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Pottalk

Marijuana-law reform is included in Johnson County's legislative priorities for 2014.

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Following the footsteps of several states, officials in Iowa are beginning to consider reforming marijuana regulations.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors met with state legislators — including Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, and Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville — Tuesday afternoon to discuss their legislative priorities for 2014. One of these issues was the reform of marijuana laws.

A majority of the supervisors support production of industrial-hemp crops by agricultural producers because of the economic benefits it could provide to the county. Most also support the use of medical cannabis to treat disease or alleviate symptoms, as well as decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Such decriminalization sparked the most debate among the supervisors. Supervisor Pat Harney said this is a piece of the law he has no particular issue with, though he is hesitant to make marijuana entirely legal.

"I don't mind changing the law to make it a misdemeanor for small quantities," he said, noting he supports citations for small amounts of marijuana possession, similar to traffic violations. "I'm not crazy about legalizing [it entirely]. The smell of marijuana is second to the sewage plant."

Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig went a step further, and said legalizing marijuana wouldn't be a problem as long as it is handled well, and said in fact this could lower arrest rates.

"I don't see marijuana, if it was regulated, legalized, and taxed, as much different than alcohol," she said. "We are bogging down our courts and making criminals out of people. Any sort of reform here will help the county with our court system and jail and also help a lot of young people not start life with

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'I think it's an issue that deserves more debate and thoughtful discussion. It's helpful when elected officials are willing to have that discussion.'

— Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City

'I'm opposed to it. I don't find the claims of its efficacy for medical use to be all that credible. I think it's just a backdoor excuse to legalize a drug.'

—Rep. Dean Fisher, R-Garwin

County officials consider marijuana reform

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors' legislative priorities and issues for 2014 includes the reform of marijuana laws.

This reform includes:

- Legalizing production of industrial-hemp crops
- Legalizing medical cannabis
- Decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana

Source: Board of Supervisors

Group resists fracking

Allamakee County activists came to the University of Iowa to teach the Iowa City community the dangers of hydraulic fracturing.

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Advocates from Allamakee County came to Iowa City to discuss the process of hydraulic fracturing, calling it "a hot spot for silicosis." The group said these new mining sites could potentially cause health risks to individuals working and living in the area.

Allamakee County Protectors — a group of Iowans fighting against fracking sand mining — have traveled throughout Iowa, speaking about the large number of life changes community members in Wisconsin have experienced since 2010, when the state saw an explosion of fracking sites.

In July, Robert Nehman and Ric Zarwell — cofounders of the Allamakee group — managed to get a moratorium passed that remains in effect until July 1, 2014, to stop fracking sand mining sites from coming to Iowa. The two members spoke about the large effect to air quality and water quality, which could possibly hurt the large number of tourists who come to fish for trout.

"This is not a political issue," Zarwell said. "This is a moral issue, this is an ethical issue, this is an environmental issue, and we need to prevent this from happening. We are the first to try to prevent the first new mine in Iowa."

David Osterberg, a UI clinical professor of occupational and environmental health, said the fracking industry has been an increasing phenomenon in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and parts of northeastern Iowa. In 2010, there were nearly five of these mines in Wisconsin, and now there are more than 100, Osterberg said.

Researchers such as Osterberg at the UI recently received a grant during the fracking moratorium to study the health risks, which could develop in individuals who work or

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UI Grad College mulls funds

The Graduate College is mulling an alteration in fellowship funds.

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The University of Iowa Graduate College is considering decreasing fellowship grants in the next few years based on graduation rates. However, how college will reallocate these funds remains to be seen.

While these grants are awarded to the most competitive incoming graduate students, Graduate College Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate Education John Keller said a study the school conducted over the summer and fall showed UI officials are not seeing as much

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HOOPS RELAXATION



UI junior Bret Boeckenstedt shoots the ball over UI freshman Austin Sitzmann on Tuesday in the Field House. Many UI students go to the Field House during finals week to work out or play a pickup game. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Event celebrates human rights

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While Iowa City officials say the city is receptive to international human rights, others say there is still more to learn and room to grow.

Tuesday marked the 63rd Human Rights Day, which began in 1950 as a day to bring the attention of the world to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Iowa U.N. Association held a public reading of the declaration on Tuesday in the Iowa City Public Library, where several different organizations for human rights read the separate articles and spoke about the importance of human rights.

Yashar Vasef, the executive director of the Iowa U.N. Association, said the reading was begun last year when the Center for Human Rights was moved into the University of Io-

wa Boyd Law Building. There had been talk of the Human Rights Center closing at the time.

“We want to show everyone that there are a lot of great groups out there,” Vasef said.

Ed Flaherty, a member of Veterans For Peace, said one of the reasons he attended the reading was what the document stood for.

“You read it, and it sounds so idealistic,” he said. “But the people who wrote it meant to inspire hopes and dreams.”

Vasef and several people who attended the reading said Iowa City is a good place for human rights, with many student organizations at the UI and organizations outside it.

Ron McMullen, a UI visiting associate professor of political science and a former U.S. ambassador to Eritrea, said the move of the Human Rights Center to the Boyd Law Build-

ing seemed to promote more student involvement in student rights.

“Iowa City is more involved and active in promoting human rights than most cities of this size across America,” McMullen said.

One of his duties as a diplomat was to promote human rights, which gave him a unique insight into abusive regimes and areas with a lack of human rights, he said.

“I’ve worked with many victims of abuse of human rights,” McMullen said. “It’s something that, as an American, we often don’t realize how good we have it.”

Human rights are also an important issue in Iowa City, Vasef said, because it has “an increasingly growing refugee population.”

UI Adjunct Assistant Professor Maureen McCue, a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, said Iowa City was “fairly good at

understanding human rights,” but there were a great deal of issues to consider.

“Without respect for human rights, entirely too many people suffer from discord,” McCue said. “You can’t buy yourself rights — it’s something that everyone is born with, and we can’t forget that.”

Flaherty agreed, saying, “It’s a continuous process to educate people.”

“If anybody’s rights are taken away, it threatens your rights,” she said.

Vasef said he hoped the event helped to remind members of the community about the importance of human rights, but “there’s a lot of work still to be done.”

“We can talk about how good it is to work for human rights, but we get what we invest in,” Flaherty said. “If we want to invest in human rights, we should buckle down and do it.”

School Board mulls King Day

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For the more than 30 people wearing Dr. Martin Luther King’s face on their shirts at the Iowa City School Board meeting, there is a possibility for change.

The board voted on Tuesday night to reconsider and evaluate logistics for holding school on Martin Luther King Day next year and for years to come.

After nearly two hours of discussion by the board and testimony from more than a dozen concerned community members and parents, the board voted to have Superintendent Steve Murley look at the logistics of canceling school on that day.

This is the first year the Iowa City School District scheduled school on the national holiday, and while community members expressed their efforts had good intentions, some said the decision to hold school on the holiday was made

under the radar.

“We’re going backwards,” said Iowa City resident Royceann Porter at the meeting. “I don’t agree with what’s going on. The community was not involved. I was not notified about [any] of this. This was accidentally mentioned, and now we’re standing here asking what happened. You did not include us.”

While many community members expressed they wanted the day off to celebrate and honor King, board President Sally Hoelscher said she is not confident that all students and their families celebrate the holiday. She noted that some students’ parents have to work, therefore the children might be left unattended during the holiday.

For the currently scheduled school day, the district has planned a plethora of activities to encourage recognition of King among students such as assemblies and service-opportunity

fairs during.

Because these events have been scheduled, the board worried that moving them would cause issues.

The main issue board members found was finding a day to hold school if classes were canceled on the holiday. Board members had concerns about cutting into graduation and ensuring Carver Hawkeye Arena could hold the graduation ceremony if the time were to change.

Murley said he thinks the decision to review logistics is a good one, and he hopes to preserve educational opportunities intended by the board.

“I think that what we heard from the community members was unintended consequences,” he said. “The intent was to provide a universal impact on all the students, and certainly that’s something our teachers do every day.”

Other community members, including district parent Henri Harper, said the educational

events should still be held, but they should be optional to the entire community and the day should still be school-free.

“A lot of people just became aware that there was school on Martin Luther King Day, and there was no input or discussion from the community,” the Iowa City resident said, stating he felt the board was not listening to his request. “It’s kind of disrespectful.”

Board member Jeff McGuinness said he thinks Murley’s decision to review the issue is a step in the right direction.

“We’ve recognized that we, maybe, made a decision based on incomplete information, and we are now seeking to rectify that,” he said. “My hope is that we have an ability to rectify our decision, or change our decision, and then we can discuss whether that’s something we want to do at a future date.”

METRO

Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

A Cedar Rapids man has been accused of holding a woman down on with his hands.

Douglas Smith, 48, was charged Nov. 27 with third-offense domestic-abuse assault.

According to a Coralville police complaint, officers were called for a domestic disturbance. Prior to their

arrival, Smith fled the scene.

Investigation resulted in the accuser saying Smith had pushed her onto the bed and held her around the neck.

The woman has bruising and pain

from the incident.

Smith has previous convictions for domestic abuse.

Domestic-abuse assault is a Class-D felony.

— by Megan Sanchez

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Negotiators reach modest budget pact

By **ANDREW TAYLOR AND DAVID ESPO**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shedding gridlock, key members of Congress reached a modest budget agreement Tuesday to restore approximately \$63 billion in automatic spending cuts from programs ranging from parks to the Pentagon and eliminate the threat of another partial government shutdown early next year.

The increases would be offset by a variety of spending reductions and higher fees elsewhere in the budget totaling around \$85 billion over a decade, enough for a largely symbolic cut of more than \$20 billion in the nation's debt, now \$17 trillion and growing.

Federal civilian and military workers, airline travelers, and health-care providers who treat Medicare patients would bear much of the cost.

Significantly for Democrats, they failed in their bid to include an extension of benefits for workers unemployed longer than 26 weeks. The program expires on Dec. 28, when payments will be cut off for an estimated 1.3 million individuals.

Bipartisan approval is

expected in both houses in the next several days, despite grumbling from liberals over the omission of the unemployment extension and even though tea-party-aligned groups have already begun pushing Republican conservatives to oppose it.

The budget deal is one of a handful of measures left on Congress' to-do list near the end of a year that produced a partial government shutdown, a flirtation with a first-ever federal default, and gridlock on President Barack Obama's call for gun control, an overhaul of immigration laws, and more.

The White House quickly issued a statement from Obama praising the deal as a "good first step."

He urged lawmakers to both parties to follow up and "actually pass a budget based on this agreement so I can sign it into law and our economy can continue growing and creating jobs without more Washington headwinds."

Congress' two budget negotiators hailed their own work.

The deal "reduces the deficit by \$23 billion and it does not raise taxes. It cuts spending in a smarter way" than the ones in effect, said Rep. Paul Ryan, the Wisconsin Republi-

can who chairs the House Budget Committee and was his party's negotiator in several weeks of secretive talks.

His Democratic counterpart, Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, said, "We have broken through the partisanship and gridlock" that could have produced a government shutdown in January.

The legislation that ended the 16-day partial government shutdown in October will expire on Jan. 15, and the agreement between Murray and Ryan stipulates a new spending level for the remainder of the current budget year as well as the one that begins Oct. 1, 2014.

The \$63 billion in restoration of across-the-board spending would be doled out across this budget year and the next, which ends on Sept. 30, 2015.

The offsetting \$85 billion in deficit cuts would play out over a decade. They call for newly hired federal workers to make larger contributions to their own pensions, as well as an increase in a federal airport security fee that would add \$5 to the cost of a typical roundtrip flight. Also included were unspecified savings from military retirement programs.



House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis. (left), and Senate Budget Committee Chairwoman Patty Murray, D-Wash., announce a tentative agreement between Republican and Democratic negotiators on a government spending plan at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. (Associated Press/J. Scott Applewhite)

More savings would come from extending an existing 2 percent cut in payments to providers who treat Medicare patients.

Full details were unavailable pending their posting on budget committee websites.

Murray and Ryan had scarcely finished lauding their work when Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and a potential 2016 presidential contender, announced he would oppose it.

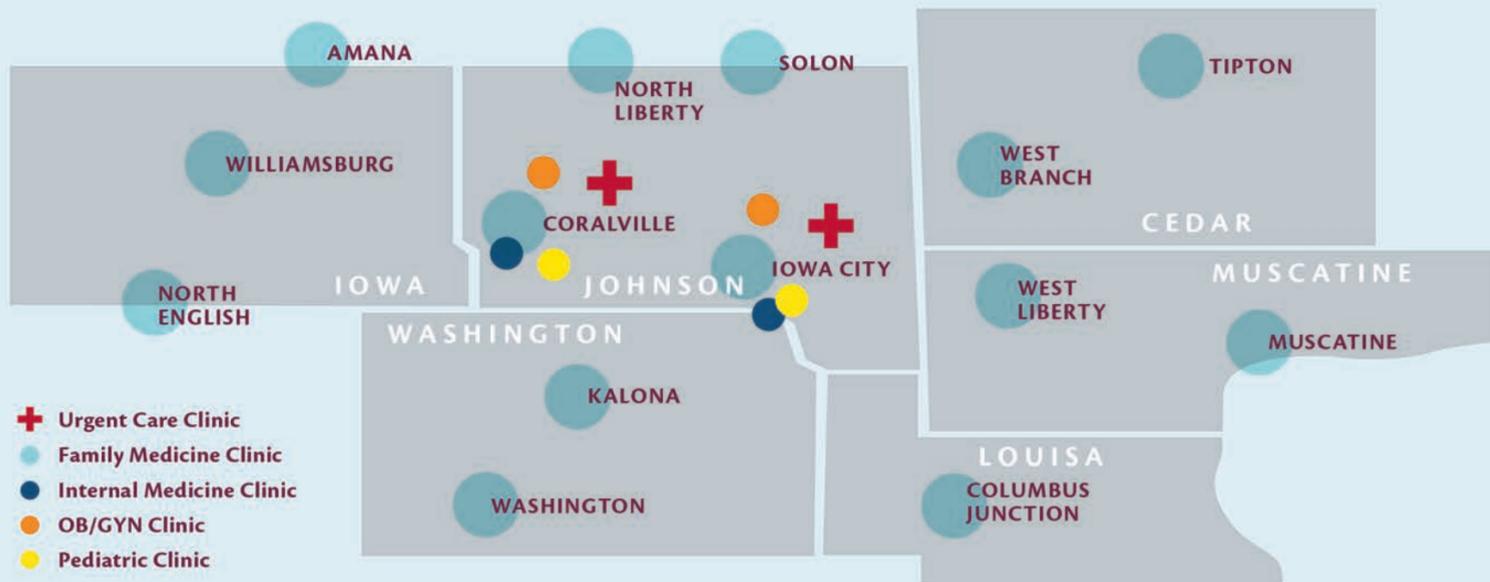
"We need a government with less debt and an economy with more good paying jobs, and this budget fails to accomplish both goals," he said in a statement.

Even some of the bill's supporters stopped short of describing it in glowing terms.

"While modest in scale, this agreement represents a positive step forward by replacing one-time spending cuts with permanent reforms to mandatory

spending programs that will produce real, lasting savings," said Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Even before the deal was announced, conservative organizations were attacking the proposal as a betrayal of a hard-won 2011 agreement that reduced government spending and is counted as among the main accomplishments of tea-party-aligned Republicans who came to power earlier the same year in the House.



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COLUMN

The year since Sandy Hook



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Saturday will mark the first anniversary of one of the most tragic events in my lifetime. On Dec. 14, 2012, 20-year-old Adam Lanza entered Sandy Hook Elementary heavily armed, and proceeded to kill 20 students (ages 6 and 7) and six adults.

The events that transpired on that horrific day were felt across the country and the world and intensified an already heated debate over gun control and school safety in the United States.

So here we are, almost one year removed from the infamous day, and I find myself asking the question: Has anything changed? Have we made any progress toward better protecting the students, and general public, of this country?

It is clear that, following the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary, great changes still have to be made to ensure that students (and adults alike) feel safe going to school.

In the debate over school safety, and the safety of the public in general, the two most important aspects to consider are mental-health support and proper gun-control laws.

In the year since the Sandy Hook massacre, those working toward these two goals have produced mixed results.

According to Fox News, between the years of 2009 and 2012, states collectively cut more than \$4 billion from their mental-health budgets. Conversely, since the Sandy Hook shootings (related or not), 37 states have increased spending on mental health. Meanwhile, Congress has done very little to increase spending or change laws surrounding mental health on a national scale.

While it seems that, at the state level at least, mental-health support is now headed in the right direction, the debate over gun control rages on.

In Iowa, the public is characteristically conflicted. According to a Nov. 21 University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll, 43.7 percent of those polled said they would like to see gun-control laws made more strict, while 41.8 percent said they would like to see gun-control laws remain the same.

Despite widespread support for some measures such as stricter background checks, the public is still wary of an assault-weapons ban.

Those opposed to increasing the strictness of gun-control laws make the point that if an individual has the desire to murder, they will do so with or without a gun.

I find it hard to believe, however, that armed, for example, with only a knife Adam Lanza would have been capable of brutally killing 26 people in just over half an hour.

Unfortunately, gun-control laws have remained nearly stagnant since the tragedy at Sandy Hook, despite President Obama's attempt at sweeping reform in early 2013. That failure has real consequences for public safety. If people with malicious intent are still capable of acquiring dangerous weapons then the all-important job of protecting American students falls almost entirely into the hands of educational institutions.

This raises a moral question for our legislators: Should educational institutions have to take on this much responsibility when simple legislation can contribute to the solution?

While the forward progress in the past year with mental-health funding is excellent, I think we owe it to the victims of Sandy Hook (and all shootings in the U.S. and around the world) to strengthen our gun control laws.

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EDITORIAL

Iowans support legal pot

As more and more states and municipalities test the waters of legalizing medical marijuana, some have argued that Iowa's conservative roots would prevent a similar effort from getting through the Legislature. Outside of the major population centers, this line of reasoning goes, support for controversial policies such as medical marijuana loses momentum, especially as the use of marijuana decreases.

But poll results released Tuesday paint a different picture. The University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll, a survey of approximately 1,000 Iowans, found 59.3 percent of respondents from all age groups support legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes.

The poll's findings come as the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and some Iowa legislators weigh reforms to local marijuana laws. The supervisors met Tuesday with state legislators and voiced support for policy changes, including legalizing medical marijuana and the decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana.

On this issue, the supervisors seem to side with the young.

Like most polls conducted on the topic, a generation gap emerges in the Hawkeye Poll data. Two-thirds of respondents between the ages of 18 and 34 favored legalizing medical marijuana, and almost three in five between the ages of 35 to 54 and 55 to 69 did as well (57.5 and 59.6 percent, respectively).

What's interesting about these results is that the use of marijuana seems to vary little among younger age groups, and yet the opinions between them on whether its use is harmful differ widely.

When asked if they had ever tried marijuana, nearly half (49.7) percent of 18- to 34-year-olds reported trying it, while 47.7 percent of 35- to 54-year-olds had as well. The numbers decline as age increases. Only 11.5 percent of those 70 and older had tried marijuana.

On whether marijuana use is harmful, only 45.2

percent of 18- to 34-year-olds said it is, compared with 63.4 percent among those ages 35-54. The difference is striking, and reflects a growing segment of the population that no longer believes in the supposed harms of marijuana, at least for those in pain and suffering seeking its potent medical properties.

Despite only a 2-point difference in use of marijuana, opinions on its harm vary by nearly 20 percent between these two age groups. It's not that younger people all use marijuana. Even without increased exposure to it, the stigma behind marijuana as a gateway to abuse seems to be fading.

It seems this younger generation — which grew up with programs such as D.A.R.E. and the nationwide war on drugs — has come to realize that the things they have been told (and are still told) about marijuana simply aren't true.

The federal government stubbornly clings to marijuana's Schedule I classification (meaning it has a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use in treatment) while 20 states have utilized medical marijuana, some for years.

On this issue, the young are practical. They understand that drug use, even one they mostly think isn't harmful like marijuana, comes with risks. More in the 18-34 age group oppose recreational legalization (49 percent) than favor it (43.9 percent).

But they also understand that the prohibition of potentially life-saving medicine simply doesn't make sense. The Iowa Pharmacy Board voted unanimously to recommend medical marijuana in 2010, and with this latest poll, there's also clear agreement among those that will shape Iowa's future.

YOUR TURN

Do you support looser restrictions on marijuana possession?
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GUEST COLUMN

Wage hike won't fix fast food

In the midst of recent fast-food "walk-offs," the public briefly took to its latest spectator sport: discussing potential minimum-wage increases. As expected, proponents and opponents presented various rationales, statistics, and anecdotal evidence to wage ferocious battles on news desks, online forums, and student newspapers across America; as expected, both largely missed the broader issue.

To be clear, the minimum wage should be raised. The sexy rate is \$15, a healthy jump from the current, pathetic \$7.25, but far less than the \$21.72 that reflects worker productivity — a compromise if we're strictly going by numbers. But whatever arbitrary number less than the actual value of labor you choose, it should be higher than it is now.

What usually passes for rebuttal are incredible nonsequiturs about high-schoolers or lazy dropouts or whatever sort of imaginary scenario one declares the norm, paired with self-congratulating statements about "hard work" and John Galt masturbatory fantasies about being "self-made" (read the online comments section).

However, such anecdotal reasoning cuts both ways: The only high-schooler I've ever

worked with in my three fast-food jobs did so to support her terminally ill mother, which by the above logic allows me to say with a straight face that such a case is the *actual* norm (to say nothing of the fact that I, a college graduate, am a fast-food employee).

More sophisticated opponents might argue that higher wages will lead to higher prices, reduced hours, and contraction. In response, you might cite a 2012 Center for American Progress study, an analysis of other studies comparing regions with wage increases to those without, that concludes that a wage increase doesn't negatively affect job growth.

Don't: Your counterpart is correct, if not for the reasons they give — miscreant employer practices are already widespread in America.

An unspoken assumption here is that low-wage earners work "full-time." For instance, \$7.25 "full-time" equated to "\$15,000 a year," assumes 40 hours a week, year-round. Here's a fun thing to try: Visit a fast-food restaurant, ask around about who actually ever gets 40 hours a week. Stories about the lengths to which employers go to deny their employees decent pay are widespread, common

currency, great icebreakers for new employees. And it's not just the case for fast-food employees; you need not search far to hear of all sorts of foul play among family, friends, or beyond.

If this seems too anecdotal, consider the Economic Policy Foundation estimate that un-paid overtime totals \$19 billion a year in America. That's overtime pay, mind you. The U.S. is plagued across the employment spectrum with wage theft: unauthorized paycheck deductions, tip confiscation, inaccurate employee classification, and straight up nonpayment. The Iowa Policy Project estimates \$600 million in wage theft in Iowa annually. To simply raise the minimum wage amid such impotent enforcement of current labor laws simply raises the scale.

This reads like I think most employers in America are greedy, an opinion I freely admit to (\$600 million). However, I also understand why employers may feel they don't have much choice if they want to be rich. Most fast-food stores operate as franchisees, where prospective businesspeople buy the rights to their preferred franchise, agreeing to terms: tithing a percentage of revenues, buying franchise-ap-

proved materiel often above market price, paying renovation fees, agreeing to censure and fines if conditions aren't met. The average franchisee often feels pressured from the top and bottom, and while the top is exerting much more pressure, it's easier to take from those beneath you. That this model is exploitative is not just well known but trumpeted by corporate-level executives because it's a straightforward way to make a lot of money.

This is all to say that we can't talk about a minimum-wage increase without talking about much larger systemic issues. Fast food is a business model designed to marginalize its employees through automation and mechanization, making a cheap product that, via manipulative advertising, is made to look cool. Bait and switch on every level. The real problem is that this reflects an abstracted notion of society, focused solely on arbitrary assignments of value and units of consumption rather than actual humans and their real needs, holding sway across most of American political discourse, wrecking very real havoc with theoretical pronouncements.

Jesse Marks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ ONLINE COMMENTS

Voice of peace and liberation

Nelson Mandela spent 27 years behind bars in a prison very similar to Alcatraz. Rather than become bitter and angry, he used the time to think through potential public policies that he could offer once he was released — something to be grasped at by aspiring public leaders in our country.

Upon his release, he was elected president of South

Africa: the land where humanity first emerged before spreading throughout the planet. He treated both Afrikaners and Africans the same; as equals rather than resort to the butchery of the opposition as most often happens when governments are overthrown. Those who held critical positions within the government were not fired because of their political positions but rather were offered inclusivity as another great president once did when he was sworn in on

March 4, 1861.

Nelson was also known for his boxing skills, which perhaps added to his courage to go toe-to-toe with others over issues vital to the South African people. I won't meet Mr. Mandela until I exit this world as well but do indeed look forward to communicating with a man of peace, love, and charity.

My friend, you have certainly fought the good fight and definitely kept the faith and now a merited crown of justice awaits you. After your

release, you did not shout or cry out in the streets, nor break a bruised reed or snuff out a smoldering wick. You did not get discouraged in your efforts to bring forth justice to open the eyes of the blind, free captives from prison, and release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

What the United States needs today is someone to come forward in the likes of Mandela, Gandhi, Lech Walesa, Dalai Lama, etc., to lead the need for change in America.

Joe Bialek

POT TALK

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a very serious criminal felony issue on their list.”

The issues of industrial hemp and medical marijuana were also discussed, and Rettig said these are “no-brainers” for the state. A total of 20 states, and Washing-

ton, D.C., have legalized medical marijuana, and Rettig said Iowa should follow.

“I think the states that have done this are leading the charge,” she said.

Bolkcom, who introduced medical-marijuana legislation into the Iowa Legislature in 2009, said county support of this issue could lead to changes on the state level.

“I think it’s an issue that deserves more debate and thoughtful discussion,” he said. “It’s helpful when elected officials are willing to have that discussion.”

Other legislators do not think medical marijuana should be legalized, including Rep. Dean Fisher, R-Garwin.

“I’m opposed to it,” he said. “I don’t find the claims

of its efficacy for medical use to be all that credible. I think it’s just a backdoor excuse to legalize a drug.”

Harney also touched on issues involving marijuana, specifically on the issue of industrial-hemp crops. Hemp is a species of the cannabis plant used primarily for industrial purposes such as paper. Marijuana is also derived from the cannabis plant.

“Hemp to me is a product that’s already growing in the wild,” he said. “To me, it’s an invasive species. If we start to see more of it, we’re going to have a real problem.”

Supervisor Rod Sullivan said industrial hemp could help the economy of Iowa by providing an alternative to trees for paper.

“It’s got the potential to

be a great cash crop ... in a lot of ways,” he said. “I think it’s a great opportunity for the farmers of Iowa.”

Sullivan said though he didn’t accomplish everything he wanted with the reform plans, it is a necessary change.

“I lost the fight,” he said. “You can either be on the cutting edge of it, or you can be behind. I think we’re behind.”

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live near the mining sites.

He said the main goal of the study is to monitor the community exposures to the crystalline silica from sand mining sites and other occupations, which would be exposed to this substance.

“We were approached by people in Iowa wanting

to know if this was a large risk by air admissions with crystalline silicon,” Osterberg said. “We will be doing monitoring and modeling to find out if there will be a risk with new mining and how you might be able to reduce that risk.”

According to the U.S. Department of Labor’s website, these mining sites can protect these workers by monitoring the air the workers are exposed to,

control dust exposures, and provide respiratory protection to workers.

Osterberg said one dangerous and deadly disease caused with working with the substance is silicosis. Tom Peters, a UI associate professor of occupational and environmental health, said it is a disease deep in the lung from silica, which can cause scarring of the alveoli—the gas-exchange portion of the lung.

“It is a chronic disease, meaning that a person can lose lung capacity over long periods of time,” Peters said. “I’ve heard it likened to breathing through a straw that gets smaller and smaller until you cannot get enough oxygen into your body.”

Even though the health effects from the silica substance are not immediate, the Allamakee County Protectors said they are afraid of bring-

ing the dangerous substance to communities in Iowa.

“No one is going to see the health effects overnight,” said Nehman, vice president of the group. “But our children and young adults who live in the areas could see the health effects of silicosis later in life.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, almost 1.7 million U.S. workers

are exposed to crystalline silica in occupations such as construction, sandblasting, and mining.

“Universities like ours should be doing things for the people of Iowa,” Osterberg said. “Here is a time where our area of expertise, elected officials, and citizens of Iowa are very interested in this topic. We were very happy to be able to get a grant to answer these questions.”

FELLOWSHIPS

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success from Presidential Fellowships as other endowed fellowships.

“The Graduate College is looking at our resources to make sure they are being used as strategically as possible,” Keller said at the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday night in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber.

According to the study conducted by the Graduate College, students awarded the Ballard-Seashore Dissertation and Summer Fellowships graduate at a rate of more than 90

percent regardless of discipline, while students receiving top recruitment fellowships such as the Presidential and Dean’s Under Represented Minority Fellowships graduate at a rate of approximately 68 percent.

Keller noted that this rate would cost the college greatly.

“While 68 percent is the guideline we are looking for in terms of diagonal of completion, a top recruitment fellowship can cost the Graduate College over \$150,000, and that’s just our cost,” Keller said in the meeting. “That concerns us greatly.”

The Graduate College allocated \$19.4 million

for fiscal 2013. Of competitive fellowships, this included \$3.7 million allocated for Presidential and Deans Under Represented Minority Fellowships versus \$900,000 allocated for Ballard-Seashore Dissertation and Summer Fellowships. He said changes would most likely not apply to the Deans Minority Fellowships because of their purpose of diversity.

Keller also discussed the possibility of dividing the funds for the Presidential Fellowship so students are no longer funded for their full five years and use those resources elsewhere.

Faculty Senate President Erika Lawrence

said that while she understands the reasons for potential changes, it creates other problems, and she believes they should begin awarding on a basis of program success.

“As research assistantships go down because grant funding is harder to get, fellowships go down,” Lawrence said. “And teaching assistantships are wonderful, but they also make it harder for students to get their research done, so there is a longer time to degree, which is considered a measure of the success of your graduate program. So there are tremendous implications for graduate students to get the work done that they need to

get jobs and for faculty to be able to train our students as best as we can.”

Ben Gillig, the president of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, echoed Lawrence’s issues with time as an issue for graduate students. He said both categories of fellowship are important to the university.

“As a president of [the Executive Council], something that the grad students have voiced concerns over is time to degree,” Gillig said. “I applaud the Graduate College for looking at what it’s going to take to improve time to get the degree, and we look forward to improving this

with them in the future, to ensure what’s good for the university and students’ professional development.”

UI graduate research assistant Tessa Quintero believes the college should begin to base their admissions process on student success and program expectations.

“I think they are just trying to come up with a more effective way to encourage student success with their finite resources,” she said. “One idea is to begin awarding students who are doing well in their graduate programs as a merit-based system, and obviously, it is still in the preliminary stages.”



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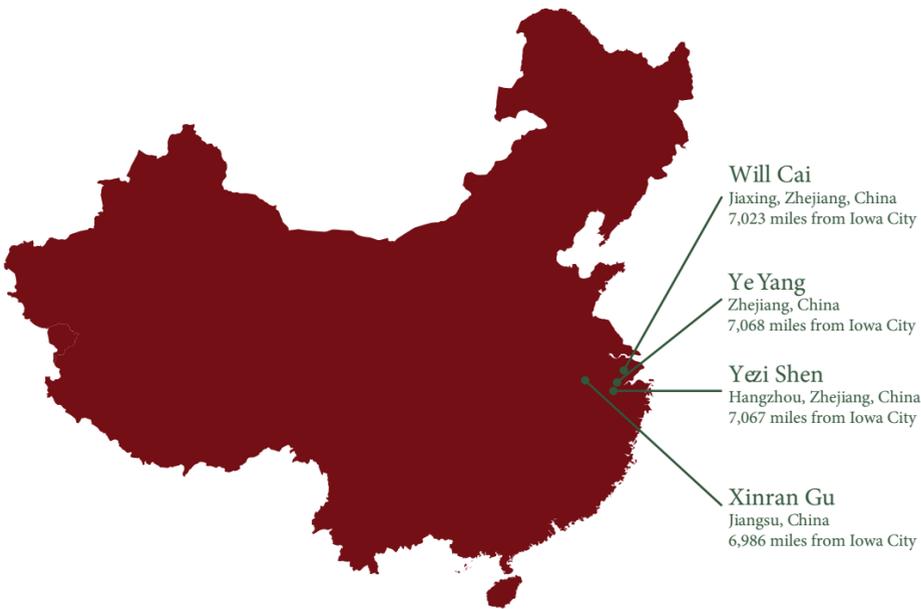
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Int'l students ponder break; remain in IC or travel home

Some international students take the monthlong winter break as an opportunity to travel home.



By LILY ABROMEIT
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University of Iowa junior Xinran Gu hasn't spent time with her parents since June, and the idea of seeing them over winter break helps her push through finals week.

"I feel very excited because they have never traveled to America, and this will be their first time," she said. "They have a lot of questions ... and they want to explore more."

Her parents will travel roughly 7,000 miles from Jiangsu, China, to Iowa City; they will not be the only ones to make such a long journey.

One of 4,049 international students at the UI for the fall 2013 semester — according to the UI International Students Fall 2013 Enrollment Statistics — Gu is also one of many who have not seen their families since they came to Iowa.

Gu said she is excited about her parents experiencing American culture through the UI campus and downtown Iowa City.

"Another reason they want to come here is Christmas, they want to get a taste of the holidays," she said. "[And] so they can have a taste of where I am living."

It is not strange for Gu to stay in Iowa City over break; she said the break is too short for a trip back home, citing expensive plane tickets and greater opportunity as a few reasons to remain in the States.

'Another reason they want to come here is Christmas; they want to get a taste of the holidays.'

— Xinran Gu, junior

UI freshman Ye Yang said that although she will travel home to Zhejiang, China, the biggest drawback for her not wanting to return is the plane flight.

"For the winter break, I have two choices," she said. "I can stay here for the first month and then travel, but I think the cost would be the same for the flight ticket."

Her flight home could be as long as 13 hours.

UI junior Will Cai of Jiaxing, Zhejiang, China said that although it is expensive, he thinks the price is worth a trip home.

"It's not easy to purchase a plane ticket at a reasonable price ... but I don't think that would be a problem," he said. "You've been away from your family for so long, and it's a great chance to catch up ... and talk about your future with parents. I think that's really important for students in college."

Despite the long trip and heavy costs, Yang said a trip home is important for her to continue her success at the UI, especially as a freshman.

"Although I video chat with my parents every day, they miss me a lot," she said, adding that having a break at home with family can help students continue to

adjust to college in the United States.

This is something Lee Seedorf, senior associate director at the International Student and Scholar Services, said she believes is a benefit.

"I think it's a good thing for a lot of students to go home to see family and friends over break," she said. "It's a good time for students to reconnect with family and friends before the next semester starts."

And Cai said he does not believe students should stay in Iowa City over winter break without a reason.

"There's no point in staying if you don't have any plans over winter break because there is almost nothing happening in Iowa City, and it's freezing," he said.

UI sophomore Yezi Shen, who is from Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, said she would not go home if she did not have to renew her visa, because she thinks it is better to stay.

"I think staying is better [so you can] take some courses during the winter or travel," she said, noting that students will be more productive and have better opportunities if they remain in the United States.

Young Chinese women feel pull of United States

By LUSHEN
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In 1885, Jin Yunmei, a young woman from China, received her medical degree from the Women's Medical College of the New York Infirmary, becoming the first female Chinese on record to have a U.S. education.

It was a time when few Chinese men had the opportunity to study abroad, while the overwhelming majority of women remained uneducated.

China is now the world's second largest economy. Its students now count for the largest population of international students in America. Plus, there are far more Chinese females on U.S. campuses.

The University of Iowa campus hosts 2,099 Chinese students as of this fall, and 1,070 of them are female, according to the UI International Student and Scholar Services.

Mostly single children bearing high expectations from parents, some young women are trying to escape cultural conventions and social and gender norms, but others accept traditional labels and roles.

On top of a competitive job market, limited upward mobility, and the pressure to take care of parents in later life, the traditional burden of fulfilling the female role still persists in China, and these all can be driving forces to study abroad, according to UI School of Journalism lecturer Lisa Weaver, who has worked in China as a journalist.

Jingjing Li, 20, came from Shanghai in 2011. She studies accounting, because her mother wanted her to, but she doesn't dislike it.

"My mom has said, 'I sent you to study abroad because I wanted you to upgrade yourself to a higher level,'" Li said.

Her mother, a Hong Kong-based financial analyst, has also said landing a good husband is the ultimate goal of her getting an American education.

"I could imagine if I were still single at 30, my mom would go crazy," Li said.

Weaver, a Californian, was astonished when she first went to China, at the age of 22, that educated women around her in their mid-20s were either married or hoping to be.

"It is about parents, it's about society, it's about a feeling that a women's life didn't seem to be complete unless she was married," she said. "More importantly, it's about security. If you don't have children, who's going to take care of you when you're older?"

Qiuting Zhou, 22, with whom I took rhetoric class last year, came

to the United States to for a sense of cultural freedom — to break through the environment where she thought everyone was assimilated by a dominant ideology.

She said her teachers since junior high had never favored her because they thought she had too many ideas and was too complicated for her age.

"I wanted to be independent and to have my own ideas," Zhou said.

But her male friends didn't like that type of women.

"They would think those girls too sophisticated to be controlled," she said.

Meimei Han, a pseudonym because of her request for anonymity, said coming from a traditional family and a relatively conservative small town, she has suffered enough from traditional dogmas. Her American education has helped her reassess the world and view social norms for what they are.

"The traditional values imposed on women are biased, constraining women in lots of ways," she said.

Han feels the new mores of developing China: a comfortable life, get married, and have a child at a young age, and not try to achieve is a little ridiculous.

"If [my mom and relatives] continue forcing me to rush into marriage," she said, "I'm going to be a nun."

Graduating with a B.S. in mathematics this past May, Han spoke to me in late October while she was packing for returning to her small hometown. She has since returned to China.

Han had planned to pursue a Ph.D. against her parents' wishes.

"They thought it'd be hard to secure a good job with a degree in math, thus, my life would be tougher," she said. "They were more afraid I'd become a nerd and not likely to be find a boyfriend."

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Christmas party for international students

University of Iowa International Students will celebrate domestic Christmas traditions on Friday.

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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Christmas was always celebrated in University of Iowa junior Gloria Chang's family, a native of Singapore. But after arriving in the United States, Chang had one small culture shock — the Christmas feast.

"One funny thing I've noticed is [my family] has turkey for Christmas, but it seems like people here have ham instead," Chang said. "That's the first thing I picked up."

Bridges International will host a Christmas party for all UI students on Friday at the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center to introduce American traditions to all who attend. The group is part of Iowa City for Campus Crusade for Christ's international ministry.

"I only joined this semester and started going to events and getting to know the people," said Chang, who transferred from a school in Malaysia. "I thought it's going to be on the last day of classes, and it's a nice way to get out of school."

The party will allow students to partake in Christmas traditions practiced domestically, as well as discuss the meaning of celebrating Christmas.

"They will get to do traditional things like make gingerbread houses and sing Christmas carols," said Ashley Croghan, a staff member at Bridges International. "But we'll also discuss the spiritual side and meaning and why we celebrate it."

University of Iowa junior Weichen Jin said she did not celebrate Christmas until she came to study in the United States, but she has for the past several years.

"I didn't [celebrate Christmas] back in China, but I did several times

since I've been here," Jin said. "Sometimes, I would just hold a party with my friends or visit American families with my American friends."

Some students who have celebrated Christmas in their home countries have noticed some differences about the popularity of the holiday.

"Here it's more of a cultural thing," Chang said. "Back home, Christmas is just another holiday — we do have Christmas sales — but I have friends who don't celebrate it."

One Bridges International leader said she loves being able to interact with international students, as well as the spontaneity they bring to conversations.

"I'm going to the Bridges International Christmas Party because not only am I a leader of Bridges and kind of required to go, I actually want to go," UI senior Kaitlyn Gonzales said. "I love hanging out with international students — they are full of surprises and have lots of questions."

Although a Christmas party was hosted last year, it was only for female students. This year officials are expanding the party by making it co-ed.

"Last year we did it just for women, but this year it's co-ed," Croghan said. "International students are here, and they want to know and experience American holidays."

Gonzalez said the party will stick to traditional holiday celebration and the meaning of Christmas.

"I don't think there will be any different customs at the party," Gonzales said. "I'm sure there will be food, songs, maybe gifts, and the sharing of why [Bridges International staff, leaders, and some international students] celebrate Christmas."

Bridges International Christmas Party

Bridges International is part of the Campus Crusade for Christ's international ministry. The group will host a Christmas Party to celebrate traditional customs.

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Chaos continues in Thailand

By **TODD PITMAN**
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Protesters waging a surreal political fight to oust Thailand's elected prime minister are trying to establish what amounts to a parallel government — one complete with "security volunteers" to replace the police, a foreign policy of their own, and a central committee that has begun issuing audacious orders.

Among the most brazen: a demand Tuesday that caretaker Premier Yingluck Shinawatra be prosecuted for "insurrection" and another calling on the public to "closely monitor" her family's movements.

Leading academics have slammed the scheme as undemocratic and unconstitutional. Critics have called its leader, Suthep Thaugsuban, delusional. But the ex-lawmaker's bid to seize power is backed by many in Bangkok and could become reality if the military or the judiciary intervenes, as they have in the past. Analysts say this Southeast Asian nation is at a dan-

gerous new crossroads that could drag on and end with more bloodshed.

"This is a combustible situation. We cannot have two governments in Bangkok running Thailand," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, the director of Chulalongkorn's Institute of Security and International Studies. "Something will have to give."

Yingluck is desperate to end weeks of political unrest that has killed five people and wounded nearly 300 more. On Monday, she dissolved the lower house of Parliament and called for elections, now set for Feb. 2. But neither move defused the crisis, and a 150,000-strong crowd pressed on with a massive march against her in Bangkok.

Yingluck said Tuesday she would not resign despite a nighttime deadline issued by Suthep. But there was no hiding the nation's precarious state. Asked how she was holding up, tears welled in Yingluck's eyes.

"I have retreated as far as I can," she said, just before turning and walking quickly away.

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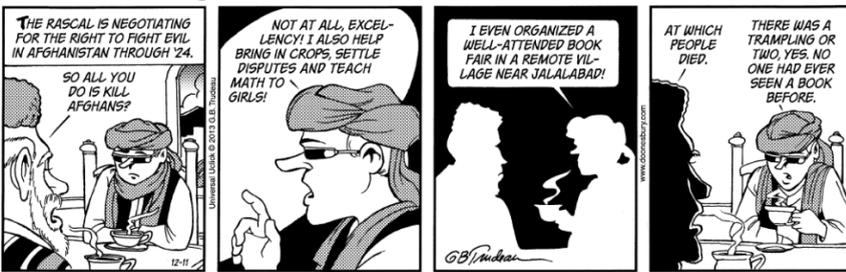
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- Always practice safer sex. In addition to a condom, wear a safety belt and reflective helmet.
- Don't bother getting to the airport two hours early (or earlier), as the TSA and airlines suggest; simply show up 20 minutes before your gate closes and scream at people until they let you through or budge in line. It's not like any of those people will be on your flight later, anyway; all the people on your flight showed up ridiculously early.
- If you believe in ghosts, STOP IMMEDIATELY. The time you waste believing in ghosts now will come back to haunt you later.
- Always remember that you're likely no better or worse of person than most of the people you know, but also always remember that most people are horrible human beings.
- Keep in mind that everything — no matter how seemingly insignificant — happens according to God's plan. Try to forget, however, that the name of that plan is Operation Bend Over.

Andrew R. Juhl advises you not to take any of his advice.

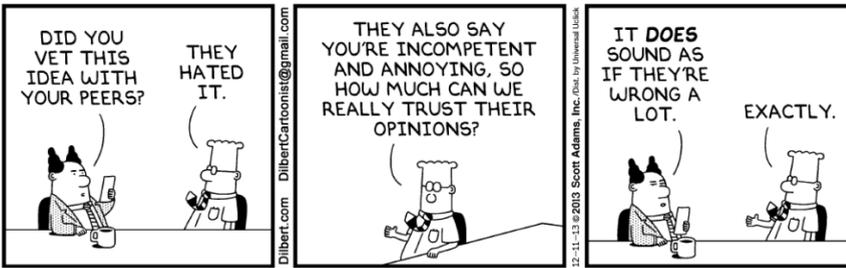
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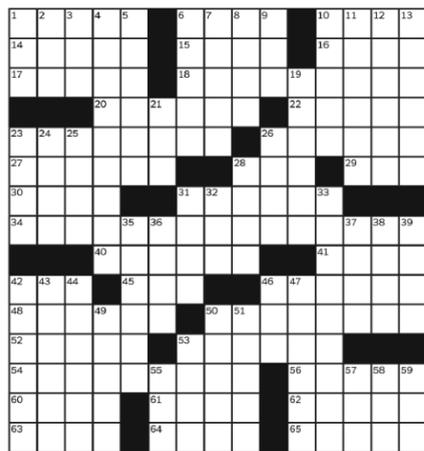
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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1106

- ACROSS**
- Bust targets
 - Rumple
 - Group that inspired "Mamma Mia!"
 - Time for vampires
 - [gasp!]
 - Johnny Unitas, for most of his career
 - Can't take
 - "Don't put words in my mouth!"
 - Requests a dog treat, maybe
 - Hustler's card game
 - "I wasn't born yesterday!"
 - Special Forces wear
 - Gives a stemwinder
 - Part of "snafu"
 - "Sesame Street" viewer
 - Soup with sushi
 - Fleet
- DOWN**
- Let this be our little secret" ... with a hint to 18-, 23-, 50- or 54-Across
 - Edict locale of 1598
 - Contract period, often
 - Monopoly token
 - A.P.O. addressees
 - 1966 answer to the Mustang
 - Warren Report name
 - "Wanna start somethin'?"
 - Swallower of Pinocchio
 - Take up residence
 - "Ooh, I'm shaking in my boots!"
 - Lead-in to fan or jet
 - Best Picture of 2012
 - Go a few rounds
 - Gaming pioneer
 - Big name in 59-Down exploration
 - Like a spent briquette
 - George of "Just Shoot Me!"
 - Kind of fingerprinting
 - Slab unit, on a menu
 - "Ewww, gross!"
 - Tumbleweed locale, stereotypically
 - Bitter conflict
 - Rapid, in music
 - Relo rental, perhaps
 - Salon sound
 - Landscaper's purchase
 - John Wilkes Booth, e.g.
 - Easter wear
 - Stewed to the gills
 - Bear witness (to)
 - Former Philippine first lady — Marcos
 - How —
 - Tangle untangler
 - Indy racer Luyendyk
 - Tammany tiger creator
 - Danube's color, to a Berliner
 - "Famous" cookie man
 - Small soldiers
 - Loaf with caraway seeds, maybe
 - Very soon
 - Most holes in ones
 - Camelot lady
 - The Cavs, on scoreboards
 - Japanese police dogs
 - Some saxes
 - Ark contents
 - Animator Tex
 - Treasure-hunters' aids
 - Former pres. Tyler sided with it
 - Dirt-dishing newspaper
 - It can leave a tan line
 - Texas tea



PUZZLE BY JACOB McDERMOTT

- Admissions honcho
- Five-and-ten, e.g.
- Suffix with switch
- Elephant rider's seat
- How driftwood may end up
- Banjo sounds
- The Cavs, on scoreboards
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No one ever said on their deathbed, 'Gee, I wish I had spent more time alone with my computer.' — Danielle Berry

BIG TEN HONORS DIVER BOSCHULT

Hawkeye men's diver Addison Boschult was named Big Ten Diver of the Week on Tuesday.

At the Hawkeye Invitational this past weekend, Boschult placed first overall in the platform-diving competition — setting an NCAA zone-qualifying mark in the process.

His platform final score of 373.85 also set a school record. In addition, the native of Omaha also competed in the 1-meter and 3-meter competitions, scoring points for the Hawks in both events.

This is Boschult's first career Big Ten diving honor. He is the first Iowa diver to do so since Frank Van Dijkhuizen in 2009.

Boschult and the Hawkeyes will return to action on Dec. 30 in San Diego.

— by Ryan Rodriguez



Boschult
diver

Brooks thrives at 197



Iowa 197-pounder Sammy Brooks wrestles Iowa State's Kyven Gadson in the Hilton Coliseum on Dec. 1. Gadson defeated Brooks, 3-2. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

HAWKEYES DROP TO NO. 3

InterMat announced Tuesday that the Iowa wrestling team moved down to No. 3 in the NCAA Division I rankings. Minnesota and Penn State hold the top two spots, while Oklahoma State and Oklahoma round out the top five. Below are Iowa's individually ranked wrestlers. The previous week's rankings are in parentheses.

125 Pounds: No. 4 Cory Clark, RS Freshman (4)

133 Pounds: No. 3 Tony Ramos, Senior (1)

141 Pounds: No. 10 Josh Dziwiewa, Junior (13)

157 Pounds: No. 1 Derek St. John, Senior (1)

165 Pounds: No. 4 Nick Moore, Junior (4)

174 Pounds: No. 6 Mike Evans, Junior (6)

184 Pounds: No. 2 Ethen Lofthouse, Senior (2)

197 Pounds: No. 10 Nate Burak, Sophomore (9)

Heavyweight: No. 3 Bobby Telford, Junior (4)

— by Danny Payne

BLACKHAWKS TOP STARS, 6-2

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp scored twice, extending his domination of the Dallas Stars, and the Chicago Blackhawks cruised to a 6-2 victory Tuesday night.

Brandon Saad also scored 2 goals for Chicago, which has won three of the four games between the teams. One victory was in a shootout.

Sharp has 4 goals and 4 assists against the Stars this season. In his last eight games versus Dallas, he has 8 goals and 7 assists.

Patrick Kane had a goal and 2 assists for the Blackhawks. Defenseman Michael Kostka returned after missing 24 games because of a foot injury to score Chicago's first goal.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

NBA

Cleveland 109, NY Knicks 94

Indiana 90, Miami 84

San Antonio 116, Toronto 103

Oklahoma City 101, Atlanta 92

Brooklyn 104, Boston 96

Minnesota 121, Detroit 94

Milwaukee 77, Chicago 74

Phoenix 114, LA Lakers 108

NCAAM

Kentucky 70, Boise State 55

Florida 67, Kansas 61

Gonzaga 80, West Virginia 76

NCAA

Gonzaga 70, Wisconsin 55

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Ottawa 2, Buffalo 1 (SO)

Washington 6, Tampa Bay 5 (SO)

Columbus 5, New Jersey 4

LA Kings 6, Montreal 0

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Boston 2, Calgary 1

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NY Islanders, San Jose (late)

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA: Chicago vs. NY Knicks, ESPN, 7 p.m.

NBA: Dallas vs. Golden State, ESPN, 9:30 p.m.

Iowa's Sammy Brooks has had success wrestling at 197 pounds — while still weighing in at 184 — in place of Nathan Burak.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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It was a simple two-on-one move. Sammy Brooks cinched up Vince Pickett's left arm — one hand on the wrist, another at the elbow — and shot his head through a hole underneath Pickett's body. The maneuver allowed Brooks to roll through and hold a tilt, and he ended up scoring 3 near-fall points from it.

Brooks used his tilt twice more in the second period of his match with Edinboro's Pickett last week. He ultimately won the match, 11-0, a crucial major decision for

No. 3 Iowa at the time.

And he did so while giving up about 13 pounds.

"You gotta realize, he's weighing in at 184 [pounds]," Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands said. "There's a difference weighing in at 84 and wrestling 97 than some of the lighter weights. It's not easy to make the weight, then move up a weight."

Brooks has spent his last two matches wrestling up from his normal 184 pounds. He's competed in place of Nathan Burak, who's ranked 10th at 197 pounds. Brooks has split his two matches, earning a win against Edinboro and dropping a 3-2 de-

cision to Iowa State's Kyven Gadson on Dec. 1.

And Brooks nearly had a shot to upset the second-ranked Gadson. Near the end of the third period, Brooks picked up the pace and found himself in deep on Gadson's legs, but a scramble pushed the two out of bounds.

The talent that Brooks, just a redshirt freshman, has shown excites Brands — and it shows the depth Iowa has at its heavier weights.

"That's what we want," Brands said.

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THE BOX SCORE

Flashy stats for Hawks



Iowa guard Peter Jok shoots the ball in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 17. Iowa defeated Abilene Christian, 103-41. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

The Box Score: Inside Hawkeye Basketball Statistics

By **RYAN PROBASCO**

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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.

Iowa has played just about as well as anyone could have expected it to at this point. But the team's schedule is about to get a lot tougher — meaning its dominance in certain statistics may fall off soon. The Hawkeyes are 10-1

heading into Friday's match-up against ranked Iowa State, which will take place in a hostile Hilton Coliseum in Ames. And afterwards, the Black and Gold will have just one more tune-up against Arkansas-Pine Bluff before conference play begins.

The following statistics should be observed knowing Iowa has gone up against a relatively weak schedule thus far. But nonetheless, these numbers can serve as proof that Iowa is, in fact, playing at a level that's comparable with the nation's best teams.

Simple Rating Score — 27.07 (1st in Big Ten, 2nd in NCAA)

College Basketball Reference's rating method, the Simple Rating System, is "a rating that takes into account average point differential and strength of schedule. The rating is denominated in points above/below average, where zero is average. Non-Division I games are excluded from the ratings."

The only team in the country that ranks ahead of Iowa in this metric is the Mar-

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NOTEBOOK

Trying to break streak

There's no pressure on the Iowa Hawkeyes to beat the Cyclones in Hilton Coliseum, but a win in Ames would be coach Lisa Bluder's first as Iowa's head coach.

By **MATT CABEL**

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In Lisa Bluder's 13 going on 14 years coaching the Iowa women's basketball team, she has never won a matchup in Hilton Coliseum, home of the Cyclones.

Bluder's Bunch will have its only opportunity in the next two years to do so on Thursday when the Hawkeyes travel to Ames for this year's Cy-Hawk matchup, a game that Lisa Bluder will go into the game "with nothing to lose."

"We already have some signature wins, we already have a good nonconference record," Bluder said. "We just need to go in there, and play as well as we can, and let the chips fall as they may. This has traditionally been won by the home team, and we know that ... we're definitely the underdogs going in there."

But just because the Hawkeyes ha-



Bluder
head coach

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BOX SCORE

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cus Smart-led Cowboys of Oklahoma State (No. 7 in AP top 25). Familiar teams to Iowa, such as Iowa State and Villanova, rank third and fifth in the statistic, respectively.

Freshman Peter Jok — averaging 12.5 points over the last two games

How the team's lone freshman would contribute to a loaded roster was a mystery heading into the season. But the West Des Moines native has fit into Fran McCaffery's system nicely, complementing a deep Hawkeye backcourt.

There's no question Jok can shoot, and his willingness to put the ball up won't ebb anytime soon, because McCaffery urges the freshman to take a lot of shots. Jok's

scoring ability could become useful later in the year when Iowa is facing tougher defenses.

Opponents' points per game — 64.2 (5th in Big Ten, 38th in NCAA)

The team has been criticized for its lackluster defensive effort against Notre Dame and in the first half of its game against Drake. But overall, the team defense has been more than passable, especially if you consider the way the offense is playing and the Hawkeyes' tendency to play in transition — which leads to short possessions and more opportunities for the opponent.

Only time will tell if Iowa's defense can withstand the physicality and grind of the Big Ten season. But thus far, it's fair to say the Hawkeye defense has played at an efficient level.

Defensive rating of Iowa's centers — Adam Woodbury 91.6, Gabriel Olaseni 84.6

This statistic is an estimation of the points a team allows per 100 possessions. Simply, per every 100 possessions, Iowa's defense would allow 7 points fewer with Gabriel Olaseni than it would with Adam Woodbury.

Many Hawkeye fans are calling for Olaseni to become a mainstay in Iowa's starting five, and the centers' offensive ratings are bolstering that argument even more so. Olaseni's estimate of points produced per 100 possessions sits at 121, while Woodbury's comes in at 112.3.

In all likelihood, the centers will continue to split time almost equally. But if the disparity in the duo's production on both ends becomes



Iowa center Gabe Olaseni shoots a free throw in Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Dec. 7. Olaseni went 3-of-4 at the freethrow line, and Iowa defeated Drake, 83-66. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

even more obvious as the year continues, McCaffery may have to give Olaseni a larger percentage of the available minutes.

WRESTLING

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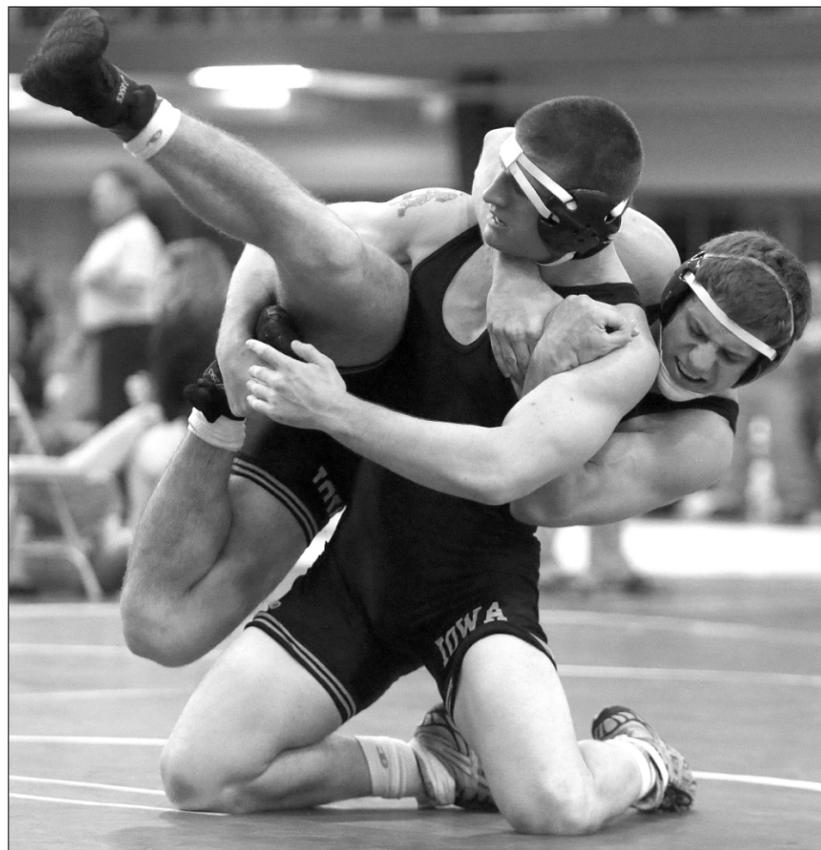
“He’s had some good performances. Against Iowa State, I think he could’ve won that match. I don’t know if he should’ve won it, but he could’ve won it.”

Wrestling against top-tier opponents — Gadson is a returning All-American at 197 pounds — isn’t anything new for Brooks. The Oak Park-River Forest product earned a spot on the FILA Junior World Freestyle Team this past summer.

Along with teammate Thomas Gilman, Brooks traveled to Sofia, Bulgaria, and wrestled with some of the best in the world at his age and weight class, 84 kilograms — around 185 pounds. Brooks placed eighth in the competition.

“It’s more experience against tough competition,” Brooks said about his international stint. “Any tough matches like that will be a positive if you take away the right things. It helped quite a bit.”

Brooks takes that experience with him into the practice room each day, where he routinely bangs heads with some of the nation’s best. Brooks has a fleet of wrestlers at his weight with whom he practices — including the nation’s second-ranked 184-pounder, Ethen Lofthouse — as well as some



Iowa 184-pounders Sammy Brooks and Alex Meyer wrestle during the Luther Open at Luther College on Nov. 16 in Decorah, Iowa. Brooks defeated Meyer, 6-3. Iowa totaled 48 pins and had 10 champions in the Elite Division. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

of his heavier teammates who help prepare him for the significant weight change.

“It’s just a weight,” Lofthouse said. “We train with bigger guys. We train with Burak and [Thomas] Lira. We train with those bigger guys in here

so we know what it’s like. There’s no difference.”

Lofthouse isn’t surprised that Brooks has had success at an upper weight. Brooks is a tough kid, he said. Brands echoed Lofthouse, adding that it’s nice to see Brooks “throw his hat

in the ring,” no matter which weight he wrestles at.

“I’m going to wrestle wherever they need me to wrestle,” Brooks said. “I’ll just keep doing what the coaches want and, hopefully, get in the lineup more and more.”

NOTEBOOK

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ven’t won in Hilton, just because they’re the underdogs, doesn’t mean they’re going into the matchup with the No. 17 Cyclones with a loss in mind.

“It has to start sometime; you have to get a win sometime over there for [Bluder],” guard Sam Logic said. “We feel really good about our team this year — but they have a good team, they’re ranked 17th in the country for a reason.”

Dixon one of the best shooters Bluder has ever seen

It’s almost becoming cliché to talk about Iowa guard Melissa Dixon. The junior, last year’s Big Ten Sixth Player of the Year, started the season in a slump before beginning one of the hottest streaks of her life, scoring just over 27 points in each of her last three games.

Iowa’s go-to shooter from downtown has had the support of her coaches and teammates all the season, despite the slump. And her coach said the junior may be one of the best 3-point shooters she has ever seen.

“She [has] an incredibly quick 3,” Bluder said. “You



Iowa guard Samantha Logic shoots a three pointer in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 7. Iowa defeated Idaho State, 95-47. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

fall asleep on her, and she can have 6 on you real quick. She can get you back into a game very quickly — it’s nice to have a player like that on your team.”

Push-ups for points

Bluder and her team like to have fun. It’s evident on the court, where her team runs a high speed, up-tempo offense that has scored near 100 points in each of its last three games and racks up assists on a high number of its baskets.

And while the team’s

offense is laudable, the coaching staff wants to see defense — so much that Bluder and her coaching staff do push-ups for every point her team holds their opponents under its scoring average.

The coaches will also round up one extra push-up, which means that the Iowa coaching staff did 14 push-ups after the Hawkeyes defeated Idaho State — who averaged 60 points going into the contest — on Dec. 5.

“Twenty-three has been our most so far,” Bluder said. “It’s helping us

coaches. It’s OK.”

The Hawkeyes will have to hold the Cyclones under 64.8 points on Thursday if they want to see more pushups out of their coaches — a challenge that will be hard, especially with Iowa State’s Hallie Christofferson on the floor.

“Sometimes, you just have to have fun with it,” Bluder said. “Anytime they see the coaches do something out of their element — granted, it’s probably hilarious to see us do push-ups — it makes it more fun for the players.”

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Breaking down the bounce back

Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands looking for balance after losses.

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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At the Iowa wrestling squad's media availability on Tuesday afternoon, head coach Tom Brands gave reporters an insight to his philosophy in regards to coaching athletes to rebound after subpar performances. Brand's team traveled to Edinboro on Dec. 5 and muscled out a 22-19 win over the Fighting Scots — not quite the domination it was looking for.

Two Hawkeye starters lost their matches — Edinboro's AJ Schopp won a 3-2 bout over Tony Ramos, and Mitchell Port pinned Josh Dziewa — and Brands said balance is key when dealing with his grapplers following performances of that nature.

"To me, the tough balance would be if you're a raving lunatic because they don't perform and, you know, higher than a kite when they do perform," the eight-year Iowa head coach said. "That's when you get in trouble a little bit, I think."

While Brands said he isn't worried about the way Ramos will respond, he noted that Dziewa might need a different form of coaching after his loss.

He said the junior has a tendency to roll onto his backside — "He got



Iowa head coach Tom Brands examines 133-pounder Tony Ramos during his match in the Iowa City Duals on Nov. 24, 2012, in Carver-Hawkeye. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

beat in the Big Tens sitting on his butt," Brands said — which may make it easier for opponents to score points or falls on Dziewa. Brands and his staff are looking to make sure the situation doesn't become a habit.

"It's a situation where in the practice room you see it as a problem," Brands said. "That's where maybe the boot up the butt comes into play a little bit more."

Ramos excited about Schopp rematch

Ramos lost his first matchup of the young 2013-14 campaign at Edinboro. The senior struggled with an opponent he had defeated handily — 9-0 with 1:26 of riding time — on Feb. 16.

Ramos struggled to shoot in on the lanky red-shirt sophomore's legs and didn't control the match the way he would have liked to in order to

pick up the victory.

"I let him stall around the mat, run away, run away, get his one take-down, and then just hang on and win a 3-2 match," the Carol Stream, Ill., native said.

All that does it make Ramos hungrier.

"The biggest thing is that I don't have to wait that long to wrestle Schopp again," he said. "I'll probably get him again at Midlands [Dec. 29-30 in Evan-

ston, Ill.], so that's exciting, that's motivating."

Burak, Telford may crack lineup

Brands announced Tuesday that starters Nathan Burak and Bobby Telford may be in the lineup for the final meet before the highly anticipated Penn State dual on Dec. 21.

Telford, the No. 3 ranked heavyweight, has

not wrestled in competition since the Luther Open on Nov. 16 when he tallied five pins in just 7:32 on the mat.

Burak, ranked 10th at 197 pounds, has not performed in competition in the 2013-14 season.

"I would say they're both A-go," Brands said. "It depends, I mean, they're A-go, I'm saying they're A-go. If they don't go, then I guess they weren't A-go."

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THE NOMINEES ARE:

Offensive Player of the Year:

QB Jake Rudock
TE C.J. Fiedorowicz
RB Mark Weisman
LT Brandon Scherff

Defensive Player of the Year:

LB James Morris
LB Anthony Hitchens
LB Christian Kirksey
CB B.J. Lowery

Special Teams

Player of the Year:
P Connor Kornbrath
K Mike Meyer
KR Jordan Cotton
PR Kevonte Martin-Manley

Most Improved:

DT Carl Davis
P Connor Kornbrath
LB James Morris
WR Tevaun Smith

Newcomer of the Year:

QB Jake Rudock
RB LeShun Daniels
CB Desmond King
DE Drew Ott

Team MVP:

QB Jake Rudock
RB Mark Weisman
LB James Morris
LB Anthony Hitchens
LB Christian Kirksey
LT Brandon Scherff