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HOMECOMING FEATURES GIVING BACK

Officials have been planning this year’s Homecoming for almost a year.

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The University of Iowa has incorporated several new events into Homecoming Week to help students get more involved and give back to the community.

“We are very passionate about giving back to the community,” Elizabeth Howell, the director of sales and marketing for the 2014 Homecoming Council, wrote in an email. “A portion of almost everything we do, including button and T-shirt sales, go to Habitat for Humanity. We want students and community members to be just as excited as we are about services.”

Officials have encouraged students to give back to the community by incorporating a Volunteer Day, which took place on Oct. 4. Groups were able to participate in the Volunteer Day during Homecoming activities on Oct. 8, 2014. (The Daily Iowan File Photo)

 Locals to join Ferguson action

Iowa City residents will travel to Ferguson, Missouri, on Saturday as part of a national effort.

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In early August, a member of the Black Voice project, a student organization, encouraged students to participate in the Traveling to Ferguson, Missouri, for the Week of Resistance, a nationwide effort to participate in collective and political actions related to Ferguson.

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Local malls react to Swedish moves

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The Iowa City Marketplace is in the process of boosting environmental sustainability.
“It’s a virtual thing.” The connection is Mike Parker Koch said he appreciated the efforts the university has taken to give back to the community and believes it has improved its volunteer opportunities since last year.

“This year was just a little more of what they’re incorporating into the ‘Hawkeye food’ help,” he said. “(It’s) an initiative to grow the food in another direction.”

Another event — the Hawkeye food — will take place today from noon to 2 p.m. in Hubbard Park.

“This is just a great Holowesque moment, especially involved throughout the whole week,” Kjaer said. “There is a lot of work that goes into each individual event, and each event has its own budget, but she said.

In addition to new events at this year’s Homecoming, more traditional events are still going strong.

The Blood Drive, which took place Monday, will take place today from noon to 2 p.m. in Hubbard Park.

“Blood Drive, which black lives don’t matter,” Breza said. “Black live do matter, and you can get around, especially employees’ policies and police think that you’ll get to give blood more, and he assent Blood Drive during Homecoming was as the perfect opportunity to give blood. He also plans on giving blood next year.

“Homecoming isn’t just about having fun but giving back to Iowa City,” he said. “It makes the competition worth something. It’s not just about you.”

Another initiative to keep a larger population of students involved is all students and alumni who might not be able to be here in person, but they can take part in the excitement of Homecoming for one or two of their time at the UI, by sharing photos from then and now, and by giving us an update on where their lives have been since they’ve left,” Joan Kjaer, the strategic communications director for International Programs, wrote in an email.

Response will then be posted on the International Programs website, as part of the International Education Week in November in order for students to continue staying connected to the UI.

Kjaer said she has high hopes for the future of Homecoming and the UI and that Homecoming will become a yearly tradition.
Shot in the dark

W hen more of chaos in the Middle East al-

ways seems to dominate the headlines, it's

easy to lose sight of the grander picture. But

when we do, it becomes clear just how signifi-

cant the recent negotiations between Israel and

the Palestinians are. If these talks fail, it could

lead to a new round of violence and conflict

that will be far more destructive than the pre-

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EDITORIAL

Swedish move not helpful

The decision by Sweden to formally recognize a Palestinian state is a step in the wrong direction.

Sweden's recognition marks the first time a country in Europe has decided to formally recognize a Palestinian state, and this move is likely to be followed by others.

However, recognizing a Palestinian state does not address the root causes of the conflict. It is not a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and it will not bring peace to the region.

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A group seeking to engage students in the 2014 election descended on all three Iowa regent universities Monday to raise awareness of climate change and one Republican candidate’s stance on it.

NextGen Climate — a 501(c)(4) group concerned with promoting and electing candidates who support taking action against climate change — deployed campus organizers and volunteers to the intersection of Clinton Street and Iowa Avenue on the University of Iowa campus.

Their mission? To corral as many students as possible to pledge as “Climate Action Voters” — which simply means when they vote this November they will take the stances of each candidate on climate change into consideration. To date, 5,000 students on all three regent campuses have taken the pledge.

“We’re specifically focused on young people, because it’s an issue that resonates with them,” said Dave Miranda, a press secretary with NextGen Climate Iowa.

Miranda said the issue of climate change is likely to be the “defining issue” for this younger generation of voters.

The group has invested $3.7 million and 550 staffers and volunteers in Iowa to focus on a campaign against Joni Ernst, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in Iowa.

NextGen Climate Action Committee has bankrolled television and paper ads against her. On Monday, the group purchased full-page ads in both The Daily Iowan and Iowa State Daily.

The ads featured a photo of Ernst and a quote from the last debate.

“I don’t know the science behind climate change,” she said in the debate “I can’t say one way or another what is the direct impact from whether it’s man-made or not.”

Michael Werner, a volunteer with NextGen Climate and the Iowa director of the American Wind Energy Association, said if Ernst truly cared about climate change, she would be familiar with the scientific arguments concerning it.

Ernst spokeswoman Gretchen Hamel said the candidate understands the need for a clean environment and students’ concern about jobs.

“College students who are worried about finding a job after graduation know we need real change in Congress and that Joni will bring the Iowa way to Washington,” Hamel said.

She also pointed out that NextGen Climate is funded by billionaires Tom Steyer and Tom Steyer, who she characterized as “extreme environmentalists.”

Ernst faced heat at her Democratic opponent during their first debate, saying that Steyer was essentially funding Rep. Bruce Braley’s campaign.

Braley’s camp responded Monday by taking the Bill that he “is focused on protecting and promoting Iowa’s vibrant energy industry that brings billions of dollars into Iowa’s economy each year and reduces energy costs for Iowa families.”

Following their interaction with NextGen Climate Iowa, several students who pledged to be Climate Action Voters said they do plan to take the climate into consideration when voting in November.

UI senior Rachel Cortez said she would consider climate change to be one of her top issues when considering which candidates to vote for.

“The climate is going to destroy the world before war does, so it’s pretty important to know which candidates are going to make a difference against climate change,” she said.

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The group has invited local politicians and students to a climate rally on the Pentacrest.

Photo courtesy of NextGen Climate Iowa volunteer Michael Werner.
Today's Events

- Pharmacology Faculty Seminar: Regulation of insulin Sensitivity in T1D, William Pettit, Ph.D., M.D., 10:30 a.m., 1114 Medical School & Research Facility
- Horseracing: Steak and Oysters for the Fast 250, 1:30 p.m., Sanibel Park
- Leave Your Homecoming: Hawkeye Feed, Habitat for Humanity, 2:30 p.m., 24 Phillips
- Microbiology Seminar: Molecular and structural analysis of the Thyroperoxin nerve axon in vitro, Matthew Potthoff, 3 p.m., Bowen Hall
- Pharmacology Faculty Seminar: Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Matthew Wolfgang, 3 p.m., Bowen Hall

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By NICK VITTORE

Two days after third-place finishes to start the season, the Iowa men’s golfers are satisfied with their play, but they admit there is room for improvement.

The Hawkeyes finished tied for third in a 12-team field at the three-day Golfweek Conference Challenge on Sept. 16 in Burlington. Sophomore Carvon Schakke tied for 39th, leading the Hawkeyes. The top-two finishers were LSU and Southern Methodist. In total, four Hawkeyes finished in the top 20 in that tournament.

On Sept. 22, the two-day Windon Memorial Classic came to a close in Evanston, Illinois, with Iowa finishing tied for third among 15 teams. That tournament included four Big Ten schools: Purdue, Northwestern, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Best low Hawkeye Schakke tied for fourth, and three Hawkeyes finished in the top 20.

Third-place finishes are not too shabby, but they aren’t where the Hawkeyes want to be.

“We just need to mine the experience,” junior Nate Yanovich said. “Every time you’re not 100% aligned, we have struggled against it.”

For senior Brian Bullington, the biggest thing is keeping steady through the rough patch and outhitting the leading Hawkeye. The eight kids on the team to continue to build on previous tournaments and make in-round adjustments.

“We’ve managed our emotions well on the golf course, and we have been ambitious,” Yanovich said. “Even after a strong start to the season, some of us are satiated. We want more, and that’s a positive of our team.”

Follow @NickVitter on Twitter for news, updates and analysis about the Iowa men’s golf team.

By CHARLIE GREEN

Even before Big Ten play begins in January, certain Iowa men’s tennis players may get a chance to test their abilities against some of the best players in college tennis.

Matt Hagan was the first Hawkeye to fall square off with a ranked player at the Princeton Invitational on Sept. 19, as he took on Princeton’s Zach McCourt. Depending on a few factors, including the way seeds come to light, the senior may get a chance to redeem himself at the regionals beginning Thursday.

“I started off the first set shaky,” Hagan said. “I think I put a little too much pressure on myself initially after the match.”

Hagan rebounded from a 6-5 loss in the first set but still fell short in the second set, dropping a 6-1, 6-4 decision to McCourt.

Hagan says he plans to make it a brotherhood of believing, including himself and make it a brotherhood of believing, each other personally and make it a brotherhood of believing, just adjustments.

“I think it’s important to loosen up and relax, too,” Hagan said. “We’re going to be in some dogfights. We need to treat every match and every point like it’s our last one.”

The added pressure may turn out to be an asset as doos physically when challenged by a ranked opponent, making the ranking more than just a number that comes before a player’s name.

“If you don’t feel nervous going into a match, you’re probably in the wrong sport,” Estemendi said. “Good players just know how to handle the pressure. That’s the difference.”

With three freshmen on the squad getting some college experience in the fall, the possibility remains that they will get a shot at top players as well.

“It would be an amazing opportunity for me,” freshman Jake Jacoby said. “It may not happen this year, but mentally, I’m ready for the challenge.”

Ranked players may get placed in a higher echelon of talent, but with that placement comes tough tests on their backs. Players such as Hagan, these are the opportunities that make the game special.

“If you get a win against a ranked player, it’s obviously a big deal,” he said. “But I think you need to need to keep your head to put your self in a position to get ranked.”

Regardless of the caliber of opponent, Hagan and Company want to treat every match the same — as if their season depends on it.

“I haven’t lost at a player with a number next to his name different than a player without one,” Hagan said. “I feel like I can think the same and not put added pressure on myself, I’ll be fine.”

Follow @CharIsGreen on Twitter for news, updates and analysis about the Iowa men’s tennis team.

SPORTS 7

Tennis players face tough regional
Big Ten Confident in Future

By JOSEPH WHITE

The Hawkeyes are, quite simply, the best team in the Big Ten.

That’s a bold statement to make after just two games of the 2014 season, but when you consider what Iowa has done in the first two weeks, it’s hard not to believe.

First, the Hawkeyes put together a 27-17 win over the Seattle Seahawks on Monday night in what was essentially the team’s second preseason game of the year.

The win was a strong performance by a team that was out to prove something.

Second, the Hawkeyes have a young, talented roster that is rapidly coming together.

That’s a combination that has won the Big Ten title in the past, and it’s one that has the potential to do so again this year.

But the Hawkeyes are not without their challenges.

They have a young defense that is still learning, and a young offense that is still finding its rhythm.

And they have a lot of work to do to improve in certain areas, such as special teams and on the offensive line.

But for now, the Hawkeyes are confident in their future.

They are confident in their ability to compete at the highest level, and they are confident in their ability to win.

This is a team that is built for success.

It’s a team that is built for the future.

And it’s a team that is built for this season.
The Big Ten might struggle to earn respect on a national level, but its individual players are performing well on the field.

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On an individual level, the Big Ten is in great shape. The league’s quarterbacks boast uncharacteristically solid passing numbers, and the running backs are as good as they’ve ever been.

But as a whole, the conference has struggled. With Iowa fresh off its first bye week of the season, now is a good time to look at what’s made the Big Ten good and what’s brought it down.

Running backs averaging over 140 rushing yards per game — 4

The Big Ten, obviously, hasn’t been the premier conference of the Football Bowl Subdivision lately. But the one thing teams have established is that the conference is the land of elite running backs.

Off the six running backs in the nation that average more than 140 yards per game, four of them play in the Big Ten. Melvin Gordon of Wisconsin averages 174.2 yards per game, and Indiana’s Tevin Coleman is just behind him with 169.2 yards per game.

Nebraska’s Ameer Abdullah averages 146.3 yards per game, and Minnesota’s David Cobb averages 144.2 yards per game.

It’s not as if those running backs are getting any better. They’ve been efficient whenever they take the rock. Of those four backs, the worst yards per carry average amongst them is Cobb at just 5.92 yards per carry.

Of the nation’s running backs that have carried the ball at least 100 times this season, Gordon averages the most yards per carry at 6.06 yards per attempts.

What’s made the Big Ten good and what’s brought it down?

**THE BOX SCORE**

Field hockey ranks high

Despite a home loss to Northwestern, the Iowa field-hockey team still ranks nationally in many categories.

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The Iowa field-hockey team suffered its first home loss of the season Sunday, falling to a conference-leading Northwestern that holds the Hawkeyes to 1 goal for just the third time this season.

And while every loss is a setback, a quick look inside the numer- ical reveals that the Black and Gold are still a powerful team with a lot of offensive weapons.

Let’s break it down.

**Games After Losses**

The Black and Gold have been held to 1 goal in a game just three times this season and are 8-3 in those contests.

While a lack of offense has hurt...