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Community member of Chabad Douglas Klein lights a candle for Hanukkah at the Coral Ridge Mall on Thursday. Hanukkah runs from Tuesday through Dec. 24.

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Digital IDs spark concerns

The Iowa Department of Transportation will offer digital licenses, but some local businesses are skeptical.

By **NICK MOFFITT**
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For Iowans, their smart phones could soon be capable of eliminating their wallets.

The Iowa Department of Transportation said in early December at a budget hearing that sometime in 2015, a digital-license app will be available for Iowans, but this has some Iowa City businesses skeptical about the launch as it relates to alcohol sales.

While DOT Director Paul Trombino noted police stops and airports, the digital license would be in a smartphone app that would require a pin number to unlock.

Colton Hadden, the manager at Liquor House, 425 S. Gilbert St., said he'd have a hard time believing the technology at first.

"If they're just fumbling around with the phone, I'd rather have them just have the real deal," he said. "I just don't trust the technology."

He noted that while the state has been great about educating those who sell alcohol with the IPACT program, it would take a lot of training before he felt comfortable in the future.

According to the Property Casualty Insurers, an industry trade group, Iowa is one of 37 states that allows proof of insurance via smart phone to be shown during traffic stops.

The Iowa City police are aware of the potential change but haven't made any procedural or policy changes for the upcoming digital license.

Sgt. Scott Gaarde, the information officer for the police, wrote in an email that the change may make things easier.

"Quite frankly, it may make it easier for community members to have their IDs or licenses on their person as required when driving," he said.

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said she would welcome the digital licenses but only on one condition.

"I would guess it would be a hassle," she said. "In order to do it, we would have to have some sort of machine."

SEE LICENSE, 3

Fosse 'always kept his cool'

Iowa City Public Works Director Rick Fosse will retire after 31 years of service.

By **AARON WALKER**
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A roughly 52-year-old jar of pickles sits on a shelf in front of a myriad of maps and blueprints that drape the walls of Rick Fosse's office, overlooking his desk.

Fosse, Iowa City's public works director, found the jar in an old Iowa City dump while working on a storm-sewer project along the Iowa River.

"I've always kept that jar of pickles just to remind me that the stuff that goes into our landfills doesn't break down," he said.

The 55-year-old Fosse stands of average height with dark hair draping over the tortoise-colored temples of his translucent, foggy-white glasses frames.

On New Year's Eve, Fosse will retire after 31 years in the city's Public Works Department.

Over the past decade, he oversaw more than 150 employees and all operations as the department's director, managing construction projects,



Iowa City Public Works Director Rick Fosse stands in City Hall on Thursday. Fosse will retire after 31 years of service. (The Daily Iowan/Mikaela Parrick)

coordinating disaster-relief efforts, and maintaining local infrastructure.

In the 1980s, Fosse was a design en-

gineer for the city, which he describes as the most hands-on part of his career.

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THE PLAY'S THE THING



Actors from the UI and Iowa City community read undergraduate playwright Alice Doherty's play in the Englert Gallery Space on Thursday. There were also readings from graduate-student playwrights Alysha Oravetz, Ryan Oliveira, and Lupe Flores. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

A look back at the semester

Homicide suspect passes away before trial

This November, a nearly 17-year-old homicide trial was brought to a screeching halt when the suspect died.

John Bloomfield was set to take the stand in court in January, but he died in a Minnesota hospital from a variety of illnesses including prostate cancer, diabetes, and heart problems.

Bloomfield had been accused of strangling wife Frances Bloomfield in 1997.

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

Bloomfield had been charged with first-degree murder.

— by Megan Sanchez

Missing ISU student found in Iowa City

On Sept. 26 missing Iowa State University student Tong Shao's body was found in the trunk of a Toyota Camry in Iowa City.

Shao was last seen Sept. 8 and was reportedly visiting boyfriend Xiangnan Li, a University of Iowa student, whom the police identified as the person of interest in the case. It is suspected that Li traveled back to China.

On Oct. 31, the Johnson County Medical Examiner Administrator's Office released the autopsy report to the Iowa City police and the Johnson County county attorney.

The family has been notified, but police Sgt. Scott Gaarde told *The Daily Iowan* that a release was being prepared but needed final approval from the county attorney.

— by Nick Moffitt

Sexual misconducts on campus reach nine

Nine sexual misconducts were reported on the University of Iowa campus during the fall semester.

UI President Sally Mason announced in October that additional funding would be added for three positions related to prevention education.

The *DI* also reported in October that compared with other Big Ten universities, the UI tells students very little information about where sexual misconducts occur.

— by Nick Moffitt

Campus, community debate controversial art display

In early December, Serhat Tanyolacar, a UI visiting assistant professor of art and a printmaking fellow, put an original artwork on the Pentacrest.

The display consisted of a Klu Klux Klan figure made out of newspaper dippings about racial tension and oppression.

The statue was taken down shortly after its initial appearance, and it sparked controversy at the UI and in the city.

Some argued that the artwork

should be classified protected by "freedom of speech," while others found it deeply offensive. The university insisted that because Tanyolacar did not have a proper permit, the statue could not stay on university property.

Tanyolacar apologized for any trouble he may have caused but said he did get what he wanted out of the display.

"I'm deeply sorry for the pain," he said. "I share all the pain I see today. Meanwhile, now there's a dialogue. My whole intention was this. I'm sad, but at the same time I'm very happy. As a faculty [member], I came here to be an activist. Now, I think there is a chance to be accepted or to be an ally or to heal all of these kids' feelings."

— by Megan Sanchez

Ferguson verdict causes debate in Iowa City area

Just as University of Iowa students settled in to their Thanksgiving holiday break, the grand jury's decision not to indict police Officer Darren Wilson for the death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, was announced.

Students and community members were immediately affected, taking to the streets of Iowa City to protest the decision.

The protest lasted more than an hour, and at one point blocked traffic.

This was just one of many demonstrations going on throughout the nation at the time.

The public displays for change continued throughout the semester when a judge dropped a felony charge against the officer who was accused of killing 7-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones in Detroit and again when a Staten Island grand jury decided not to indict the officer who was accused of killing Eric Garner, an African American who lived in New York.

These court decisions motivated UI medical students and professors to stage a "die-in." Nearly 60 people lay on the ground holding signs, staring at the sky, not speaking for 11 minutes.

The issues have continued to be talked about during panel discussions throughout the year.

— by Megan Sanchez

Flood mitigation

Despite summer flooding, flood-mitigation projects at the IMU and Mayflower Hall continued to stay on schedule.

The 2014 summer floods reached more than 25 feet, which is major flood stage. That has only happened two times in Iowa City's history, 1993 and 2008.

The floods delayed summer construction, but extra manpower was added to catch up.

A new permanent home for the University of Iowa Museum of Art was announced in October — the southeast quadrant at the intersection of Clinton and Burlington Streets.

The site is across the street from the new Voxman Music Building, which is under construction.

— by Nick Moffitt

Branstad wins sixth term as governor

Gov. Terry Branstad will become the longest-serving American governor in December 2015 after having been elected to an unprecedented sixth-term in office in November.

Branstad, 67, ran alongside Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, who will continue in her position.

He had consistently led by double-digits in the polls leading up to the race. Branstad won the race with 59.1 percent of the vote.

— by Nick Moffitt

Ernst set to become Iowa's first woman senator

Joni Ernst, 44, will become the first female senator in the history of the state after defeating Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, in Iowa's Senate race in November.

Ernst will succeed retiring Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. She ran her campaign on creating jobs, growing the economy, and protecting the Second Amendment.

Ernst will serve alongside Sen. Chuck Grassley. The pair will be the first pair of Republicans from Iowa to serve in the U.S. Senate in more than 30 years.

The veteran from Red Oak, Iowa, is the first female combat veteran elected to Congress.

Ernst had previously served in the state Senate from 2011 to 2014.

— by Nick Moffitt

Local Senate

In the only contested area state Senate race, Democrat Kevin Kinney defeated Republican Mike Moore in Iowa's 39th Senate District.

Republican Sandy Greiner retired from the seat.

Kinney is a veteran lieutenant sheriff in Johnson County and a lifelong farmer from Oxford, Iowa.

His platform included establishing Common Core curriculum across the state, reforming the prison system, and mental health.

— by Nick Moffitt

Latham and Harkin retire

Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa, announced earlier this year that he would not run for re-election to the House of Representatives. Latham had served western Iowa for 20 years.

His retirement opened up the seat in the 3rd Congressional District.

Republican David Young won the seat in the Nov. 4 election.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, also announced his retirement this year, leaving a Senate seat open after serving for 30 years.

Republican Joni Ernst will take over Harkin's seat after winning the Nov. 4 election.

— by Lily Abromeit

Regent Carroll resigns

A member of the state Board of Regents resigned Nov. 20 because her family has moved to Texas.

Gov. Terry Branstad appointed Nicole Carroll in 2011, and her term was set to expire in April 2017.

Branstad will have to nominate a new individual to replace her. Because of the board's policy of balance, the candidate will have to be a woman and either an independent or a Democrat.

The state Senate will then have to approve the nomination by a two-thirds vote.

Carroll is an attorney from Carroll, Iowa, and served 12 years on the Carroll School Board. Her hometown is Story City.

— by Chris Higgins

Regents pass third tuition freeze

The state Board of Regents unanimously approved a historic third-consecutive tuition freeze for resident undergraduates at all three regent universities earlier this month.

The regents expect a projected \$4.5 million revenue loss to be covered through savings from their ongoing efficiency review. Some regents said they found it difficult to justify increasing tuition given the \$40 million to \$80 million the review is expected to save.

Some expressed concerns included whether the universities would want efficiency savings to cover the freeze, whether a third freeze now could lead to steep increases in the future, and how the freeze could disproportionately affect the University of Northern Iowa.

Education costs have skyrocketed over the past 15 years as the state Legislature has dramatically reduced its percentage of university funding.

Tuition will increase on all other students, resulting in \$10 million in additional revenue, while fees will increase for every student.

— by Chris Higgins

UIHC becomes Ebola treatment center

The UI Hospitals and Clinics was named Iowa's only Ebola treatment center earlier this month.

In addition, Mercy Medical Center and Iowa Methodist Medical Center, both in Des Moines, were named as screening facilities.

There have been zero reported cases of Ebola in Iowa and four in the United States total, with none since October.

One individual in Iowa was quarantined over Ebola concerns in November.

The hospital has set up an isolated area in the hospital for hypothetical Ebola patients and several staff members have been trained to deal with the disease.

The UIHC has also created specialized headgear to allow wearers to avoid contamination.

Ebola has infected around 18,500 people in West Africa, where it remains a significant health crisis. Nearly 7,000 have died.

— by Chris Higgins

BLOTTER

Pedro Gines-Colon, 27, West Liberty, was charged

Wednesday with driving while barred.

Virgil Hare, 48, 432 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 3, was

charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

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FOSSE

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From 1989 until 2003, he was the city engineer in charge of all design and construction inspection.

"I like to look back at my career and think about the actions more than the objects," Fosse said. "During all of the disasters, what really shows through is our staff's ability to step up and really perform well in unusual circumstances. Individual skills and talents that you don't see in them in their day-to-day activities really become apparent. That's when you realize you've really got good people."

Fosse is referring floods, a tornado, and fires that have affected local residents and businesses. Three of the four worst floods in the city's recorded history have hit the community during his time as director, he said.

Despite graduating

from Iowa State University in 1982, he and his family have settled into the University of Iowa community.

"Over the years I've formed an affection for the University of Iowa," Fosse said. "It feels more like my home college than Iowa State."

He and wife Karen Fosse are planning a celebratory vacation in Hawaii after his retirement. Fosse's career plans remain a mystery. After some time off, he will explore clubs and nonprofit organizations.

"Naturally, we're very excited because he has

Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney, who has known Rick Fosse for nearly 30 years, said, "[Fosse] has a lot of experience and has really been a hard worker. He's as good of an individual as you'd like by your side when you're working with tragedies in the Iowa City area."

Fosse was instrumental working with recovery and evacuation efforts while being an excellent community coordinator, Harney said.

Colleagues described Fosse as a multimedia enthusiast, referring to him as "the king of the PowerPoint presentation."

Water Superintendent Ed Moreno, a friend and co-worker who attends Fosse's annual Christmas party, said he has never

seen Fosse rattled.

"One thing with Rick I do remember vividly is the floods of '93 and 2008," Moreno said. "He would gather the pertinent information for all Iowa City folks from public works on through. I thought he did an outstanding job, and he always kept his cool."

'Over the years I've formed an affection for the University of Iowa. It feels more like my home college than Iowa State.'

— Rick Fosse, Iowa City public works director

worked hard all his life, and we're looking forward to the next chapter in our lives," Karen Fosse said. "The thing that always impressed me was how willing he was to help people in the community understand what he and his department are doing for the city."

LICENSE

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

The positive side of things is that it could make it easier to detect fake identifications, she said, and it would most likely eliminate the push for license renewal upon turning 21.

"The bars have pushed that at 21, you'd have to renew your license and go from vertical to hori-

zontal, but this would fix that," she said.

UI student Austin Klimes, a member of security at the Airliner, 22 S. Clinton St., said the digital IDs would be welcomed because they could make things more efficient.

"If it was secure and handled well, I think that it could be very productive and speed things up at the door," he said.

Security is a central issue of the digital license

for Michael Connor, the general manager of Liquor Downtown, 315 S. Gilbert St.

He said that despite the potential to eliminate fake identification and cut back on underage sales, the downsides of hacking or identify theft could still loom.

"I think [the state] would need to seriously test the technology before it tries to release something like this," he said.

For int'l students, break might mean home

By GRACE PATERAS
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Jon Smith only has the opportunity to go home once per year because of the cost, so this winter break he's excited to head back to England to see his family.

"I haven't gone home yet because I've only been here for a few months, and it's expensive to go home," he said. "I can only afford to go home once [all year], so I decided to go during winter break."

Smith is studying American studies and attending the UI as part of a track at his main school, the University of Hull in Kingston upon Hull, England.

He chose the UI because not many Europeans know much about the Midwest, he said.

"There's not a whole lot of differences between my friends from home and here," Smith said. "It's not what I expected to be. People hang out and watch movies, like they did in college back in England."

Similarly, UI junior

Park Sungcheol has participated in a lot of the same activities as his friends back home in South Korea.

"We take short trips and we eat food, deli-

cious food," he said. "It's pretty much the same as what people do here: We drink, we play sports like basketball and soccer, and we work out."

Park will stay in Iowa City for the first time this winter break while his sister will go home to their family after her first semester at the UI. He plans on traveling to Chicago with a friend for a short trip.

"We go there to eat Korean food that we can't eat here and for shopping," Park said. "Iowa City does have several options, but it's not as good as the food in Chicago."

Moving to a new country has been somewhat easy and difficult, he said. For example, colleges in America give students the opportunity to make friends on their own outside of class. In Korea, institutions encourage students to be friends with those in the same major, he said.

Park has made many of his friends his first year through dorm living, classes, and Facebook.

"[In America], if you put some effort, you can make foreign friends, but it's hard to make American or foreigners friends because you're away from your home and friends," he said. "It's instinct to stay with people from the same country."

Freshman student-athlete Jahisha Thomas traveled overseas to Iowa on a track and field scholarship.

She will travel back home to London to see her family for the first time since August, when she moved to Iowa City.

Thomas, a UI freshman, took a year off from school after she graduated from secondary school to work and train for recruitment. During her gap year, she kept herself busy earning money by tutoring math and English to kids ages 5 to 16.

Because of track and field obligations, the 20-year-old will only be home for 10 days. She will spend Christmas and New Year's Eve with her parents and two brothers, while also continuing to tutor and complete track workouts.

Prior to committing to Iowa, Thomas said, she had never been on campus. She relied on speaking to coaches and looking into programs to make her decision.

She enjoys the friends she's made at the UI, saying they are similar to her friends back home.

"I really settled in here," she said. "I made really good friends through track and with people in rooms by my room. We normally hang out in my room, put on music, dance like weirdoes, and study together."



Thomas
UI freshman



Park
UI junior

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COLUMN

Lift the ban on donations



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Thirty-one years ago, the Food and Drug Administration placed a ban on blood donations from any man WHO has had sex with another man — even once. Since that time, a lot has changed. HIV and AIDS research has advanced, testing for the disease is comparatively quick, and acceptance of gay marriage and culture has grown as well.

But despite all this development, one thing has remained unchanged: the ban.

Not only has the ban not been lifted, but when the Department of Health and Human Services met last week to discuss potentially lifting it, the matter was shut down before even reaching a formal vote, according to Slate.com.

The archaic rule, designed to protect U.S. blood banks from potentially receiving blood contaminated with HIV, has become much more than outdated. It is now, because of scientific advancement, an outright denial of a group of people based on their sexual orientation.

The most shocking part about the rule isn't its existence; the late-70s were, after all, a different time in both gay culture and the scientific community. What is surprising is that prominent members of the scientific community have not advanced to a point in which they believe there is a better way to prevent HIV from getting into our blood supply than a sweeping ban of any man that has ever had sex with another man.

Luckily, I am (unsurprisingly) not alone in the belief that the ban must go. Earlier this week, 80 congressio-

nal lawmakers sent a letter to the Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell, making my exact argument — but taking it a step further.

The letter includes the following passage: "If we are serious about protecting and enhancing our nation's blood supply, we must embrace science and reject outdated stereotypes."

The argument presented by these lawmakers is unique. In many gay rights (and civil rights) debates in this country, the primary explanation used by the side in favor of extending rights is not grounded in science but rather in respect for a group of individuals — which, of course, is also important.

According to the *Washington Post*, 1.8 percent of men in this country self-identify as gay. The 2010 census had the male population in the United States at slightly more than 150 million, meaning that (under the relatively unlikely assumption that the entirety of this 1.8 percent has had sex with another man) nearly 3 million individuals are ineligible to donate blood. This, of course, is not to mention heterosexual men who have ever had sex with another man.

And while there is no doubt whether some of these individuals do have HIV/AIDS or a partner with the disease, that shouldn't bar every one of them from donating blood.

I'll admit it; part of my motives for wanting this ban to be lifted are completely selfish, why wouldn't I want there to be the maximum amount of blood available in U.S. blood banks should I ever need it?

The FDA has the historic opportunity to lift this ban; it could be one of the first gay-rights improvements in U.S. history built not only on respect for a subset of the U.S. population but on scientific advancement as well. To me, it seems shockingly obvious what must be done. Lift the ban.

EDITORIAL

U.S. needs cyber security

In a usual year for Hollywood, big blockbusters make up the summer movie season, while on the other side of the calendar, comedies and family movies come to theaters around the holidays. But the ramifications of a cyber-attack on Sony Pictures Entertainment have made 2014 anything but a usual year.

The breach of Sony's data made for an embarrassing week for the movie giant, whose parent company is based in Japan. Personal emails, petty vendettas, and celebrity badmouthing were all put on display. The culprits weren't after just a very public airing of dirty laundry, however. They hoped to strong-arm the company into canceling *The Interview*, a movie about two American journalists who are recruited by the CIA to kill North Korean leader Kim Jung-un.

And in a twist that sounds ripped straight off the silver screen, they were successful. On Wednesday, Sony canceled the Christmas Day release of the film after the hackers left threats promising a "bitter fate" for those going to see the movie, adding, "Remember the of September 2001."

Though suspicion has arisen that the hackers, calling themselves the "Guardians of Peace" without a trace of irony, hailed from North Korea, those fears were confirmed when the *New York Times* reported that intelligence officials believe the North Korean government was "centrally involved" in the cyber-attacks.

It's a showcase of the incredible shift in the balance of power that the Internet has enabled. For rogue governments, this is a godsend. For a relatively low cost, (compared with nuclear-weapon programs and building up militaries) these states can strike meaningful blows against Western targets. The web's greatest strength, worldwide connectivity, is also its greatest weakness.

This is hardly a new phenomenon. The United States

has long suspected China of conducting cyber-attacks, though whether the government is directly involved or merely offers tacit support isn't quite clear. In October, security researchers UNCOVERED a state-sponsored Chinese cyber-espionage group called Axiom. According to their report, Axiom aims to steal intelligence that could benefit Chinese interests, primarily through commercial hacking in order to steal trade secrets.

But the potential impact of a cyber attack goes well beyond canceling a movie or aggressive economic competition. Testifying in front of Congress in November, Adm. Michael Rogers, the head of the NSA and the U.S. Cyber Command, contended that China and other nations had "the ability to launch a cyber attack that could shut down the entire U.S. power grid and other critical infrastructure."

Citing vulnerable computer systems in power utilities, aviation networks, and financial companies, Rogers said cyber attacks have punched through these networks for the purpose of "reconnaissance." That these groups now have this information available should startle us into change.

As far as repercussions go for these brazen attacks? They are few and far between. North Korea has been slapped with every sanction in the book, and it operates in its own closed, destitute system. It has so far proven difficult to find specific government ties in these cyber attacks. They are evidently funded well enough to cover their tracks.

The only recourse left for the U.S. is a stronger emphasis on cyber security. We must be careful in treading down this road; as in the War on Terror, an overbearing surveillance apparatus could come hand in hand with beefing up our national defense. Yet the alternative, in which our safety is at whim to any rogue hacker group with an ax to grind, is too grim to comprehend.

COLUMN

Will tech replace the teachers?



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As a kid growing up in the '90s, I remember waking up at the crack of dawn to look outside to the dew on the ground every Saturday morning and THEN watch the latest episode of my favorite cartoons.

However, with today's technology, the latest episodes are aired nearly daily, not to mention the reruns that are aired nearly minutes after the first showing.

Technology today is not what it used to be, not even close. With the advancements that have been made, medicine, construction, and education

have come a long way.

Private and public schools all across the nation are starting to integrate technology in their classrooms. According to EdTech, 74 percent of educators surveyed said technology is key to help expand the learning in the classrooms.

The Internet is a great resource. With computers and tablets in the classroom, students are able to learn viable research skills at a young age. Teachers can collaborate with others in virtually no time at all. Being able to consult or even virtually meet face-to-face also can help engage students with other students around the world, helping increase their familiarity with different cultures.

Technology continues to make a lasting footprint on society, but when does the change become too

much? There has been talk about textbooks being replaced by laptops.

The cost alone is enough to scare people away; laptops are still partially new in the technological world, and not every student would be able to afford to make the switch. Option No. 2, according to the Academic Help website, said the most affordable way to slash costs is to create CDs of textbooks. Of course, at the college level, this has already been accomplished.

A huge worry with the increase of technology is if it will be the next form of our teachers, and by that I mean the replacement of educators.

It is hard to imagine the education system without any educators, especially considering just how long teachers have been educating the youth. The expense of putting laptops

or tablets in front of each student makes the idea of teachers being replaced seem a little silly.

It is also no surprise that these proposals aren't exactly in line with declining school-system budgets. In politics, it gets quite tricky to try to mess with the educational system one way or another.

The excitement of new technology may never die, but the thought of it taking over the classrooms completely just isn't bulletproof yet. The idea is great, but students still need personal communication along with written skills. Educators are still the key to a students' success. It is up to them to help teach the students not only the old-school techniques but also about all of the new technology that continues to become more advanced.

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GUEST COLUMN

UI's institutionalized racism

In a recent *Press-Citizen* editorial, the University of Iowa associate provost for graduate education and dean of the Graduate College reaffirmed the school's commitment to diversity. However, Dean John Keller's claims were both cynical and misleading.

He begins by assuring readers "that our commitment remains as strong as it's ever been" but immediately undermines his own argument by noting that, among graduate students, "we recognize that the proportion of African-American students has decreased." In other words, the university already had not put enough resources into recruiting graduate students from underrepresented minority groups.

Bizarrely, Keller goes on to hype his diversity efforts by pointing to the very fellowships he has slashed. "Last year, we awarded 15 Dean's Graduate Research Fellowships to underrepresented minority students," he said. "We recently announced plans to increase the number of

these awards to 40 for the 2015-2016 academic year."

What Keller didn't tell readers was that those 40 fellowships are a hollow shell of their former self. The 15 Dean's Fellowships given out last year provided Ph.D. students with two years of teaching releases. That was the primary appeal of the Dean's Fellowship, which helped departments recruit top graduate students from diverse backgrounds.

Unfortunately, Keller has entirely eliminated the teaching releases from the new diversity fellowships, which makes it impossible for UI to compete against other peer institutions for these students. I have spoken with several current and former Dean's Fellows, and each one said that he or she would not have not have come to UI under the new funding model.

In addition to the two years of teaching releases (a total of \$36,000 in salary), the Dean's Fellowship used to provide \$4,000 in summer research stipends (totaling \$16,000) and two

years of tuition waivers (totaling approximately \$16,500). That's about \$68,000 — whereas the new diversity fellowship is just plain pathetic, because it takes away \$36,000 worth of salary support and eliminates the \$16,500 in tuition waivers.

As a point of comparison, the new diversity fellowship is worth about \$24,000, as opposed to the roughly \$68,000 that UI invested in the old Dean's Fellowship. As I noted in a recent op-ed in the *Press-Citizen*, this is an example of the structural and institutional racism that is deepening at UI. Allocating resources that encourages those who normally wouldn't come to a place such as Iowa is crucial to combating this form of inequality. (Trust me, we have no problem finding and recruiting white grad students.)

UI's upper administrative class seems more interested in growing the size of its ranks than putting money where its mouth is when it comes to diversity. A new six-figure-salary

strategic-communications position? No problem. But when it comes to resources for recruiting those from underrepresented minority groups, well, that's a different story.

Over the next few weeks, student and faculty campus leaders will apply pressure to persuade the UI to return the Dean's Fellowship to its previous funding levels. In the weeks leading up to the start of spring semester, we will hold the administration's feet to the fire in the national media until it reverses course.

Even though structural and institutional racism is an abstract concept that is hard to put a face on, the recent decisions by top administrators have made UI the poster child for this form of discrimination. Still, it's not too late for them to do the right thing.

Kembrew McLeod
Professor of communication studies, director of graduate studies for his department

Dialing for justice and equality in Iowa City

December Dial is a monthlong initiative urging Iowa City residents to call city leaders and request that funds be allocated to further train the police in racial sensitivity.

By **CORY PORTER**
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Using momentum gained by the recent wave of local protests, Iowa City residents have created the December Dial social-media initiative as a way take their message of racial justice and equality directly to city leaders.

The goal of the December Dial is for citizens to call city officials each day through the month of December and demand that \$100,000 be allocated to better train Iowa City police officers in racial and cultural sensitivity, Iowa City resident Kendra Malone said.

"The [\$100,000] is really just an investment, an additional but necessary step in the right direction as a collection of steps to right the wrongs of our system," said University of Iowa senior Kyra Seay, who has been involved in the initiative.

As of Thursday evening, 141 people joined the December Dial Facebook page.

Malone said when she attended a local demonstration related to the events in Ferguson, Missouri, in November, she heard people asking what they could do after the protest was over.

"The reality is that people get all fired up and

they host protests, but then they don't do anything afterwards related to issues of racial justice and police brutality against people of color," she said.

Malone then came up with the idea that people should call city leaders and demand action, she said.

"The call urged rally participants to call the chief of police, city councilors, [and the] city manager to request \$100,000 be allocated beginning in the fiscal year 2016 and every subsequent year," she said.

Stefanie Bowers, the city's human-rights coordinator and equity

director, said the City Council established an ad-hoc diversity committee in 2012 to evaluate the city's performance on diversity issues and the make recommendations, which it did.

Police Sgt. Scott Gaarde, the information officer for the department, said the police have been working to implement what the ad-hoc diversity committee advised.

"Most of the recommendations that it made we're already in the process of implementing or have implemented," Gaarde said.

He said the Iowa City police constantly work

with the officers to make sure they have the training to interact with the diverse population of Iowa City.

"A lot of things that people are asking for, we're already in the process of doing, such as getting ... body cameras, things of that nature, we already have in-car cameras, we've already began the process of different diversity training as well as trying to diversify the ranks of our officers," he said.

Malone said from her perspective, however, the police efforts are not enough.

"I have not personally seen or experienced any

of the programming or initiatives that the Iowa City Police Department has instituted around community building and decreasing its bias against people of color," she said.

Seay said the December Dial is about systematic and institutional racism.

"It's not an attack on individual members of the police force or at the people who are attempting to solve these issues with current [or] existing programs," she said. "It's simply that more work needs to be done, and now is the time, because my life, my classmates' lives, my brother's life count on it."

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Later Service
6:30-7:00 p.m. String Ensemble Prelude
7:00-8:30 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Sanctuary Choir and String Ensemble

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- Dear Elderly Man in Front of Me at Walgreen's Who Bought the 1,000-Count Bottle of Daily Vitamins: I LIKE YOUR OPTIMISM.
- Dear Restaurants "Wraps" Everywhere: Thank goodness you came along and became popular when you did. Before you arrived, I have no way satiate my dual needs of eating something vaguely sandwich-like AND being frustrated to the point of tears.
- Dear Young Males Currently Named Skyler: You have my sympathies.
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- Dear Restaurants Everywhere: Just do whatever you want. I'm lazy and American, so I will continue to visit you forever.

Andrew R. Juhl sometimes epistles himself.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



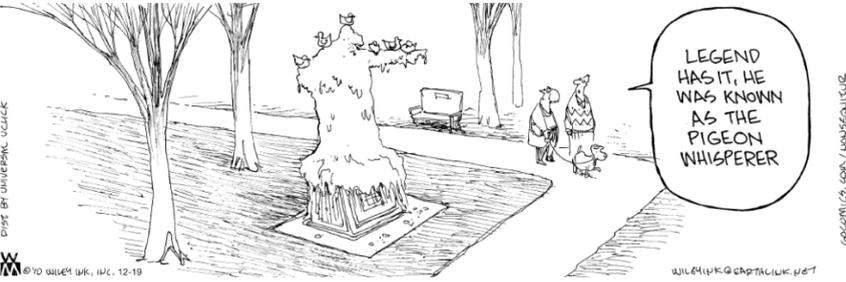
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by Scott Adams



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- **Project Art**, Faculty Staff Orchestra and Hallelujah Chorus Sing-along, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium, Elevator F
- **Whiplash**, 4, 6:20, & 8:40 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Tippie School of Management Graduation**, 4:30 p.m., Coralville Marriott, 300 E. Ninth St.
- **Jazz After Five with Christopher's Very Happy Band**, 5 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Graduate College Commencement**, 7 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- **Super Smash League**, 7 p.m., Game Geeks, 114 1/2 E. College
- **UI Youth Ballet Winter Concert**, 7:30 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Euforquestra Home for the Holidays**, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **Bass Gift**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Euforquestra Post-Show Party with the Dawn**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Gremlins**, 11 p.m., FilmScene

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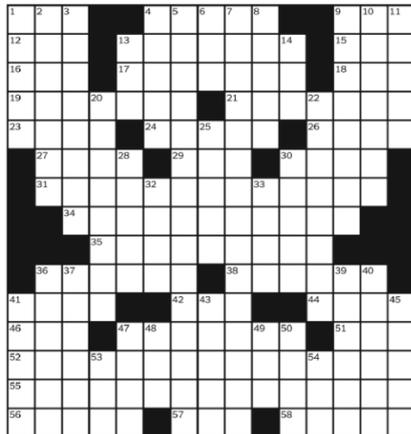
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Edited by Will Shortz No. 1114

- ACROSS**
- Store (debut of 2008)
 - Space on a bookshelf?
 - Bush found in Florida
 - "... funny!"
 - Stray away
 - Short coming?
 - Boring thing
 - Part of a bridge truss
 - Apology opener
 - 10th-century pope
 - War room topic
 - "The Alphabet" artist
 - ... itself
 - Sponges, say
 - Fly in the face of someone?
 - Mau ... (forever, in Hawaii)
 - It may have a high grain content
 - B, for one
 - B's, for one
 - Bb6, for one
 - Score at the half?
 - "You've got mail!" and such
 - Cry of innocence
 - Caesar's force
 - Notable 1979 exile
 - Invisible thing that's inflatable
 - They often succeed
 - States on a game board, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Soap of a medical nature
 - Fancy invitation feature
 - They might catch some rays
 - Some 24/7 facilities
 - Spanish for "basket"

DOWN

- "Ben-Hur: ... of the Christ"
- Basis of the Nintendo Wii's processor
- It has four mounted players
- Gandhi who heads the Indian National Congress
- Longtime luxury sedan
- Sitter hitter, maybe
- Pat Patriot and Billy Buffalo
- Hypothetical example opener
- Curtis of the screen
- Player with Legos, for example
- Authority figures
- Big outdoor gear retailer
- What might break people's trust?: Abbr.
- Discoverer of the Amazon's mouth
- Giggles
- "Copacabana" showgirl and others
- ... b'Av (annual Jewish fast day)
- Place for a glowing element
- Opposite of blanco
- "... Shoes" (2005 Cameron Diaz film)
- Frequent Wyeth model
- One aboard Marine One: Abbr.
- "Wicked!"
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- Provide technical details for
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horoscopes

Friday, December 19, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Harness your skills, and present what you have to offer. Look at the big picture and the destinations you have in mind. Don't let someone you work with stress you out. Believe in yourself and your abilities.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Express your ideas, and expand your creative awareness. Get involved in events that offer a look at other cultures. Experience is the spice of life (not variety), and it can help you make adjustments to your way of living that will bring you greater happiness.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A personal change will open up a host of new possibilities. Do your research, and get the lowdown on costs involved before you move. Impulse is the enemy, but with practical application, a positive change will unfold.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Stop fretting over the things you cannot control. Look at what you have, and be thankful. Difficult partnerships will help push you to make personal adjustments that will guide you into the new year with greater clarity.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Expect to face opposition if you've been overspending or doing things that don't include someone who cares about you. A change of location will help you see things clearly and encourage you to make a move that will improve your personal life.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Emotional disillusionment will take over. Don't believe everything you hear. You are best to do your own thing and take care of your responsibilities without relying on anyone for help. Love is in the stars, but so is deception.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get out into your community, and participate in a worthwhile cause. The less time spent at home, the better. Someone close to you will not understand your reasoning. Do your best to keep busy, and you'll avoid an emotional mishap.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Set up talks that will help you plan your course of action in the new year. What you do to secure your work relationships will make a difference. Network, and socialize with colleagues; you will make a lasting impression.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make home improvements that will delight the people you love. Host a party, or make arrangements to travel to see friends or family. Doing your best to reconnect with the people you enjoy the most will be fun as well as informative.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Take care of business, and clear your calendar for end-of-the-year enjoyment. Love and romance are highlighted, and making an impression on someone special will bring you closer together. Ask questions, and put uncertainty to rest.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be careful what you say and how you deal with your responsibilities. A begrudging attitude will not buy you any favors. Pitch in, do your part, and you will get what you want in the end. A career change looks promising.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Do what feels right. Don't let anyone take advantage of you or lead you down a path that isn't in your best interest. Express your feelings, and plan to make a move or pick up new skills in the new year.

Art may imitate life, but life imitates TV.
— Ani DiFranco

Hawkeyes head for Drake

By **KYLE MANN**
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A “state championship” is largely something that is left behind in high-school athletics, but the Iowa women’s basketball team will have an opportunity to claim just that, albeit unofficially, when it travels to Drake this weekend. Here’s what to watch for.

Coaching connections

Earlier this season, the Hawkeyes hosted St. Ambrose, where head coach Lisa Bluder began her coaching career in 1984. This weekend, Bluder will travel to Drake, where she spent 10 years and earned her coaching gig at Iowa with a 187-106 overall record.

Bluder is now 15 years removed from her tenure with the Bulldogs, but she can’t deny this game means a little something extra to her and her assistant coaches as well.

“Anytime you spend a decade at some place, you know, we opened up the Knapp Center, I coached Jan Jensen, and her jersey is hanging there as a reminder that she is one of only two women to have their jersey retired at Drake, and Jenni [Fitzgerald] and Jan both played there,” Bluder said. “It means a lot.”

With Jensen, Iowa’s associate head coach, and assistant coach Fitzgerald, the Iowa staff is rich in Drake connections. Considering that Ally Disterhoft’s and Claire Till’s mothers both played for Drake as well, the Hawkeyes have several motivations for bragging rights.



Iowa forward Kali Peschel prepares to shoot in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 21. Iowa defeated Pepperdine, 97-68. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

Iowa in the zone

Bluder noted in her press conference on Wednesday that Drake head coach and former Hawkeye Jennie Baranczyk has played zone defense with increased frequency this season. It will be interesting to see if that philosophy remains in the matchup with the Hawkeyes, but if so, that would not appear to be the best strategy to slow the Iowa offense.

The most basic way to defeat a zone defense is to spread it out, and that is done by having strong shooting capabilities from the outside, which causes the defenders to extend. If Drake is going to face any team this season that has the requisite shooters, it’s Iowa.

As a team, the Hawkeyes are eighth in the country with a 40-percent clip from beyond the arc, and Melissa Dixon shoots 43 percent and will demand attention from the Drake’s perimeter defenders.

Kali Peschel had a breakout shooting performance against Iowa State, and if she proves to be another outside weapon with any sort of consistency, the Bulldogs could be in for trouble this weekend.

“I hope so,” Peschel said. “That’s the game plan, but I think as long as we come out and do the fundamentals from an individual and team standpoint, we’ll be able to shoot just as well as we did last game.”

Battle on the boards

Mark it on your calendar, ladies and gents: the Hawkeyes project to have a rebounding advantage in their matchup this weekend.

Iowa has struggled with rebounding at times this season, though it hasn’t been as devastating as some feared it could be. That doesn’t look like it will be a problem this weekend, however, because the Bulldogs

allow more rebounds than they collect themselves.

Drake has only two players averaging more than 5 rebounds, and only one with more than 6. Even then, Becca Jones averaging 6.7 per game is a freshman, and only 6-2; 6-4 Iowa senior Bethany Doolittle should find little resistance in dominating the boards.

“We’ve been working on our rebounding, our defense, and our physicality,” Doolittle said. “But they’ll always play their best when they play us, so we have to keep that in mind and get after it.”

Follow **@KyleFMann** for news, updates, and analysis about the Iowa women’s basketball team.

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Gymnasts set for January



Iowa gymnast Del Vecchio Orozco competes on the pommel horse at the Black and Gold intrasquad meet in the Field House on Dec. 6. The Black team defeated Gold team, 253.55 to 251.40. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

By **CHARLIE GREEN**
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The Iowa women’s gymnastics team will compete at LSU on Jan. 9, 2015. For head coach Larissa Libby and assistant Jennifer Green, the meet will mark a return to the school they competed for.

“It will be interesting for us because Jennifer and I both went to school and competed for LSU,” Libby said. “It’s the best in the country, and if you want to be the best, you have to compete against the best.”

Libby was a four-time captain before graduating from the school in 1996. She knows as well as anyone the powerhouse that the Tigers are in the sport — they enter season ranked No. 3 in the country.

The gymnasts know that to beat one of the NCAA’s top programs, it will take a complete team effort.

“We need to come together as a team and clean up our mistakes,” freshman and Florida native Nikki Youd said. “Our goal is to prove that we can compete with the best.”

The Hawkeyes will look for a boost from sophomore Angel Metcalf and senior

Sydney Hoerr, who were recently named to the 2015 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List.

Libby stressed one goal she has for the team in their season-opener next month.

“I want consistency,” she said. “Mistakes are OK, but I don’t want to see falls.”

Men’s gymnastics

Iowa men’s gymnastics is scheduled to travel to Chicago on Jan. 17, 2015, for the Windy City Invitational. Big Ten powers Michigan, Ohio State, and Illinois will also compete, as well as Illinois-Chicago.

After finishing ninth last year at nationals, the Hawkeyes come into this season ranked the same in the preseason coaches’ poll. That puts them behind five conference teams — including the three they will see in Chicago.

“We deserve a higher spot when we earn it,” head coach JD Reive said. “One of the things I did when I got here was change the strength of schedule, so we’re seeing the teams that are perpetually winning championships.”

Reive believes the opening meet is most important for building confidence. All-

around performers such as Lance Alberhasky, Jack Boyle, Cory Paterson, Cyrus Dobre-Mofid, and Matt Loochtan should provide a promising level of versatility for the Hawkeyes.

Events such as the vault and pommel horse will be pivotal for the team this season, and the Hawks will rely on some younger gymnasts for points.

“I feel like I had a good vault coming in and the coaches have helped me improve,” freshman Dylan Ellsworth said. “If I just land on my feet and do what the coaches say, I’ll be able to help the team.”

With three of the top five teams in the country at the meet, the Hawkeyes are emphasizing the importance of a good start.

“Windy City is always a huge meet for us,” assistant coach Ben Ketelsen said. “We see a lot of really good teams there, and it sets a precedent for the rest of the season.”

Iowa gymnastics

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BASKETBALL

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reasons to flush the Iowa State loss.

“It’s tough because of how we played,” White said. “But at the same time, it’s kind of nice to work on our stuff. There was a stretch where it seemed like there were so many games.”

Iowa’s week break was a little different from most weeks. Because of finals, players got the first two days off. But then it was back to work. The players didn’t just put the Iowa State loss on the backburner; instead they tried to learn from it. And because of the time off, the Hawkeyes got to focus on themselves rather than whom they played next — the players said they’d be introduced to Northern Iowa on Thursday.

“I feel like there was a couple of positive stuff in the [Iowa State] game,” Peter Jok said after watching the game film. “We watched about 30 minutes of film, and we took away a lot of negative stuff we need to work on to become a better team.”

While Iowa will get introduced to Northern Iowa a couple of days before the matchup, the two teams are more familiar than most opponents.

Numerous players from Iowa and Northern Iowa played together on the Iowa Barnstormers AAU basketball team. Plus, players from both teams have played with and against each other, through high-school basketball, the Prime Time League this past summer, or the two times Iowa played Northern Iowa in the last three seasons — Iowa won last year but lost in 2011.

“The thing that stands out to me is that they’re all in,” McCaffery said about the Panthers. “Whether they’re experienced or whether it’s Jeremy [Morgan], or Wyatt [Lohaus], or the younger guys, they all accept whatever role has been given to them, and they share the ball.”

It doesn’t hold the same pedigree of the Iowa-Iowa State rivalry, but Iowa-Northern Iowa does hold significant weight for the Hawkeyes. On top of being an in-state rivalry game, Northern Iowa will be the last quality opponent Iowa will face in during its nonconference schedule.

It’s also a matchup that hasn’t been without some trash talk. Former Cedar Rapids Washington teammates Josh Oglesby and Wes Washpun talked over the phone on Wednesday. Washpun didn’t hold back, telling Oglesby

memories. Yes, the season was a disappointment, one that Athletics Director Gary Barta called unacceptable, but the Hawkeyes can end things nicely with what they hope is their first of many wins in 2015.

“It’s going to be nice. Like [Alston] said, we had a bad taste in our mouth from the last two previous games, and Coach Ferentz always talks about moving forward,” consensus All-American Brandon

along with the other members of the Hawkeye front seven. In fact, all five of the teams Iowa has fallen to this year have featured a quarterback who was dangerous both by ground and air.

An example: Joel Steve’s 12-yard rush on third and 8 in the fourth quarter of the Wisconsin game was a dagger to the Hawkeyes’ Big Ten championship hopes.

A win over Tennessee, the players say, might wash away those bad

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that if he was matched up against Oglesby, he’d drop 30 points.

Of course, Oglesby noted that the trash talk was good-natured and in a joking manner.

But it’s also another reason for Iowa to move past its latest loss.

“You want to beat them,” Oglesby said. “For example, last night,

when Wes was talking crap to me, all I wanted to do was beat him. I’m just like, ‘We got to win this game,’ but I think it just makes it more fun, and more exciting.”

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FOOTBALL

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To do that, Iowa will have to beat a team that will play its first bowl game since 2010. The Volunteers finished the regular season 6-6, fourth in the SEC West.

“SEC is king,” middle linebacker Quinton Alston said. “I was happy that we get a chance to face an SEC team. I’m

happy to get to the game. I’m just anxious to get back onto the field.”

Alston and his fellow linebackers will have a shot to avenge poor performances against dual-threat quarterbacks. Despite only playing in five games this year, Tennessee quarterback Joshua Dobbs managed to finish second on his team in rushing with 393 yards and 6 touchdowns.

Mobile signal-callers have burned Iowa’s linebackers this season,

the right word. Excited, maybe, because I haven’t had that type of competition yet,” Gilman said. “I’m looking forward to wrestling the guys you mentioned, guys who show that they’re some of the better guys in the nation through their results and through what people are saying.”

Head coach Tom Brands said there are some key matchups that

dwelling on it. Just be ready to wrestle each match. One match at a time.”

This season, Gilman said his approach to the Midlands isn’t going to change. There’s less pressure, sure, because he’s entrenched as Iowa’s starting 125-pounder, but he’s still in it to win it.

That also means his grandfather should expect another first-place trophy — should Gilman do his job, of course.

“I have to be more focused,” he said. “I have nothing to lose but everything to lose. The mission is the same, to go out there and score points, wrestle hard, and win the tournament.”

“I want to go out there and show that I’m the best guy in the weight class, the best guy in the country, solidify what I say and what I think.”

— Thomas Gilman, sophomore

“Last year, I had a mission, and I accomplished it,” Gilman said. “I didn’t have the spot [in Iowa’s lineup], and I knew that by winning the Midlands and getting a chance to wrestle guys like Delgado and beat them, I’d have a chance to get that spot back.”

Cory Clark ultimately got the call for Iowa when it came time for the Big Ten championships.

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But the rest of the nation knew Gilman was a force to be reckoned with — a claim he’s backed up this season with a 10-0 record and No. 5 national ranking, according to Flowrestling.

Four of Flowrestling’s top eight at 125 pounds are expected to be in attendance at the Midlands this year — top-ranked Delgado, fourth-ranked Joey Dance of Virginia Tech, Gilman, and Air Force’s Josh Martinez, ranked eighth. “Antsy maybe isn’t

could potentially happen at the Midlands for Gilman but noted that he shouldn’t look too far ahead once the bracket’s been released. He needs to win in order to get to those matchups.

“That adds to the depth of the bracket,” Brands said. “But we have to be ready to go. With these opponents, if you look ahead a little bit, it’s important you’re aware of what you have — but not much beyond being aware.

“It’s not like you’re

WRESTLING

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terialistic person. I don’t put things in my room. It’s just clutter. I know what I’ve done, and I know what I need to do. I don’t need material to keep me satisfied.”

Gilman’s finish last year was part of a record-setting first-place performance for the Iowa wrestling team, which is nothing new. The Hawkeyes have won 23 Midlands team titles — including five in the last seven seasons — more than any other team in tournament history.

But even more, Gilman’s run to first place earned him, for a brief period of time, the starting spot in Iowa’s lineup and catapulted him into the national spotlight, where he was ranked as high as third in the country by some polls.

In the semifinals, Gilman defeated two-time national champion Jesse Delgado of Illinois in a 3-1 decision that wasn’t as close as the final score suggests. The match before, he beat Northern Iowa’s Dylan Peters, a 2014 All-American. In the finals, he beat Jarrod Garnett, a 2013 All-American.



Iowa 125-pounder Thomas Gilman wrestles Michigan State’s Mitch Rogalinger on Dec. 6 in Carver-Hawkeye. Gilman won by major decision, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans, 37-0. (The Daily Iowan/Josh Housing)

Scherff said. “All those games are behind us, and you can’t dwell on the past. You have to look forward.”

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Panther matchup sparks 'nice' trash talk



Iowa forward Aaron White dunks the ball in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 6. The Hawkeyes defeated the Maryland-Baltimore County, 77-47. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

With over a week off, Iowa believes it has learned from its latest loss as a matchup with Northern Iowa looms.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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After Iowa's 90-75 loss to Iowa State on Dec. 12, Aaron White said he wished Iowa could play the next day. He wanted to get the bitter taste of being blown out by an in-state rival on his home floor out of his mouth.

Instead, the Hawkeyes had more than a week for the loss to sit with them.

How did the Hawkeyes approach this week without a game?

"They're very professional," head coach Fran Mc-

Caffery said Thursday. "I think in that regard. Obviously, we didn't play well in the last game. I would like to think if we had played well, we'd still be professional in how you approach the next practice, knowing that you have another great team coming up in the next game."

That next great team is Northern Iowa, which enters the matchup against Iowa with only one defeat

— a 93-87 double-overtime loss to VCU on Dec. 13.

As part of the Big Four Classic, the Hawkeyes and Panthers will meet at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Saturday.

The Panthers, who were ranked 23rd in the na-

tion until its first loss of the season, will not only provide another test for Iowa during its nonconference schedule, they also give the Hawkeyes plenty of

SEE BASKETBALL, 8

Iowa vs. Northern Iowa

When: 6:36 p.m. Saturday
Where: Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines
Watch: Big Ten Network

2015 TAXSLAYER BOWL

Hawks seek to redeem season

Following a disappointing regular season, the Iowa football team will have a chance to finish strong in the TaxSlayer Bowl.

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In August, optimism about football was palpable in Iowa City, and some thought Iowa could play its way into the Big Ten championship game. After all, Iowa had 13 returning starters from an 8-5 team and what looked like a favorable schedule.

Then came a loss to Iowa State in September, followed by a loss to Maryland in October, and losses to Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska in November.

That optimism diminished quickly, and instead of playing Ohio State in Indianapolis for a conference title, the Hawkeyes were at home, watching Wisconsin get whipped by the Buckeyes on national television.

"We finished with two losses, so the negativity right now that I assume is out there, public wise — I know how it felt for me all week, and I'm sure it felt the same way for every one of our coaches and players," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said Dec. 7. "We worked hard, and we are disappointed."

Luckily for Iowa, it will have a chance to finish the season on a high note in the TaxSlayer Bowl on Jan. 2,



Iowa linebacker Quinton Alston runs off the field with his teammates at the half in Byrd Stadium on Oct. 18 in College Park, Maryland. Maryland defeated Iowa, 38-31. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

2015, against Tennessee.

Although it's not where the Hawkeyes wanted to be at the beginning of the season, a win at EverBank Field could help cure some of the negativity.

It would, for one, send the seniors off on a high note and could give the team momentum heading into the off-season. It could also create a buzz for the most lethargic fan base in recent memory.

SEE FOOTBALL, 8

Iowa vs. Tennessee in TaxSlayer Bowl

When: Jan. 2, 2015
Where: Jacksonville, Florida
Watch: ESPN

Gilman amped to defend title

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After Thomas Gilman ran through the field at 125 pounds and won the Midlands Championships last season, he gave his first-place trophy to his grandfather. It's a tradition, he said. He doesn't need to see what he's earned to know what he's done.

"Couldn't tell you why or how it came about," he said. "I'm not a very ma-



Gilman
sophomore

SEE WRESTLING, 8

Iowa wrestling at Midlands Championships

When: Dec. 29-30
Where: Welsh-Ryan Arena, Evanston, Illinois
Watch/Listen: AM 800 KXIC; finals will be televised live on Big Ten Network on Dec. 30.