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HAWKEYES APPEAR DEEP, TALENTED

Fran McCaffery called this year's team Aaron White's team, but that doesn't mean he's alone in filling the void left by Devyn Marble.

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How do you replace Devyn Marble? That's the question facing the Iowa men's basketball team heading into the 2014-15 season.

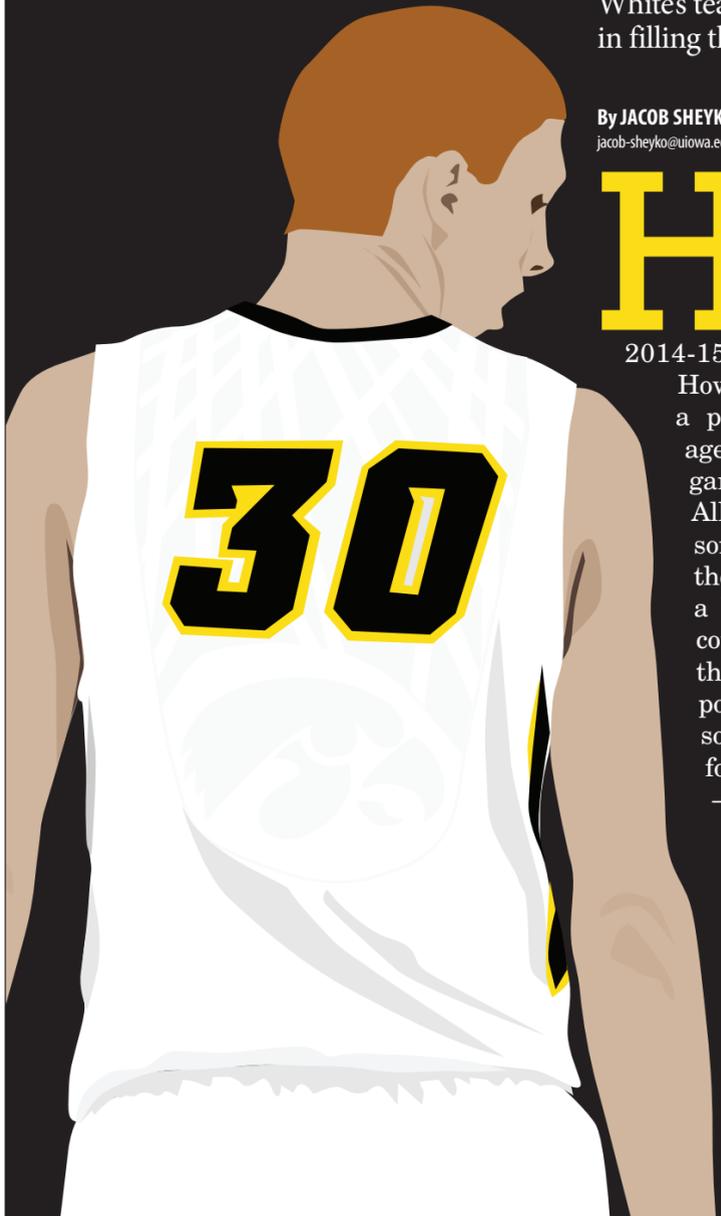
How do you replace a player who averaged 17 points per game? A first team All-Big selection, someone who when the team needed a bucket, could be counted on getting the ball the next possession; and someone who — for the most part — was the identity of a team that reinvigorated basketball fandom in Iowa City.

The better question is, can you replace Marble?

'There's always one player that sort of becomes the identity of the team. For me, you've heard me say this a lot, it was Jarryd Cole's team, it was Matt Gatens' team, it was Roy Devyn Marble's team, and now it's Aaron White's team.'

— Fran McCaffery, head coach

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Rally to fight against debt

University of Iowa students plan to rally against student debt to coincide with a state Board of Regents meeting in Iowa City.

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A group of University of Iowa students is reacting to comments from University of Iowa President Sally Mason and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, saying they believe officials do not understand today's student debt.

"Student debt is becoming a greater burden for a greater number of people now," said Melissa Zimdars, a graduate fellow in the UI Communication Studies Department.

Zimdars is an organizer for the event, Iowa City Rally Against Student Debt, which will be held Oct. 22 on the Pentacrest in hopes the UI will make a change in regards to debt.

The date of the rally coincides with the state Board of Regents meeting being held in Iowa City.

According to the National Project for Student Debt, in 2012, total debt for students at the UI averaged around \$29,000.

Zimdars said what really ignited the event was previous remarks about "lifestyle debt" by Mason.

Mason referenced lifestyle debt in a Nov. 20, 2013, question and answer session with *The Daily Iowan*, explaining the difference between need-based debt and lifestyle debt as "what you really need to go to college versus what you feel you want to be able to go to college."

Zimdars said the group is reacting to recent comments from Mason echoing the earlier statement because Zimdars said based on how some students are living, Mason's view isn't fair.

She said what the rallying students want is support from UI administra-



Mason president

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University jobs may disappear

University sectors could soon be heavily reorganized.

By CHRIS HIGGINS
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Hundreds of job positions could vanish at Iowa universities, resulting in millions of dollars saved if recent recommendations to the state Board of Regents were to go into effect.

Representatives from Deloitte Consulting, which is leading the regents' ongoing efficiency study, presented eight new business plans to cut costs in Iowa's three universities at Thursday's meeting.

Six proposals applied to the University of Iowa.

Most notably, they suggested changes to streamline the human resources, finance, and information-technology sectors at each university, resulting in a net loss of jobs. UI could stand to cut nearly



Rastetter regent president

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ETHICS & POLITICS

ELECTION 2014

Loebsack still running hard

By CASSIDY RILEY
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With the 2014 midterm election fewer than five weeks away, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, says the purpose of his campaign stop in Iowa City Thursday morning was no different than the 300 trips he's made to his district in the past year — to stay connected to his constituents.

Loebsack stopped at the Hamburg Inn No. 2 to shake hands with voters and hear their thoughts and concerns.

"What I'm doing is focusing on the issues that matter to the people of the 2nd District of Iowa," he said. "I'm going to keep doing what I can do to take with me ... the hopes and dreams and desires of the people that I represent."

While the congressman is leading in the polls, Loebsack said meeting with voters is still an important part of campaigning right up to Election Day. He hopes the voters in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District send him to Congress for another term. He has led his Republican opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks in the polls recently.

"I'm very confident and hopeful that I'm going to win re-election but I take



Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, talks to customers in the Hamburg Inn on Thursday. Loebsack later gave a speech as a part of his re-election campaign. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

nothing for granted, certainly," he said. "So I need to keep talking to folks."

Dozens of locals nibbled on their late-morning breakfast while Loebsack ad-

ressed the crowd. Among those in attendance were Loebsack supporters who said

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WORK IN PROGRESS



Workers continue construction at the Mayflower on Thursday. The project is expected to be completed in the spring. (The Daily Iowan/Lexi Brunk)

Locals discuss affordable housing

Iowa City locals met with Iowa and national officials to discuss affordable housing in Johnson County.

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The Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity is making an effort to improve affordable housing options in the Johnson County area, and it is including locals in the discussion.

One conversation started Thursday during the workshop "Affordable Housing in a Tight Market," which focused on formulating ideas to address the housing needs in Johnson County.

"I've been working with Habitat for over a year now," said Iowa City resident Kathleen Schnitker, who attended the workshop. "I want to see how sustainability and affordability will continue to progress in the future."

Sally Scott, the board president of the Iowa Valley Habitat, said many community institutions, including the Iowa City School District, recognize the need for affordable housing throughout the area — not just in specific neighborhoods.

"Overall, this is an area with high employment and good economic standing, and I think this is a good basis for collaborative efforts," she said.

Scott said from 2000 to 2012, housing values in Johnson County went up 15.6 percent, but the median income decreased by 7 percent during the same period.

She noted that there are more than 2,000 households in Johnson County paying more than 50 percent of their income on housing, and 8 percent are in poverty, which is also an increase.

Michael Bodaken, the president of the National Housing Trust who spoke at the event, said as the need for more housing at a lower cost is increasing, the assistance the federal gov-

ernment is able to offer is decreasing.

"Only one out of every four families eligible for rental assistance receives it," he said. "For every new [affordable housing] unit in Johnson County, we lose two."

Bodaken gave the example of families with \$15,000 annual incomes —roughly minimum wage. He said 82 percent of that population pays more than one-third of their income to housing, and 70 percent pay more than one-half.

Bodaken said one solution for developing more affordable homes is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. The credit effectively uses tax policy to help develop affordable rental houses. Currently, the credit has a portfolio of approximately 2,000 projects nationwide

that have been affected by the policy.

Another solution discussed at the forum was energy-efficiency among homes.

"Low-income households spend 22 percent of their income on energy costs, which is twice what middle-income families pay," Bodaken said. "Utility costs present the best opportunity to reduce operating expenses and help sustain affordability."

Greg Rosenberg, a business development manager for the Jones Payne Group, an architecture and planning firm based in Massachusetts, spoke at the forum about a previous project he worked on to create an urban-eco village. The village, he said, focused on creating affordable housing with low-energy costs.

Rosenberg said creating such affordable housing is something that has to arise from the whole community coming together.

"Sustainable housing means thinking in long-term time horizons," he said.

'Overall, this is an area with high employment and good economic standing, and I think this is a good basis for collaborative efforts.'

— Sally Scott, president

METRO

Council to vote on Moss Ridge project

The Iowa City City Council will vote on the approval of the Moss Ridge Road project at its meeting on Oct. 7.

The approval needs to come from Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek as well as City Clerk Marian Karr, which would attest to an agreement between the city of Iowa City and Shive-Hattery Inc. — the company providing engineering consulting for the project.

The approval would authorize Shive-Hattery to provide engineering construction services.

The negotiated contract amount is not to exceed \$84,500.

Council to consider Riverfront Crossings rezoning

The City Council will give a second consideration to the rezoning of 25.8 acres in the Riverfront Crossings District on Oct. 7.

At its Aug. 21 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval for the rezoning.

If approval is granted, the property can be redeveloped for a variety of uses.

Council mulls Benton/Dubuque rezoning

The Council will give a second consideration to the rezoning of approximately half an acre of Riverfront Crossings property at the intersection of Benton and Dubuque Streets.

At its Aug. 21 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning.

With approval, the property can be redeveloped for mixed uses.

Council to move on Camp Cardinal rezoning

The Iowa City City Council will discuss

rezoning approximately 33 acres of property east of Camp Cardinal Road at their Oct. 7 meeting.

The property would be rezoned to low-density single-family residential.

At the Planning and Zoning Commission's Aug. 7 meeting, it voted unanimously to recommend approval for the rezoning.

Approval would allow the property owner, St. Andrew Church, to proceed with a special exception application for religious institution use as well as a subdivision that may include residential development.

— by Megan Sanchez

Council eyes appeal of preservation decision

The City Council will discuss the appeal of historic preservation decision.

The council will decide the appeal presented to it to deny a certificate of appropriateness to replace the windows at 220 E. Jefferson St.

The location is home to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, an Iowa City historical landmark.

— by Lily Abromeit

Council to discuss land agreement

The City Council will discuss a resolution approving a purchase agreement between the city and a trust for 5.02 acres of vacant land.

The land comes from the will of Frieda A. Chadek at the intersection of Friendship Street and Fifth Avenue and would cost \$280,000.

The council will also discuss a resolution to use the land for a park.

The proposed name of the park is Chadek Green Park, which would include a community garden.

— by Lily Abromeit

Supervisors OK jail upgrade

It's official: The Johnson County Jail will get electronic upgrades.

The county Board of Supervisors voted Thursday to approve the plans and specifications for electronic systems upgrades to the jail.

The bids have a deadline of Oct. 28, and construction is scheduled to start Jan. 2.

The cost of the upgrades is estimated to be \$1.2 million; they would upgrade the jail's old system, which has not been altered since it was installed in 1981.

County Facilities Manager Eldon Slaughter said some of the systems were very difficult to repair, as the replacement parts were no longer manufactured.

While the upgrades are underway, parts of the jail will be unusable. While the supervisors would prefer a slow phase in, with the rest of the jail still operable, it is still uncertain if that will be possible.

"We are requesting that this be a phased in project, but we don't know the answer to that until the bids come back," Supervisor Janelle Rettig said. "So we will be relocating inmates during this, but we are unclear at this point whether it's all of them or some of them."

However Rettig said this is not the only upgrade the aging jail needs to have, and plans for a new roof and generator will be reviewed in the coming years.

"We're trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," Slaughter said.

— by Ben Marks

Man charged with robbery

Authorities have accused a Springfield, Illinois, man with threatening a man's life.

Samuel Odele, 23, was charged with first-degree robbery on July 21.

According to online court documents, Odele completed a job for the man, and the man paid him for the work. Odele then demanded more money, which the man refused to give.

The man's refusal caused Odele to allegedly punch and kick the victim numerous times in the head, which caused bruises and swelling.

Odele also grabbed a large kitchen

knife and threatened to stab the man if he did not give Odele more money. The victim gave Odele \$5, and Odele left. First-degree robbery is a Class-B felony.

— by Alyssa Guzman

Officials mull St. Patrick plan

Iowa City officials have narrowed down the proposals submitted for the development of the old St. Patrick's Church Hall to three finalists.

The top three proposals are from CA Ventures, HUB at Iowa City, and Sherman Associates of Minneapolis.

Jeff Davidson, the city director of economic development, said each proposal will create tower-style residence spaces with potential for office space and even a hotel.

"We want to make it a hip, cool, high density," Davidson said.

The area Davidson describes is defined as the Riverfront Crossings District, the subject of the city's Riverfront Crossings Master Plan.

According to the plan, the district is roughly bordered by Riverside Drive to the west, Gilbert Street to the east, Burlington Street to the north and Highway 6 to the south.

The plan is derived from public input given at meetings, workshops interviews and focus groups, and it aims to preserve and build on the strengths that Downtown Iowa City offers while creating urban neighborhoods in proximity to the Downtown District.

The proposed designs range from six to 13 stories, and the tentative prices vary from \$67 million to \$88 million.

Davidson said these costs are not yet concrete, as negotiation of the proposals remains to be seen.

"The costs will cover acquisition of the site and construction and development," Davidson said.

He said depending on the outcome of negotiations between the city and the finalists, there could be a request for tax increment financing.

— by Mitch McAndrew

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they appreciated the attention he pays to the district.

"I like that he came here today to get to know people. I think it's awesome," said Ashley Meton, a North Liberty resident. "I think he connects with people. I think it shows that even though he's very busy he still has time to come and meet with voters. It shows that he cares a lot about Iowa, so I like that a lot."

Others said they agreed with what he had to say on issues of their concern. Loeb sack placed particular emphasis on education and Social Security — two things he said helped him get to where he is today. He also addressed concern some have that Medicare will be turned into a voucher system.

"I'm going to say it over and over again, so long as I'm in Congress, and when I'm out of Congress, so long as there's a breath in my body, I will fight anyone who wants to privatize Social Security and voucherize Medicare. It's not going to happen, folks," he said.

Loeb sack accused his opponent, Miller-Meeks,



Rep. Dave Loeb sack, D-Iowa, talks to some students in Hamburg Inn on Thursday. Loeb sack later gave a speech as a part of his campaign for re-election. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

of being in favor of privatization and the voucher system. However, Matt Sauvage, Miller-Meeks' campaign manager, said this is untrue. He said she plans to protect the programs should she be elected.

In regards to Medicare, he said Miller-Meeks' mother depends on the program and she recognizes the value of it. Concerning Social Security, he said she knows the program needs saving.

"The long-term challenges with the program must be addressed in a bipartisan way by Congress so this vital program is there for those who depend on it," Sauvage said.

Patricia Iniguez of Iowa

City said she is very concerned about the future of both social programs.

"I'm on both of those, and it terrifies me to think it might be privatized and then it might all disappear," she said. "I could not survive without those."

In addition to siding with Loeb sack on the issues, Iniguez said, she, like others in attendance, admires Loeb sack for visiting the district every weekend and is approachable for voters.

"He's a very down-to-earth, friendly guy, and it's good to know that about him," she said. "I also think he's an honest man, which I think is kind of rare among politicians."

REGENTS

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110 positions as a result over a few years.

The regents have contracted more than \$3 million to Deloitte as part of the efficiency study, officially titled the Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review. The review was initiated in light of skyrocketing tuition after legislative funding for the universities has precipitously dropped over the past 15 years.

The Thursday meeting was a presentation of Deloitte's ideas, which will now go up for public discussion next week in town hall meetings on all three campuses. The regents are expected to vote on approving the recommendations in November.

Representatives and officials were quick to point out individuals would not necessarily lose jobs as a result of these possible cuts; instead, positions may be left unfilled, eventually disappearing altogether.

"It would be irrespon-

sible to say that job cuts were happening when, if there are savings to be had by improvements in the technology ... the decrease in the labor needs could be accomplished through normal attrition as people retire or leave," said Regent President Bruce Rastetter.

In total, the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa would lose around 250 positions with Deloitte's recommendations.

According to Deloitte's report, the proposals could save the UI nearly \$88 million over a 10-year period, should they be implemented.

"Any savings in those areas would be reinvested in the universities to make programs better and to hold the cost of tuition of a college education lower than if you had not dealt with inefficiencies," Rastetter said.

Deloitte consultants recommended organizational structures for information technology, human resources, and finance become more streamlined.

For example, many of UI's current human-resource representatives do not report to a central authority and have responsibilities outside of their department.

"... because they're somewhat of generalists, and they're involved in other areas, it makes it difficult for them to keep track of all HR processes and policies and creates inefficiencies in some areas," said Emily Todd, Deloitte senior consultant. "We were talking to some departments that are thrilled with their service and other departments, not so much depending on how many resources and what types of resources you have dedicated to HR."

Deloitte project manager Virginia Fraser emphasized during the presentation that the business plans are merely a guide and are not intended to provide an explicit prediction of costs and cuts. Implementation would be left to the regents and the universities.

"Transformation does require some venturing into the unknown," she said.

BASKETBALL

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Iowa believes the answer is yes. Not just with one player, but a committee of them. However, at the center of that committee, and the spotlight, is Aaron White.

"There's always one player that sort of becomes the identity of the team," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said at the team's media day. "For me, you've heard me say this a lot, it was Jarryd Cole's team, it was Matt Gatens' team, it was Roy Devyn Marble's team, and now it's Aaron White's team."

The 6-9 Strongsville, Ohio, native averaged 12.8 points per game last season. He was the only player in the country to shoot better than 55 percent from the field (58.4) and better than 80 percent from the free-throw line (80.7).

After spending the summer at both LeBron James and Kevin Durant's Skills Academies, White will be looked upon as the leader of this team, an aspect that hasn't always reared its head in past years.

"It's was just a little bit harder, to be honest; clearly 'Dev was the guy," White said. "I didn't want to step on any of the seniors' shoes. And that's not making an excuse by any means, but it's just a different situation. Now,

it's my last year, I feel like there's nothing holding me back."

With that being said, White is far from alone in Iowa's quest to replace Marble. Just as Marble was surrounded by a plethora of talent last season, so, too, will White.

"When it comes to Dev, obviously no one's going to come in here and average 15 or more points per game," Iowa forward Gabe Olaseni said. "And if they do, that's definitely great for us. I think it's going to be offense by committee."

"It's not just going to be one person or two people. It's going to be the whole team."

White returns to one of the most experienced frontcourts in the Big Ten. And it brings a lot more than experience; excluding Wisconsin, it may be the most talented frontcourt in the conference.

Alongside White and Olaseni, Adam Woodbury and Jarrod Uthoff return for the Hawkeyes. The four of them combined for 32.6 points and 20.1 rebounds per game last season.

"I do because I have confidence in our team," Uthoff said when asked if he thought Iowa's frontcourt could be among the best in the Big Ten. "I think you'll see that throughout the season."

With that being said, McCaffery also said to expect more from everyone,

not just the frontcourt. In all, Iowa returns eight players who saw significant playing time from last year's squad, including three players who started 30 or more games — White, Woodbury, and Mike Gesell.

Iowa added to its depth it established last year as well. Guard Trey Dickerson — a junior college transfer from Williston State College in North Dakota — joins the team for his sophomore season of eligibility. Dickerson was a third-team All American there.

The Hawkeyes also add Dom Uhl, a freshman from Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. Uhl — whom McCaffery spoke highly of — is originally from Frankfurt, Germany.

In all, McCaffery said he expects Iowa to go as deep down the bench as it did last year. Not just because the Hawkeyes believe they have the talent to do so, but also because he sees it as a necessity.

"As you know, it's a marathon, especially in this league, especially with our nonconference schedule," McCaffery said. "So I think you need that number of bodies. You need to have that many guys ready to play."

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DEBT

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tors so that tuition rates don't increase any more.

Branstad said in September that he believed the regents were working toward a modest 1.7 percent raise in tuition.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the university is deeply committed to reducing student debt to the greatest potential possible.

"We could not agree more with organizers that this is an issue we can keep working on," he said. "And the University

of Iowa has a strong track record of working to reduce student debt."

Moore referenced programs such as the Summer Hawk Tuition Grant, which allows in-state students free summer classes, the 2+2 program with Iowa community colleges, which enables students to transfer to the UI after two years of community college while also ensuring a four-year graduation, and increased four-year graduation rates as efforts the UI is doing to aid student debt.

UI sophomore Peyton Tumey said debt is a huge concern for her.

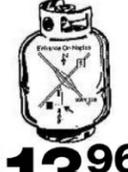
"I'm always worried that I won't end up with a great paying job and won't be able to pay back my student loans, ultimately, leaving me with more debt," she said.

UI senior Kelsey Walsh said despite transferring from Kirkwood to the UI and working up to 30 hours per week, she has still had to take out student loans.

"I don't lose sleep over the idea of student debt, but it does cross my mind at times," she said. "My main concern is having a harder time than I expected finding a job and struggling to make my loan payments."

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COLUMN

Fixing blame in the ISIS crisis



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The terrorist organization known as ISIS has been a growing threat that seemingly materialized from thin air in the summer of 2014. But the group has been around since 1999. It has consistently been overshadowed in the American media by Al Qaeda's actions and was always a secondary issue. With recent events such as the torture and beheading of Americans James Foley and Steven Sotloff, Briton David Haines, the overtaking of an Iraqi military base, and violence and aggression against Syrian villages, ISIS has taken up the mantle as the new threat in the Middle East.

Of course, if the ISIS has been around in one form or another since 1999, how did we — or anyone — allow it to propagate to the level we're dealing with now? Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives John Boehner and other of his Republican cohorts think it is because President Obama neglected to get more involved in Iraq and Syria during the time of the Syrian civil war in 2011.

Boehner's criticism is that the Obama administration should have sent troops to neutralize the ISIS threat while it was still manageable. Ignoring the fact that it takes more than just the will of the president to send troops into another established state (i.e. congressional approval), doing so would likely have been an international disaster.

Ultimately, Obama overestimated the abil-

ity of the Iraqi military. But investing that trust likely wasn't the wrong move to make. If Obama didn't trust the militaries of the region and instead sent in ground forces, the tumult and rippling effects of such actions would be far more unpredictable than the outcomes of trusting local militaries.

Now, we're seeing a repeat of the situation. In an interview on Sunday, Speaker Boehner told ABC's "This Week" he would support American troops on the ground to combat ISIS if no one else stepped up. He also voiced his opinion that Obama's plan to deal with the terrorist organization will fail, saying it will take more than air strikes to destroy it. Obama has since said, "We are assisting Iraq in a very real battle that's taking place on their soil, with their troops." He said, "This is not America against ISIS. This is America leading the international community to assist a country with which we have a security partnership."

There lies the heart of the issue. This is far more complex than an "us versus them" mentality. Boehner using a simple blame game against Obama is nothing more than publicity and party service. America is not the overlord of the world. While we do have a stake in foreign affairs and do have a tendency to take the lead on many international crises, we are not supposed to implement our will on other countries without any form of restraint. This is more complex than pointing a finger at a man who has been the Republicans' scapegoat for the last six years. Trying to put the actions of ISIS on Obama is detrimental to progress, a cohesive Congress, and is ultimately entirely self-serving.

EDITORIAL

Affordable housing at the fore

One of the most contentious issues in Johnson County over the past several years has been action (or lack thereof) on affordable housing. In Iowa City, the use of TIF funds for the high-rise Chauncey building brought the topic to the forefront of civic discussion. Should the city invest in areas lacking affordable housing or take a more general approach in using the funds for economic development?

It's a question that ultimately comes down to the demand of the housing market and how much the city and county are willing to adjust the grasp of its "invisible hand."

Regardless of the reasons behind it, the need for affordable housing has certainly received its share of recognition locally. On Thursday, participants of an Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity workshop discussed the need for affordable housing throughout Iowa City and Johnson County.

The workshop was no isolated event. It received a wide array of sponsors, from the cities of Iowa City and Coralville to Hills Bank and Trust, as well as a host of churches and other religious institutions. The message is clear: Affordable housing is an issue worth investing in.

Johnson County's local rental vacancy rate is only 0.5 percent, and the county's renters are the most cost-burdened in the state, according to the University of Iowa Public Policy Center. The definition of cost-burdened is spending more than 30 percent of one's monthly income on housing, a category that between 53 and 67 percent of Johnson County rent-

ers fall into. Currently, there are more than 2,000 residences paying more than 50 percent of their income on housing.

Michael Bodaken, the president of the National Housing Trust, said assistance from the federal government has not been able to offset the need. "For every new [affordable housing] unit in Johnson County, we lose two," he said.

The supply of affordable housing simply isn't there, and the demand is certainly high. The overriding economic conditions in the county have created an affordable-housing shortage, in large part because the meaning of "affordable" has not remained the same.

From 2000-12, housing values in Johnson County rose a value of 15.6 percent, but the median income decreased by 7 percent during the same period. The number of people in poverty in Johnson County has increased, too, with 8 percent of families in poverty, along with 17.6 percent of individuals.

But even with dire numbers such as these, local governing bodies aren't bereft of solutions. One option discussed at the workshop is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which uses tax policy to help develop affordable rental houses. This can go hand in hand with TIF funding.

With the problem of affordable housing in Johnson County becoming exacerbated in recent years, its apparent market is not acting to solve the issue on its own. Through the use of tax funding, the city and county can create incentives to develop more affordable housing, and the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board urges them to do so.

COLUMN

Media bias strikes again



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On Sept. 11, I wrote a column examining the media bias after the Michael Brown shooting. Toward the end of that piece, I stated that there would most definitely be another occurrence of journalistic favoritism in the near future.

I'm actually surprised that it came so fast.

On Sept. 25, Alton Nolen beheaded a former coworker, 54-year-old Coleen Hufford, and then attacked another employee, 43-year-old Traci Johnson. Nolen had been fired the day before this incident. With this given information, it seems like another case of a man going postal. However, there is one factor that

has elevated this incident to national news: Nolen is a recently converted Muslim. Both his victims are Christian.

That extra detail has completely changed the course of the story. Instead of a workplace-oriented murder, the case has evolved into an act of domestic terrorism. But does it really deserve to be classified as such, or is it merely publicized because of its content?

I think it's safe to say that a good chunk of the publicity has come from the religious affiliation of those involved. This incident has been handled by the likes of Fox News, CNN, and CBS News. I guarantee that if the murderer were a Christian, the entire story would have quieted down by now. After all, going postal (a term which refers to anger that results in violent outbursts, usually in a place of work) has been an occurrence in America since the 1980s.

There are a handful of cases involving workplace rampages that do not receive the type of celebrity that the Vaughan Foods beheading incident has garnered.

Because of all the recent drama with ISIS and its favored use of decapitation, the general public feels as if atrocities that have been kept outside our borders have now come home. A horror that could once only be acknowledged from afar is now right in our backyard. If it could happen to a nice, middle-age woman such as Hufford, it could happen to anyone.

Sounds scary, right? It also sounds pretty profitable, if you make money from news.

I went around and asked people their thoughts on the attack. What was surprising was the fact that so few of them knew about Johnson, the second victim. Whenever this

tragedy comes up in conversation, it is always about the decapitation. Johnson, who is in critical condition, has been overshadowed by the more explosive news of Hufford's decapitation.

As I've said before, people are frightened at the idea that the terrible things they heard were going on in the Middle East could happen here. Fear and bad news have always been more front-page worthy than happy, feel-good news. And while any death and any murder is a tragedy, any extra terror adds a little extra profit.

This never had to be a terrorist case. It could have easily been just another example of a disgruntled (former) employee utilizing his rage as a tool against his former place of work. Yet a man going postal is nothing compared to a domestic terrorist.

But hey, news is a business.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ONLINE COMMENTS

Online comment on 'Editorial: Vote yes on local sales tax'

So, pass the tax "just because"? Seriously, that's what this opinion amounts to. Pass it because it "will not change the status quo..." That's a reason? Hardly. Never mind demanding accountability for the money local governments have already been given. Never mind the serious flaw of too much dependence on state funding needs to be addressed rather than hiking local taxes. Never mind the ballot language. Never mind that in Iowa City, raising a tax to pay down another tax makes absolutely no sense.

Mike Thayer

Online comment on 'Korobov: Obama should seek approval for strikes'

"Whether we like to admit it or not, our culture thrives on the feeling of executing revenge." - Michael, I believe you would be well served, in your journalistic endeavors, to avoid using a brush so wide as to paint an entire culture one color. Bin Laden was killed, it is true. Better defined — he was murdered. Bush warned about leaving too soon. The head of the snake was gone, but this snake grew another.

Ross Rayner

Online Comment on 'Student debt is misunderstood'

What Sally Mason doesn't seem to understand is that her salary and the six-figure salaries of the whole class of administrators just below her is a huge driver of that debt and a huge part of

the change in how much college costs from when she went to school. For her to preach poverty to students while charging tuition that's unaffordable without loans and funneling so much of the money away from the people actually doing the teaching is the height of blindness.

Eric Johnson

Letter to the editor

With so much information in the news about domestic violence, thanks to the NFL, it's hard to think there's anything left to say — anything that someone hasn't already heard or read. But this is a conversation that has been going on for decades — a conversation that not many people pay attention to if it doesn't personally concern them. A conversation that seems, at times and to some people, something they'd like to

ignore.

But it is happening — it's happening to one in three women. Three women die every day at the hands of an intimate partner. Domestic-Violence shelters are still full, and hotlines are ringing. And it's young women between the ages of 18-35 who suffer from the highest rates of domestic violence.

This is a conversation that needs to continue, especially since October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We each need to be a voice for those who may have lost theirs. As President Obama's new initiative states — "It's On Us" to end the violence. It's going to take all of us to make sure that violence is never the answer.

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Doctor sees the past in Ebola

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How to keep Ebola contained in Dallas may be the talk of the nation this week.

Here on the University of Iowa campus, however, a world-renowned epidemiologist suggested the real challenge is not on U.S. soil, but rather in western Africa.

The former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who helped eradicate smallpox in the late-70s, William Foege, spoke Thursday at the UI addressing the issue. He is this year's recipient of the UI College of Public Health's Hansen Leadership Award.

"My question was, 'Is Ebola the new face of public health?' And my answer is no, it's the old face coming back," Foege said. "It's just what our ancestors experienced as they worried about smallpox and yellow fever and other things they didn't quite understand, but they worried what's going to happen to them."

Foege said through his decades of experience, the range of public-health issues has expanded from viruses to chronic disease, injury, and the social determinacy of health.

"The first problem is that if you contain a person, put them in quarantine, you have to provide everything they need, food and water," Foege said. "But you also have to provide them salary because these people have families to take care of."

The CDC has reported 7,157 cases, one in the United States. Many experts remain optimistic about the containment of Ebola in the United States, but they are concerned about the unpredictability of the West African outbreak.

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— William Foege, former director

tion to make that happen," Foege said. "I worry about the spread in Africa. It is truly out of control."

Sue Curry, dean of the UI College of Public Health, who listened to Foege's speech at the public-health school, said the event was beneficial to the university community.

"This was a transformative visit, and [it's] really exciting to have someone of Dr. Foege's stature," she said. "For me, the most wonderful part was his ability to hone in on the future generation of public-health professionals and provide really tangible advice about how to create a career that speaks to your dreams and your passions."

Currently at the UI, one graduate student is bringing attention to the international issue as well.

Grant Brown, a doctoral

candidate in biostatistics, is developing software to predict the spread of the disease, which he calls the Spatial SEIR Model.

"[The SEIR] models can be used to address questions of public-health intervention efficacy," Brown said. "For example, knowledge of the date a particular intervention began can be used to estimate the associated change in disease spread from that point onward."

SEIR represents the four individual states of Ebola victims: those who are susceptible, exposed, infectious, and removed; dead, quarantined, or survivors. Brown said the software would be applicable for many diseases.

"Spatial SEIR[s] models are a good fit for epidemics which involve pathogen spread from person to person and which have a latent period before people become infectious," Brown said. "They can accommodate diseases which provide only temporary immunity, such as influenza."

UI Associate Professor Jacob Oleson, Brown's supervising professor, said the software can be used in more practical and versatile ways than other predictive software.

"We wanted to create something that was faster and user friendly," Oleson said. "So the software that he's developing can be used by others [who can] put the data and the types of things that they want to be able to estimate."

Farmers see crop prices collapse

By KAITLIN DEWULF
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Iowa farmers forecast one of the largest corn and soybean harvests in the past decade this season, resulting in declining crop prices and farmland values — something some local farmers said could cause future profit strains.

In recent years, poor weather conditions have decreased the size of the Iowa harvest, resulting in high prices. But this year, farmers are experiencing the opposite — greater supplies and lower prices.

"There was a significant decline in crop prices," said Grant Kimberley, Iowa Soybean Association director for market development and an Iowa soybean farmer. "This means most farmers, unless they pre-sold their crop at higher prices, aren't going to make any money this year."

At the end of 2013, corn prices declined from \$8 to \$4 a bushel, according to the Iowa Department of Agriculture. On Wednesday, prices fell further to \$2.84 a bushel — down nearly 64.5 percent in less than a year.

Soybean prices are also declining.

On Wednesday, the average price paid for soybeans was \$8.52 a bushel — a drop of \$3.81 from the end of 2013.

Russell Meade, Johnson County Farm Bureau board president and a corn farmer, said the large supply has outstripped the demand, and the surplus is weighing down prices.

Meade said the sudden price decline is causing a "sticker shock" among Iowans, farmers and consumers alike. Although in recent



Farmer Ben Schmidt stands where his soybean and cornfields meet at his farm just outside of Iowa City on Thursday. Ben lives on the farm with his wife and two children. (The Daily Iowan/Anna Kilzer)

years high prices brought immediate cash flow for local farmers, he said it was necessary for the prices to come down in order to stabilize Iowa's economy.

"If any price is too high for too long, it will negatively affect the grain market for the United States long-term," he said.

As corn and soybean prices decline, land values also decrease, according to the Iowa chapter of the Realtors Land Institute, an organization that tracks trends and values in Iowa farming.

Over the past year, farm values have fallen nearly 10 percent, from \$8,700 an acre to \$8,000 today.

"Land is the major asset; it's the factory of farming where you manufacture and produce your goods," Kimberley said. "If your product isn't worth as much, then the factory doesn't have the same value, either."

Ed Kordick, Iowa Farm Bureau commodity services manager, said much of Iowa is farmed by rental agreements.

"Little can be done to stop land value trends," Kordick

said. "One of the major influences right now may be crop price, because as the income-earning ability of the land falls, the asset may decline in price."

Ben Schmidt, Iowa Soybean Association board director and soybean farmer, said he pre-sold a portion of his crops higher than market prices, but the low averages make it difficult to figure out what to do with what he hasn't sold.

"As a farmer, you have to be optimistic or you wouldn't farm," Schmidt said. "We're going to have to reassess some aspects of our operations and try to cut costs wherever we can."

He said in the world of farming and agriculture, many elements are uncertain, and farmers accept that wholeheartedly.

Kimberley said although farmers are facing issues now, they are "eternal optimists."

"[Farmers] go through these cycles of peaks and valleys," Kimberley said. "And you can only hope they aren't too severe and turn out somewhere in the middle."

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Random thoughts

- I once read somewhere that "fart" was, phonetically, generally agreed upon to be the most beautiful word in the entire English language. I think it was on the back of a cereal box.
- Knowing may be half the battle, but nobody has ever won by fighting half the battle.
- Alfred, Lord Tennyson once said "Tis better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all." But the rock group Yes once said that the owner of a lonely heart is much better than the owner of a broken heart. I just don't know whom to believe anymore. And I'm hungry. Life is hard.
- You know, as a fully grown and functioning human, with a beard and a job and everything, I really should know my own blood type. Oh screw it; I'll just go with O- if anybody asks.
- I've never seen the members of any marching band take off their hats while playing the national anthem. WHY DO YOU HATE AMERICA, MARCHING BANDS?
- I think too many people take not having to pee for granted. Ever really stop and appreciate how good it feels to not have to pee? I wait until the last possible second (which, admittedly, does make it feel so much better), but that all ends today. I'm going to start appreciating my emptier bladder more, by golly. I don't have to pee right now, and let me tell you: It feels damn good, sport.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Matt Gorman for supplying material for today's Ledge.

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- **The One I Love**, 4 and 9:45 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Anniversary Opening Reception and Open House**, 5 p.m., Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- **Downtown Iowa City Gallery Walk**, self-guided tour, 5-8 p.m., 20 downtown galleries
- **First Friday**, 5 p.m., FilmScene
- **Family Friday Night Featuring the Dandelion Stompers**, 5:30 p.m., Wilson's Orchard, 4823 Dingleberry Road N.E.
- **Mother**, 6 p.m., FilmScene
- **Laughapalooza Comedy Show**, 7 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Ballroom and Latin Dancing**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market St.
- **Iowa City Ballroom/Social Dance Club**, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Doug Foster**, 8 p.m., High Ground, 301 E. Market
- **Ben Soltau Band**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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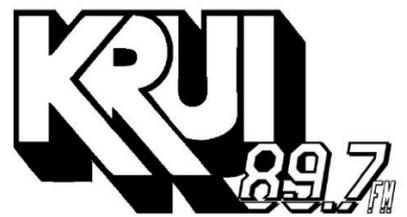
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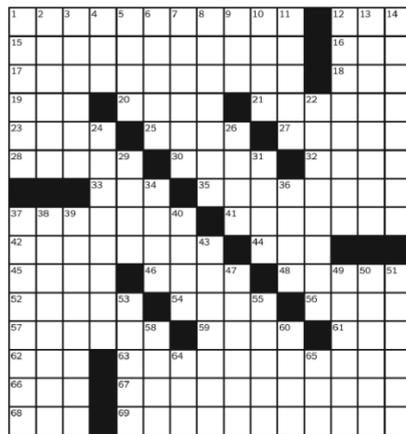
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay calm. Overreacting will not solve any of your problems. Emotional turmoil is apparent, but if you throw your energy and time into getting ahead professionally, you will bypass the negatives that go hand-in-hand with being indulgent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Self-improvement is the name of the game, along with flirting, socializing, and romance. A career opportunity is apparent; updating and sending out your resume will bring about a change that can improve your standard of living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Separate the negative from the positive influences in your life, and do your best to head down the path that offers the most stability. Your creative imagination is working overtime, and putting your ideas on paper will lead to a profitable plan.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Finish what you start so that you can feel free to do whatever you want. Stick to familiar, comfortable situations, and do your best to close a deal that's pending. Put love on a pedestal, and focus on having fun with someone special.

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A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving. —Lao Tzu

NOTEBOOK

Uthoff talks weight, shooting



Iowa forwards Aaron White and Jarrod Uthoff joke around while being photographed during media day in Carver-Hawkeye on Thursday. (Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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Jarrod Uthoff is a lanky guy. Iowa fans know it, he knows it, and head coach Fran McCaffery knows it. He's listed as 6-9, 210 pounds, but after a summer of lifting and trying to gain weight, he said he currently weighs in at 207 — with shoes. Uthoff also noted he consistently wears shoes.

That weight isn't quite where he wants it to be, but he's glad he dropped a fraction of the little body fat he has.

"I was hoping to be about 212, but I didn't get there ... last year, I fluctuated a lot, I struggled to keep weight on, especially during the season," Uthoff said.

His size wasn't the only focus he had in the Hawkeyes' off-season, however.

Uthoff spoke at length at Iowa men's basketball media day Thursday about how he needs to be more aggressive this season. The Cedar Rapids native only attempted double-digit field goals in one game last year, the Hawkeyes'

85-82 loss in Ames, when he went 5-of-10 from the floor for 12 points.

He only attempted an average of 5.1 field goals per game, shooting 50-percent on those attempts for an average of 7.6 points per contest.

"I want him to be aggressive offensively. That will be key for him and for us. When he was aggressive last year, we were a better team" McCaffery said. "... What you'll see is a guy who is playing more [Uthoff averaged 18.2 minutes per game], is expected to do more and has an even greater expectation of himself."

Perhaps it was the laid-back media day environment, but Uthoff, usually fairly soft-spoken, carried himself in a confident manner. It's not that he wasn't confident before, but his confidence seemed to go up a notch.

He's hoping that will carry onto the court. "I wasn't as aggressive as I should have been last year," Uthoff said. "Part of it was because we had such a deep team, coming in-and-out."

Twitter school

After former Iowa forward Zach McCabe posted a vulgar Tweet directed toward Iowa fans following the Hawkeyes' Feb. 22 loss to Wisconsin, McCaffery required his players to shut down their Twitter accounts for the remainder of the season.

Players are now allowed to use Twitter but as another measure to prevent further social-media distractions, McCaffery brought in a company to teach his team about the potential dangers of social media.

The presentation's results were all across the board for some of the Hawkeyes.

Trey Dickerson, who has tweeted more than 52,500 times, said he never really put anything inappropriate online, but he has posted less since the seminar.

Forward Gabe Olaseni said the presentation used some of his 981 (as of this writing) tweets as examples for how to use the site.

Things weren't so great for Okey Ukah, however. The forward has nearly 2,800 tweets on his page but did admit he has deleted some. "OK, I've had Twitter

since my sophomore year of high school, since like 2009. I was [pause] immature back then, I wasn't exactly censored, and I had no idea I'd be playing college basketball," Ukah said. "I had the oldest Twitter, the most inappropriate Twitter, and I basically needed an intervention."

"I got into some trouble, and that's behind us, and now I only Tweet positive. They told me I'm not a comedian, and I don't need to be telling jokes anymore."

Ends of the spectrum

Gabe Olaseni's tweets were praised during the team's seminar for their positive, team-first message:

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Trey Dickerson tweets a lot, and a lot of his tweets feature loud punctuation:

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Okey Ukah was told to stop being a comedian. This is one of his more PG-rated tweets:

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Nonconference schedule

Iowa's nonconference schedule features some big-time games this season. In addition to playing Iowa State at Carver-Hawkeye and Northern Iowa in the Hy-Vee Big Four Classic, the Hawkeyes will travel to Madison Square Garden, where they will take on Texas and either Syracuse or Cal.

In perhaps the most highly anticipated nonconference matchup, the Hawkeyes will take on North Carolina in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

McCaffery said this isn't by accident, and he wants to get his program some national exposure, in addition to helping his team's tournament résumé come Selection Sunday.

"Do you think that this team has the mental toughness that would enable them to handle that kind of schedule knowing what comes behind it, which is 18 monsters? OK," McCaffery said. "We wanted our team on national TV; to go to Carolina and play is going to be a great opportunity for our program."

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Still, this week is an opportunity for players to recover from the season's first five games. And that

down time is something they don't get a lot of during game weeks.

"Just relaxing and get-

ting some rest," Carl Davis said following Iowa's 24-10 win over Purdue.

"Honestly, just trying to

get our bodies back to feeling as close to 100 percent as possible."

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take things one game at a time, as always.

"We know Northwestern is a good team, but all we're focused on right now is Ball State," goaltender Alex Pecora said. "We're

definitely not overlooking them, and we're going to do what we usually do to prepare for both teams."

Pecora was encouraged by her team's performance against their last non-conference opponent, a 7-0 win Sunday over Missouri State at Grant Field.

"It was a great win, but more than that, it was

great to see a lot of our players who don't usually get to play as much come out and contribute," Pecora said. "It shows a lot, I think, about our depth and the amount of preparation we put into each game."

It was Iowa's fourth win in a row, and their third straight at home, a stretch during which the Black and

Gold have outscored their opponents by almost an unimaginable 19-2 mark.

Still, the Oct. 5 contest with the Wildcats looms large in the back of everyone's minds, including freshman forward Mallory Lefkowitz, who scored the first goal of her Hawkeyes career in the win over Missouri State.

"We don't want to overlook anyone, but I definitely think on Friday that we're going to try to get everything together in preparation for a Big Ten game," Lefkowitz said. "Whether you play one game or every game, when you go in and hustle and do your job, it pays off"

Northwestern, which remains the only other Big

Ten team bedside Iowa that has yet to lose a conference game, sports one of the lowest goals-against averages in the Big Ten, a stat that Iowa's top-ranked offense will put to the test.

"I think if we play our game and play how we practice, I think we are a really tough team to beat," junior Natalie Cafone said.

GOLF

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"I absolutely believe in home course advantage," Megan Menzel said. "I think it's really exciting to play at home. Hopefully, by now, we know the ins and outs of Finkbine very well and have a good plan and a good strategy to go out and play the golf course well."

On the roster for the

Hawkeyes will be Shelby Phillips, Amy Ihm, Jessie Sindlinger, Jessica Ip, and Elisa Suarez.

"We know everywhere on the course so it's really nice to be able to play at home. We play it every day, so we'll know what we're coming up to, where we should hit it, and what we should do," Sindlinger, a sophomore, said. "The teams coming here may have played it last year but that's about it, but we play it every day. It should be good

for us, exciting."

At practice, the team continues to work hard on important aspects of its game, particularly chipping and putting.

Numerous Hawkeyes, including Sindlinger, Ip, and Suarez, have mentioned short game as something they need to gain confidence in and improve on.

"We've been working around the greens a lot and just stressing the importance of getting up

and down when we miss a green," Ihm said.

Good decision-making, better plays, and creativity around the green are what Menzel has stressed to her players. "I think they're ready. We're starting to see some better scores. I think it will be really good," the fourth-year coach said.

Having a home tournament will also provide short relief from traveling for the Hawks. Only half of the team's 10 other tour-

naments are within 1,000 miles of Iowa City.

"If you're not caught up in school then you're worried about school," Sindlinger said. "It's nice to have a home meet so we don't have to travel all over."

Making the trip to Iowa City to compete against the Hawkeyes will be Boston University, Tennessee-Chatanooga, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana State, North Dakota State, Northern Illinois, Oakland, South Dakota

State, Southern Illinois, Wichita State, and Winthrop.

Last year, the Hawkeyes finished sixth at their home tournament, carding one of their better places of the season. Menzel is positive about the weekend and hopes to see continued success.

"We're definitely playing for the win," she said. "We want to go out there and put together three solid rounds of golf."

Volleyball eyes tough weekend

By KYLE MANN

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The Iowa volleyball team lost its home-opener last weekend against No. 8 Nebraska, and this weekend isn't going to get any easier. Coach Bond Shymansky and Company will meet No. 3 Penn State on Saturday and will first play host to the Ohio State Buckeyes today.

The 8-5 Hawkeyes will try to end a three-game skid and capture their first conference win.

Ohio State enters the weekend with a record of 9-5 and, like Iowa, has dropped its first two Big Ten matches to Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Buckeyes are led by 6-2 sophomore middle blocker Taylor Sandbothe, who averages 3.15 kills per set and also leads the team and the Big Ten in blocks with 1.52 per set. Senior outside hitter Erin Sekinger, at 6-3, is also a weapon offensively, collecting 3.16 kills per set.

The Hawkeyes have dropped their last 10 matches against the Buckeyes, last defeating them in Columbus on Oct. 26, 2008.

After the Hawks started the season 8-2 before dropping three in a row, Shymansky now seeks not only to end the losing streak in the series with the Buckeyes but to avoid getting in a rut early in the Big Ten season.

"It's not a slump as much as it is that we've just hit a higher level, higher caliber of opponent now," Shymansky said. "We know we're better than the teams that we've beaten up to this point, and that's good; that's a good start. But now we're seeing teams that are top 10 or top five."

Shymansky knew what he was getting into when he accepted the job at Iowa, however, and he knows the level of competition in the Big Ten is something the team is going to have to live with.

"This is the absolute pinnacle of volleyball," Shymansky said. "So we have a lot of work to get to that point. The things we're looking for in the short term are stronger willpower and competitive fire on the court. When we're able to do that, we'll

be able to score points and get into matches. Until we do that, we know we can't just out-talent a team like Nebraska."

With that said, Iowa does have talented players on the roster. Seniors Alex Lovell and Alessandra Dietz have played well, with Lovell sixth in the conference at 3.45 kills per set and Dietz fifth in hitting percentage at .406. Freshman Jess Janota has also been effective and is second on the team in kills, but another outside hitter will be counted on to follow a strong performance last weekend.

"I really liked what Lauren Brobst did for us as an attacker [against Nebraska]," Shymansky said. "She didn't just get kills for us, she dominated kills. She was a bright spot."

Brobst sounds eager to prove she can be a consistent impact player when the team needs her.

"Whenever there are any times that our team might be struggling, that's when I really get the urge to try to play harder than I have been," Brobst said.

The Hawkeyes will need all the help they can get when they face No. 3 Penn State (14-1) on Saturday. Led by All-American Micha Hancock, the Nittany Lions lead the Big Ten in both hitting percentage and opponent hitting percentage.

Iowa has shown glimpses of competition against top teams this year, but have been unable to hold on to a lead. That's a fix the team has identified early on.

"When we get ahead, we enter a zone like 'We'll probably keep it,'" Alyssa Klostermann said. "That shouldn't happen. At this level it should be how badly you can kill a team. Whether we're at point 23 or they're at point 1, we want to destroy them as best as we could."

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Iowa volleyball vs. Ohio State

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Harriers set for stiff competition

By MARIO WILLIAMS

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With more competition coming up in the Iowa men's cross-country team's first big meet of the season, Iowa head coach Layne Anderson expects his runners to race well alongside nationally ranked teams.

The squad will travel to South Bend, Indiana, today to race at the Notre Dame Invitational. The men are set to run at 5 p.m. The squad competed well at the Big Ten Preview two weeks ago, with four runners finishing in the top 15.

Senior Kevin Lewis finished on top for the team, which ended up in third place.

"I'm doing the same type of things to get ready for these bigger meets," Lewis said. "Just slightly less volume to feel a little bit fresher."

The squad had intense workouts last week at the Ashton Cross-Country Course to help prepare for today's meet. This week, Anderson focused more on light running and weightlifting.

"Everyone's training looks great," he said. "I think their minds are in the right places, their bodies are adequately prepared, and we're going to make

sure we're fresh and ready to race."

Senior Ben Witt, who finished in 11th place at the Big Ten Preview, is ready to show what the Hawkeyes are capable of.

"I try to keep calm, but there's also an excitement to show everyone what we can do as a team," he said. "The team is ready to take a big step forward and put ourselves on the national radar."

Despite the squad competing in their first big meet of the season, Witt is comfortable that he will run well.

"This meet is much bigger than our first three but I'm comfortable on that big stage, having been there before," the senior said. "I'm expecting to race well. All indicators are that I'm ready to run faster than I ever have before, and this is the meet to do it."

Sophomore Ben Anderson, who finished in eighth at the Big Ten Preview, stresses the importance of the squad running as a pack. The sophomore believes there is no room for mistakes.

"We really have to run well as a team. [An] emphasis on pack running, and if we perform well, great things will come," he said.

Sophomore Kevin Do-

cherty will run in his first full meet of the season. He ran only 6,000 meters out of the 8,000 at the Big Ten Preview. He is coming off an injury — he suffered an aggravated Achilles training for the U.S. Junior Championships. Docherty doesn't believe he's at his top fitness level but will make the best out of today's meet.

"It's been tough to be training with my teammates, who are in such good shape while I'm playing catch up," the St. Paul, Minnesota, native said.

Twenty-three other teams will run alongside Iowa, including three from the Big Ten — Michigan, Purdue, and Penn State. Other strong teams are New Mexico, Butler, Princeton, and Indiana State.

Lewis looks forward to seeing where the squad matches up with competitive teams.

"This will be the deepest meet for competition," the Ottumwa, Iowa, native said. "It's a great opportunity for us to run against all of these teams in the same meet and see where we fit into things."

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Soccer breaks brief losing streak

Iowa's road magic continued Thursday as it beat Michigan State, 1-0, in East Lansing and broke out of a two-game losing streak.

The Hawkeyes are 2-0 in conference games on the road this season and have posted shutouts in both games. In fact, they only have one road loss all season — a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Iowa State.

Iowa now stands at 4-2 in conference play, 9-3 overall.

Senior Melanie Pickert got the goal for the Black and Gold with a header late in the 51st minute of play. The goal came off a corner kick from sophomore Corey Burns, who registered an assist on the play.

The Hawkeyes played dominate soccer throughout the match, outshooting Michigan State 22-11. Eight of Iowa's 22 shots were on goal, and they also had a slim 5-4 advantage in corner kicks.

Junior Hannah Clark also had a career day for the Hawks, making 5 saves. The shutout, No. 16 for her career, is now the school record for career shutouts.

Iowa does not have to leave the state for their next match, a Oct. 5 showdown with Michigan.

The Maize and Blue sit at 4-1 in conference play and are coming off a season that saw them advance to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

Play will begin at 1 p.m. at the U-M Soccer Stadium in Ann Arbor.

— by Jordan Hansen



Iowa defender Melanie Pickert takes a penalty kick during the game at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014. Iowa defeated Northwestern, 1-0. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

ON THE WEB

Head to dailyiowan.com for previews for the Iowa swimming and diving team's season-opening meet, and the cross-country team's meet in South Bend, Indiana this weekend.

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Field hockey vs. Ball State, Grant Field, 7 p.m. today
Volleyball vs. Ohio State, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m. today
Women's golf at Diane Thomason Invitational, Finkbine Golf Course, 8:30 a.m. Saturday
Swimming vs. Michigan/Nebraska, CRWC, 10 a.m. Saturday
Volleyball vs. Penn State, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m. Saturday

Perfect timing for bye



Iowa linebacker Josey Jewell and defensive back Desmond King tackle Iowa State wide receiver Brett Medders in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 13. Iowa State defeated Iowa, 20-17. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

After winning four of the season's first five games, the Hawkeye football team welcomes an off week at the perfect time.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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It's a rare occurrence when a bye week happens at just the right time.

Coaches always claim it does, because when is an extra week of preparation and rest ever a nuisance?

For several reasons, Iowa's first bye week of the season actually is the perfect time for a week off. On the heels of two-straight victories and a quarterback situation to flesh out, this week has given the Hawkeyes an off-week to regain their footing.

"I don't think we're exactly where we want to be right now, but the kids are working hard, and it's a good time to have a bye week," Iowa's defensive coordinator Phil Parker said, speaking specifically on the defense's behalf.

While most attention this week, and next week, was, and will be, focused on the quarterbacks, the time off should prove useful for

Iowa's defense as well.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz has raved the past couple of weeks about how the defense has worn teams down late in games. He pointed to the constant rotation of players in some positions as a reason.

With players such as Mike Hardy, Jaleel Johnson, and Faith Ekakitie seeing more time on the defensive line, and Josey Jewell seeing action at linebacker, Iowa has been able to dominate the second halves of game recently.

"I think we've got the pieces of our defense and the guys in the right spot right now," Parker said. "We're really working good as a team. The communication has been better."

Parker noted that 24 of the 29 defensive players who traveled to Purdue on Sept. 28 saw some action. With the bye week, he said the players will continue to get used to the rotational sets that have proven useful the last couple of weeks.

However, anything the defense does will be

overshadowed these next few weeks by Iowa's newly announced dual-quarterback system.

Assuming the extra week of rest gives Jake Rudock time to heal his hip — offensive coordinator Greg Davis said this week Rudock was about 80 percent — Iowa will play both him and backup C.J. Beathard against Indiana on Oct. 11.

"We feel like we have two good quarterbacks, and we'll look at it in these next 11 days and then we'll go from there," Davis said.

Davis didn't say specifically how the snaps would be split up, other than it will be more of a feel-for-the-game deal than game plan.

Last season, Iowa went 1-1 following bye weeks. The team lost at Ohio State, 34-24, but came back to beat Michigan at home, 24-21.

For most players, the bye week is a time for rest. For others, it's a time to escape. Offensive tackle Brandon Scherff quickly noted that Oct. 1 marks the first day of archery deer season.

SEE FOOTBALL, 8

Field hockey stays focused



Iowa forward Natalie Cafone congratulates forward Mallory Lefkowitz after Lefkowitz scored against Missouri State at Grant Field on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Bears, 7-0. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

The Iowa field-hockey team prepares for another slate of home games.

By **RYAN RODRIGUEZ**
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The Iowa field-hockey team has played one of the toughest schedules in the country this season.

Slated No. 7 in the latest RPI rankings, the Black and Gold have taken on such powerhouses as North Carolina, Virginia, Wake Forest, and Stanford in the last couple of weeks, and mostly on the road.

So in that context, a Friday night home game against Ball

State doesn't seem all that exciting. After all, the last time these two teams met in preseason, it ended in an 11-0 drubbing by Iowa.

But don't tell the Hawks that. For a team with a veteran coaching staff and more than a few seasoned players, every opponent presents a new challenge, and they know that the team they take lightly could be the one that comes back to bite them in the end.

"Ball State is a respectable opponent, no doubt about that,"

head coach Lisa Cellucci said. "You've got to make sure you get that win first before you start looking too far ahead."

And while the real test might not come until Oct. 5 when Northwestern rolls into town, Cellucci and the team

Iowa field hockey vs. Ball State

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Grant Field

SEE PREVIEW, 8

Golfers happy at home

Iowa women's golf positive about the opportunity to play at home.

By **COURTNEY BAUMANN**
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Home course has always had its advantages, and the Iowa women's golf team hopes this will continue to be true when the second Diane Thomason Invitational kicks off at Finkbine Golf Course on Saturday.

Receiving its name from the former head coach of the Hawkeyes, the tournament honors all that Thomason did for the women's golf program. In her 27-year tenure at Iowa, Thomason — four-time coach of the year from three different entities — coached seven All-Big Ten selections and led the Hawkeyes to their first ever Big Ten title in 1991.

As for Iowa's current head coach, she is enthusiastic about the opportunity to play at home.



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