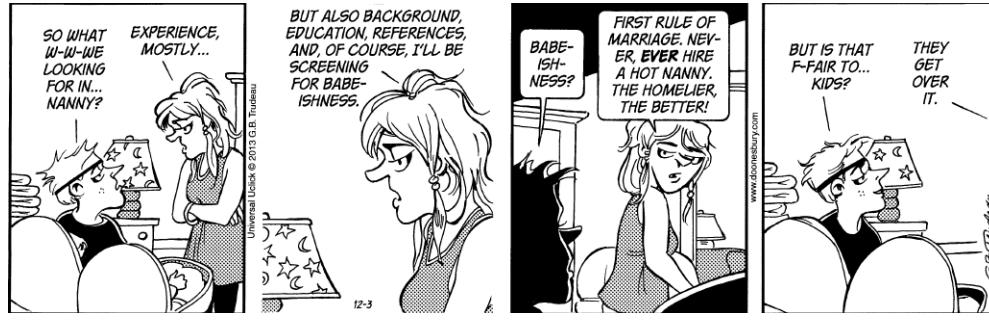
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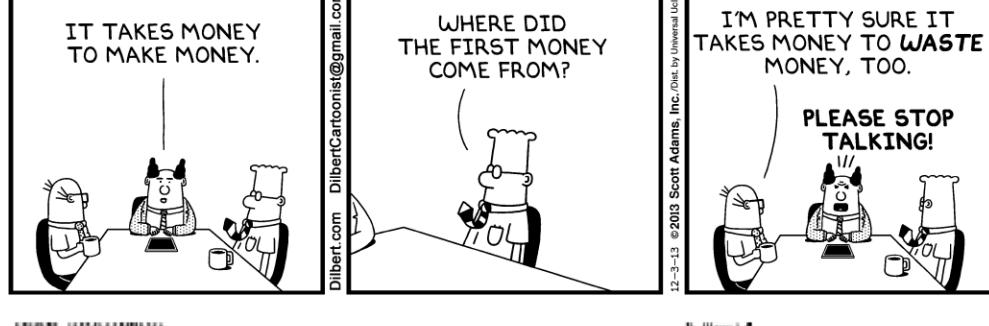
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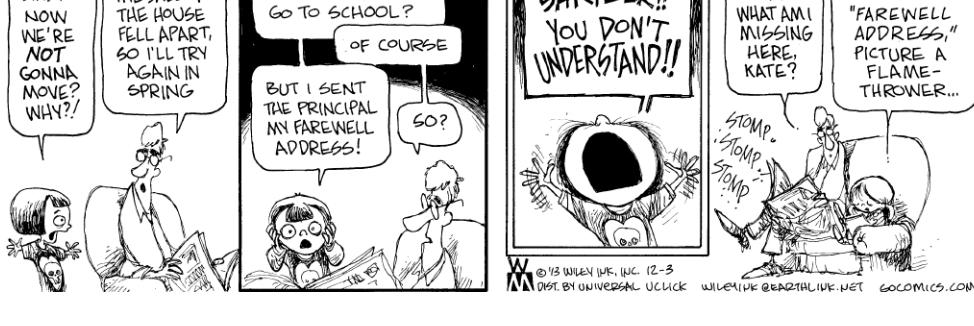
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- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Further Remarks on \$C^*\\$-Algebras of Labeled Graphs and Labeled Leavitt Path Algebras," Richard Baker, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 358 Van Allen
- **Free English Class**, 2 p.m., IMU
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Tissue compartmentalization of cell responses in mice and man," Donna Farber, Columbia University Medical Center, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **American Promise Video Screening**, Hubbard Group, Teacher Leader Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County, 6 p.m., 348 IMU

- **UI School of Music Presents: John Basel**, piano, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Daniel Menaker, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Northwest Junior High Jazz Band**, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- **UI School of Music Presents: Jazz Faculty Jam Session**, 8 p.m., George's, 312 E. Market
- **Flight School**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
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Tuesday, December 3, 2013

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do what suits you. Take a leap of faith, and head in a direction that encourages you to learn about new people, places, and skills. Step away from anyone putting pressure on you to do something that doesn't feel right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Interact with knowledgeable people with whom you share an interest, but don't make a decision that might hold you hostage. Check out your options as well as how you can cut corners to make a new project more feasible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't waste any time when it comes to helping others or living up to your promises. A personal accomplishment will make you feel good about your future. Networking or reconnecting with an acquaintance will make you reflect and move on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll pick up information easily. Look for signals that can guide you to a better position. A personal relationship will need an adjustment if you want to move forward without baggage. An infatuation may lead you in the wrong direction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make adjustments that will help improve future dealings. Attend a lecture or make minor self-improvements that will put you in a better position to negotiate what you want. Enhance your chance to achieve success. A change will do you good.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There will be a fine line between saying what's on your mind and letting your emotions spill. Concentrate on what you can change, not what you cannot. The people you feel most comfortable with are the ones to gravitate toward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your thoughts, and explore subjects and interests that can help you meet new people. You may want to make an impression, but don't spend or overdo it in order to do so. Sticking to a budget and being responsible will be noticed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Offer ideas, and share your plans. You can make personal domestic alterations that will improve your living conditions. Don't be reluctant to do things differently. It's your uniqueness that will garner attention. Love is on the rise; it will enhance your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gravitate toward change, and try something new. Don't let anyone stand between you and your professional goals. Anger won't pay off, but outdoing someone who challenges you will. Make an impression, and show how passionate you are about what you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stand your ground. Don't feel you have to give in to someone who is making last-minute changes. Proceed down the path you chose without giving in to what anyone else is doing. You will come out on top if you are tenacious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen carefully, and go about your business. Don't make trouble by arguing or trying to get others to do things your way. Pick and choose what works best for you, and follow through with your plans. Don't fold under pressure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep personal business at a distance. You cannot win an emotional battle, but you can get ahead where investments and professional jobs come into play. Focus on money, expanding your interests, and increasing your income and your reputation.

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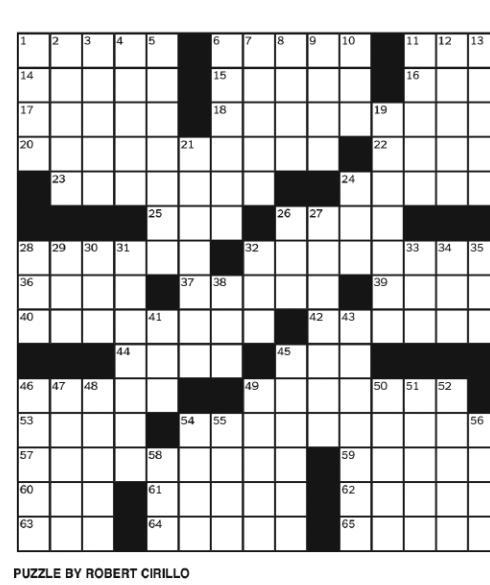
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THE BOX SCORE

How football Hawkeyes stack up statistically

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The Box Score is a weekly segment in which a Daily Iowan football reporter uses statistics to contextualize Iowa football's performance over the course of the season.

With the Big Ten regular season at a close for the Iowa football team, the Hawkeyes find themselves ranked at respectable levels both in the Big Ten and nationally. Let's take a peek, shall we?

Total Defense — No. 9 in NCAA

Contrary to popular belief, the Iowa defense has played stellar as a collective unit so far this season, stymieing opposing offenses on the ground and through the air. It's allowing slightly more than 300 yards a game, barely more than 4 yards a play. The Iowa defense has given up only 5 rushing touchdowns all year, which ties it for second in the nation with Michigan

State. Florida State has allowed just 4 scores on the ground. That's pretty good company for the Black and Gold. By comparison, last year, Iowa gave up nearly 100 more yards per game and allowed 5 more points on average per contest.

The Hawkeyes gave up 182 yards through the air per game, good enough to put it 11th in the nation for that mark.

Opponents' 3rd-down conversions — No. 2 in Big Ten, No. 24 in NCAA

Opponents have lined up against the Hawkeye defense on third down 178 times this season and have moved the rock far enough to get a first down just 61 times. The 34 percent clip is among top 25 in the nation, and only the Michigan State defense is better on third down than Iowa's in the Big Ten.

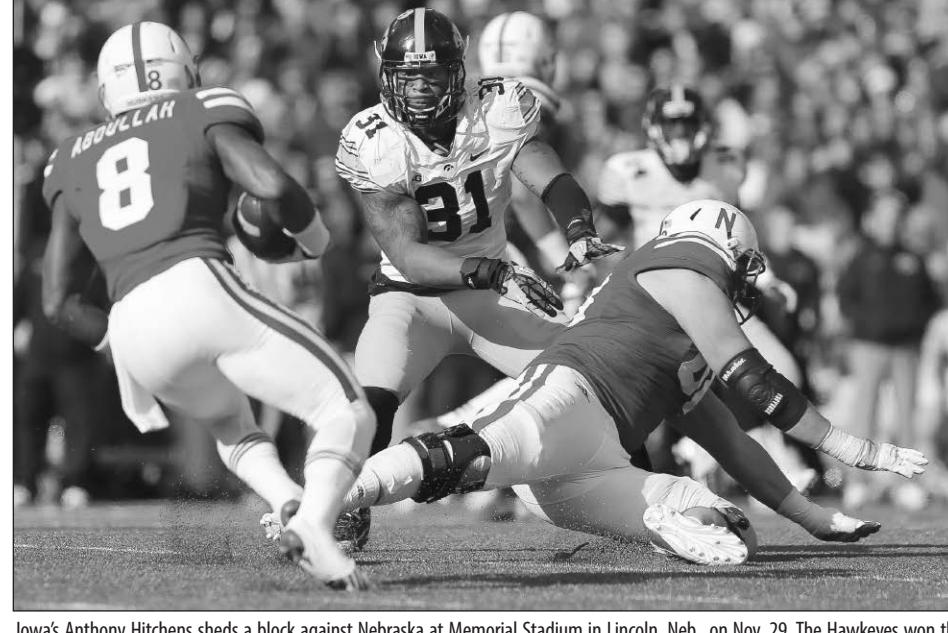
This is a big improvement over last year for Phil Parker's defense, which allowed opposing offenses to move the sticks almost half the

time in 2012.

Tackles for a loss allowed per game — 4.75, No. 4 in Big Ten, No. 26 in NCAA

Iowa is always known for having stellar offensive lines, but this current position group is likely the best the Hawkeyes have fielded since 2009 when Brian Bulaga, Julian Vandervelde, and Riley Reiff anchored the line. Bookends Brett Van Sloten and Brandon Scherff have been rock-solid at the tackle spots to keep quarterback Jake Rudock's free and propel any of Iowa's numerous backs to the next level.

The offensive line has allowed just 12 sacks on the season, sixth-best in the nation and best in the conference. Van Sloten and left guard Conor Bofeli are the lone seniors on the Hawkeye line, but Scherff is projected to be a first-round draft pick should he decide to forgo his final season and head to the NFL. After he went



Iowa's Anthony Hitchens sheds a block against Nebraska at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb., on Nov. 29. The Hawkeyes won the game, 38-17. (The Daily Iowan/Tork Mason)

down for the year against Penn State with an injury in 2012, the running game took a huge hit. Scherff will be a tough one to replace.

Total Sacks — 20, No. 8 in the Big Ten

This isn't the best stat

in the world, but it's important to look at for improvement purposes. Iowa was dead last in the conference in quarterback sacks a year ago with just 13. The squad surpassed that number after October of this year, and that's huge. This hasn't allowed opposing

quarterbacks to sit back and pick apart whichever side of the field Tanner Miller is covering. Parker has blitzed linebackers and defensive backs what seems like every play, and that has rattled QBs. Here's to hoping these nifty blitz packages are here to stay.

WRESTLING

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"We missed some scoring positions," Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands said. "We had opportunities to put matches away with wider gaps, and we missed opportunities."

The two bonus-point victories came where most Hawkeye fans figured they might. Mike Evans opened the dual with a 10-1 major decision over Tanner Weatherman at 174 pounds, and Tony Ramos used seven takedowns to dismantle Dakota Bauer by way of a 16-5 major decision at 133 pounds.

But other than those two, Iowa wrestlers struggled to separate themselves in the other five matches they won. The average margin of victory for Black and Gold wrestlers in the dual was a mere 5.4 points.

The closest any other Hawkeye came to earn-

ing a bonus-point victory was at 141 pounds, where Josh Dziewa overcame an early takedown to notch a 12-5 victory — just one point off the 8-point advantage needed for a major.

But there are reasons for this, as Evans pointed out afterward.

"We were definitely looking for bonus points," he said. "When you go out and wrestle Iowa State, they want to keep it close, because that's the way they can beat you."

—Mike Evans, wrestler

remaining to take the match, 4-2.

A similar scenario happened at 285 pounds. Iowa's Terrance Jean-Jacques, taking the place of Bobby Telford, nearly lost his match with

Quean Smith in regulation. Smith took down Jean-Jacques with 33 seconds remaining in

the match, but an escape and a stalling point pushed the match into overtime — where Smith used a quick takedown to win the match.

"I think we got a couple of them tired," Iowa State wrestling coach Kevin Jackson said on Sunday. "You normally don't see that with the Hawkeyes. I saw a few of them breathing hard, a few of them winded.

"If you look at last year's match and you look at this year's match, there's a little change, a little improvement."

Jackson makes a point here. Iowa blew through the Cyclones last year en route to a 32-3 beating. And as one might guess, the Hawkeyes racked up plenty of bonus points in that dual — five major decisions, to be exact, in nine victories.

And that's just one example of how bonus points can be a factor in competition. Most Iowa wrestling fans remember last season's dual with top-ranked Penn State. The main reason the Hawkeyes upset the Nittany Lions was, by and large, the bonus-point victories throughout the dual.

Brands is well aware of that. And he knows to

stress the importance of bonus-point wins if the team is really going to compete for a national title.

"They're going to be coached to strategized,"

he said. "And we have to beat that ... we have to handle that better."

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The anticipation of the matchup — which is high, as demonstrated by the limited tickets available for it — will be amplified by the strong personal ties Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery has with Notre Dame.

McCaffery, who is in his fourth year at the helm at Iowa, spent 11 years (1988-99) at Notre Dame as the team's assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

"It's funny because I was a little bit surprised at first, because I don't know that I or anyone else was thinking about Notre Dame as an ACC member," McCaffery said. "They just joined [the conference], and then you're thinking of the ACC, who we're going to get, you think of the traditional ACC teams. It'll be a great game for our fan base."

McCaffery spoke highly of his time with the Irish during Monday's teleconference. The fourth-year head coach went so far to say his time in South Bend was as valuable as any experience he's gained during his career, and he credited that time for his success at other institutions.

"To have the opportunity to coach at Notre Dame was something I thought was obviously going to dramatically affect my ca-

reer," McCaffery said. "It was something I wanted to do; it was an experience I wanted to try. In my first year, I'm preparing scouting reports to coach against Bobby Knight, Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, and Rick Pitino. You know, those kinds of games were played regularly. And there was no better way to prepare to be where I ultimately am now."

"I would say that to be successful at North Carolina-Greensboro, Siena, and ultimately here at Iowa, it's a result of the experience I got when I was at Notre Dame."

The importance of McCaffery's stint at Notre Dame didn't stop with basketball, though. During his tenure there, McCaffery began dating Margaret Nowlin, a former player and assistant on the Notre Dame women's team.

The two eventually married, and they have had four children together. The game for Margaret, the coach said, presents a unique situation. But the Notre Dame alumna won't be conflicted, because she's dedicated to efforts of her husband at Iowa.

"[Margaret] had a great experience at Notre Dame," McCaffery said. "She loves that institution. She's still really close to the women's program there, but in terms of the game itself, it won't have that much different of an impact. She recognizes

how good they are; it's a prominent opponent. But she's a Hawkeye through and through."

Notre Dame is a very tough matchup for the Hawkeyes. In addition to the fatigue factor that may play against Iowa, the Irish move the ball extremely well and average the second-most assists (21.0) per game in the country.

The play of the Fighting Irish on the perimeter, plus the recently shaky free-throw shooting from Iowa's Devyn Marble, could loom large tonight. The Hawkeyes missed seven free throws during the Nov. 30 loss to Villanova, six of them were by Marble.

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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.

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Bonuses on their minds

By CODY GOODWIN
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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 lifts Iowa's Josh Dziewa in Hilton Coliseum on Sunday in Ames. Dziewa defeated Moreno, 12-5. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

SEE WRESTLING, 10

McCaffery has ties to Notre Dame

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

By RYAN PROBASCO
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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/ACC Challenge.

SEE HOOPS, 10