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## GEAUX HAWKEYES



The Hawkeyes are set to compete against LSU in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day in Tampa, Fla. The football team reversed its fortunes this season and hopes to win its third Outback.

(The Daily Iowan/Photo Staff)

Turn to Sports to read more about Iowa's bowl berth.

## UISG holds eco summit

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Achieving a more sustainable campus has been an underlying goal at the University of Iowa for years, and University of Iowa Student Government senators took another step in an environmentally friendly direction Sunday with a Sustainability Summit.

Hosted by UISG, the summit was aimed at opening up discussion among UI officials, students, and community members as well as state leaders.

"It's a great chance to showcase all the things the UI is doing [and] it's also good to transition the university from providing [not only] education, but also advocacy," said Jeffrey Ding, UISG's sustainability liaison.

Sen. Rob Hogg, D-Cedar Rapids, who delivered one of two keynote speakers, said he hoped the event would encourage students to become more informed and active.

"I hope they make a commitment ... and decide to commit their lives to the fight for sustainability," he said.

Liz Christiansen, the director of the UI Office of Sustainability, said the university is on track for the 2020 sustainability goal, which was helped largely in fiscal 2013 by a 70 percent increase in recycling in UI Housing and Dining and a 43 percent increase on both the main campus and UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"I would like students to learn about the great things happening on campus, and we'd like them to bring [forth] more ideas," she said. "A lot of these ideas have been put up by students, so I know students are interested in sustainability."

Hogg called on students and community members to continue efforts in Iowa City to reach beyond the state borders.

"This goes to the core of our economy, our security and basic humanitarian issues," Hogg said. "You have to be involved beyond your personal life."

While Hogg pointed to advanced biofuels, urban revitalization, and water conservation as immediate solutions, Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, noted adaptation and policymaking as the next vital steps.

"We need to make it easier for people and that's where policy comes in," he said, emphasizing relationships, communication, and connections as ways to implement change.

Hogg said while he thinks the UI

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## Alliance aids rural-health initiative

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In a city such as Iowa City, a medical-care facility can be easily found, but in rural areas, often would-be patients go unseen because of the lack of physicians.

Carver College of Medicine Dean Debra Schwinn said she hopes a new University of Iowa Health Alliance donation will help solve one of the larger problems with rural health care — access.

"We need more physicians," she said. "There are some counties that don't have a single physician, so this will address that issue very critically."

Officials are taking steps to improve rural health care in Iowa by donating \$1 million to the cause.

Gov. Terry Branstad and UI President Sally Mason were among the officials who sat onstage when the room, filled to the brim, applauded their announcement on Dec. 6.

The Health Alliance's funding will go to the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program. The alliance, which started in 2012, comprises more



Gov. Terry Branstad addresses a crowd in the atrium of the Medical Education & Research Facility on Dec. 6. Branstad talked about rural health care in Iowa and his goal to make Iowa "the healthiest state in the nation." (The Daily Iowan/Megan Sanchez)

than 50 hospitals and 160 physician clinics across the state.

Branstad told the crowd in his address he feels this is another step in

moving Iowa up in the ranks of healthy states. The governor has previously

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## Meningitis vaccine not at UI

By ABIGAIL MEIER  
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Federal health officials have decided to accept a vaccine not originally approved in the United States to fight an outbreak of meningitis at Princeton University. While University of Iowa officials cannot say if they would accept the vaccine if an outbreak occurs here, they did say that will depend on a case-by-case basis.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the vaccine Bexsero — originally approved in Australia and Europe — to be given to Princeton students with the bacterial meningitis.

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## AS HAWT AS IT GETS



An amateur group called the Hawt Guys performs in the IMU on Dec. 7. The second UI Condom Casino and World AIDS Day Drag Show was an event to promote diversity on campus, endorse the "Stretch" component of the Iowa Challenge, promote safe sexual health, and raise awareness of World AIDS Day. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

## METRO

## Woman charged with 3rd OWI

An Iowa City woman has been accused of driving while intoxicated for the third time.

Mary Bobotaylor, 49, was charged Dec. 3 with third-offense OWI.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to a personal-injury motor-vehicle collision. Bobotaylor was operating a gold 1994 Saturn when she lost control of the vehicle and left the roadway, colliding with a concrete sign, the police complaint said.

She reportedly had a blood-alcohol content of .148 and consented to a blood test at the hospital, which had a result of .164 blood-alcohol content.

Bobotaylor has two previous OWI convictions, April 5, 2011, and Dec. 16, 2011.

Third-offense OWI is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

## CR man charged with forgery

A Cedar Rapids man has been accused of leaving Scheel's with stolen merchandise.

Daquan Jefferson, 18, was charged Oct. 29 with forgery.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Jefferson was observed leaving Scheel's with stolen merchandise. During a search, he allegedly had six 20-dollar bills in his front pants pocket.

Each one of the bills had the same serial number, the police complaint said.

Forgery is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

## Man charged with going armed with intent

A Wisconsin man has been accused of entering a bar while armed with a BB gun.

Esteban Estrada Jr., 23, was

charged Dec. 7 with carrying toy guns and slingshots and going armed with intent.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Estrada was involved in an altercation with staff at Caliente bar and eventually kicked out.

He confronted staff with what they believed was a firearm, and he pointed it at member of the bar's security staff.

Estrada got into a physical altercation with security and was eventually removed by his friends. Witnesses observed him leave in a vehicle that was subsequently stopped by police.

Estrada was secured by other officers and placed alone in a squad car. He had a CO2 cartridge in his possession, .177 caliber BBs, and when he was searched, officials found a black .77 caliber CO2 gun that was loaded. The gun looked extremely similar in appearance to a real gun located on the floor of the cop car.

The police car had been inspected prior to use and nobody else was placed in the back seat.

Going armed with intent is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

## Woman charged with robbery

A Chicago woman allegedly became physical at Dillard's when confronted about some jeans.

Erica Lacey, 42, was charged Dec. 6 with second-degree robbery.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Lacey was seen entering and exiting a dressing room with several pairs of jeans, and camera footage determined she did not come out with all of the pairs she had taken in.

When confronted while attempting to leave the store, she refused to return to the office and struck an employee in the face with her fist.

She continued to resist, scratching the employee.

Second-degree robbery is a Class-C felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

## Coralville woman charged with theft

A Coralville woman has been accused of stealing \$932 worth of merchandise from Target.

Santanna Robinson, 28, was charged Dec. 6 with second-degree theft.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Robinson contributed to theft from Target while working there between Nov. 30- Dec. 5.

On Dec. 6, she allegedly stole a wallet valued at \$72.

Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

## Coralville flood efforts near completion

Flood mitigation efforts in Coralville will soon be completed.

Coralville has been awarded \$9.7 million from the state of Iowa. The city will use the grant to construct permanent and removable floodwalls on the south side of Clear Creek from the Clear Creek Bridge on Highway 6 to First Avenue, as well as elevating Fifth Street at Biscuit Creek.

The project is the final component of the mitigation infrastructure for the city that was identified following historic flooding in 2008. The protection will be built to 1-foot about the 2008 flood level. The city has received \$60 million from state and federal flood recovery, protection, and improvement funding.

— by Rebecca Morin

## Albrecht to leave Governor's Office

Gov. Terry Branstad's communications director has decided to pursue a job in the private sector. His replacement as the Branstad-Reynolds communications director is also a University of Iowa graduate.

Tim Albrecht, who has served as the five-term governor's communications director since November 2009, will pursue an unspecified job in the private sector. His last day will be Dec. 13.

"The opportunity to work as communications director in the Governor's Office is one I have worked toward my entire career, and I am so excited I could serve the people of Iowa in this capacity under Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. [Kim] Reynolds, who each set a strong example of hard work, dedication, and passion for the state," Albrecht said in a statement.

Branstad and Reynolds thanked the 36-year-old Ida Grove, Iowa, native for work in improving the online presence of the state government and for his efforts during three legislative sessions.

"Tim's embrace of social media, online tools, and overall messaging was a benefit to nearly every department and agency in state government," Branstad said in a statement. "I have really enjoyed working with Tim, and I wish him all the best in his new opportunity."

Albrecht added while he may be moving to the private sector, he intends to remain involved in Republican causes and in a possible Branstad-Reynolds campaign.

"I intend to remain involved with Republican causes and will continue to assist the Branstad-Reynolds campaign, should they choose to run again," he said. "With significant job growth, a return to a balanced state budget, and education reform well on its way, Iowa is enjoying a strong comeback."

Twenty-six-year-old Jimmy Centers, a native of Peoria, Ill., will take over for Albrecht. Centers graduated from the UI with a degree in political science and served as the Northeast Iowa field director on the 2010 Branstad-Reynolds campaign, later serving as the administration's deputy communications director.

Centers' replacement will be named within the coming days, and Albrecht emphasized they will work to ensure a smooth transition in the governor's office.

"Jimmy Centers is a talented professional, and he is going to excel in this new position," Albrecht said. "We will ensure that a smooth transition takes place."

— by Brent Griffiths

## BLOTTER

**Alfredo Aguilar-Baez**, 27, San Antonio, Texas, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Candelario Arteaga-Rosales**, 27, Dallas, was charged Dec. 7 with OWI.

**Aaron Breckner**, 32, 1208 Lake Bend Road, was charged Dec. 6 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Matthew Burkhalter**, 26, 701 N. Gilbert St., was charged Dec. 6 with providing false ID information.

**Joseph Conroy**, 18, 135 Slat-er, was charged Dec. 5 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Eric Cross**, 59, Coralville, was charged Dec. 6 with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

**Victor Curry**, 21, 633 Beach View Drive, was charged Dec. 7 with driving while barred.

**Ian Finneman**, 34, 401 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 4201, was charged Dec. 5 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Asante Gilmore**, 18, 327 E. College St., was charged Dec. 7 with public intoxication and

fifth-degree theft.

**Shane Hafner**, 21, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 620, was charged Dec. 6 with keeping a disorderly house and disorderly conduct.

**Jace Hepker**, 20, 40 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged Dec. 5 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Tyler Hogan**, 20, 631 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 16, was charged Dec. 7 with third-degree burglary, fifth-degree theft, interference with official acts, and public intoxication.

**Shkila Holder**, 19, Coralville, was charged Dec. 7 with OWI.

**Edweana Howard**, 38, 2434 Aster Ave., was charged Dec. 5 with driving while barred.

**Mark Ilogho**, 21, address unknown, was charged Dec. 6 with interference with official acts and fifth-degree theft.

**Dorothy Jackson**, 77, 320 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 411, was charged Dec. 6 with fifth-degree theft.

**Erhan Karina**, 31, Coralville, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Evan Kurtz**, 21, 331 S. Lucas St. Apt. 4, was charged Nov.

14 with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and OWI.

**Deborah Madden**, 57, Coralville, was charged Dec. 6 with OWI.

**John Malone IV**, 20, 408 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sept. 22 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of authentic driver's license or identification of another.

**Sean Malloy**, 24, 307 S. Linn St. Apt. 202, was charged Dec. 6 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**DeQuan Miles**, 19, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. 1K, was charged Dec. 5 with criminal trespass.

**Timothy Mooney**, 24, 430 N. Van Buren St., was charged Dec. 7 with second-offense OWI.

**Zeke Murphy**, 19, 1419 Plum St., was charged Dec. 5 with fifth-degree theft.

**Indigo Nadler**, 19, 424 S. Lucas St. Apt. 39, was charged Dec. 6 with criminal trespassing.

**Angelique Penick**, 43, 5526 Elmira Road S.E., was charged Nov. 11 with fourth-degree

theft by check.

theft by check.

**Brenda Perez**, 38, Nichols, Iowa, was charged Dec. 5 with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

**Franklin Rabe**, 21, 2320 Nevada Ave., was charged Dec. 6 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Carlross Sanders**, 20, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C2, was charged Dec. 7 with OWI.

**Zachary Sikat**, 21, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 620, was charged Dec. 6 with disorderly house and disorderly conduct.

**Nathan Smith**, 22, 620 Bowery St., was charged Dec. 6 with public intoxication.

**Nicholas Steffen**, 20, Independence, Iowa, was charged Dec. 7 with interference with official acts, public intoxication, third-degree burglary, and fifth-degree theft.

**Vincent Vogelsang**, 51, address unknown, was charged Dec. 6 with criminal trespass.

Dorothy Ward, 60, Coralville, was charged Dec. 7 with fifth-degree theft.

**Tiara Woods**, 27, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged Dec. 7 with criminal trespass.

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# The American climate hike

A local activist will take several million steps to raise awareness of climate change.

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Four pairs of shoes, five hours, eight months, and 7 million steps — this is what lies before Miriam Kashi, a local environmental activist who will undertake the Great March For Climate Action this coming year.

The Great March for Climate Action is a walk across America to spark a response to the climate crisis that is facing the planet.

Kashi, who will be one of more than 150 marchers from 35 states and four foreign countries, has 83 days to finish raising the minimum funds of \$5,000. As of her fundraiser on Dec. 7, she had raised 82 percent of the goal.

The costs contribute to the daily food the marchers will receive, as well as supporting staff and volunteers who will assist the marchers.

Kashi was a therapist for 18 years in Iowa City before retiring and turning her attention to different environmental issues, which includes joining 100 Grannies for a Livable Future and serving with the Peace Corps for two years.

"I am doing [the Great March for Climate Action] because I am passionate," Kashi said. "The trajectory our plan-



Local environmental activist Miriam Kashi and a supporter drink some wine at a fundraiser on Dec. 7. Kashi will be involved in the Great March for Climate Action in which she and 150 others will walk from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., to bring awareness to the climate crisis. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

et is on is not sustainable. We'll perish if we continue like this."

Barbara Schlachter, a cofounder of 100 Grannies, says that the group is "absolutely supportive" of Kashi's march.

"I think she's awesome to even try it," Schlachter said. "I'm impressed, and I will do what I can to support her."

Schlachter also said that while no one else in 100 Grannies will walk the entire trip with Kashi, some members may take the opportunity to walk part of the march, which is an option for anyone who may not be able to walk for the entire eight months.

100 Grannies is a group that focuses on many environmental issues, which includes climate change and the control of plastic materials.

"Climate change is the

most significant thing that is happening," Schlachter said. "If we don't address this soon, there will be repercussions that will become too difficult to address at all."

Schlachter said this was one of the reasons 100 Grannies is so supportive of Kashi's march, because she was marching for a worthwhile cause.

"I think we need to do everything we can to make people aware of this issue," Schlachter said.

Chris Vinsonhaler, a friend of Kashi's and an advocate for 100 Grannies, said Kashi was doing "the right and important thing."

"I think Miriam is deeply courageous and inspiring," Vinsonhaler said. "We are lucky to claim Miriam as a member of 100 Grannies."

Those who join the Great March for Climate Action will walk for 246 days, stopping in designated towns to showcase sustainable technologies and practices to move the climate action forward in the city. Some ideas include urban gardening techniques and transporting a mobile wind generator.

"[The march] actually affects individuals all across the country," Kashi said. "People's minds will shift."

The march will begin on March 1, 2014, in Los Angeles and conclude in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 1. The route will pass through Des Moines on Aug. 11 and through Iowa City on Aug. 20.

"My middle name is 'adventure,'" Kashi said. "And this is going to be a grand adventure."

# Madison, Wis., frowns on snuggling joint

TODD RICHMOND  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's ultra-liberal capital city is a place where just about anything goes, from street parties to naked bike rides. But city officials say a business is pushing even Madison's boundaries by offering, of all things, hugs.

For \$60, customers at the Snuggle House can spend an hour hugging, cuddling, and spooning with professional snugglers.

Snugglers contend touching helps relieve stress. But Madison officials suspect the business is a front for prostitution and if it's not, fear snuggling could lead to sexual assault. Not buying the message that the business is all warm and fuzzy, police have talked openly about conducting a sting operation at the business, and city attorneys are drafting a new ordinance to regulate snuggling.

"There's no way that [sexual assault] will not happen," assistant City Attorney Jennifer Zilavy said. "No offense to men, but I don't know any man who wants to just snuggle."

Snuggle House owner Matthew Hurtado hasn't responded to numerous requests for an interview. His attorney, Tim Casper, said in an interview last month the business is legitimate and Hurtado has

put precautions in place to protect clients and employees from each other.

"The concept is obviously a novel one, and you can see where [the city] might be a little skeptical," he said. "Could something happen? Yeah, I suppose. But they're taking every precaution."

In recent days, it's become unclear whether the house is still in business. No one answered the door there Dec. 7. A posting on a Facebook page claiming to be the Snuggle House's site said it had closed, but the page owners wouldn't identify themselves — or confirm if it was the home's official site. Neither Hurtado nor Casper have returned phone and email messages.

Madison's concern seems to be deeper than in other cities where similar businesses have set up shop as cuddling has grown into a cottage industry over the past decade.

Police in Rochester, N.Y., said they've had no complaints about the Snuggery, which offers overnight cuddle sessions. Be The Love You Are in Boulder, Colo., offers cuddles with "Snuggle Stars." Cuddle Therapy in San Francisco offers packages that "focus directly with your current needs around connection, intimacy and touch," according to its website. Police in San Francisco and Boulder didn't respond to the AP's inquires about those businesses.



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- A posted parking restriction sign, such as "No Parking This Side of Street" overrides Snow Emergency regulations. Drivers should always follow the instructions on the signs.
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## COLUMN

### The promise & peril of drones



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When Amazon announced Dec. 1 it would begin offering drone delivery as an option for shoppers in the future, the first reaction in my mind was disbelief. Was this an “article” from *The Onion* that had gone viral? Was it April 1 already?

Alas, further research confirmed: Amazon is very serious about Prime Air. CEO Jeff Bezos told “60 Minutes” host Charlie Rose the service would deploy unmanned aerial vehicles from Amazon’s so-called fulfillment centers, bringing packages to buyers about as quick as a pizza delivery (except you don’t have to tip a drone, at least not until they develop sentience).

Dubbed “octocopters,” the drones bear an uncanny resemblance to a George Foreman grill on stilts. Despite their unassuming appearance, however, many Americans are unsure about whether to allow drone delivery. A Huffington Post/YouGov poll conducted after the announcement found 44 percent of respondents opposed allowing private companies to deliver using unmanned drones, with 31 percent in favor.

Of course, all of this is old news to those in the Middle East and Southern Asia. They’ve seen drone deliveries of a different kind for more than a decade. Beginning in Yemen in 2002, the United States has used aerial Predator drones armed with lethal Hellfire missiles to conduct targeted assassinations of terrorists, as well as to collect surveillance.

Now, the military has moved on to the more technically advanced (and much more deadly) Reaper drone. The name is certainly no accident. Estimates on the number of deaths attributed to these sister drones put the count at around 3,000. The ethical quandaries

that go along with raining fire from the sky are difficult to tackle on their own. Yet when you consider the civilian death toll from these strikes, the policy is morally indefensible. No official count exists, and the Obama administration has dodged the question whenever asked, but third parties estimate between 261 and 891 civilians have been killed by drone strikes.

For those living literally under the threat of drone strikes, going outside means putting oneself at risk. Not only do the people of these nations need to worry about terrorist strikes (which reached a record high of 8,500 attacks in 2012, a 69 percent rise from 2011), they also have to worry about being killed by the ones supposedly there to protect them.

On Dec 5., a few days after Amazon’s news set the industry abuzz, Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai accused the United States of killing seven civilians, including women and children, in a Nov. 20 drone strike. The International Security and Assistance Force denied any citizens were harmed. Because the United States considers any military-age male killed in drone strikes to be a militant (as reported by the *New York Times*), that line can become kind of fuzzy.

The timing of Amazon’s announcement juxtaposed with Karzai’s denouncement is striking. Today, Americans are unsure of how Amazon’s drones will work but are nonetheless wowed by the technology. Meanwhile, the people of the Middle East and South Asia, despite lacking access to some of the advancements we take for granted, understand what a drone in the sky means for them.

We look forward to drones. Across the world, they look out for them. In as soon as five years, Amazon claims, Americans could pay a premium to get packages in 30 minutes. But under the drone policies of Bush and Obama, hundreds of innocent people have paid the ultimate price.

I guess it’s all a matter of location.

## EDITORIAL

### Raise the minimum wage

The minimum wage, first set in America in 1938 by the Fair Labor Standards Act, has long been characterized as a balancing act between fairness for employees and viability for employers. But in recent years, the scales have become decidedly unbalanced.

Rising income inequality coupled with an economic downturn has brought newfound energy to those seeking increases in the minimum wage, as a group of protesters showed last week in Iowa City.

Around 30 people stood in the freezing temperatures outside McDonald’s, 804 S. Riverside Drive, on Dec. 5 in support of the fast-food worker movement that was started in New York City in November 2012. Dec. 5 marked a nationwide, one-day strike in more than 100 cities to fight for a minimum wage of \$15/hour.

That number is a far cry from the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 (the same as Iowa’s). And with good reason: The minimum wage is lagging behind.

The wage has been falling in “real value” (or adjusted for inflation) since 1968, losing a bit each year that it isn’t raised. If the wage had kept up with inflation, it would be set at \$10.74.

Those that work minimum-wage jobs know something isn’t right. An employee working full-time at \$7.25 would make \$15,080 a year. That’s below the federal poverty line of \$15,510 for a household of two, and the numbers only get bleaker from there.

While \$7.25 to \$15 an hour may be too large of a jump, we believe the state and nationwide minimum wage must be increased in order to ensure that the minimum wage is still a livable one.

Because the wage hasn’t quite kept up with the price of living, many more Americans have used federal low-income assistance programs to make up the difference. The rising effect of these programs on national spending is no surprise. In providing the help many minimum-wage workers rely on, the taxpayers have subsidized their employers.

Of course, there are downsides to raising the minimum wage by itself. Smaller and larger companies alike could raise prices on their products to offset the difference and could also attempt to cut costs by laying off workers. A drastic hike in the minimum wage would likely prove to be a double-edged sword.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a statement that he supports proposals to increase minimum wage as long as the plan includes regulatory or tax relief for small businesses to encourage employers not to reduce payrolls. He said he also opposes efforts to increase the minimum wage “without any provisions to mitigate the negative effects on employers.”

Grassley is on to the right idea. In order to make sure the repercussions of a minimum-wage increase



don’t threaten an economy in recovery, any federal policy on raising the minimum wage should have concessions for employers as well.

Between the backwards way taxpayers subsidize companies and the fact that a minimum wage is not enough to get by, it’s evident that the balance behind the minimum wage is absent today. But by keeping the wage tied to inflation, the federal government would fulfill the intent behind the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act and set the scales right.

## YOUR TURN

Do you think the minimum wage should be raised? Weigh in on at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Students need more food info

If you go online to pull up the University of Iowa’s Health and Sustainability webpage in order to learn more nutritional information about the food you’re consuming daily in university dining halls, you will be met with a difficult-to-navigate, rarely operating webpage that offers limited information on a few select food items.

As a freshman at the UI, I am disappointed by the lack of nutritional information available to students regarding the food served in the dining halls, as well as the lack of promotion on the few opportunities of nutritional information that are in place now. We as students have a right to know information about the food we are consuming on a daily basis, but this complicated webpage prevents this.

The dining halls’ entrées card should

state information such as allergy alerts, calories in a suggested serving size, the nutritional value of a food item in the form of a nutrition density score or offer a designation for “Healthy Option” entrées. The dining halls should also make students more aware of their vegan and gluten-free options.

The university’s lack of promotion of this information is a disservice to the students. Providing this information to students isn’t about promoting calorie counting or about

communicating a negative message about eating disorders to students — it’s about promoting healthy choices, which will lead to a healthier lifestyle overall.

We care about our well-being and wish the university would share in our concerns. We aren’t asking that they wallpaper the dining halls with nutrition labels, but we are asking that they make available to us the nutritional information we have a right to.

Elizabeth Sturms

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## COLUMN

### Nelson Mandela all cleaned up



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The news of the death of Nelson Mandela, the legendary anti-apartheid activist and former president of South Africa, brought with it a flurry of responses from American political writers extolling the virtues of a man who peacefully brought about the end of the brutal regime of racist subjugation that was apartheid-era South Africa.

These responses, however, tended to paint the picture of a man who did not exist. The media’s is a portrait of Mandela as a man who achieved his goals through peaceful, flowers-in-his-hair, hippie-esque activism.

This analysis, of course, could not be further from the truth. While certainly preferring nonviolent activism, Mandela, when faced with the overwhelming apparatus of violence and terror of the apartheid regime, chose to embark

on a campaign of violence against the government, cofounding and heading “Umkhonto we Sizwe” (“Spear of the Nation”), the armed wing of the African National Congress, the most prominent political organization committed to ending apartheid. Mandela was eventually arrested for committing acts of sabotage against the apartheid government and spent 27 years in prison.

Now, Mandela was not simply a violent radical; to suggest so not only obfuscates the truth but also pigeonholes a colossus of 20th century humanity to a singular role, which he neither fits nor shuns. But using violence in the name of destroying an immoral government was something Mandela had no problem doing. It’s a simple fact.

So, why have so many political commentators decided to essentially ignore one of the more significant portions of Mandela’s life in favor of the fictitious grandfatherly figure of an ahistorical, beatnik Mandela? It all falls into the not-so-grand American tradition of whitewashing and sanding down the rough edges

of radical political figures. Take Martin Luther King Jr. for example. Today, King is known as a relatively uncontroversial pillar of American justice, a man whose dedication to nonviolence and equality ultimately redeemed a nation of racist sinners. In reality, and in his time, however, King was a radical agitator, most likely a democratic socialist who was derided by main-

stream white America as a communist and considered a showboat by many in the civil-rights movement. Or how about Helen Keller — this symbol of triumph over immense odds was also a member of the Socialist Party of America, the anarchist IWW trade union, and a fervent activist for leftist causes such as increased unionization and women’s suffrage.

It is pretty clear that the bleaching of Mandela’s more complicated and violent past is right in line with the treatment of other radicals by the American political community. This, however, is not nearly so disturbing as the reason behind such smoke screening, the absolving of American sin and the dissuasion of radicalism.

You see, if we don’t talk about how Mandela was a militant revolutionary, then we don’t have to talk about its being likely the CIA was ultimately responsible for his arrest by tipping off apartheid authorities to his whereabouts. Or, even worse, the years of U.S. alliance with and financial backing for the apartheid regime because of its strong anti-communist nature.

Also, by presenting these figures as “mainstream” and “moderate,” the powerful can dissuade would-be radicals from tearing down institutions that perpetuate racism, patriarchy, and other forms of injustices. To these institutions, radicalism is a threat, so when the radicals gain a victory or two, take it away from them by claiming the victory for yourself. An insidious tactic indeed.

It is both a disservice to the memory of Mandela and the radical causes he championed to gloss over the less-than-peaceful moments of his life. There is, luckily, a very simple antidote to such idiocy: Don’t do it.

## SUMMIT

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has made large strides toward environmental policies, he still hopes to see more.

"The university has been making progress,

[and] there are some great energy and solid waste accomplishments, but the magnitude of the challenge [means] the university needs to do a lot more," he said. "And of course that's not just [the UI], but everybody needs to do more."

Sen. Bill Dix, R-Shell

Rock, did not attend the summit but said he believes people of all ages are interested in taking part in conservation efforts.

"It's just common sense," he said. "It's good for the economy, environment, and ... country; all of those things contribute to a

brighter future."

Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyedan, also was not in attendance at Sunday's summit but said there is a strong push in Iowa in terms of environmentally friendly efforts.

"There are things that every public entity should be doing as far as energy

[conservation]," he said. "There are a lot of efforts out there ... [and] no matter if it's at the state or local level, there are efforts underway or should be underway."

Ding said he thinks many initiatives and plans could be formed from ideas discussed at the summit,

contributing to UISG's continuous efforts to support sustainability efforts campus-wide.

"We'll continue to market the Green Initiative Fund," he said, in efforts to continue recycling campaigns and a possible summit involving the Tippie College of Business.

## BRANSTAD

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said he wants Iowa to be the healthiest state in the nation by 2016 in the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index.

"As my old football coach used to say, when the going gets tough, the tough get going," he said pointing to Iowa's 10-spot jump in the last two years. "It's going to get tougher as we try to move up the ladder to be No. 1. Having quality family physicians all over the state of Iowa, especially in these rural areas, is going to be extremely important to our ability to achieve that goal."

Last spring, officials im-

plemented the program, which helps students in Iowa pay back medical school and undergraduate loans after they graduate if they agree to work in a rural area for five years.

The alliance has promised \$1 million in order to help fund the repayment program. Twenty students can be accepted per year, 10 from the UI Carver College of Medicine and 10 from the Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"We are confident that this initiative is going to be tremendously successful," said CEO of Mercy Health Network David Vellinga. "It's going to make a huge difference in the lives of Iowans — particularly our rural colleagues throughout the state."

Each student can receive up to \$50,000 per year for four years after her or his five-year service period.

Ninety percent of Iowa is considered rural or having a population of fewer than 26,000 and being located at least 20 miles away from a city with a population of 50,000 or more.

Schwinn said she can tell from talking to students that there is an interest in this. She said eight first- and second-year students are enrolled so far in the program.

Schwinn noted each medical student leaves school with an average of \$161,000 in loan debt.

Mason agreed that with loans being so large, the

incentive to get the paycheck is beneficial.

"This opportunity to have a loan-repayment program — that's the biggest barrier," she said afterward the meeting. "If you're going to graduate with over \$160,000 of debt, it's hard to think about going to a small practice in a rural environment where the pay is obviously not going to be as good as it might be in a larger city, so this should take away those barriers."

In addition to the various medical officials who attended the announcement, two members of the Iowa Legislature sat in the front row in support of the initiative — Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, and Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville.

Dvorsky said the support coming from the health-care alliance is a tremendous help in pushing the program along.

"[Physicians] need to have some support from somewhere else also," he said. "They can't really be out there on their own — so if we can build support with, maybe, this network of the UI Health Alliance, for those physicians, that's important."

Jacoby said he hopes the program will help keep physicians in rural areas, not just begin there.

"Health care is important in Iowa, especially because we are looking at a number of people over 60," he said. "As we age out in Iowa, health care becomes even more important, more intense, and frank-

### Branstad

The University of Iowa Health Alliance announced a \$1 million promise to help improve rural health care.

- Going to the Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program
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- Students can receive up to \$50,000 per year for four years

Source: Debra Schwinn, dean of the UI Carver College of Medicine

ly, more expensive, so we need more physicians in the rural area, and this program will help our young physicians start in the rural area and hopefully stay there."

## MENINGITIS

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gitis. However, it will not be approved nationwide. Since March, Princeton has seen eight cases of bacterial meningitis.

"The vaccine the FDA approved specifically covers the strain of meningitis that is involved in the outbreak at Princeton," said Polly Carver-Kimm, the communications director for the Iowa Department of Public Health. "The vaccine given to Princeton students was approved for use on this outbreak only."

In 2012, there were two cases of the bacterial meningitis in Iowa. Car-

er-Kimm said Iowa does not plan on accepting the vaccine because the approval was specifically meant to contain the outbreak at Princeton University.

Carver-Kimm said there are five different types of meningitis: bacterial, viral, fungal, parasitic, and non-infectious.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, meningitis is caused by the inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. According to the CDC, bacterial meningitis is usually severe and can cause serious complications, including brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disabilities.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the UI experienced a serogroup C meningitis outbreak in the early 1990s. He said the outbreak was disrupted by administering a vaccine to the students who had the disease; however, if Iowa were to see cases of the bacterial meningitis today, the idea to accept a vaccine would be determined by the UI Student Health Service and the state public health authorities.

"Times have changed since then, and now every adolescent usually receives a series of meningococcal vaccinations before they go off to college — that is the main mode of prevention," Moore said.

Lisa James, the associate director for clinic operations at Student Health, said it is hard to give a definite answer to the question of UI health officials accepting this vaccine.

"It's critical to identify and treat the contacts of the sick students," she said. "Keeping the communication frequent and

answering questions openly is the key to keeping the campus as calm and focused as possible."

James said the decision would depend on the guidance from local, county and state health officials. She said it is also critical during an outbreak such as meningitis to keep clear communication on campus on the education

of prevention.

"The campuses going through these public-health crises seem to be handling this well," James said. "It's certainly challenging, and we sure send our support to their students and health officials who are working hard to contain the risk and keep the students safe."



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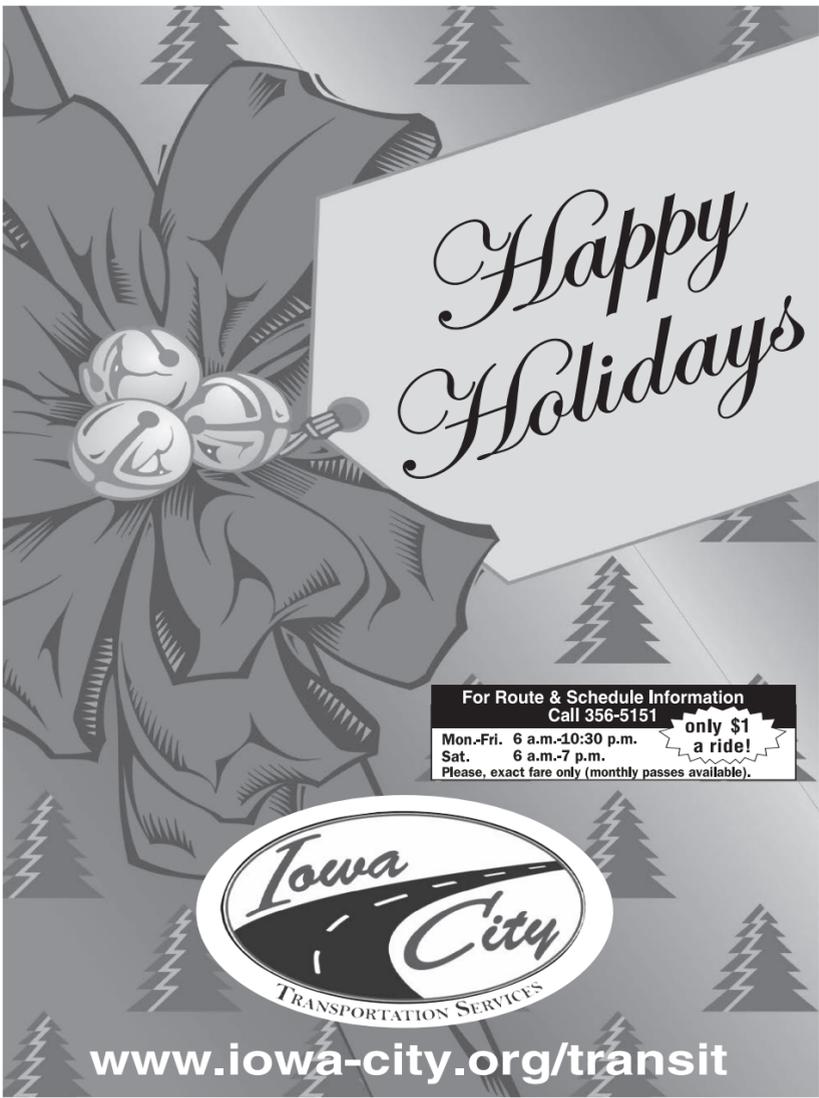
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# DAILY BREAK

## the ledge

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### Amazing, but true (but not):

- Peppermint candy canes are actually the processed femurs of Santa's dead elves. And the "flavored" ones? Affirmative action.
- Of all the turkeys that have been granted traditional presidential pardons before Thanksgiving over the years, more than 70 percent were recidivist rapists.
- Drew Carey has been *People* magazine's runner-up for Sexiest Man Alive a record-shattering 13 times.
- Dr. Pepper's degree is in Comparative Literature, but it is from Yale — so that's something. I guess.
- Puerto Rico actually declared its independence in 1906, but the message never reached the rest of the world because of a hurricane-based communications outage. Puerto Rican officials took this as a sign from the God of Rum and simply submitted to a bidding war between Spain and the U.S. Proceeds were used to build a baseball stadium.
- The NRA originally started as an offshoot of the Girl Scouts.

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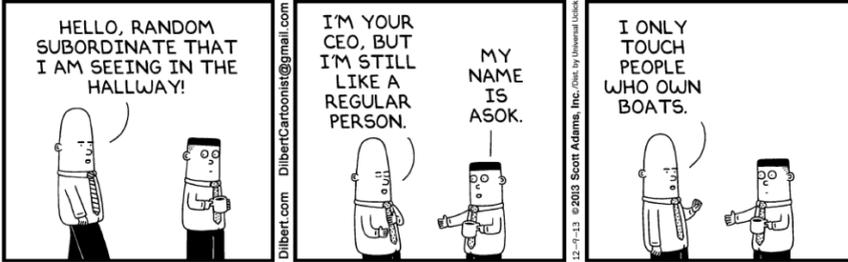
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- **RefWorks Open Workshop**, 10 a.m., Hardin Library East Information Commons
- **Community and Behavioral Health Seminar, "The Overlapping Epidemics of Addiction and Incarceration: Implications for Behavioral and Community Health,"** Nickolas Zaller, 10:30 a.m., C217AB College of Public Health Building
- **English Language Discussion Circle**, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Chemistry Special Lecture, "Examining Student Engagement with Core Ideas and Practices of Chemistry,"** Nicole M. Becker, Michigan State University, 12:30 p.m., W401, Pappajohn Business Building
- **Nuclear and Partical Physics Seminar, "Topologically Massive Yang-Mills Theory and Link Invariants,"** Tuna Yildirim, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Science Cafe: Climate Change & Your Health**, Peter Thorne of the UI College of Public Health, 5 p.m., Lincoln Wine Bar, 125 First St. W., Mount Vernon
- **School of Music Presents: String/Piano Chamber Music Recital**, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Ariana Reines, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Open Mike**, with J Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Catcombs of Comedy**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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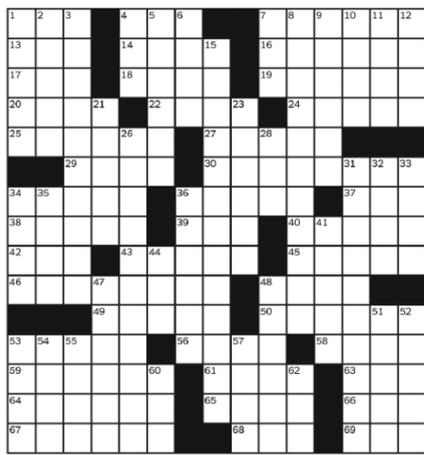
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### The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tree with acorns
  - 4 Garment under a blouse
  - 7 Expresses derision
  - 13 "\_\_\_ Mir Bist Du Schön" (1938 hit)
  - 14 Dress that covers the ankles
  - 16 Lassie, for one
  - 17 \_\_\_ and tonic
  - 18 Droop in the heat
  - 19 Set off from the margin
  - 20 Lead-in to Bear or Berra
  - 22 Post-monologue spot for Jay Leno
  - 24 Male and female
  - 25 Shade of meaning
  - 27 Diatribes
  - 29 German coal region
  - 30 Former penitentiary in San Francisco Bay
  - 34 "\_\_\_ luck!"
  - 36 Japanese camera
  - 37 Anger
  - 38 One with a leading role?
  - 39 Santa \_\_\_ winds
  - 40 Tex-Mex fare with shells
  - 42 East Lansing sch.
  - 43 Get access, as to a protected site
  - 45 "\_\_\_ the Sheriff" (Eric Clapton #1 hit)
  - 46 Grated cheese
  - 48 Ancient Peruvian
  - 49 In the midst of
  - 50 "Oh my stars!"
  - 53 Miata maker
  - 56 Prefix with present
  - 58 BlackBerrys and Palms, for short
  - 59 Mark that might be left with greasy fingers
  - 61 Supply-and-demand subj.
  - 63 Monthly entry on a bank statement; Abbr.

- DOWN**
- 1 Maternity ward doc
  - 2 Group to which "Y" is sometimes added
  - 3 "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" protagonist
  - 4 Mini Cooper maker
  - 5 Oakland N.F.L.'er
  - 6 Wheel turner
  - 7 Astron., e.g.
  - 8 Eponym of the city now known as Istanbul
  - 9 Like St. Augustine vis-à-vis all U.S. cities
  - 10 Show off at Muscle Beach
  - 11 Alternative to a jail sentence
  - 12 Tennis units
  - 15 Camp classic by the Weather Girls ... or a homophonic hint to 3-, 8-, 26- and 31-Down
  - 21 Occupied, as a bathroom
  - 23 Alpo alternative
  - 26 So-called "Father of Europe"
  - 28 Sgt., e.g.
  - 64 Say O.K., begrudgingly
  - 65 Western mil. alliance
  - 66 Wedding words
  - 67 Dried plums
  - 68 Imbecile
  - 69 Prankster
  - 31 Shakespeare play that begins "Now is the winter of our discontent"
  - 32 Suffix with buck
  - 33 Joie de vivre
  - 34 "One \_\_\_ or two?"
  - 35 Greece's Mount
  - 36 1998 Winter Olympics host
  - 41 Musical alternative to B.M.I.
  - 44 Bear: Sp.
  - 47 Infuriate
  - 48 Imbeciles
  - 51 Bit of candy that "melts in your mouth, not in your hand"
  - 52 Legally prevent
  - 53 Car showroom sticker inits.
  - 54 The "A" in U.S.A.: Abbr.
  - 55 South African native
  - 57 Sweet 16 org.
  - 60 Many "Star Trek" extras, for short
  - 62 1, 2, 3, etc.: Abbr.



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## horoscopes

Monday, December 9, 2013 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't feel pressured to make a decision regarding your position, status, or advancement. Recap what you've done in the past and consider how you can utilize your skills to bring better outcomes. An impulsive decision will not bring good results.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You call the shots. Your wisdom and charm will attract people who can offer favors and information that will help you reach your goals. A partnership will turn into a long and profitable connection. Romance is highlighted. Share your feelings.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You'll need discipline to finish projects that need to be wrapped up before the end of the year. Offer suggestions, but do not part with your cash. A service you can offer others will be well-received and bring in additional funds.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on getting odd jobs finished. Preparation will make your job easier, allowing you more time to spend doing something enjoyable. Make assessments and changes to your life and overall personal look. Plan a little romance to end your day.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): A unique approach or new surroundings will feed your creative imagination. Knowledge and honing your skills will spark an idea that can lead to extra cash. Don't let anyone limit what you can do. Be diplomatic but firm when faced with opposition.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rethink your financial strategy. If you've been impulsive or emotional when it comes to spending, pull back and cut corners. Help an older relative or friend, but don't take over. Suggestions or physical assistance is one thing; meddling is another.
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The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

— Vince Lombardi

# Men swimmers just miss in Invitational

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Despite its second-place finish in the Hawkeye Invitational Dec. 6-Sunday, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team has room to improve and is proud of its efforts against highly ranked Notre Dame.

The Hawkeyes defeated Denver and Milwaukee but could not close the gap on first-place Notre Dame. Still, head coach Marc Long was pleased with the Hawkeyes' efforts during the three days of competition.

Notre Dame came to swim, amassing an impressive 1,228.5 points for the win. However Iowa was not far behind with 977.5.

"I'm extremely proud of all of them and how they raced," Long said. "There were so many races that sometimes it takes us as coaches some time to go back and look at it all, but for sure, this team has put a ton of work in. We have set ourselves up well for the second half of the season."

A moral victory if there ever was one, several Iowa swimmers and divers had breakout performances in their events, capping off an exciting three days of competition with a strong statement.

Early on, Iowa's sprinters carried the torch and set the bar high for the rest of the team. In the finals for the 100 freestyle, Hawkeyes David Ernstsson, Gianni Sesto, Jackson Halsmer, and Jackson Allen managed



Iowa swimmers Roman Trussov and Andrew Marciniak dive into the pool during the third heat of men's 200 breaststroke at the Hawkeye Invitational in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

to finish 1-2-3-4, with freshman Joshua Gill taking seventh to finish off a dominating Hawkeye final.

"I'm very proud of this entire team," Sesto said. "Some of these time that we got going now are better than the time we were going at Big Tens last year, so to come out and really do well was good. We still have three months to go, which a lot of time in the swimming world."

The Black and Gold were equally impressive in the 200-breaststroke finals, which saw sophomore standout Roman Trussov take first place, as well as fellow sophomore Quillan Oak take the third spot with a time of 1:58.87, an NCAA "B" cut time.

Iowa's divers also chipped in with some outstanding performances.

Sophomore Addison Boschult set an Iowa school record with a finals score of 373.85, and Brandis Heffner took sixth overall with a score of 239.8.

"It was really big," Bo-

schult said. "Plus, it was really awesome to be able to hear it from my old coach that was here. He was actually the one that told me that I had broken it. I was so surprised. It was a really good feeling."

The meet was concluded with a time trial for the men's 400 medley relay, an event that had all the audience members on their feet.

"It won't show on the score sheet, but we put that relay together trying to get an 'A' cut for NCAAs," Long said. "But unfortunately, we just missed it by three-tenths of a second. I'm happy to see it. They really stood out to me."

Still, the Hawkeyes lost, and that doesn't mean they have to be happy about it.

"[Notre Dame] has depth I didn't even know they had, but for them to come into Iowa and win in our building kind of gets under my skin, I'm not going to lie," Sesto said. "But credit to them, they stepped up and swam great."

# Women swimmers finish 4th in home meet

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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team wrapped up the final day in the Hawkeye Invitational, finishing fourth among the seven teams with a final score of 436.

The Hawkeyes used strong performances throughout the day to keep their hold on fourth place and got close several times to beating out Nebraska for third.

Notre Dame dominated the meet with a score of 823; the next closest finisher, Boise State, collected 742.5.

"Place-wise, we weren't exactly where we wanted to be, but performance-wise, it was definitely where we wanted to be," head coach Marc Long said. "The effort and breaking records was impressive as we get down toward the end of the road here."

Both the divers and swimmers were in action Sunday, with the divers competing in the morning and the swimmers in the late afternoon.

In the only outright Hawkeye win of the weekend, freshman Cali Head took the title in platform diving, finishing with a score of 265.60. The mark also stands as the best five-diver score in school history.

"It was really exciting [breaking the record], but I had no idea what the top score was until



Iowa swimmer Elaine Boosalis competes in the first heat of the women's 200 fly during the Hawkeye Invitational in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

after, when Coach told me," Head said.

Junior Hillary Weigand finished eighth in the 1,650 freestyle with a time 17:03 to lead things off individually for the Hawkeyes. In the next event, Iowa placed another swimmer — Lindsay Seemann swam the 200 back in 1:59.03, good enough for sixth place.

The 100 freestyle featured sophomore Olivia Kabacinski, who swam a second-place time of 50.08 in the finals after breaking a school record in the prelims of the event.

In the final individual event of the day, the 200 breaststroke, several Hawkeyes finished in the top eight with two more also scoring. Sophomore Colleen Champa (2:14.31, fourth) and senior Karolina Wartalowicz (2:15.93, tied-sixth) registered team points. Senior Abbey Tuchscherer and junior Audrey Kumm finished 11th and 16th, respectively.

"Personally, I had some really good swims. I got it all from the team," Champa

said. "I mean, we're swimming against some of the best people in the country, so to go out and there and race them, it's just a great experience."

Iowa ended the meet with a sixth-place finish in the 400-freestyle relay, with a time of 3:24.55. The other "B" relay finished in seventh but did not score points because only one relay per team is allowed to count.

Even without a high finish in some of the relays and other events, Long feels confident that the Hawkeyes can improve.

"There were definitely some things that stood out to me this weekend; one thing that most people aren't going to notice is [Becky] Stoughton coming back and getting into the swing of things," Long said. "She swam a great relay split for us last night, and that's really going to help us as we get into the second semester."

The Hawkeyes have a short week — they will take on Iowa State in Ames on Friday.

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## COMMENTARY

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ence on Sunday evening was more about being excited to play No. 16 LSU, whereas LSU head coach Les Miles talked more about the nice weather in Tampa.

"I think our friends and fans will travel there because there's so much to do and certainly the weather's great," Miles said during his press conference about the Iowa-LSU Outback Bowl matchup set for New Year's Day.

On paper, this matchup makes perfect sense. The Outback Bowl, after the Bowl Championship Series makes its picks, generally invites the third-best SEC West team and the third-best Big Ten team. Seeing as each conference got two teams into BCS games, it makes sense that Iowa and LSU fall to the Outback Bowl.

But in the court of public opinion, Iowa has already lost the game.

This mainly stems from LSU fans, of course. Even with star quarterback Zach Mettenberger

out with a torn ACL, and with the potential of losing another key player to injury, Tiger fans aren't big on this matchup. Message board chatterboxes and Twitter-ers have predicted LSU will blow out Iowa.

And that's fine for them to think. Like I said: the SEC is an odd place.

What is crazy is saying that Iowa doesn't deserve to be there, in the Outback Bowl, against one of the SEC's powerhouse football programs.

The Hawkeyes won eight games this year and finished with a record that placed them fourth in the Big Ten. They did it with a hard-nosed defense and a young quarterback who has transformed into a good one right before our eyes.

Iowa deserves to be playing on New Year's Day against LSU, and don't let anybody tell you different. But the Hawkeyes deserve it because they earned it on the field.

They went out to Columbus, went toe-to-toe with Ohio State, and silenced the Buckeye faithful more than once. They came back and

beat a talented Michigan team. They went into Lincoln and just mercilessly beat up a Nebraska team that didn't want to play Iowa because it wanted a real rivalry. This Iowa team spent a quarter carving up a Michigan State defense that, at times, resembled a brick wall.

I knew this Iowa team would be fun to watch after the first game, and it has been all season. The frustrations of this season were more growing pains than anything — for crying out loud, this team finally stopped a fake punt.

And they did so because they were finally prepared. Ferentz has preached all season long that it's about getting better each week. While this is the usual loaded stuff he tells the media all the time, he's absolutely correct.

Iowa doesn't deserve the Outback Bowl? LSU fans can preach it all they want, but they're wrong. Besides, as a response, Iowa fans can just remind them of the last time — the ONLY time — the Hawkeyes and Tigers tangled in a bowl game.

## OUTBACK BOWL

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there last time. Congratulations to Kirk. We're so proud of our seniors to turn things around."

Iowa has played in the Outback Bowl three previous times: 2004, when it defeated Florida, 37-17; 2006, when it fell to the Gators, 31-24; and 2009, when it beat South Carolina, 31-10.

Iowa has played LSU just once, in 2005 in the Capital One Bowl. Iowa won that game on electrifying 56-yard pass from Drew Tate to Warren Holloway to put the Hawkeyes ahead as time expired.

"It's a really happy day for our football team," Ferentz said. "Playing LSU is a great challenge; we're really proud of our players, they've done a wonderful job since the end of last November. Nobody dwelled on what took place last year. It was disappointing certainly, and great job by our older guys giving us leadership.

"It's hard; bowl games are a reward for the players. You coach for the players; it's a reward for doing well. We didn't earn that right last year. Everyone was committed to getting back and having the opportunity to get a

bowl. To have the chance to go to Tampa is fantastic."

LSU poses a great challenge for the Hawkeyes. The Tigers are the only team to defeat Auburn this year, a squad that will play undefeated Florida State in this year's BCS National Championship Game.

Both teams finished strong, Iowa with three-straight wins and LSU with two. Ferentz and LSU head coach Les Miles have never met on the football field before, but both teams and programs have pedigrees that neither can ignore.

"I know that Coach Kirk Ferentz has done a great job there," Miles said in a release. "I think he has been there for 15 years. He has been one of the most successful coaches in the Big Ten for years. It is a meticulous organization. As you see, they are very talented and capable. I can remember a bowl game when we were preparing for Penn State. We watched how they played. They will be prepared and a very quality team."

### Outback Bowl Fun Facts

- Sponsored by Outback Steakhouse, the Outback Bowl is played at Raymond James Stadium, the home field of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

- The stadium has a listed capacity of 66,657, but it hit 70,774 when it hosted the Super Bowl in 2009.

- Iowa owns two of the top five attendance records in Outback history, with slightly more than 65,000 fans filling the stands for both of Iowa's contests against Florida in 2006 and 2004. The highest attended Outback Bowl was in 1990 when Auburn and Ohio State faced each other.

- Iowa running back Shonn Greene was named the MVP of the Outback Bowl for his performance against South Carolina in 2009.

- The Big Ten is 10-14 all time in the Outback Bowl.

### Big Ten

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# Dixon's rule of 3, 3, 3

Following her early season struggles, Melissa Dixon has caught fire from beyond the arc.

By JACOB SHEYKO

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Maybe a change of scenery was all she needed.

When Iowa women's basketball guard Melissa Dixon joined her team on a flight to Cancun, Mexico, the Hawkeyes were 6-1. But something was missing. Their once automatic long-range shooter was in a funk.

At that time, Dixon was averaging a respectable 9.7 points per game but was shooting 24.6 percent from the field and 15.2 percent from beyond the arc.

Being a shooter, Dixon kept a shooter's mentality. "You just have to forget about those first couple of games," she said. "I was in a cold spell."

Now 11 games into the season and back in Iowa, Dixon's struggles appear to be a distant memory. The junior guard is in as hot of a shooting streak as anyone in the program's history.

Dixon now leads the team in scoring with 16 points per game and is shooting 34.7 percent from deep. But that doesn't even begin to tell the story of how dominant she has been recently.

In her last three games, the Johnsbury, Ill., native is 20-of-34 from 3-point range, leading to an average of 27.7 points per game during that stretch. Her 20 3-pointers is the most ever by a Hawkeye player during a three game stretch.

"That definitely has to be one of the highlights," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "Definitely a remarkable performance."

Before her hot streak, the Hawkeyes were scoring at an elite level. But as one would expect, once Dixon got going from deep, Iowa has exploded offensively, scoring at a rate that the most elite teams would be envious of and breaking records in the process.



Iowa guard Melissa Dixon shoots a 3-point shot over Idaho State guard Sherise Porchia in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 7. Iowa defeated Idaho State, 95-47, to give the Hawks their sixth win in a row. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

In their last three games, the Hawkeyes have put up 102, 97, and 95 points — an average of 98 per game.

A lot of this can be attributed to Dixon, but it also appears as if her hot shooting has begun to rub off on her teammates.

In the Hawkeyes previous game against Idaho State. The Hawkeyes put on a show for the home fans, launching 34 3s and connecting on 17 of them — a school record. Dixon contributed six of those 3s, but when all was said and done, six Hawkeyes sank one from deep.

"Everyone is looking to attack more," guard Theairra Taylor said. "This year, we're a lot harder to guard because we have so many threats."

This version of Dixon comes as no surprise to anyone who has paid attention to her career at Iowa. Last season, Dixon led the Big Ten in 3-point percentage during conference play, shooting at a clip of 43 percent.

If anything has been surprising, it's been her ability to string numerous 3s together within minutes of each other.

This ability was on full display in the Hawkeyes' Dec. 5 win over No. 22 Syracuse. Following a scoreless first half, Dixon exploded for a 27-point second half in which she went 7-for-9 from beyond the arc.

Whether she's struggling or thriving from 3-point range, Dixon has the green light from Bluder. The junior has attempted 101 shots from deep, easily the most on the team — the next highest is Taylor, who has attempted 35.

But if Dixon keeps shooting as well as she has of late, Bluder might just encourage her to shoot even more.

"It's just so effortless to watch her shoot, too. It's fun," the coach said. "You know, keep it up, keep throwing."

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## BASKETBALL

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data and analytics world. Jeff Sagarin, a statistician famous for his ratings systems, which have been a part of *USA Today's* sports section since 1985, has Iowa as the No. 1 team in the country. Sagarin's system factors in win-loss records, strength of schedule, and margin of victory.

Ken Pomery's rating, possibly the most well-known advanced analytic system in the industry, has Iowa ranked 13th.

As a team, the Hawkeyes are near the top of the leaderboards in many traditional statistics. Per game, Iowa is scoring 89.3 points (No. 7 in NCAA), assisting on 17.9 baskets (No. 9 in NCAA) and is hauling in 45.2 rebounds (No. 6 in NCAA).

At this point, the team's biggest concern has to be the way it has defended the opposition. In its last two games,



Iowa forward Melsahn Basabe blocks a shot by Drake forward Daddy Ugbede in Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Dec. 7. Basabe had a team high 15 points and 8 rebounds as Iowa defeated Drake, 83-66. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

against Notre Dame and Drake, Iowa didn't play defense the way it's capable of doing, allowing 40 or more points in three of the four halves.

Despite Iowa having received some flak for defensive play recently, the team is playing better defense than it has gotten credit for. Iowa still ranks in the top half of the Big Ten in points allowed per game (64.7).

It's early, and Big Ten play will be the test that indicates whether Iowa

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The Iowa men's and women's gymnastics teams kicked off their seasons with the annual Black and Gold Intrasquad on Sunday.

### Blackhawks roll over Panthers

CHICAGO — Patrick Sharp had a goal and two assists, and the Chicago Blackhawks scored a season-high three times on the power play in a 6-2 win over the Florida Panthers on Sunday night.

The Blackhawks used their potent offense to win after starting goalie Corey Crawford left in the first period because of a lower-body injury.

Marian Hossa, Brent Seabrook, and Brandon Saad each had goal and an assist, and Michal Handzus and Andrew Shaw also scored. Patrick Kane had three assists for Chicago, which ended a three-game losing streak — its longest regular-season skid since February 2012.

Rookie Antti Raanta, recalled after veteran backup Nikolai Khabibulin was injured on Nov. 16, stopped 29 of 31 shots for the win in relief of Crawford, who made four saves.

Crawford was forced out with 6:15 left in the first, and the Blackhawks ahead 2-0, moments after he went down to make a right pad save on Marcel Goc.

He was unable to get back up on his skates and had to be helped from the ice by teammates and a trainer.

Raanta was able to finish the game despite being elbowed in the head by Florida's Jimmy Hayes in a collision midway through the third period.

Dylan Olsen and Goc scored for Florida. Scott Clemmensen made 26 saves in his third start and fifth appearance this season.

The Blackhawks went 3-for-4 on the power-play and stopped all five Florida advantages.

Olsen, a defenseman who was traded from Chicago to Florida on Nov. 14, connected in his first game against his former team.

Sharp and Seabrook scored power-play goals in the first period to give Chicago a 2-0 lead.

— Associated Press

# The Outback is calling



Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz and Athletics Director Gary Barta speak during a press conference on Iowa's Outback Bowl acceptance Sunday in the auditorium of the Hayden Fry Football Complex. Iowa will compete against LSU on New Year's Day at 1 p.m. at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

### FEATURE

The Big Ten will send seven teams to compete in bowl games.

By **BEN ROSS**

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Following an abysmal 2012 season that featured just four wins, the Iowa football team doubled its win total this year and earned a bid to compete against No. 16 LSU in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 1.

Expectations were at an all-time low going into this year, but head coach Kirk Ferentz was able to turn his program

around and silence many of the critics that barked at him after 2012. Ferentz and his employer, Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta, stuck to their guns and bought into the very system that saw Iowa win an Orange Bowl over Georgia Tech in 2010.

"We were pleased today to accept an invitation to go back to the Outback Bowl," Barta said. "We had a great experience

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### COMMENTARY

Iowa's play on the field is the primary reason why it deserves to play in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day.



By **CODY GOODWIN**

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The SEC is an odd place. The schools tend to live and die with their football teams. A few of my buddies go to Missouri. Last year, during foot-

ball season, I didn't hear much out of them. This year, they wouldn't shut up. It's one of those territorial things.

It's a huge difference from what we do here in the Big Ten, where football is huge, but basketball season gets an equal amount of attention. And with all of this in mind, it doesn't surprise me, then, that Kirk Ferentz's press confer-

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### SCOREBOARD

#### NFL

Bengals 42, Colts 28  
New Orleans 31, Carolina 13  
Green Bay 22, Atlanta 21  
New England 27, Cleveland 26  
NY Jets 37, Oakland 27  
Philadelphia 34, Detroit 20  
Miami 34, Pittsburgh 28  
Tampa Bay 27, Buffalo 6  
Kansas City 45, Washington 10  
Baltimore 29, Minnesota 26  
Denver 51, Tennessee 28  
Arizona 30, St. Louis 10  
San Francisco 19, Seattle 17

#### NBA

Boston 114, NY Knicks 73  
Miami 110, Detroit 95  
Houston 98, Orlando 88  
Oklahoma City 118, Indiana 94

#### NCAAM

San Diego State 70, Washington 63  
Oregon 115, Mississippi 105 (OT)

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Duke 94, Oklahoma 85  
Tennessee 75, Texas 61  
Penn State 77, Georgetown 68  
South Carolina 76, Charlotte 61  
Nebraska 95, Utah State 75  
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#### NHL

Vancouver 3, Colorado 1  
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Washington 4, NY Rangers 1  
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### UPCOMING HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

#### Monday

Men's basketball vs. Farleigh Dickinson, Iowa City, Iowa, 6 p.m.

#### Thursday

Women's basketball at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 7 p.m.  
Wrestling vs. Buffalo, Iowa City, Iowa, 7 p.m.

#### Friday

Men's basketball at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 8:30 p.m.  
Women's swimming at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 6 p.m.

#### Saturday

Women's basketball vs. Drake University, Iowa City, Iowa, 4 p.m.

### WHAT TO WATCH

**NFL:** Dallas vs. Chicago,  
**ESPN:** 7:30 p.m.

### COMMENTARY

# Iowa men's basketball steams along

The men's basketball Hawkeyes are 9-1 and playing as well as anyone could expect them to.



By **RYAN PROBASCO**

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It's not surprising that Iowa won nine of its first 10 games or that it holds the No. 23 spot in the Associated Press top 25.

This is the year Iowa's program was supposed to take a

huge step forward. Success is now on the verge of becoming an expectation from fans and followers of Fran McCaffery's Hawkeyes.

But the way in which the Black and Gold have performed in 2013, the way McCaffery's relentless, attack-like coaching philosophy has taken hold and how the team has successfully juggled 10 regular contributors while keeping everyone's minutes at a fair level has been nothing short of impressive.

The team's one loss — a grueling overtime battle against Vil-

lanova for the Battle 4 Atlantis title — shouldn't even be considered a blemish on its résumé. Villanova is an extremely good team that got hot when it needed to, and that game perfectly exemplifies how anything can happen in a single-elimination scenario.

Questions about the team's perimeter shooting were common concerns before the Hawkeyes started playing in games that counted. Although we're only looking at a fairly small sample, Iowa's shooting percentage from behind the

3-point line (36.9) ranks fourth in the Big Ten.

And the Hawkeyes have made up for their at-times shoddy shooting ways by getting to the free-throw line with regularity. Iowa is tied for 11th in free-throw attempts per game (31.4) and makes the seventh most (23.4) in the country.

There's no denying Iowa has passed the eye test in its 10 games. But what could be viewed as a surprise is how much love the team is receiving from the

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