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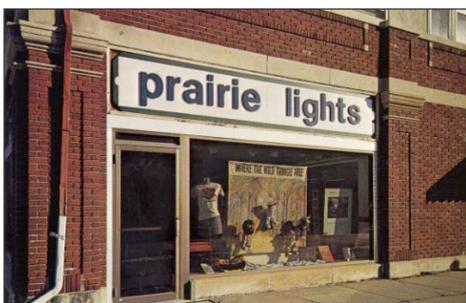
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Iowa City dresses up for No. 175



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Iowa City will come together to celebrate its 175th birthday this weekend.

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This weekend, Iowa City will celebrate its bicentennial, or in simpler terms, its 175th birthday. Iowa City's origin takes a different path from that of most cities or towns in Iowa; it was an artificial creation to have a permanent place for the Iowa government.

In its early days in 1839, Clinton Street was simply a row of log cabins for the first settlers of Iowa City, according to a State Historical Society in 1893. That row of log cabins has grown into a UNESCO City of Literature, home to a Big Ten university, and a place that about 70,000 or 80,000 people call home.

This weekend, the city, Public Library, Down-

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Regents OK several UI projects

The state Board of Regents approved several University of Iowa capital projects, including renovations for Currier Residence hall.

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University of Iowa students will no longer have to suffer the August heat in their dorm rooms following one of numerous upcoming capital projects approved by the state Board of Regents.

The regents voted in favor of five UI proposals at their telephonic meeting Wednesday. Among them, UI officials called for a \$3.2 million renovation of Currier Residence Hall.

"Not unlike any of our other residence halls, we continue to modify and modernize those halls so that they remain usable and viable for the students on campus," said Rod Lehnertz, the director of design, planning, and construction for the UI Facilities Management.



Lehnertz
director

The plan calls for improvements to the third and fourth floors of the centennial residence hall. In addition to new carpeting, paint, furniture, and so on across the floors, each room will receive high-efficiency air-conditioning units.

The project will be phased out over several summers and paid for with dormitory-improvement funds.

UI students reacted to the news positively, particularly about the air conditioners.

"Getting some renovations would be nice," said UI sophomore Amanda Marsh, who lives in Currier. "My room doesn't have air conditioning, and in the summer, it gets awful. It would be nice to feel comfortable where you're living."

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Rally protests police racism

A solidarity protest took place on the Pentacrest Thursday to demand change against racism and police brutality both in Iowa City and nationally.

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Several people marched around the Pentacrest on Thursday night, encouraging the crowd and leading them in chants including "No Justice, No Peace, No Racist Police" and "A Badge is not a License to Kill."

"This is an American problem," University of Iowa senior Kyra Seay said. "It's not a black people problem."

Approximately 200 people gathered in a half circle to protest the recent grand-jury decisions that some link to police brutality.

This week, a judge dropped a felony charge against the officer who was accused of killing 7-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones in Detroit. On Wednesday, a Staten Island grand jury decided to not indict the officer who was accused of killing Eric Garner, an African American who lived

in New York.

Wednesday's decision fueled this most recent protest in Iowa City, in which citizens emphasized that all black lives matter and that racism in the police forces needs to stop.

"People are acting be-

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A protester holds a sign that had the names of numerous people of color who claimed to be discriminated against by police enforcement at the Solidarity Protest for Eric Garner and Aiyana Stanley-Jones on the Pentacrest on Thursday. The protesters chanted popular sayings, including "Black Lives Matter" and "No Justice, No Peace." (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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ATLANTA PROTEST



Guests look out of their hotel room as Keith Stephens of Atlanta chants with fellow protesters in Atlanta on Thursday during a demonstration against the deaths of two unarmed black men at the hands of white police officers in New York City and Ferguson, Missouri. (Associated Press/David Goldman)

Supervisors mull diversity

The board of Supervisors heard updates on diversity measures in Iowa City and discussed placing more emphasis on inclusiveness.

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Supervisor Rod Sullivan placed a small yellow sign over his name plaque that read “Black Lives MATTER” at the start of the Johnson County Board of Supervisor’s meeting Thursday. The sign referred to the popular slogan used by people across the country to protest police brutality and African-American deaths at the hands of white police officers. Sullivan and the rest of the supervisors met with officials from Diversity Focus, a group from Cedar Rapids, to discuss diversity in Iowa City. Chad Simmons, the executive director of Diversity Focus, which helps increase diversity in Corridor communities, noted that Iowa City partners with the nonprofit group. At the meeting, Simmons updated the board on Diversity Focus’ past, present, and future efforts to help decrease minority inequality in the area.

Diversity Focus operates on a three-phase plan called Awareness, Action, and Advocacy. In 2005, during the “Awareness” phase, Simmons said Diversity Focus helped to raise awareness in the community about what exactly diversity meant. During the “Action” phase, it created community-enhancing projects such as the Iowa Soul Festival and the Iowa Black Business Consortium, as well as diversity training for all Iowa City law-enforcement officials. Currently, two years into the “Action” phase, Simmons said the group is beginning to lay the groundwork for the third phase, which in part includes more police training but mainly focuses on ways of addressing systemic challenges faced by minority communities.

“Even if individuals want to change the way they do things, the system doesn’t allow that to happen,” he said. The supervisors also focused on ways of decreasing minority inequality in government. Supervisor Terrance Neuzil said it’s a priority for the supervisors to focus on hiring people of color as well as trying to get the city’s labor pool to more accurately reflect what the community looks like. Neuzil said he believes Diversity Focus is the mechanism that will help the supervisors to work more closely with local businesses and agencies to help break down stigma and look at barriers in business. “Diversity Focus isn’t just about racial relations,” he said. “It’s about a lot of different minority issues, like gender or gay and lesbian issues.” He believes the conversation needs to hap-

pen on a multitude of fronts and platforms. “We need to hear more stories about what’s wrong and be introduced to it even more as elected officials,” Neuzil said. Simmons acknowledged that change is often slow because of the resistance of a community, but he said forcibly changing minds is not what Diversity Focus’ main goal is. “We put our emphasis on not having people leave the table,” he said. “We’re fine if you disagree, but we want you to stay at the table and continue to have that discussion.” Sullivan said he thinks the support is sometimes lacking as well. “I’ve never heard an elected official say anything terribly negative; that’s just not the world in which they operate,” he said. “But sometimes, just being silent says a lot, and I’m tired of people of being silent.”

Kirkwood drops horse program

A more than 40-year program at one local college will come to an end, signaling a larger shuttering of horse sciences in Iowa.

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After more than four decades of training, riding and raising, the end of an era has come for Kirkwood Community College’s horse-science program. The change, officials say, is due to low graduation rates and job placement matched with the high price of facility management. The move leaves the state with only one horse-science program, at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, equine industries are most popular in California, Texas, and Florida. That year, the industry generated more than \$1.3 billion across the states. “Really, the bottom line is that demand in this region of folks in this area is just not that high,” said Scott Ermer, the dean of agriculture sciences at Kirkwood. “The job market is tight and tough. Wages in that industry are not that great, and they don’t support the need for a two-year education for many of the jobs that are in the industry.”

The program began in 1973 and consisted of breeding practices, business management, genetics, performance, and stable care. Once the last students concludes their studies, Kirkwood will sell its team of horses. “We have had 26 students graduate from the program in the last three years,” Ermer said. “Of those, we know 15 of them that are working in the industry.” For many people, it’s more of a hobby rather than a primary source of income, he said. Administrators did not hastily make the decision. “These are not things that are taken lightly, and when we make a decision to close a program like this, it’s definitely not made in two seconds,” said Justin Hoehn, a Kirkwood marketing coordinator. “You have to take into account job demand, graduation rates, costs incurred to run the program, and all of that played into the decision.” He said that over the years, the college has gained and lost programs while adhering to budgets and adjusting to trends.

Forty-four percent of animal trainers have a high-school diploma or equivalent, 23 percent have less than a high-school diploma, and 17 percent have some college but no degree. “It’s unfortunate that it happened, but at the same time, as a community college Kirkwood tries to do what’s best for the communities and the students,” Hoehn said. “Sometimes that involves making tough decisions. It’s unfortunate, but it’s a reality.” Karen Sartain, who spent a semester in the Kirkwood program, owns and operates Bettendorf’s Country Pleasures stables. “You don’t learn those things in high school, and you didn’t learn them if you didn’t grow up on a farm,” Sartain said. “Those are life-times of knowledge that you need, and Kirkwood covered that.” Some Iowa City horse enthusiasts expressed disappointment about the decision. “I think we need to have a good program in the state,” said Bill Coester, the operator of Iowa City’s Winds Reach

Farms. “I think it definitely is a loss. All aspects have changed in the horse industry. There are equestrian programs that operate and have been useful in producing industry professionals.” Over the years, a number of Kirkwood students have interned at Winds Reach Farms, 4427 Kotts Lane N.E. “The state needs a good program but has not always had the best reputation,” Coester said. “That’s why it kind of went downhill.” The necessity of a degree to excel in the industry is still up for debate. Pre-vet senior at Iowa State University Allison Lehen planson having a career in the industry. She said she hates to say it, but she believes connections and experience can be more beneficial than a degree. “If you grew up and were super involved with it I think it’s possible to make it if you have the experience and have people willing to teach you the business,” she said. “[That] may be why Kirkwood had problems. Experience speaks volumes.”

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town District, and the Friends of Historic Preservation will celebrate the 175th anniversary with a weekend full of events, ranging from historic walks of Iowa City, horse-drawn carriage rides, and fireworks.

"It's a big milestone for any community," Mayor Matt Hayek said. "It's not a centennial or bicentennial, but nevertheless, it's an important milestone."

To celebrate, the Iowa City Public Library has hosted exhibits with local Iowa City artifacts and photos from the past.

Kara Logsdan, a community and access services coordinator for the library, said the birthday year really shows the tremendous local history of Iowa City.

"When it's [Iowa City's] birthday, it's an opportunity to look back and reflect on the past and look forward to a

bright future," she said.

The pamphlet also notes even before housing lots had been sold in Iowa City, a bar had been established; the "lean-back hall."

People flocked to Iowa City, with a few hundred lots — available for an average price of about \$176 — being sold the first few days. Those lots sold even before a railroad track from Chicago had been finished, according to the Historical Society pamphlet.

George Etre, the president of the Downtown District and owner of several downtown restaurants, said he thinks the transformation of Iowa City over time has been surprising.

"The amazing thing is the sustainability of downtown," he said. "It's always evolving and expanding."

Etre said the celebration comes at a great time for Iowa City, and while the summer months are full of life downtown, a winter celebration keeps downtown busy.

City Clerk Marian Karr, who helped organize the celebration events, said she was pleased with the time of year that was dedicated to recognize Iowa City's 175 years.

"The winter fireworks offer a different experience," she said. "Having a little bit of snow makes the fireworks just a little more special."

Karr said the fireworks will be shot off from the top of the Chauncey Swan parking ramp, allowing everyone downtown to enjoy the show.

She noted that the celebration allows Iowa City to celebrate its roots.

Former City Councilor Irvin Pfab, who has been in Iowa City since 1965, said the change the city has been through shows the success it has had, particularly the development of downtown.

"I cannot believe how much the city has grown and changed over the years; they've just been leapfrog changes," he said.



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Iowa City turns 175: An early timeline of Iowa City

Jan. 21, 1839 — An Act to locate the Seat of Government of the Territory of Iowa and for other purposes establishes Iowa City.

May 2, 1839 — Chauncey Swan and John Ronalds, legislative commissioners, begin to look for a place in Johnson County to be the seat of government.

May 4, 1839 — Iowa City is selected as the capital of Iowa.

June 1839 — Iowa City is laid out by surveyors, and 12 acres is split into 23 streets, one avenue, and one promenade.

Aug. 18, 1839 — First public sale of lots occurs; the average lot goes for \$176.

July 1840 — Around 700 people live in Iowa City, making it the "most popular point in Iowa."

Source: Iowa City — a contribution to the early history of Iowa by Benjamin Shambaugh (1893)

REGENTS

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UI freshman Maya Branch agreed.

"I think it's a good idea because I have a friend who lives on the fourth floor, and she doesn't have an air conditioner, so she is suffering

when it's hot outside," she said. "They block the windows up there because she lives by the balcony, so she can't even open her window, so it's just really hot and humid in there and nasty."

In addition to the Currier proposal, regents also supported the continuation of the UI's plan to raze the old Iowa City water plant.

Previously estimated to cost \$1 million to \$1.5 million, the final plan rings in at \$2.35 million, funded with income from the UI treasurer's temporary investments.

UI officials hope to use the site to build a new residence hall. Located on Madison Street, Lehnertz said an alternative entrance to a

nearby parking ramp will be available and street traffic will not be affected.

Additionally, regents signed off on a \$10 million Riverside Drive/Grand Avenue steam-tunnel system replacement project and a \$3.8 million plan to install a utilities line along Finkbine Commuter Drive.

Finally, the regents also

voted to allow UI Hospitals and Clinics to go ahead with planning a future \$39 million pediatric specialty clinic expansion, expected to be funded with hospital building-use funds.

"This is a vital component of our overall development of pediatric and children's programs," John Staley, UI-HC senior associate director,

said during the meeting. "The new clinic will tie directly into the Children's Hospital on the second floor, which will enable us to overcome a roadblock which we are essentially experiencing now because we have some of the facilities within the current clinic, and it is constraining the ability to grow at this point."

RALLY

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cause we're sick and tired," Seay said. "We're here because it happens all over the nation. It's an international movement. I'm here to ask — no, I'm done asking. I'm here to demand change."

Seay garnered attention from the crowd members by informing them about a movement called #DecemberDial, which is aimed at ending injustice in the actions of police forces.

The Iowa City police have been asked to allocate \$100,000 to create change.

That change involves hiring officials to oversee the actions of officers who are out on the field as well as funding continuous training rather than training that happens only every few years.

Seay also encouraged the crowd to call the Iowa City police every day in December to push for these

changes and continue demanding change.

At the time of the protest, Seay said, approximately 40 people had committed to calling the department every day.

UI graduate student Anna Swanson said that when she heard about the issue, she felt "disgust, deep sadness, anger, and a feeling of uncertainty" about what she could do.

"I feel like my job here is to listen and repeat back," she said.

UI freshman Nakia Gary said it's important to make this issue prevalent to people all around the world.

"It's important for racism to stop," she said. "It's unfair to the families of the people the cops are taking from them, and it's unfair to young people who are full of ambition but whose lives are being taken."

In addition to chants and speeches, some protesters could also be seen holding signs to express their disappointment in the American police system.

"It's disgusting," Iowa City resident Melissa Bertling said. "[I'm going to] continue protesting until something is done."

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Moving against concussions



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For several years now, we've been hearing about the increased prevalence of concussions in professional and amateur sports around the country. There is a constant stream of discussion regarding the concussion problem facing athletes at all levels. Yet for all that has allegedly been done, concussions are still a huge issue.

According to *USA Today*, Kosta Karageorge, a defensive lineman for Ohio State University, went missing Nov. 26. Karageorge, reports the *Washington Post*, was found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound Sunday evening in a Dumpster near his apartment.

The story of Karageorge, however, goes much deeper than an apparent suicide. A defensive lineman and wrestler for Ohio State, Karageorge had experienced several concussions throughout his college career, according to ESPN.

According to numerous sources, before going missing, Karageorge sent an apologetic text message explaining to his parents: "I am sorry if I am an embarrassment, but these concussions have my head all f--- up."

If the apparent suicide is confirmed, this text message may serve as a direct connection between the suicidal thoughts of Karageorge and the concussions he had experienced as a result of his athletics activity.

Over the past few years, I've struggled to make a decision about what must, or better yet even can, be done to decrease the pervasiveness of concussions in sports — specifically football. I fell into the majority of people who thought something had to be done but didn't want the game to change.

The death of Kosta Karageorge, however, may have changed that for me.

Football, it seems, is part of what it means to be an American. Nearly every other major sport can be found in cultures other than the U.S., while football is really only played in the United States. The hard hits that we've come to love from football and that elevate defensive players to the celebrity status of their specialist counterparts are a massively important component of the game, as we know it today.

And while I don't want the game to change, it's time to give up on that idea. The game has reached a point of no return; it absolutely has to change, and that change must begin at a level long before the NFL and even the NCAA.

According to the *Washington Post*, a recent study published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* found that repeatedly concussed teens are three times more likely to develop depression. Furthermore, the article notes that, of the 1.5 million high-school football players in the United States, 250,000 suffer concussions in any given season.

The NFL and the NCAA are certainly starting to work toward decreasing the frequency of concussions, with the advent of the targeting rule, for example, but it's not enough.

In an ideal world, the game could go unchanged and advanced equipment technology such as more protective helmets could decrease the rate of concussions, but the reality is that players are getting stronger, tougher, and harder hitting, faster than the technology is advancing.

Don't get me wrong; there are few things I love more about football than watching a defensive player lay down a hard hit to stop a long run. But I would give up these hits in an instant if it means maintaining the health of athletes (at all levels) and preventing any future instances like that of Kosta Karageorge.

EDITORIAL

Addressing minimum wage

Thousands of minimum-wage workers in more than 200 cities took to the streets this week to protest unfair pay and to support their rights as workers. In larger cities, such as Boston and Chicago, they advocated that their state governments raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, as opposed to the current \$8 and \$8.25, respectively.

Locally, the state of Iowa has a minimum wage even lower, at \$7.25 per hour. There needs to be a conversation among state lawmakers addressing this, weighing out the pros and cons of raising the minimum wage.

The economic effect of doubling the minimum wage in Iowa would include some negative consequences. Because wage is a variable cost rather than a fixed one, businesses would react to the pay raise by firing employees or reducing the hours that they work. While those who could work would benefit, many others looking for full-time work could be shut out.

Also, the number of people who make the federal minimum wage is very low. According to Pew Research Center, only 1.532 million people in America make the minimum wage (1.8 million make less than the federal minimum wage, the center reports). That represents 4.3 percent percent of the 75.9 million U.S. hourly paid workers. The study did not take into account workers in the 23 states, plus Washington, D.C., whose minimum wage is higher than the federal level.

That is not to say those people who fall into that percentage don't deserve to be paid more. In general, Americans support a minimum-wage hike. A Pew Research Center study of how Americans feel about in-

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COLUMN

Patrolling the lunch gap



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As the lunch bell rings, the students are less than enthusiastic to see what kind of food-like substance will be plopped on their trays this afternoon. Their carb- and sodium-enriched meals are a thing of the past. Hello, whole-wheat grain noodles and goodbye artificial sweeteners.

The latest Twitter sensation has been causing a commotion for school lunches. #ThanksMichelleObama is sweeping social media with a photo of the daily lunch special (which may have you second-guessing what food category it comes from).

What started this phe-

nomenon? It dates back to 2012, when the Healthy Kids Act was implemented. The act was put in place to dictate how much fat and sugar student lunches contain; what the school serves is purely up to the school district.

The questionable lunches have many students opting to bring theirs from home. When parents pack their kids' school lunches, you'll probably find a bag of high-sodium chips, maybe some sugary cookies, and other items that may not be enriched with whole-wheat grains, as school lunches would provide.

The issue isn't getting the fruits and vegetables to the students but now to get the students to eat what is in front of them. According to the Harvard School of Public Health, 60 percent of vegetables and 40 percent of fruit is thrown away. Hundreds of dollars

are being tossed away with little care.

This isn't the only time money is being thrown away. Have you ever stopped to wonder what is happening to the fresh fruit and vegetables that students don't take? Simple, they meet the trash-can as well. Many schools have started a take home bag — or Backpack Buddies — for students from food-insecure homes to have healthy weekend meals. These students are more than happy to be able to take home fresh fruit and vegetables, considering that the school meals may be where the majority of their daily nutritional values come from.

#ThanksMichelleObama has stirred up a lot of commotion on social media, with kids lashing out about their school lunches. The Healthy Kids Act has been set in motion and there is no end in sight.

But, of course, there's nothing to stop kids from passing over the lunch and just stuffing their faces as soon as they get home.

The government is doing what it sees fit for the health of our kids, and the school districts are working within the guidelines they are given. Don't like the school lunch? Kids are entitled to that opinion. But instead of allowing them to indulge in a non-nutritional meal, parents should follow the USDA's guidelines and make their child's lunch a little healthier.

In the long run, the Healthy Kids Act isn't to help better the government but to help better students see what bad eating habits can do. It has gotten so bad that the government has felt the need to step in to stop child obesity. It is as simple as choosing an apple over a cupcake, but the choice is up to you.

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COLUMN

Colbert's replacement is what America needs



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When I heard Stephen Colbert would leave the "Colbert Report" to replace David Letterman as host of the "Late Show," I was shocked. I was not surprised that CBS thought Colbert had the chops to replace Letterman, and he is perfect for the role.

His faux-conservative personality, created initially to satirize Bill O'Reilly, had evolved into a platform that was able to bring shortcomings of the U.S. government and pop culture to the light. His political commentary, although provided through humor, has had a massive effect on culture.

The void left by the departure of Colbert from the 10:30 p.m. time slot on

Comedy Central cannot be replaced by just anyone. The quick-witted, improvisational style that Colbert crafted in the famed Second City comedy enterprise is impossible to duplicate.

But, instead of finding a new Colbert, Comedy Central has decided to give America exactly what it needs.

The replacement for Colbert, Larry Wilmore, also known as the "Senior Black Correspondent" on "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart, is what late night TV deserves.

Let's just take a look at late-night host shows in evening news time slots. O'Reilly, Megyn Kelly, Anderson Cooper, Rachel Maddow, Chris Matthews, Jimmy Kimmel, Craig Ferguson, Conan O'Brien, and Jay Leno. Notice something here?

Sure, these hosts may have "discussed" topics relating to blacks in America, but how many could properly and accurately assess

the issues that affect them every day without seeing racism through rose-colored glasses?

In the coverage of Ferguson this past week, I was greatly disappointed in the lack of insight into the civil injustices that exist in the U.S. legal system. By focusing exclusively on the rioting, many of the hosts missed the point completely.

The only television program I saw that addressed this lack of perspective was, in fact, "The Daily Show," which is where Colbert made his most notable start and where Wilmore has branched from after writing and acting in several movies and television shows.

The new show to fill Colbert's spot will be entitled "The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore." He will be able to address the issues in a way that other show hosts and pundits have failed to do.

If Colbert could effectively use satire and comedy

to change the way people thought about politics and mainstream news, imagine how Wilmore will broaden the perspectives of racial issues in modern America.

In a post-Ferguson world, where the issues of race relations have been played down by major media outlets as "not the problem," Wilmore can shed light on the systematic bias that has held back blacks and other minorities. From housing discrimination to legal bias, America will be awakened by Wilmore.

It is imperative that late-night television has someone such as Wilmore, not just simply to fill our television sets with someone who isn't white but to address complex issues in America from the perspective necessary for the general public to understand.

The show is slated to start on Jan. 19, 2015, which coincidentally happens to be Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I can't wait to tune in.

Union boosts toys program

A local union donated \$4,500 to Toys for Tots, the most the group has seen in the past few years.



Toys for Tots receives a check from the American Federations of State, County, and Municipal Employees on Thursday. The check was the largest amount donated to date. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By RACHEL GREEN
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Every year, an Iowa Toys for Tots organization has trouble collecting gifts for children and teens.

Typically, when people donate this time of year, they give toys geared toward toddlers and children, said Michele Matt, the representative of Toys for Tots of Linn County. Now, a large donation from a local union will enable the organization to buy gifts better suited for the rest of the kids.

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 2985 donated \$4,500 to Toys for Tots on Thursday.

"This is the largest donation I have ever received in the last few years," Matt said.

She is excited the money will be used to buy more toys for the program to give away, she said, especially for certain age groups that tend to lack in contributions.

"We get to supplement the toys that are donated locally with the toys that we need for infants and teenagers," she said. "We get to go to the store and [add more] to the donations."

This year, the funds will be able to buy presents for 225 to 300 children.

Toys for Tots is an organization created by the U.S. Marine Corps that collects donated toys and gives them to low-income families with children.

AFSCME, which represents public employees, including law enforcement, firefighters, and correctional officers, has bought toys for

Toys for Tots in the past before making monetary donations.

The first monetary donation, \$1,500, was given in 2011.

"We had some people coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq, and we wanted to do something special for them," said AFSCME Local 2985 President Marty Hathaway. "We asked them, and they said to donate to Toys for Tots."

Since the inception of the annual donation, Local 2985 has given \$12,200.

Hathaway said the donation was made up of dues paid by AFSCME members, and the amount was later voted upon.

Diana Fitzsimmons, a member of the executive branch of AFSCME and a correctional officer, said the donation is usually made around the holidays.

"Every child should have the opportunity to receive a gift during the holidays," Hathaway said.

The toys will leave the stores today and will be delivered over the course of next week.

Fitzsimmons said she hopes AFSCME will continue to donate to Toys for Tots in the future.

"When the kids have nothing, this means everything," she said. "As long as our union can help, we will donate every year."

METRO

Man faces charges after eluding an officer

Authorities have accused an Iowa City man of driving while intoxicated and eluding an officer.

Nicholas Staffen, 29, was charged with a third-offense OWI, eluding, and participating in a felony.

According to online court documents, an officer observed Staffen recklessly driving a motorcycle and tried to stop him with his police lights and siren.

Staffen disregarded the police siren and fled at 65 mph in a 25-mph zone.

The officer soon found Staffen and his motorcycle on the ground. Once the officer approached Staffen, he noticed Staffen smelled strongly of alcohol and also had a wristband from a bar on.

Because of serious injuries, Staffen was unable to

complete the appropriate tests. He also refused blood and urine requests.

— by Alyssa Guzman

Robbery sparks Hawk Alert

University of Iowa officials deployed a Hawk Alert at 8:37 p.m. Thursday evening, following a reported armed robbery at the intersection of Gilbert and Fairchild Streets. The male victim was approached from behind, pushed to the ground, and what he thought was a gun was shoved against the back of his head, according to a release.

According to the alert, the suspects are described as three black males wearing hoodies. Two reportedly had guns in their possession. According to the release, officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects.

— by Alyssa Guzman

BLOTTER

Zhane Ball, 19, Coralville, was charged Nov. 8 with third-degree theft.

Dawn Burtlow, 47, Ollie, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with driving while license under suspension.

Sonsaree Dickerson, 23, 1960 Broadway Apt. 8B, was charged Nov. 27 with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

Corey Dietz, 29, 730 Highland Ave., was charged Tuesday with driving while license revoked and obstruction of an officer.

Robert Gates, 50, 716 N. Dubuque St. Apt. B9, was charged Oct. 22 with fifth-degree theft.

Erik Gilge, 27, Des Moines, was charged Nov. 28 with public intoxication.

Mack Hartison, 20, 3856 Shamrock Place, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespassing.

Kevin Kerr, 20, 505 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 12, was charged Wednesday with presence

in a bar after hours, second-offense public intoxication, false use of emergency communications, and littering.

Brian Knudtson, 36, 4807 Gustav St., was charged Tuesday with driving while license under suspension.

Holden Leon, 20, 717 E. Jefferson St., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Lamar Lewis, 38, 1960 Broadway, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespass.

Rachel Maller, 20, 630 S. Capitol St. Apt. 313, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Tyler Maxwell, 21, 4908 E. Court St., was charged Oct. 26 with fourth-degree theft and forgery by check.

Darrell McGill, 32, 512 7th Ave. Apt. 2, was charged Wednesday with driving while license revoked.

Charles Mendoza Zambrano, 20, 2409 Aster Ave., was charged Tuesday with criminal trespass.

Gary Randle Jr., 36, 801 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Thursday with driving while license under suspension.

Laticia Scott, 21, 1960 Broadway Apt. A11, was charged Nov. 28 with third-degree theft.

Nicholas Steffen, 29, 426 Center St., was charged July 26 with driving while license revoked, third-offense OWI, and eluding while committing a felony.

Trisha Stokes, 32, 2128 Riverside Drive Apt. 36, was charged Tuesday with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Michelle Touchette, 56, 1218 Highland Court, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Anthony Turnis, 25, Bernard, Iowa, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Manuel Villanueva, 30, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with driving while barred.

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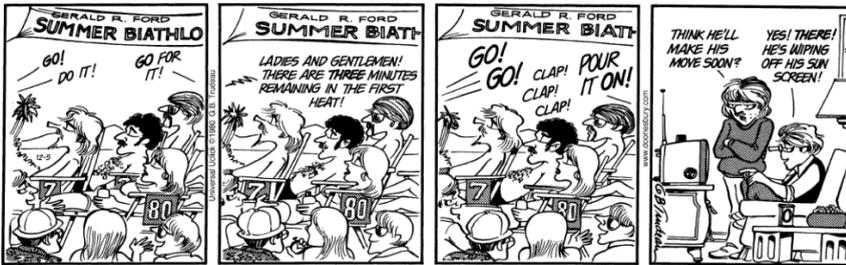
Christmas Trivia

- During the Christmas/Hanukkah season, more than 1.76 billion candy canes will be made — enough to keep a medium-sized rave going for almost eight hours.
- For every real Christmas tree harvested, two to three seedlings are planted in its place. Christmas trees are like botanical hydras.
- Franklin Pierce was the first U.S. president to decorate an official White House Christmas tree. Presidents didn't have as much to do back then.
- Frumenty, thought to be the forerunner of modern Christmas puddings, was a spiced porridge, enjoyed by both rich and poor — though admittedly, it was enjoyed a little bit more by the poor.
- The British believe that a wish made while mixing Christmas pudding will come true only if the ingredients are stirred in a clockwise direction. I believe that the British give unhealthy credence to the power of magic, coupled with OCD.
- The 2000 live-action version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* features roughly 52,000 Christmas lights, 8,200 Christmas ornaments, 2,000 candy canes, and 0 funny jokes.
- A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard. English cuisine has improved little in the intervening centuries.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks various Internet sites for supplying him with these easily modifiable Christmas factoids.

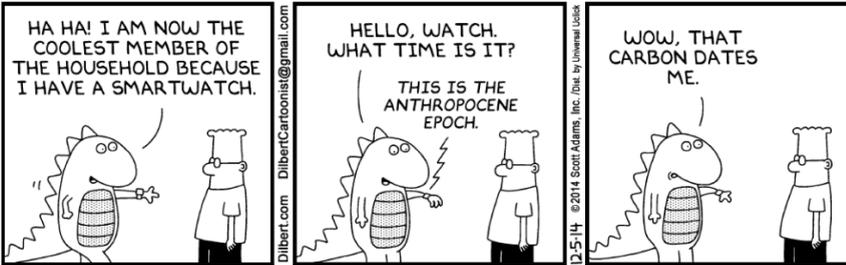
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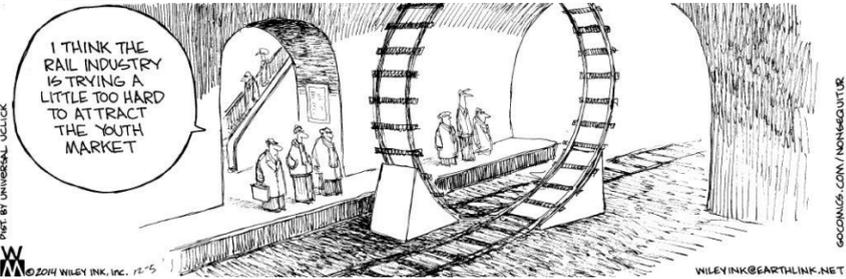
DILBERT

by Scott Adams



NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV



today's events

- **Museum of Art First Friday**, "Inspired — NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt," 5-7 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Eunhyung Son, cello**, 5:30 p.m., Old Capitol
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Oliver Bendorf, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **A Christmas Carol**, 7:30 and 10 p.m., Riverside Theater, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Horn Studio Recital**, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Uriel Tsachor, piano, Andrew Hardy, violin**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Collaborative Performance, No Armistice**, 8 p.m.,

- North Hall Space/Place
- **The Maze Runner**, 8 & 11 p.m., IMU Iowa Theater
- **Striking 12**, Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building
- Mabie Theater
- **This is Where I Leave You**, 8 & 11 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Comedian Pete Holmes**, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

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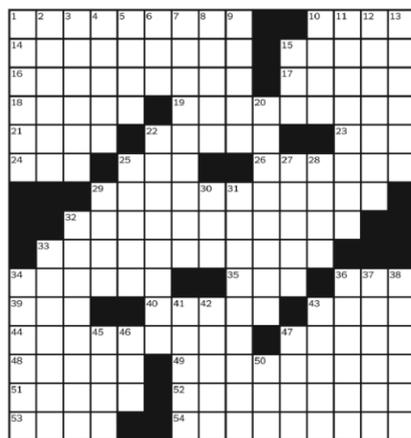
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Edited by Will Shortz No. 1031

- ACROSS**
- Boston and Chicago, but not Seattle
 - Diddly-squat
 - Inuit's transport
 - Oscar nominee for "Fiddler on the Roof"
 - Recommended
 - Photoshop effect
 - Bright lights
 - What naturals have
 - With 24-Across, witchcraft, e.g.
 - Up
 - Sea-___
 - See 21-Across
 - Ring of islands?
 - Barely clear, in a way
 - Expert
- DOWN**
- Like Fortunato, in Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado"
 - "The Cask of Amontillado," e.g.
 - Ease
 - Predators in the "Predator" films, for short
 - Some I.R.A.'s
 - "Be on the lookout" signal, in brief
 - ___ country (rustic locale)
 - Gallows ___
 - Anthrax cousin
 - Prey for a dingo
 - Helpful
 - Get ready to click, maybe
 - Ora pro ___
 - Having human form
 - ___ chic



- PUZZLE BY MARY LOU GUIZZO AND JEFF CHEN
- Some E.R. cases
 - Topping for skewered meat
 - Idiot box
 - Desire
 - The son on "Sanford and Son"
 - Adam's apple coverer
 - X
 - Blackened
 - Parrot
 - Prefix with -graphic
 - Betty Boop and Bugs Bunny
 - "The way things are ..."
 - Tous ___ jours (daily: Fr.)
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 - Adolphe with an instrument named after him

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



horoscopes

Friday, December 5, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will pick up information quickly, and you can selectively choose topics that will help you reach your professional goals. Insight into helping those who don't have a voice will be your calling. Your appeal is amplified, and romance is on the rise.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Problems will not go away unless you deal with whatever is bothering you before your temper has a chance to blow. Dealing with matters diplomatically will bring much better results. Don't let your work suffer because you are fretting.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't be afraid to change your direction. As long as you get the results you are looking for, the path you take won't matter. Changes at home will improve your personal life and motivate you to make a positive relationship choice.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look for the obvious. Don't trust anyone with your secrets or your intentions. Don't make a fuss, just take care of your responsibilities, and get some rest. Quiet time will help you reassess your position and your competition.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can make a difference if you put your efforts into something you believe in or care about. Social events will allow you to drum up followers who support your cause. Don't slow down when you should be speeding up. Love is highlighted.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Tread carefully when dealing with domestic matters. Not everyone will agree with your plans. You will have to use persuasive tactics if you want to reach your personal goals. Deception and disillusionment must not be disregarded.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make plans for the weekend. A short trip, a little shopping, or assisting in a good cause will put you in a good mood. Satisfaction will come from knowing you have fulfilled something of meaning. Romance is on the horizon.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Follow the road less traveled, but be particularly careful when it comes to your money, possessions, or dealing with people from your past. Cover your back by taking care of your responsibilities before you opt to follow a personal path.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Temptation is the enemy. You can have fun without being indulgent. Be true to yourself as well as to the ones you love. Positive changes will add to your comfort, convenience, and your emotional well-being. Plan a surprise for someone special.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Be careful with whom you share secrets. Focus on money matters, and look for tax write-offs and investments that will keep your money working for you. Don't expect everyone to be on your team. Avoid unpredictable people.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Take care of matters that concern elderly relatives or friends. Your help will be appreciated and rewarded. Positive changes at home will bring you closer to your personal goals. Prepare to have visitors; it's the holiday season.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Jealousy will surface if you feel threatened by someone interfering in your work or home life. Refuse to let anyone know how you feel, and you will find a way to outmaneuver any opponent you encounter.

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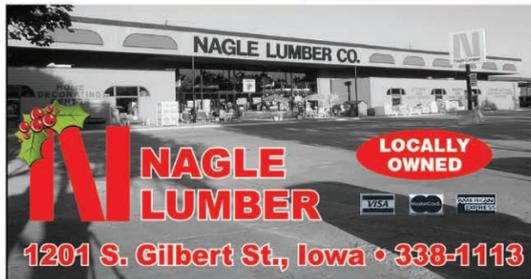
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Hawkeye swimmers eye NCAA 'cut' times

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It's been 34 days since the Iowa men's swim team had a meet. Since the last meet, on Halloween in Minnesota, Iowa football ended another regular season, Iowa wrestling hit the mats, and the Hawkeye basketball teams tipped off their seasons.

A lot can change in 34 days, but one thing that did not change was the Hawkeyes, approach to this weekend's Hawkeye Invitational or, really, the season as a whole.

"It's more about preparing to swim fast," junior David Ernstsson said. "When we go up and do any races, you just try to go as fast as possible."

It's been that mentality all season, and it seems to

be the approach now, too, which should not come as a surprise to many.

"If you swim really fast in practice, you'll probably drop some time in races, too," Ernstsson said.

At least a portion of the break can be blamed on not having a meet with Purdue and Ohio State the first weekend in November, as there has been in previous years. However, just because there has not been competition does not mean the Hawkeyes have put in any less work.

"It hasn't really been time off," coach Marc Long said. "We've been working really hard preparing for this [weekend's meet] and for second semester."

The Hawkeye Invitational will give the coaching staff a chance to see where the team is in training and the

swimmers a chance to hit NCAA championship qualifying times. The swimmers will put on speed suits for the meet, and some will shave in order to hit qualifying times.

Depending on the group, the coaching staff has also tapered the swimmers, meaning they are more energized, something that was apparent at practice Wednesday.

"When you come down to a big meet, it's all about having fun, being relaxed, and all of that kind of stuff," Ernstsson said. "If you get a [cut] time right now, you can just hit Big Tens and have fun."

An A cut time automatically qualifies a swimmer for the NCAA championship meet, while a B cut means a swimmer could get an invitation to

the Big Dance, depending on if they fall above the invitation line.

Outside of the Big Ten championship meet, this weekend will be the best chance for swimmers to qualify for the NCAA championship meet, especially as it mimics the format used at the NAAs.

"Suiting up is always a good mental boost," senior Grant Betulius said.

Betulius has hit a B cut time in the 100 backstroke, and he has finished as high as 11th at the NCAA championships in past years.

Long said the team will put up its best lineup, with swimmers entering their top events.

"We're hungry to race," he said. "We're expecting to see some great performances."

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they jumped out to a 10-4 lead near the 15-minute mark. For the next significant portion of the half, it became very one-sided.

Shortly after the Cardinals started rolling, they led 16-9 and were converting on 53 percent of their shots, compared with just 26.7 percent for the Hawkeyes. They strung together a 12-0 run to go up 26-9 before a Bluder time-out with eight minutes to go.

But the damage had been done. Louisville took its double-digit lead and ran with it. Iowa trailed by roughly 15 for most of the half and stumbled enough to trail by 23, 46-23, heading into the break.

Bluder's team was in rare form in the second half — flat, perhaps discouraged, but most startlingly, still not making shots.

The Hawkeyes could never dig into Louisville's mountainous advantage, trailing by 24 five minutes

into the half. Unable to gain any ground, it only started to get worse. Louisville held a 60-35 advantage at the 12-minute mark and by 7:26 had extended that to 78-40.

With the game in blowout territory, Louisville largely called off the dogs and easily cruised to an 86-52 victory.

The Cardinals' rebounding advantage ended up being only 50-38, but the game was lost by the lack of points from Bluder's offense. The Hawkeyes shot a shocking 30.4 percent from the floor and were nearly 40 percent below their season average from behind the arc, making only 1-of-17 attempts, 5.9 percent.

Furthermore, the team collectively had only 7 assists, significantly down from its season average of 17.

Bethany Doolittle led the Hawkeyes in both scoring and rebounding, posting 12 points and 9 boards.

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Iowa Hawkeyes (52)										
	FG	3P	FT	RB	A	TO	TP			
Doolittle	5-12	0-0	2-4	9	0	4	12			
Dixon	1-8	1-6	0-0	2	0	0	3			
Disterhoft	3-14	0-2	3-3	8	1	5	9			
Jennings	1-8	0-4	1-3	2	1	3	3			
Logic	4-10	0-2	0-0	8	3	5	8			
Coley	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0			
Peschel	0-4	0-2	1-3	6	2	1	1			
Till	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2			
Buttenham	3-4	0-0	0-2	0	0	0	6			
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Reynolds	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0			
Kastanek	3-6	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	8			
TOTALS	21-69	1-17	9-17	38	7	20	52			

Louisville Cardinals (86)										
	FG	3P	FT	RB	A	TO	TP			
Hammond	9-13	0-2	1-1	5	3	2	19			
Himes-Allen	5-7	0-0	6-8	7	0	0	16			
Moore	4-10	1-4	3-5	3	6	2	12			
Smith	4-8	0-0	2-4	7	2	4	10			
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Carter	4-5	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	8			
Freeman	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0			
Deines	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	2	3	3			
TOTALS	35-66	2-8	14-22	50	19	19	86			

WRESTLING

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Thursday, and this year, we didn't," he said. "I was planning on a dual meet where — we didn't really get an answer [from a potential opponent]."

"Next year, we'll definitely address that. We'll bring in a school from the East or maybe a West Coast school, and we'll reciprocate there. We got a little bit late in the scheduling process there."

The extra time off after this year's Michigan State dual won't be much of a challenge, Brands said. He knows his team will keep its focus because of the ultimate goal it has in mind.

"It's just an extra five days, is all," he said. "If you're focused, you do what your marching orders are. You got to battle where the battle is, and the battle will be more in-between their ears, I suppose."

All of this is not to say Iowa is looking past Michigan State. Satur-

day night's dual is Iowa's 2014-15 Big Ten opener. The Hawkeyes have won 16-straight conference-opening duals, the last loss coming against Penn State in 1997-98, when the Nittany Lions won 25-17 in Iowa City.

It'll be the first step in Iowa's defense of last year's Big Ten Dual Meet title, an honor it shared with both Minnesota and Penn State. All three teams finished 7-1 in conference duals.

(Although, if we're getting technical here: Minnesota beat both Io-

wa and Penn State, while Penn State beat Iowa in a nonconference dual that was set up on Twitter.)

"We have to be ready to go," Iowa 125-pounder Thomas Gilman said. "People coming to Carver-Hawkeye Arena are always ready to go. They might not be the most-talented team, but we have to be ready to go."

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BASKETBALL

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In this edition of "The Box Score," the DI takes a look at a few story lines heading into that contest.

Iowa substitutions after 8:32 remaining in the game — 0

Following Gabe Olaseni's fourth foul with 8:32 left in the second half, Adam Woodbury came in for the Hawkeyes and head coach Fran McCaffery didn't turn to his bench for the rest of the contest. This was pleasing for some Hawkeye fans who would like to see the rotation shortened in the waning minutes of the game.

After he was on the court for one minute of game time, Woodbury got an offensive rebound and put it back to halt a field-goal drought that had begun after he hit a jumper with 15:05 left on the clock.

In the final minutes of the game, Woodbury went 2-of-3 from the floor with 4 rebounds, Jarrod Uthoff grabbed 4 boards of his own, and Mike Gesell didn't miss a shot of any variety, going 2-of-2 from the paint and 3-of-3 from the line.

The Hawkeyes only missed two-of-11 free throws and out-rebounded North Carolina, 10-5.

Offensive efficiency — 1.011 (121th in NCAA)

In terms of running their offenses well, both Iowa and North Carolina struggled in this area Wednesday evening. The Hawks finished with a .906 rating, and the Tar Heels finished with .830.

In simpler terms, this was evident by Iowa's 32.7-percent performance from the floor and North Carolina's 27.9 showing. Even more, Iowa shot 15 percent from beyond the arc.

This wasn't the case for Woodbury, however; the 7-1 junior went 71 percent from the floor. Woodbury leads his team among players with significant playing time, shooting 61.5 percent.

If the current statistics stay true to form, the Hawkeyes are going to have a cushion figuring out their shooting woes against the Retrievers. Coming in without a win this season, Baltimore County's field-goal percentage is a modest 38.1 percent, and it has only scored above 60 points once this season in a 77-66 loss to Towson.

Mike Gesell assist to turnover ratio — 2.2

Granted, the season is fewer than 10 games old, but last season's Big Ten leader in this category is slightly off pace from last season, when he finished with a 3.0 ratio.

This year, Gesell leads Iowa with 3.5 assists per game, which is an improvement over his 3.38 dimes per contest through Iowa's first eight games last year. In the turnover department, however, Gesell

has given the ball away nine more times this year than he did through the same number of games last year.

The exact reason for that is hard to say, but for a player who takes care of the ball as the junior does, it's important to remember it is very early in the season and those numbers will likely balance out based on last year's performance.

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Iowa center Gabriel Olaseni drives up for a lay-up during the Iowa-Longwood game in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 29. The Hawkeyes defeated the Lancers, 77-44. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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BASKETBALL

LOUISVILLE 86, IOWA 52

Louisville swamps hapless Hawks



Iowa guard Melissa Dixon looks for help as Louisville's Arica Carter attempts to steal the ball during the second half on Thursday, in Louisville, Ky. Louisville won, 86-52. (AP Photo/Timothy D. Easley)

The Iowa women's basketball team went 1-of-17 from beyond the arc en route to 34-point loss.

By **KYLE MANN**
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The No. 22 Iowa women's basketball team went on the road to challenge No. 7 Louisville in search of an early season signature win. To put it mildly, that quest didn't turn out very well.

There were concerns entering the game that the Hawkeyes would have a difficult time matching up with the Cardinals, because despite how Lisa Bluder's 6-1 Hawkeyes have played at times so far, they've

left much to be desired rebounding and defensively, particularly when facing physical opponents.

Iowa entered the night 10th in the Big Ten with a rebounding differential of minus-1.6, averaging only 38.7 rebounds per game while surrendering more than 40. Louisville, on the other hand, came in as the No. 30 team in the country with a plus-9.4 rebounding margin; the Cardinals corral nearly 42 per game.

With that said, the Hawkeyes knew they would have their hands full. What they likely didn't anticipate, however, was how ineffective Louisville would deem their

volatile up-tempo offense. Facing a relatively unfavorable matchup, when it became apparent that the Hawks' shots weren't falling, things got out of control quickly.

The game started very slowly, with neither team hitting on many of its shots in the opening minutes. For the Hawkeyes, that was not a good sign for such an offense-oriented team.

The Cardinals were the first to find their groove, and after several minutes of two-sided stagnation,

SEE HAWKS, 10

Wrestlers face Spartans, break

After second-ranked Iowa wrestles Michigan State on Saturday night, the team has a 22-day layoff before the Midlands Championships.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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Tom Brands constantly preaches that his team is moving forward and that its focus is always on the upcoming competition. Last week, Iowa's attention was on No. 12 Iowa State. Once that dual ended, the wrestlers immediately shifted their attention to Michigan State.

So perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise, then, that senior Mike Evans didn't know that after the second-ranked Hawkeyes wrestle the Spartans on Saturday night, the team has a 22-day break before its next competition.

"That's news to me," said Evans, Iowa's starting 174-pounder. "I don't look at the schedule. I wait until Brands tells me we're going to wrestle again."

Such a long layoff between competitions is an abnormality for the Iowa-wrestling team — at least in recent seasons.

Last year, Iowa traveled to Edinboro for a dual on Dec. 5 after wrestling the Cyclones four days earlier, then hosted Buffalo on Dec. 12 and Penn State on Dec. 21 before traveling to Evanston, Illinois, for the Midlands Championships.

During the 2012-13 season, the Hawkeyes hosted Lehigh on Dec. 6 after Iowa State on Dec. 1, then traveled to New York for the Grapple at the Garden on Dec. 16, in which they wrestled both Hofstra and Bucknell.

Iowa stayed out East an extra day and wrestled Buffalo before returning home for some time off. The team opened its



Iowa 174-pounder Mike Evans wrestles Cornell's Brent Hamm during the Iowa City Duals on Nov. 21 in Carver-Hawkeye. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

Big Ten schedule against Ohio State on Jan. 4. (The Hawkeyes didn't make an official trip to the Midlands that year, opting instead to send certain wrestlers to compete unattached.)

Generally speaking, Brands said, he likes to have another dual to the schedule before finals week.

"We usually have a dual meet on that

SEE WRESTLING, 10

THE BOX SCORE

Hawkeyes by the numbers

The Iowa men's basketball team will take on Maryland-Baltimore County Saturday afternoon.

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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Following a pair of losses at Madison Square Garden in New York City before Thanksgiving, the Iowa men's basketball team traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to play the 12th-ranked Tar Heels on Thursday.

As most around Iowa City know, the Hawkeyes dropped their opponent, 60-55, for their first big win of the season. Iowa has a few days off from competition and will face Maryland-Baltimore County Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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