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## Saluting the veterans



U.S. Marine and Afghanistan veteran Jacob Stone stands in the UI Veterans Center on Monday. Stone studies ethics and public policy at the UI. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

University of Iowa veterans appreciate the efforts the university has made to recognize their service.

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**T**he University of Iowa Veterans Association consists of members from all different branches of the military.

In honor of Veterans Day, two U.S. Marines and one Army National Guard member discussed what made them decide to serve our country, as well as the new meaning Veterans Day has taken on because of their service.

The University of Iowa enrolled 505 veterans in fall 2013, and the university ranks consistently according to U.S. News & World Report in best colleges for veterans — ranking sixth nationally out of 234 institutions.

### Jacob Stone, U.S. Marine

U.S. Marine Jacob Stone, a combat veteran in Afghanistan, decided to attend the University of Iowa because he had heard it was one of the top-10 veteran-friendly schools.

After four years of being a motor technician and recovering broken or disabled vehicles, Stone is studying ethics and public policy, and he hopes to go to law school.

Stone said he decided to join the Marines because he didn't want to go to college at the time. His plan was to enlist with one of his friends.

But when his friend backed out last minute, Stone followed through with his decision despite his parents' hesitancy to accept his determination to serve the country.

"[They were] very opposed, [but I dealt with it] with facts and rational arguments," he said.

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### Veterans Day

For Veterans Day, the University of Iowa has scheduled several events including:

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Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Pentacrest

Source: The University of Iowa

## Assistant VP Green to retire

Chuck Green, the University of Iowa director of Public Safety, is set to retire at the beginning of next year.

By **CORY PORTER**  
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Chuck Green, the University of Iowa assistant vice president for the UI police, will retire after 20 years as head of the university's Public Safety Department.

Green's retirement is set to take effect on Jan. 9, 2015.

"Jan. 9 will mark my 20th

year as director of Public Safety, and, over the last two decades, the men and women of this department have built a program that we can all be extremely proud of," Green said.

After working as the manager of security and fire for nine years at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, he became



**Green**  
director

SEE GREEN, 5

## Officials get Shao autopsy

Tong Shao's final autopsy report was handed over to Iowa City police, prosecutor's office, according to officials.

By **NICK MOFFITT**  
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A final autopsy report for former Iowa State University student Tong Shao has been obtained by the Iowa City police and the Johnson County County Attorney's Office, officials told *The Daily Iowan* Monday afternoon.

Johnson County Medical

Examiner Administrator Mike Hensch said officials obtained the documents on Oct. 31 but declined to release any information found in the report.

"The final autopsy report is confidential by law, and I can't release information inside," he said.

Shao, 20, was first reported



**Shao**  
deceased

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# Officials map research strategy

By **BEN MARKS**

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In an effort to continue successful research at the University of Iowa, officials have hosted the first ever research address, informing the public of the status of research and plans for the future.

"Upfront, I think it's very important, critical in fact, to say research will and must remain one of our core missions at the University of Iowa and a very integral part of our institutional identity," UI President Sally Mason said.

The State of Research Address focused on problems facing research today and how the UI can combat them.

This address, the first of its kind at the university, is expected to be an annual event.

Daniel Reed, the UI vice president for Research and

Economic Development, gave the address and pushed the idea to eliminate the separation between disciplines and form a common platform from which researchers from all areas can more easily communicate and exchange ideas.

"It's very hard for people to talk about a common problem if they don't have a common language," he said.

Mason also touched on the need for increased interdisciplinary communication and cooperation.

"The problems confronting our world today are not one dimensional, and they're also not always neatly mapped onto traditional disciplines," she said.



**Reed**  
Vice president

Reed also noted the challenges facing research, mainly the significant decrease in support from federal funding the university has seen during the last four years.

In fiscal 2012, the UI received almost \$276.5 million from federal agencies. The UI only received around \$246.5 million from federal agencies in fiscal 2013.

Since 1992, he said, the fraction of Gross Domestic Product the United States has invested in research and development has declined from second to 10th place when ranked among the most major economies in the world.

This decline, he said, is not because the U.S. is decreasing support of research but because other countries are increasing theirs while we remain unchanged.

The third, and perhaps most basic challenge, Reed

said, facing research was its long-term nature.

"The fundamental problem is this: The payoff from investment in research is huge, but it's long term, while its costs are apparent upfront," he said.

Despite these challenges however, the message remained clear: There is plenty that can be done to overcome them.

Jon Winet, the director of the Digital Studio for Public Arts and Humanities, said he appreciated the address and believes at a time when the university is facing tremendous financial and political challenges, a speech showcasing "the inspiration and ability of the university to get the job done" was necessary.

"There's some very bold ideas in there," Winet said. "About innovation, about teamwork, about new ways of imagining research."

# Group seeks police dialogue

By **RACHEL GREEN**

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One Iowa City group hopes to reform the Johnson County justice system by improving relations between the community and police forces.

Reform the Johnson County Justice System hopes to make the system more accountable to residents of the area, focusing on the militarization of the police force, marginalized groups, and police brutality.

"We're hoping to promote open dialogue between the community and the police forces and really explain to them how the community feels when it comes to the priority of criminal cases," group member Keegan O'Malley said.

The idea of reforming the justice system has been prevalent in Johnson County, especially in light of the recent courthouse-annex

vote on Nov. 4, in which voters turned down the proposal. Many people in the Johnson County area wanted the justice system to first be improved before adding on to the courthouse.

Reform the Johnson County Justice System, however, chose to focus solely on police relationships.

"We wanted to focus specifically on the police and not so much on the justice system, because I thought we would stretch ourselves too thin," O'Malley said.

Members of the group were brought together by the riots in Ferguson, Missouri, and were influenced by the militarization in both Ferguson and the Johnson County area.

O'Malley said one of the main focus points of the militarization debate is the mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle the Iowa City Sheriff's Office possesses.

"We see no valid reason a town of 77,000 should have a mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle, which they say is going to be used for rescue purposes," he said. "We believe it will be used as intimidation against peaceful and public demonstrations."

The group plans to organize a sit-down meeting with the police to learn more details about the policies the police department abides by.

They are hoping to have this interview scheduled sometime in early December.

"I know there's been several groups or organizations who have tried to work with the police, and they have basically brushed them off," group member Latisha McDaniel said. "I'm hoping that they will take what we bring to the table seriously and that we're not an organization that is going away."

O'Malley said organizing

the sit-down will be a way to become more educated before they decide to hold demonstrations and ask for a change in the justice system and the police departments.

"We realize we don't know some of the details of the policies, and we need to talk about those details to learn about the policies before making a change, and that's what the sit-down will be about," he said.

Reform the Johnson County Justice System member Kelsey Carr said she hopes to see an attempt at making improvements within the justice system in the future.

"I want to see more accountability and transparency, and more community policing," she said. "I think one of the main goals of our group is to see better relationships between us and them and not to see it as us versus them."

# Board, teachers discuss proposals

By **GRACE PATERAS**

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Iowa City School District officials discussed potential changes in teachers' absence days, as well as salaries.

The School District and the Iowa City Education Association proposed changes and bargaining positions for the 2015-16 negotiated agreement on Monday.

Chace Ramey, the School Board's human-resources chief, said that though the two groups had some different opinions on changes, they are working toward the

same goal.

One topic the School District and the education association both discussed was the need for employee-absence days.

The association gets its proposals from teachers and contracts other districts use in Iowa.

In the association's proposal, teachers may have the option to take up to five days of paid absence annually to attend funerals of relatives and close friends. This is compared with the only one day in the agreement from last year.

"Teachers want to be treated like professionals," Gross said. "And [they want] the flexibility to do the job that they're trained to do."

The School District had other thoughts on funeral leave, however.

According to the proposal, the board would like to see a section of sick leave and one for general leave, which would include funeral absences, for paid time off.

"Banking time off as one [section] allows more flexibility," Ramey said.

Future meetings will negotiate both proposals, and

officials aim to have the agreement set by the end of winter.

Attendee Julie VanDyke said she will wait to evaluate if they are beneficial.

"Rarely is that something that plans out for workers as how it looks," she said.

In addition to possible absence days, officials also talked about changing the rate a teacher is paid in the summer.

The education association proposed an increase to \$29.15 per hour for summer wages. The current summer teacher wages are \$25.

## METRO

### Woman accused in credit-card case

Authorities have accused a Tiffin woman of stealing her mother's credit card.

Alisa Anderson, 19, was charged Sept. 14 with unauthorized use of credit card.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, the victim stated her credit card was being used to

made unauthorized transactions starting on Sept. 14 and ending on Oct. 11.

The victim didn't know about this activity until she received her bank statement and reportedly discovered that her daughter had used her credit card without her consent.

Anderson's transactions valued \$2,312.60.

Unauthorized use of a credit card is a Class-D felony.

— by Alyssa Guzman

### Officer accidentally shoots 2 officers

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An Iowa City police officer accidentally shot two nearby officers while cleaning his service weapon Monday evening.

According to a release, members of the Iowa City police were conducting cleaning and maintenance of their service weapons at the substation, 1067 Highway

6 E., when an officer accidentally shot his weapon at another officer as well as an officer who was standing nearby.

Both of the officers were sent to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by the Johnson County Ambulance Service and were later released, the release said. The names of the officers involved will not be released, and the incident will be subject to an internal investigation.

— by Jordyn Reiland

## BLOTTER

**Maurice Bullock**, 19, 902 Benton Drive Apt. 24, was charged Monday with carrying a toy gun in city limits.

**Christopher Bush**, 19, N102 Currier, was charged Nov. 8 with possession of prescription drugs.

**Jeremy Damer**, 19, 900B Stanley, was charged Nov. 8 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Steven Dillon**, 53, North English, Iowa, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Joshua Giles**, 20, 522 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 13, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Natalie Hardy**, 41, 321 Douglas Court, was charged Sunday with driving while barred.

**Robert Johnson**, 18, Muscatine, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

**Mitchell Landau**, 21, 207 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 15, was charged Nov. 7 with public intoxication.

**John Neal**, 18, 4315 Burge,

was charged Nov. 6 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**John Steskal**, 38, 716 N. Dubuque St. Room A5, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Matthew Stevenson**, 33, 434 Hawaii Court, was charged Nov. 8 with public intoxication.

**Jessica Vaughan**, 25, West Branch, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Connor Wigans**, 18, 949 Rien-

ow, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.

**Dino Woods**, 54, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Jake Wooten**, 20, Le Claire, Iowa, was charged Monday with use of another's driver's license/ID to obtain alcohol and public intoxication.

**Brett Young**, 43, address unknown, was charged Monday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

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# Working against preterm births

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Premature births are slowly declining in Iowa.

March of Dimes recently came out with its annual report card, which showed Iowa's premature birth rate dropped to 11.1 percent in 2013 — down from 11.5 percent in 2012.

Iowa beat the national preterm birth rate, earning a "B" on the report card.

"Iowa is very progressive in prenatal care compared with other states across the nation," said Michelle Gogerty, the Iowa March of Dimes director of programs and advocacy.

March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization that advocates for mother and baby health.

The national rate decreased to 11.4 percent in 2013, the lowest preterm birth rate in 17 years. But the nation still received a "C" on the report card.

Cary Murphy, the head of the Programs Committee for the Iowa March of Dimes, said prematurity is now the leading cause of death in children under the age of 5.

He said he hopes to see Iowa reach the March of Dimes goal of 9.6 percent in 2020.

University of Iowa Professor Jeffrey Segar, the director of the Neonatology Division at the UI Children's Hospital, said that in order for a pregnancy to be considered preterm, the infant is born before 37 weeks of gestation.

Late preterm infants, or those who are born be-

tween 34-36 weeks, make up roughly 75 percent of all preterm births, Segar said.

Upwards of 20 percent of those births are elective, meaning the physician decides the infant should be delivered early depending on the mother's condition.

Segar said elective preterm births can be reduced by better managing the mother's condition instead of delivering the baby prematurely.

Social determinants are a factor to prematurity, Segar said, including poverty and social stresses.

Segar said the premature birth rate at the UIHC is slightly higher than the rest of the state, which is expected because it is a referral center for higher risk patients across the state.

Gogerty said March of Dimes has a longstanding partnership with UIHC.

The organization has funded over \$3 million in

active research grants that are underway, including research that is identifying ways to end prematurity and birth defects.

The group also funded the UIHC's Centering Pregnancy Program, an evidence-based model of group prenatal care that has shown to reduce preterm birth rates, particularly among African-American women.

Segar said in order to see a long-term sustainable effect on lowering the rate of prematurity; it has to be treated as a public-health issue, in terms of education, screening, and addressing risk factors.

Although Iowa seems to be on the right track, Segar said, the state still has room for improvement.

"I think we still have a ways to go and a lot to learn in terms of how we can better prevent prematurity within the state of Iowa."

# Homicide suspect dies before trial

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A trial that would have taken place in January to determine whether former University of Iowa researcher John Bloomfield strangled wife Frances Bloomfield in 1997 will no longer take place; John Bloomfield was reported on Monday to have died.



Bloomfield deceased

Now that Bloomfield has died, Assistant County Attorney Anne Lahey said the case will be dismissed, as is protocol if the accused dies before trial.

Bloomfield attorney Leon Spies said he died at Fairview Riverside Hospital on Nov. 6 in Minneapolis.

Spies said Bloomfield was suffering from a variety of illnesses that ultimately led to his death, most notably prostate cancer, as well as diabetes

and a heart ailment.

Court documents allege that Bloomfield "returned to his home from a business trip and struck his wife in the head and then strangled her with a ligature before wrapping up her body and dumping it along a road near Rockford, Illinois."

Spies had recently filed a statement of alibi for Bloomfield, which said he was on a business trip during the time of the slaying.

Bloomfield had been charged with first-degree murder, which, according to the Iowa Code, occurs when, the person willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kills another person.

First-degree murder is a Class-A felony in Iowa, which carries life in

prison on conviction.

Bloomfield was granted the ability to move back to the Minneapolis area and be placed on house arrest according to a court document filed on March 18. He was

placed there for health-care reasons.

On Nov. 3, Spies filed a motion for dismissal of the case, citing important witnesses being unable to be located and that investigators have known of the severity of Bloomfield's illness and how it would impair his ability to contribute to the defense.

"My contention was that his right to a vigorous defense was violated," Spies said.

Spies said it is disappointing his client will never get an opportunity to clear his name.

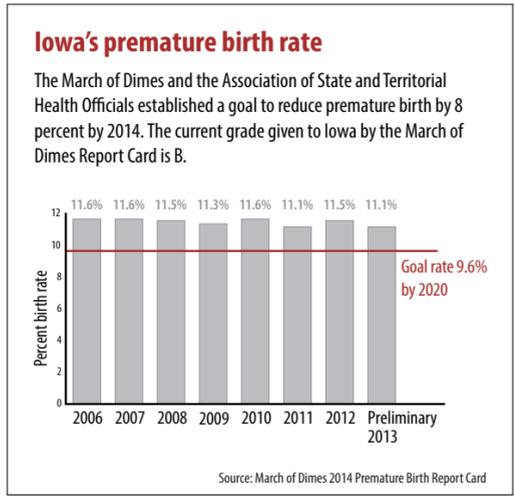
"I believe we could have demonstrated that he was innocent," he said.

Lahey said if Bloomfield had not died, her plan was to file a counter to that motion Monday that would have contested the motion to dismiss from Spies.

Lahey said the death leaves the case unsolved. "It is regrettable what has happened," she said. "We were very much hoping John Bloomfield would be brought to justice for the death of Frances Bloomfield."

"We were very much hoping John Bloomfield would be brought to justice for the death of Frances Bloomfield."

— Anne Lahey, assistant county attorney



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## COLUMN

### No Play plays



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Just say no works, apparently. Who knew Nancy Reagan's famous words would resound so clearly all these decades later?

That's one of the messages you could take away from last week's election. So Bob Dylan was wrong; negativity will get you through.

I mean, Republicans acted out the No Play (sorry, Japan) for six years, and it brought them, or bought them, the Senate. Good work, guys.

Of course, "No" as a guiding philosophy isn't going to work very well anymore.

Meanwhile, according to NPR, national exit polls indicate that 60-some percent of U.S. voters believe the economic system is tilted in favor of the wealthy. They're probably right.

But then they voted for Republicans, who consistently vote in favor of measures that ensure the economic system is tilted in favor of the wealthy.

You just gotta love Americans.

More exit polls from Nov. 4 (and Sartre thought there were no exits; silly Frenchman) — when the nation threw an Election Day and pretty much nobody showed up — show that slightly more than 50 percent of Iowans said they did not follow the campaigns closely or, in some cases, at all.

No wonder the Republicans won. Know Nothings leading Know Nothings. That's the formula for success. No, really. (That "No" word again. That word is probably the sign of our times.)

Democrats can't twig this, but then, they're Know Nothings, too. They just don't know how to lead Know Nothings, or much of anybody else. They're too busy trying to herd cats.

Hint to Democrats: Cats can't vote. They're illegal immigrants, or should be. The first thing Republicans will do, led by Iowa's own Rep. Steve King (not to be confused with the best-selling horror-book author, though you'd be excused if you did), is to round up all America's cats (herding cats resurfaces; the more things change, etc.) and throw them across or into the Rio Grande.

Meanwhile, Sen. Mitch McConnell, the incoming Senate majority leader, warns President Obama about using his executive authority by saying, "It's like waving a red flag in front of a bull."

McConnell forgets that, in a bullfight, when they wave the red item, the bull generally dies. Soon. Also, I've never been to a bullfight, but it's not a red flag, is it? It's a red cape.

In any case, the bull dies.

But maybe it's about time in the country that some bull dies.

Speaking of some bull, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, will probably become the head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, just as Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, had predicted. Braley lost the election for Sen. Tom Harkin's open Senate seat partly because he noted that if Republicans took over the Senate, Grassley, a longtime Iowa farmer, though not a lawyer, in addition to being an amazingly longtime politician (when does he have time to harvest stuff, outside of political idiocies?) would become just that.

Grassley will be the first non-lawyer to head the Judiciary Committee ever, according to NPR. That's like me becoming the head of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and I've never been on a farm in my life. What's the difference between a tractor and a combine? I don't know. I think combine, I think NFL.

Might as well think NFL. It's the only game in town, now that the Hawkeye football team disappeared in the witness-protection program.

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## EDITORIAL

### Celebrate vets, monitor the VA

Today is Veterans Day, a special day set aside to honor those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, will make an appearance at a ceremony in Iowa City today. It is often easy to forget that the freedoms we take for granted today are available only through the sacrifices our predecessors have made. Elmer Davis, the director of the U.S. Office of War Information during World War II, famously stated, "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

Americans often have skeptical views regarding their country's involvement in foreign affairs. In 2007, a poll conducted by the *New York Times* and CBS News showed that 61 percent of Americans believe that the United States should have stayed out of Iraq.

Despite this, polling shows that Americans do not transfer their dissatisfaction with foreign policy on to their perception of returning veterans. A national poll released by Military.com in 2012 indicates that 86 percent of Americans view Iraq and Afghanistan veterans as "valuable assets."

The poll's results were not all positive. Most Americans also have misconceptions about veterans being less educated than non-veterans and that the majority suffer from PTSD. Both of these stereotypes are factually inaccurate.

Most disturbing, however, is that our government's track record of treating veterans has been horrendous. The Department of Veterans Affairs was established to provide support and benefits to veterans after their service. In April, a scandal shook the VA when it was reported that at least 40 veterans had passed away while in the process of awaiting treatment at Phoenix VA facilities. A later audit found that more than 120,000 veterans remained waiting or never got care. The schedulers cooked

the books to make waiting times seem better than they were. The fiasco led to the early resignation of the VA Secretary Eric Shinseki.

In July, a Gallup poll demonstrated the obvious: Veterans are unhappy with how they are treated. An astounding 55 percent believe it is difficult to access care.

Things in the VA seem to be getting better. New VA Secretary Bob McDonald unveiled on Monday that the VA will undergo an entire restructuring. He plans to fire or discipline more than 1,000 public workers.

Where the government seems to have been failing recently on the issue of helping veterans, the private sector has stepped up. A report put together by the RAND and J.P. Morgan Chase highlights the success of a program known as the 100,000 Jobs Mission. This partnership of 179 private companies has a goal of increasing the hiring of veterans. More than 200,000 veterans have been hired since the coalition's inception in 2011.

The Labor Department's report from October shows that the unemployment rate for veterans was 4.5 percent for the month. Comparably, the civilian unemployment rate for the same month was 5.8 percent. Remarkably, veterans actually had a better time finding jobs than civilians. As early as January of this year, this trend was reversed.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes that providing excellent care should be a vital priority for the government. Accounting for the previous embarrassments, the VA has a lot of work to do to regain the public's trust. While the new secretary seems to be on the right track, Congress should continue to monitor the VA's progress with scrutiny to make sure scandals of this magnitude never happen again. Additionally, private companies helping in the hiring of veterans should be applauded for their successful efforts.

## COLUMN

### The right to die



Keith Evanson  
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Cancer is the broad term used to describe more than 100 different diseases in which damaged cells divide and spread uncontrollably, breaking down the body and causing organs to malfunction. This definition of cancer, though, isn't enough to describe what it really is.

To those who have survived it, those who currently suffer, or those who have had witness firsthand, watching their loved ones slowly die — they will tell you cancer is more than a dictionary definition.

Cancer is the crying you hear on the phone after you tell a friend the unfortunate news from a positive blood test. Cancer is when you have to explain to your 3-year-old niece why her aunt lost all her beautiful auburn hair. Cancer is when you hold your terminally ill grandmother's cold hand

in the hospital while she tells you everything is going to be OK, even after hearing she has a few weeks to live.

On New Year's Day of this year, 29-year-old Brittany Maynard went to the doctor after complaining of terrible headaches and found out she had terminal brain cancer. Even after numerous surgeries, in April, Maynard was told by doctors that she had six months to live, possibly a few more months after going through brain radiation and other treatments.

But she decided against the cancer treatments. Instead, she decided to end her life on her own terms.

After making this decision, Maynard and her family packed up all their belongings from their home in California and moved to Oregon, one of only five states in the country that allow terminally ill citizens to end their own life via prescription pills. On Nov. 1, she ended her suffering and died, surrounded by her loved ones in her own home.

Her family and the millions of people who have been following her story these past few weeks now grieve.

Maynard's death has since prompted an important discussion nationally of what rights we have as American citizens to protect ourselves and our families from having to experience prolonged physical and emotional suffering.

"I can't even tell you the amount of relief that it provides me to know that I don't have to die the way it has been described to me, that my brain tumor would take me on its own," Maynard said in an interview via [thebrittanyfund.org](http://thebrittanyfund.org), just weeks before her passing.

Currently, in 45 of the 50 states, you do not have the option to end your life the way Maynard did with professional medical assistance. The right to make a decision involving your own body is something every state in the country should honor.

There are many people in this country who would disagree. The main argument against the "Right-to-Die" initiative includes

the opinion that people suffering from cancer should do as much as they can with medical procedures to extend their lives, whether it's a few days or a few months.

They have the right to disagree with it personally, but their opinion shouldn't take away the option from others who seek a peaceful death.

"When people criticize me for not waiting longer, or whatever they've decided is best for me, it hurts because I risk it every day that I wake up," Maynard said

I cannot accurately describe how it feels to have cancer. I have never had it. But I have seen it happen to someone I loved dearly. At 15-years-old, I watched my grandmother transform from the sharp, quick-witted woman who covered me with kisses every time she saw me into a woman who didn't remember my name or who I was.

I don't know if my grandmother would have made the same decision that Maynard did, but I wish she would have had the option. Everyone should have the right to die without pain and suffering.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The shame of Iowa

I've always thought of myself as an Iowan, even though I was born in Illinois and have lived out-of-state for the past 33 years. I looked forward to spending my retirement years in Iowa. Until November 4, I was proud to call myself a Hawkeye. But then the voters of Iowa did the unthinkable: they elected to the U. S. Senate a right-wing extremist who can't even accept basic facts. Yes, I'm talking about Joni Ernst, who, when a reporter reminded her that there was only one case of Ebola in the United States, replied, "OK, you're the press, and you're giving me your opinion."

Once upon a time, Iowans were a rational lot. At least it seemed that way. They'd elect and reelect conservative hacks

such as Terry Branstad and Charles Grassley, but wouldn't go for a nutcase. That began to change when northwestern Iowans sent Steve King to the House of Representatives. And now Iowa will have a senator who's not only a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, but apparently thinks we have an Ebola epidemic.

The last time I voted in Iowa was in 1980, when we turned out the decent Sen. John C. Culver for Grassley, who waged an even dirtier campaign than Ernst. Grassley all but accused Culver, who was Edward Kennedy's roommate at Harvard, of helping Kennedy cover up the Chappaquiddick scandal.

Still, I'm hopeful for 2016. It will be a presidential year with higher voter turnout. And unlike 1980, the GOP won't have

a Ronald Reagan at the top of the ticket, lulling Americans into voting Republican with his soothing fables. Perhaps Iowans can even undo their blunder of 1980 by unseating Grassley, presuming he doesn't retire. But we're all stuck with Ernst through the end of the decade.

Stephen Crews Wylder

### Make us proud, Sen. Ernst

Congratulations on winning the Senate seat Tuesday night.

I spent the last several months advising my friends and family against supporting you in the election. I disagree with many of the positions you embraced in the course of your campaign. That being said, you ran an effective operation, and for that you have my respect.

I want you to be a suc-

cessful champion for Iowans while in Washington. I strongly urge you to support legislation promoting education, infrastructure and basic research. These are necessary economic investments backed by a great deal of data. I am confident you can make evidence-based decisions while serving in the Senate; in doing so you can help ensure economic growth for Iowa and its people.

I wish you the best over the next six years. I am optimistic you can bring Iowa values to Washington. Expect to hear from me on a regular basis. (Just ask your colleague Sen. Grassley.) I know we won't agree on everything, but I hope the two of us and the rest of the state can engage in constructive dialogue throughout your term. Make us proud, Sen. Ernst.

Rob Humble

## VETERANS

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Stone left two weeks after high school, and although his parents are now proud of his decision, they are relieved he's home safe.

Stone said he thinks the hardest part about coming home from war, for a veteran, is other people understanding. Not just civilians, but even people in the military, because of how different everyone's experiences are.

Though his grandfather served in World War II, Stone did not come from a traditional military family, unlike some of his fellow UI Veterans Association members.

Stone said he didn't really know what Veterans

Day represented when he was in high school.

"[But now I understand the] sacrifice people put into it," he said.

### Josh Mulder, U.S. Marine

Josh Mulder, also a veteran of Afghanistan, served in the Marines for four years as well, and he long knew he was going to be in the military because he was raised in a military family.

Mulder's father and uncle both served in the Navy, his brother served in the Army, and another uncle served in the Air Force.

"Dinner-table conversations are always interesting," Mulder said.

He said this is because the family members like to trash talk the other branches and joke about

which branch is best.

For Mulder, this was the Marines.

During his four years, he was in the Marine Expeditionary Unit and served for seven months in Afghanistan.

Mulder said he didn't give a lot of attention to Veterans Day until he experienced combat firsthand.

"I didn't really think about it until I actually served," he said. "After that, it meant a lot more."

### Tony Rivera, Army National Guard

Tony Rivera came from a military family and served in the Army National Guard in Afghanistan.

Both of his parents were Marines, but Rivera said he didn't think about joining the military until he was with a few of his friends one day, and he realized he wasn't sure what the next step in his life was.

He decided to enlist in the Army National Guard as a medic.

'I didn't really think about it until I actually served. After that, it meant a lot more.'

— Josh Mulder, U.S. Marine



The Iowa Veterans Day Flag Display is seen on Monday on the Pentacrest. The display contains 5,625 flags, each in honor of veterans who have had connections to the UI. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

"I just decided to give it a shot," he said.

Rivera went through basic training, as well as additional medical training in which he learned how to do procedures such as sutures and chest tubes.

When he began, he was already familiar with

some of these procedures because he was a paramedic before he joined the Guard.

Since serving as a medic, Rivera said he has more of an appreciation for veterans on Veterans Day and everything that the UI Veterans Association does to recognize

those who have served the country.

One thing he noted appreciating was the "I" made out of American flags on the Pentacrest lawn.

Each individual flag is dedicated to people who have served in the military.

## SHAO

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missing by her friends on Sept. 17. The last contact Shao reportedly made was a text message sent to friends on Sept. 8 that stated she and a friend were going to Minnesota.

The final autopsy report comes now after Shao's body was discovered on Sept. 26 in the trunk of a Toyota Camry located in a parking lot at Dolphin Lake Point Enclave apartments on Iowa City's East Side.

The initial autopsy was performed on Sept. 27.

Hensch had previously told the *DI* that the final report would take six to eight weeks to complete.

A final death certificate must still be completed, Hensch said. He said Iowa City police have spoken with Shao's family to give a death notification.

Police have not released information related to a person of interest in the case, Xiangnan Li, beyond the initial release.

Li, a former UI student who began attending the UI in the fall as a finance major in the Tippie College of Business, reportedly has left the United

States, Iowa City police officials have said. Li is originally from Wenzhou, China, according to his Facebook page.

In a previous interview with the *DI*, Iowa City police Sgt. Scott Gaarde said officers had been in contact with Chinese officials but declined any further information on the subject.

Wenfang Tang, the UI Stanley Hua Hsia professor of political science and international studies, told the *DI* on Sept. 30 that extradition may prove to be tough for U.S. officials, but it is still in the realm of possibility.

"I think it is possible

China would [extradite], if the U.S. says we'll work with you if you work with us," he said.

Another way he said it would be possible to extradite Li is if public opinion is sympathetic to Shao's family.

"The family must be really eager to see what happened," he said. "If they gather public sympathy in China for the government to cooperate with the investigation, it's possible."

The Iowa City police have also worked with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, the Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office, the University of Iowa police, the County Attorney's Office, and the FBI.

## GREEN

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the director of Public Safety.

"It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the University of Iowa community and work with so many dedicated and honorable people," Green said.

Before coming to the UI, Green worked as an Iowa state trooper for the Department of Public Safety for 10 years, as well as with the State Fire Marshall's office.

"Chuck Green has been

the consummate professional in the University of Iowa police force," said Doug True, the UI's senior vice president and treasurer.

True said under Green's leadership, the campus has adopted safety planning and disaster training techniques that are now fixtures of its overall commitment to safety.

"The university community has benefited for 20 years from Chuck's leadership, fairness, and calm under pressure, no matter the situation. We wish Chuck all the best in his retirement. He leaves the Department of Public

Safety better able to protect the campus and resolute in its commitment to transparency and accountability," the statement said.

Dave Visin, the associate director of the UI Public Safety since 2006, will fill Green's role temporarily, until the search for a permanent replacement concludes.

'It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the University of Iowa community and work with so many dedicated and honorable people.'

— Chuck Green, assistant VP

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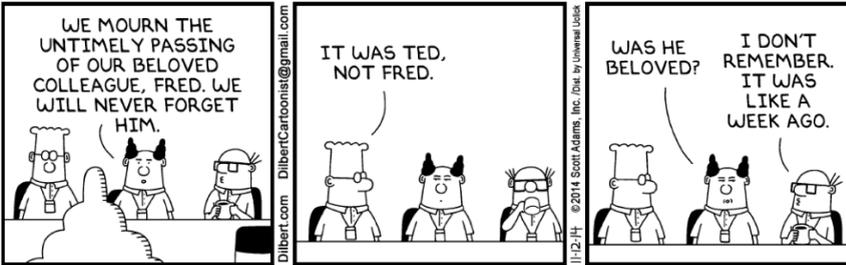
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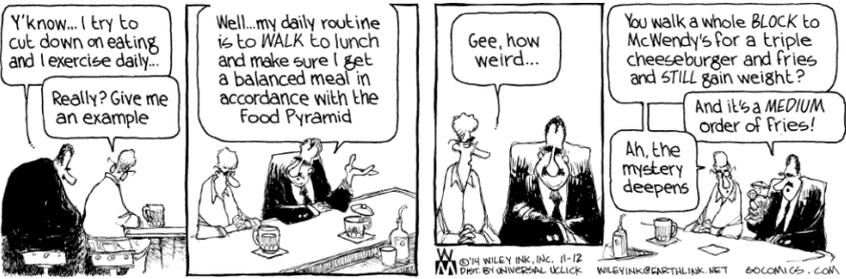
## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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BY VIEV



## today's events

- **Distinguished Speaker Series**, "The Politics of Sport," Christine Grant, former Iowa Women's athletics director, 1:30 p.m. N140 Lindquist Center
- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program Introductory Session**, 1:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "A Counter Example in the Theory of C\*-Algebras of Labeled Graphs," Richard Baker, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Math/Physics Seminar**, "Raising and Lowering Operators in Poincaré Covariant Models," William Klink, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Breaking down the wall: Peptidoglycan degradation and the pathogenesis of

- Neisseria gonorrhoeae*," Joseph Dillard, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Gillian Conoley, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Band Extravaganza**, 7:30 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- **Nathanael Filippelli**, piano, 8 p.m. University Capitol Center Recital Hall

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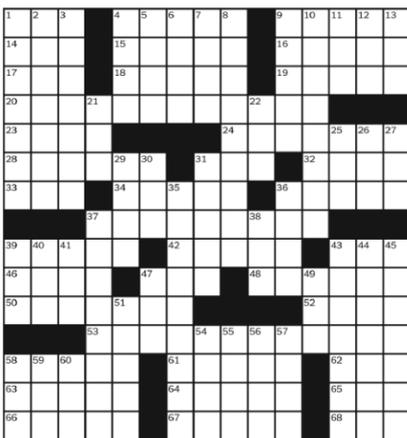
## OBJECTS OF ART

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1007

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fix, as an election
  - 4 Mountaineer's undertaking
  - 9 Oktoberfest exclamation
  - 14 Swiss river
  - 15 Fisher with a pot
  - 16 Show one's sorry (for)
  - 17 Lt.'s inferior
  - 18 Hoist
  - 19 Out-and-out
  - 20 Oktoberfest exclamation
  - 23 Opening of a play
  - 24 Amped
  - 28 Oktoberfest exclamation
  - 31 Metro stop: Abbr.
  - 32 Vegetarian's protein source
  - 33 \_\_\_ Vegas
  - 34 Joe of "Casino"
  - 36 Access the Internet, say
  - 37 Oktoberfest exclamation
  - 39 Mother hen's charges
  - 42 Zones
  - 43 Size of an idiot's brain, jokingly
  - 46 Flight-related prefix
  - 47 TV channel often on in airports
  - 48 Oktoberfest exclamation
  - 50 Loses one's grip?
  - 52 Lose one's grip
  - 53 Oktoberfest exclamation
  - 58 Martian, e.g.
  - 61 The "U" of E.U.
  - 62 Time in history
  - 63 Sci-fi or romance
  - 64 Hedren of Hitchcock's "The Birds"
  - 65 \_\_\_ Aviv
  - 66 9-, 20-, 28-, 37-, 48- or 53-Across
  - 67 Knight's ride

- DOWN**
- 1 Klugman's co-star on "The Odd Couple"
  - 2 Lee who led Chrysler, 1978-92
  - 3 Warts and such
  - 4 \_\_\_ denied (Supreme Court phrase)
  - 5 One of Jacob's wives
  - 6 "Would \_\_\_ to you?"
  - 7 See-through stocking material
  - 8 Recess
  - 9 Impertinent
  - 10 With nowhere to go but down
  - 11 Auction grouping
  - 12 Arles article
  - 13 German magazine \_\_\_ Spiegel
  - 21 Actress Vardalos
  - 22 \_\_\_ cozy
  - 25 Follow relentlessly
  - 26 Martian's craft, say
  - 27 Many a "?" clue in a crossword
  - 29 Apple music player
  - 30 Encountered
  - 31 Derision
  - 35 All-stars
  - 36 Sot
  - 37 Enthusiastic supporters



- PUZZLE BY MATT SKOCZEN AND VICTOR FLEMING
- 38 Cul-de-\_\_\_
  - 39 Prada product
  - 40 Old car that's an anagram of 41-Down
  - 41 Refinery input
  - 43 Some rabbit food
  - 44 Land on the Red Sea
  - 45 Paver's supply
  - 47 Low isle
  - 49 That: Sp.
  - 51 Claude who painted "Water Lilies"
  - 54 The "U" of C.P.U.
  - 55 Offensive-smelling
  - 56 Bill Clinton's Arkansas birthplace
  - 57 Sooner city
  - 58 Insurance worker: Abbr.
  - 59 Fierce sort, astrologically
  - 60 \_\_\_ pickle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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## horoscopes

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** A flexible attitude will help you navigate your way to success. Someone you have worked with in the past will make a proposal. Unfortunately, the glowing description you are offered initially isn't likely to live up to your expectations.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Pick up information, attend a conference, or search online for new career resources. Partnerships can help you reach your goals quickly and with confidence. Address an emotional matter practically. Don't fold under pressure.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do what you can to assist your peers. If you work as a team player, you will gain respect and open up a window of opportunity to work on a specialized project that piques your interest. Don't donate to make an impression.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Choose a destination that allows you to grow spiritually, philosophically, and educationally. It's not how far you travel, it's what you learn in the process that will lead you in a more positive direction. Romance is favored.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can bring about change without going over budget. If you stick to your plan, you will avoid criticism. Keep your life simple and free of drama. Once you make a complaint, it will escalate out of control.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** The possibility of romance is in the stars. Make your feelings and your intentions clear. Planning a small vacation that allows you to mix business with pleasure will bring interesting and unexpected results. Your intuition won't let you down.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Emotional problems will crop up, leaving you feeling uncertain about the future. Anger and discord are best avoided until you have a better understanding of what has transpired and how best to deal with the changes taking place.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Concentrate on what you can do, not on what others want. Make the most of your talents by using your insight. Altering the way you live or the standards you set will help you reach your life goals. Put yourself first.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Altering the way you live will lift your spirits and bring a little excitement and adventure back into your life. Broaden your horizons by taking on new endeavors and meeting interesting people. You cannot buy love, so don't spend to impress people.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Put in as much time as it takes to get a job finished. Your willpower and determination will make others take note and reward you for your accomplishments. Love is in the stars, so celebrate your achievements with a little romance.
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# Philadelphia Eagles rout toothless Panthers

By **ROB MAADDI**  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A dominant defense made it easy for Mark Sanchez. Darren Sproles had 2 touchdowns, Sanchez threw for two scores, and the defense sacked Cam Newton nine times to help the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Carolina Panthers, 45-21, Monday night.

Filling in for an injured Nick Foles, Sanchez had 332 yards passing in his first start since Dec. 30, 2012. Sproles returned a punt 65 yards for a score and had an 8-yard TD run. Bradley Fletcher returned an interception 34 yards for a TD, and Jordan Matthews had 138 yards receiving and 2 TDs.

The Eagles (7-2) stayed on top in the NFC East. They're trying to repeat as division champions without Foles, who broke his collarbone in a win at Houston last week.

The Panthers (3-6-1) hardly look like the

team that won the NFC South last year. They've lost four in a row and already have allowed more points in 10 games than they did in 2013. Making things worse, Panthers defensive tackle Star Lotulelei was carted off the field late in the third quarter.

Newton threw the first of 3 interceptions, and DeAngelo Williams lost a fumble on Carolina's first three plays from scrimmage. The turnovers led to 10 points for the Eagles.

Connor Barwin had 3½ sacks, and Brandon Graham had 1½.

The game was in Philadelphia's control when Newton threw a pair of fourth-quarter TDs to Kelvin Benjamin.

Casey Matthews, starting for injured linebacker DeMeco Ryans, forced Williams' fumble, and Cedric Thornton recovered at the Panthers 22. Cody Parkey hit a 39-yarder to make it 3-0.

Cary Williams then intercepted Newton on



Philadelphia's Darren Sproles reacts after scoring a touchdown during the first half against Carolina on Monday in Philadelphia. (Associate Press Photo/Matt Rourke)

Carolina's next offensive play. It was the first pick by an Eagles cornerback

this season.

Sanchez completed passes of 15 yards to Jer-

emy Maclin and 21 yards to Brent Celek to set up Sproles' score. Spro-

les took a handoff and ran off the left side untouched.

## Men's gymnasts follow the regimen

By **CHARLIE GREEN**  
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When Iowa men's gymnastics coach JD Reive came to Iowa four years ago, he began his tenure on one principle: trust.

"We trust him with our minds, we trust him with our bodies, and we trust him with our training," redshirt junior Cyrus Dobre-Mofid said. "Our confidence is at an all-time high, and we have the coaches' training to thank for that."

The athletes are sold on intensive training into peak physical fitness for nine months of the year to compete for the remaining three.

Reive credits the planning process and periodization of training for where the program stands today. Although there is a disproportionate amount of training that goes into competing, Reive compared it to handling school — taking things one chapter at a time.

"This way, they understand what they need to do, and I can kind of guide them along and make sure they're in shape and where they need to be," he said.

The road to success was not going to be a short and easy one, and no gymnast knows this as well as red-shirt senior Lance Alberhasky.

"I'm from Iowa City but was hesitant to come to Iowa; I questioned the stability of the program," he said. "JD made sure right away that everyone was on the same page, and I knew he was a guy who knew how to win."

As a team captain, Alberhasky is responsible for holding teammates to the standard that the coach has set.

"The athletes understand that if they work hard now, the results aren't going to show tomorrow," Reive said. "It's going to show three months from tomorrow."

After a rough first two seasons, the program finished fifth as a team nationally in 2013 and eighth last season.

"It was a long process; the first couple of years were rough," Alberhasky said. "But we've gotten better every year, and everyone's bought into what we're trying to do."

In his fourth season as head coach, virtually all of the players on the roster are Reive's recruits — including five freshmen poised to continue the program's momentum.

It's his team now, and his athletes are buying into the mindset that has rejuvenated the program.

"I've tried to redefine what men's gymnastics needs to be at Iowa," he said. "Even when there wasn't success those first couple of years, you have to learn to act like a champion before you can be that person. It's amazing how quickly the body follows when the mind sets a goal."



Reive  
head coach

Aside from mental toughness, one of the changes Reive has made is in con-

ditioning, where he has put an emphasis on warming up and cooling down surrounding events and intense workouts.

For Dobre-Mofid, Reive's effectiveness as a coach comes from his motivation, communication, and cooperation between him and the gymnasts.

"All this training is the just journey to the destination," Dobre-Mofid said. "The coaches are the generals, and we are their soldiers. We have to trust them with the mission they have for us."

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# Blomberg makes V-ball coach a believer

By **KYLE MANN**  
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Julianne Blomberg didn't take the traditional path of a Division-I athlete, but the Iowa volleyball team couldn't be happier with where it's taken her.

Blomberg came to the Iowa program as a walk-on in the Sharon Dingman regime. She began her career as a front-row player, but in her short time as a Hawkeye has shuffled around quite a bit.

"She used to play front row, then she went just to back row, and now she's playing the front row again," senior Alessandra Dietz said. "It's awesome having her in there playing all the way around."

Given her resulting versatility, Blomberg is the only six-rotation player for head coach Bond Shymansky's team. Her rise to prominence for the Hawkeyes is, admittedly, a far cry from what Shymansky expected from the junior.

"We really cranked up the intensity on the whole team, but there were players such as Julianne who I wanted to know what more they could do," Shymansky said. "I kept saying, 'Can't you do more than this? Don't you have more to give than this

or a bigger role to play than this?'"

It was a tumultuous transition period for the program coming under new leadership, and the team struggled both physically and emotionally as they prepared for the new season.

"There was a very apparent transition to a more competitive, hard-working atmosphere," Blomberg said. "It was a tough spring. Every practice was kind of a test of what you can put yourself through and how hard you're willing to work for everything."

Shymansky knew he was putting his team through the rigorous course. He did it to set the tone for his new program and also to see how his inherited team would respond. To her credit, Blomberg impressed Shymansky in the off-season, and she has absolutely shocked him with her continued improvement as the season has progressed.

"There were some frustrating moments for her, and she really came out the other side of spring training, and I knew," Shymansky said. "I said, 'OK, she's got my respect. She's going to be able to contribute something.' I had no idea she'd contribute what she's doing right now."

Blomberg was injected into the starting lineup midway through the Big Ten season, and at the time, Shymansky said, it was to utilize her ball-control skills to help the team get into the system. Blomberg has performed admirably in that regard, but the truly remarkable part of her season comes from the contributions she's making all over the court.

She is second on the team with 2.26 digs per set, third with .22 service aces per set. She has grown significantly as an attacker, averaging 6.5 kills, 15 digs, and also contributed an average of 1 block over the team's current four-match winning streak.

"Her passing confidence is way up, she's jump-serving well, and her defense has become really exceptional. She's long and athletic," Shymansky said. "Most importantly, she's hitting and blocking in the front row. She has really good technical components to her game."

For his part, Shymansky, who'd once pegged Blomberg as a "fringe role player," has learned a little something from the inspiring experience as well.

"It's a great story that she keeps writing new chapters to. As a coach, it's a great les-



Iowa outside hitter Julianne Blomberg attacks the ball against Purdue on Nov. 8. The Hawkeyes upset Purdue, 3-2. (The Daily Iowan/Courtesy Hawkins)

son to never write a player off," Shymansky said. "But she's a great lesson to every player in our program to always give it your all and strive to do more than you're expected to."

Blomberg has made great strides this season, and she credits Shymansky for not only her ascension but for the team's improvement as a whole.

"He puts you through that, and it makes you commit," Blomberg said. "It's not him forcing you to work

hard to get somewhere, it's you choosing to work that hard because you want to get where he's trying to push you toward."

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lost a majority of its fumbles — 69.2 percent, to be exact, last in the Big Ten.

The Hawkeyes' nine lost fumbles is the most an Iowa team has had since 2011, when the team lost 10 fumbles all season.

It's not a coincidence that in Iowa's three losses this season, the Hawkeyes have fumbled the ball six times and lost five.

Some of this comes down

to bad luck. For instance, Nebraska has fumbled the ball six more times than the Hawkeyes this season but has only lost seven.

The only way to control this problem is to hold onto the ball.

**Passing yards allowed — 180.1 yards allowed per game (2nd in the Big Ten, 8th in the nation)**

Despite this past weekend's results, Iowa's pass defense has proven to be one of the best in the nation.

Even better, during conference play, the Hawkeyes secondary has allowed just 121.4 passing yards per game, first in the Big Ten by more than 20 yards per game.

However, there is a bit of a caveat. Part of the reason Iowa's secondary has been so statistically dominant is because teams haven't had to pass much on Iowa. Instead, they've opted to run the ball.

In conference play, Iowa's rushing defense is allowing 201.6 yards per

game. Allowing that many yards each Saturday has allowed teams to basically abandon the pass while also chewing up the clock.

Opposing quarterbacks have completed just 51.4 percent of their passes against Iowa, just 45.2 percent during conference play, meaning the secondary's dominance isn't all reliant on the run defense's mediocrity.

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## WRESTLING

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NCAA championships.

Last season, he improved, albeit slightly, en route to a 19-8 record and an eighth-place finish at the national championships.

This year, Burak is ready to improve further. He wants a higher spot on the podium at 197 pounds come March, and to get there, he said, consistency will be key.

"Consistency, as in, practice-wise," Burak said. "Making sure I have good practices every day. I need to focus on dominating guys, getting my points, scoring points, not waiting, not holding back. Going early, getting to the legs, every practice, every day."

Practicing with that kind of ambition is something Iowa head coach

Tom Brands preached when asked about Burak. Brands noted that consistency should help Burak win some of those closer matches that eluded him during some of the season's bigger tournaments.

At last year's NCAA championships, Burak lost a tight 6-3 match to Virginia Tech's Chris Penny in the quarterfinals. A victory would have sent Burak to the semifinals, which guarantees a top-six finish at any weight.

Even more, in the wrestlebacks of that same tournament, Burak lost to Duke's Conner Hartmann, 4-2, in overtime. A win there would have also given Burak a top-six finish. He instead fell to the seventh-place match — and lost that, too.

"That can't happen. We need those points," Brands said. "So do you put the boot up his butt

from a pressure point of view? Or do you kind of back off, because maybe he's not that type of guy to respond that way?"

"At some point, he has to figure out that this is your role and your responsibility that you have to come ready to go."

Brands figures that time could be now, noticeable by the way Burak is more relaxed off the mat. He appears comfortable and often tells corny jokes before practices.

An example, from Brands: "He came up to me before practice the other day and asked if I heard the joke about the pepperoni pizza. Then he said, 'Never mind, it's cheesy.'"

That loose nature and sense of balance in his life, Brands said, is going to be crucial for Burak's performance when the whistle blows.

"That's where Nathan Burak is going to help himself the most, and he

has taken steps," Brands said. "So what steps has he taken? He's gotten better."

The pundits sure think so. Entering this season, Flowrestling ranked Burak sixth at 197 pounds. He's listed behind five other returning All-Americans — including last year's national champion, J'Den Cox, of Missouri.

If his individual strides are big enough, Burak is sure to be an integral role in Iowa's title chase this season — something the whole team is working toward.

"We have a lot of motivated guys who want to bring the title back home," 174-pounder Mike Evans said. "It's going to take 10 guys firing on all cylinders."

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yet to resolve itself.

Furthermore, the 2014 Hawkeyes were one of the youngest teams in the Big Ten — as well as the country — in a conference built on experience.

Compounding all of this is that they were dealt significant injuries at a time when they could ill-afford them.

All of these things combined for one of the most unlikely, and perhaps unfair, seasons in recent memory. That considered, 11-7 isn't half bad.

Are five conference losses, two of which were at

home, too many for a team with as much pedigree as Iowa? Sure they are.

But think about the team as a whole. Yes, the Hawks boast perhaps the best 1-2 scoring punch in the nation with Natalie Cafone and Steph Norlander up front. But the rest of the team? Two-thirds underclassmen, many of whom lacked a single season of college experience.

And while no team is safe from the injury bug, Iowa was hit particularly hard by it this season, losing the services of senior Sara Watro and Sophie Plasteras from their mid-field line during a season-long losing streak.

Then, of course, there's

the issue of coaching. Make no mistake, Lisa Cellucci has all the pedigree and ability to lead a winning team, but the timing could not have been worse for her team.

For more than a decade, Griesbaum was Iowa field hockey. Her style and personnel stamp was on everything the Hawkeyes did, day in and day out.

When she was fired, the Hawks not only lost their coach, they lost their identity.

So yes, 2014 was a huge disappointment for Iowa field hockey. In a way, it was bound to be no matter what happened.

But it was the best of a bad situation. Had the

Black and Gold stumbled even worse in 2014, it wouldn't have been a shock.

It is how the Hawks handle things going forward that will show the true character of everyone involved.

A full year of experience and adversity can only help Iowa from here on out.

It's virtually impossible that Griesbaum will return. Neither will seniors Dani Hemeon, Brynn Gitt, or Watro.

What Iowa does in spite of these facts is what will end up making the difference.

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**Iowa field hockey misses NCAA tourney**

For the second time in the past two seasons, the Iowa field-hockey team failed to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

The 11-7 Hawks (4-5) had hoped to secure an at-large bid, but their first-round loss in the Big Ten Tournament to Northwestern ended any hopes the team had for earning an NCAA appearance.

Northwestern (16-6, 6-2), Maryland (18-3, 7-1), and Penn State (15-1, 5-3) are the only Big Ten schools that will make an appearance this season.

— by Ryan Rodriguez



Iowa back Veronique Dedercq strikes the ball at Grant Field on Oct. 12. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

**No NCAA for Iowa soccer**

The 64-team NCAA women's soccer bracket was released on Monday, and the Iowa soccer team was not among the teams chosen to participate.

Despite advancing all the way to the Big Ten Tournament championship, Iowa's RPI was apparently not strong enough. Listed at 75 before the tournament, it was natural to assume that ranking would increase with two more wins over conference opponents, but apparently not enough for the tournament committee to grant the Hawkeyes entrance to the dance.

The Big Ten will be represented in the tournament by Penn State, Rutgers, and Wisconsin. Noticeably absent from that list is Michigan, which before the tournament was ranked No. 35 in RPI.

As of this writing, the NCAA has not posted the final regular season RPI rankings used to make the bracket.

Iowa finishes the season with the second-most victories in school history with 14 and tied for the most regular-season conference victories with 7.

— by Jordan Hansen



Iowa midfielder Anne Marie Thomas fights for possession against Wisconsin forward Cara Walls in the Big Ten soccer championship game at the Boilermaker Soccer Complex on Sunday. The Badgers defeated the Hawkeyes in double overtime, 1-0. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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**UPCOMING HAWK SCHEDULE**

**Men's tennis at Illinois 50K Challenger**, Champaign, All Day Today

**Men's tennis at Illinois 50K Challenger**, Champaign, All Day Wednesday

**Volleyball at Penn State**, University Park, 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Men's tennis at Illinois 50K Challenger**, Champaign, All Day Thursday

**Men's tennis at Illinois 50K Challenger**, Champaign, All Day Friday

**Cross-country at NCAA Midwest Regional**, Peoria, Illinois, 1 p.m. Friday

**Women's basketball vs. USC Upstate**, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 6 p.m. Friday

**Men's basketball vs. Hampton**, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 8:30 p.m. Friday

**Wrestling at Luther Open**, Decorah, Saturday

**Men's tennis at Illinois 50K Challenger**, Champaign, All Day Saturday

**Football at Illinois**, Champaign, 11 a.m. Saturday

**Volleyball vs. Wisconsin**, Carver-Hawkeye, 7 p.m. Saturday

**THE BOX SCORE**

**Hawks lame vs. good teams**



Iowa running back Akrum Wadley rushes past Minnesota defensive back Marcus Jones in TCF Bank Stadium on Nov. 8. Wadley had 9 carries for 68-yards. The Gophers dominated the Hawkeyes, 51-14, to reclaim Floyd of Rosedale. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

A look at Iowa against winning teams, fumbles lost, and pass defense.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**  
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All aboard the roller coaster that is Iowa football. Each week is a new adventure.

Last week was another dip in this up-and-down season for the Hawkeyes, who seemingly find a way to field a different team each week. One week after its 48-7 thumping of Northwestern, Iowa came out flat and was defeated by Minnesota, 51-14.

With three games left, Iowa still has time to change the outlook of this season, for better or worse. Next up: at Illinois, which returns quarterback Wes Lunt, then Wisconsin the following week, and then Nebraska to finish the season.

Let's take a look at the numbers that brought Iowa to its 6-3 record.

**Wins against Bowl Subdivision teams with a winning record — 0**

Technically, Iowa does have a win against a team with a winning record. But that team was Northern Iowa, which is a 6-4 Championship Subdivision school.

The Hawkeyes have also defeated Pittsburgh, which at the time of playing Iowa was 3-0, but it has since fallen to 4-5.

Other than that, Iowa really hasn't had tough competition. Yes, every Big Ten team is tough in its own right, but each of Iowa's six wins are against teams with a combined record of 22-34.

Likewise, Iowa's three Big Ten wins are Purdue, Indiana, and Northwestern, who have combined for a 3-14 conference record this season.

On one hand, Iowa has defeated every

team it was expected to beat, excluding Iowa State. On the other, the Hawkeyes are entering the toughest portion of their schedule with no proof that they can defeat the teams they're about to play.

**Fumbles lost — 9 (T-13th in the Big Ten)**

It's cliché, but usually the team that takes care of the ball wins the game. That includes fumbles — something that Iowa has done a lot this season.

In all, Iowa has fumbled the ball 13 times, which isn't atrocious. All but two teams in the Big Ten have fumbled more than 10 times this season. But unlike those other teams, Iowa has

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**COMMENTARY**

**Up-and-down season ends**



Iowa forward Mallory Lefkowitz and Miami (Ohio) back Ali Froede race after the ball at Grant Field on Oct. 12. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

The Iowa field-hockey team was dealt some bad hands this season.



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To call the situation the Iowa field-hockey team finds itself in at the end of the 2014 season disappoing would be an under-statement.

After all, the Black and Gold entered 2014 as a team riding high expectations. A run to the 2013 Big Ten Tournament championship and the return of a few of the most dynamic forwards in the nation had the Black and Gold set up for another breakout season.

It was a season that ultimately ended, however, in an early exit and a rather mundane 11-7 record. When put like that, 2014 seems like one of the bigger shortcomings the

field-hockey team has experienced in quite some time.

And it's a fair statement to make.

However, all things considered, things could have ended up much worse for the Hawkeyes.

They lost Tracey Griesbaum, their head coach of 14 years, rather abruptly just weeks before the season started, a situation that has

**Burak ready to go all out**

Iowa's Nathan Burak took small steps to reach the podium at the national championships. Now, in his junior season, he's ready to take a big one and hopefully reach the top.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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The knock on Nathan Burak is that he's always been a takedown — not a few points, a literal finished takedown — away from beating some, and being one, of the nation's best at 197 pounds.

"A lot of it's probably mental for me," the junior said. "It's just being in there and focusing on not being tired. It's focusing on pressing and finishing, getting after it, and knowing that, no matter what, I'm going to take that guy down."

Burak's Iowa wrestling career has consisted of small strides. His freshman season was a struggle at first, but he ultimately managed a 20-17 record and was just a win away from becoming an All-American at the 2013



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