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THE SPARTAN DIET



Iowa wide receiver Matt VandeBerg attempts to stay in-bounds during the Iowa-Nebraska game at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln on Nov. 27. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers, 28-20, to finish off a perfect regular season. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

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No. 4 Iowa's contest with No. 5 Michigan State Saturday to decide the Big Ten Championship is, of course, the biggest game the Hawkeyes have played to this point in 2015.

Part of that is because it's for a trip to the College Football Playoff, and part of it is because of the opponent.

From top to bottom, Sparty is the best team the Hawkeyes have faced this season — it's impossible to deny. However, the Spartans are beatable. What would give the Hawkeyes the best chance to do it? Our three keys are below.

Get to Connor Cook

Iowa hasn't had to face a great (even good, maybe?) quarterback like Cook all season. Nate Sudfeld and Wes Lunt come to mind, but neither of those guys are blowing the door off the barn with their performance as Cook has on a weekly basis.

When healthy, he's one of two or three elite quarterbacks in the conference; when he's not, he's still a great player. His in-

jured shoulder is a point of concern, but Cook should be close to full speed Saturday.

Couple that with Iowa has given up a third of its total passing yards over the course of the last three games, and this should be an advantage for Michigan State. Iowa leads the wBig Ten with 17 interceptions, but the last four of those were gift wrapped from Nebraska's Tommy Armstrong Jr. Put simply, Iowa wasn't able to create interceptions at the end of the year.

Any team is at its best when it can put pressure on an opposing quarterback, and given the vulnerability of the Hawkeye passing defense recently, making Cook uncomfortable early and often gives Iowa its best shot to win this game.

"[Cook] throws some accurate balls," linebacker Cole Fisher said. "That's going to be tough, definitely not like we faced last week, but, yeah, he's a really good player."

SEE FOOTBALL, 3

Magic not for Iowa City

By **DI STAFF**

The creator of everyone's favorite wizard will not head to town anytime soon.

A large campaign dedicated to bringing J.K. Rowling to Iowa City came at the wrong time, a representative for the author said.

"She is regretfully turning down all invitations in order to prioritize her writing," the representative said.

The University of Iowa Lecture Committee was able to send more than 500 letters to Rowling as part of its campaign, said Carter Bell, the head of the Lecture Committee.

"We were informed that it was an extraordinary feat to collect 500 individual letters and that Ms. Rowling was touched," Bell said. "However, we in Iowa City are regretfully turning down all rejections and not giving up."

According to a press release, the Lecture Committee will continue to provide opportunities for students to write to Rowling in the upcoming month.

"We plan to continue to showcase all that is great about Iowa City and the UI to Ms. Rowling and invite her to campus in new and interesting ways," Bell said. "We're also excited to continue our campaign and partnerships with the local libraries, schools, and more."



Rowling
author

Not a field trip but an experience

By **ALEX KRAMER**
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Children who otherwise would probably never get to see the inside of a major sporting event are now getting the chance to see one sitting right in the middle of the action.

Alex Sheck, a University of Iowa student, and his father are able to do this through their nonprofit called Experience the Game.

"It's a nonprofit organization that takes underprivileged kids to professional sporting events and gives them unique experiences," said Sheck, the president and co-founder of Experience the Game. "Rather than just taking a large group like a field trip, we take a small group and really make it special for the kids and provide unique experiences like going on the field or court to meet players and coaches."

Sheck said the kids selected must fit a certain criteria — they must be between age 8 and 17, in school, a deserving child, have never been to a professional sporting event, and show potential and leadership.

The organization partners with Boys and Girls Club of America to help pick participants.

"Since we're not working with the kids every day, we pass along our criteria to the Boys and Girls Club, then they help us

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ETHICS & POLITICS

ELECTION 2016

Super PAC jumps in for Sanders

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Like it or not, Bernie Sanders now has a Super PACs backing his presidential aspirations.

In Iowa City and across the state, National Nurses United is sponsoring billboards featuring the Vermont senator.

"We are going to continue to campaign for him," said Charles Idelson a spokesman for the union. "We are not a Super PAC, we have a committee that existed long before Bernie Sanders ran for president."

Nurses United does have a traditional political-action committee dating back to February 2008, but its Super PAC organized in 2010 was set up just like any other one.

Sanders has staked a large part of his campaign on his disdain for Super PACs — a distinction between him and the two other Democratic hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Martin O'Malley.

"Unlike others, we have not started a Super PAC, are not coordinating with a Super PAC, and we have not fundraised for a Super PAC," said Jeff Weaver, Sanders's campaign manager in a statement that iterates what he told the *Washington Post*. "We stand by our position that we do not want the help of a Super PAC."

Unlike the former secretary of State or ex-Maryland governor, Sanders does not have a Super PAC with ties or connections to his own campaign. Both



Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders greets the crowd before the Democratic debate inside Sheslow Auditorium on Drake University's Campus on Saturday, Nov. 14. Martin O'Malley and Hillary Clinton were also in attendance. (The Daily Iowan/Brooklyn Kascel)

Clinton and O'Malley have loyalists staffing their operations. Clinton's campaign legally can,

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SING OUT



Anastacia Brown sings karaoke in the Petersen multipurpose room on Thursday. Karaoke Night is a late-evening event coordinated by RAs on the West Campus. (The Daily Iowan/Karley Finkel)

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WRAC says goodbye, hello

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Dozens of people filled the Women's Resource and Action Center to walk through the halls of the blue house at the intersection of Market and Madison Streets for the last time.

WRAC hosted a goodbye party Thursday evening for the house across from the IMU. The house will soon be torn down to accommodate a larger parking garage on the block.

The blue house has been home to WRAC since 1976, but on Jan. 7, it will move up the hill to the Bowman House, at the intersection of Dubuque and Bloomington Streets across from Burge Hall.

"We feel really happy about where we're going," WRAC director Linda Kroon said. "We're obviously going to miss the blue house, there are a lot of memories here and a lot of sentimental attachment here. It will be very strange for a while for all of us for this house to be gone, but the work will continue, and WRAC will not miss a beat."

At the goodbye party, people were encouraged to write messages on the walls. As the evening went on, the wall became covered with "thank you" notes and declarations of love.



Gabriela Rivera leaves the goodbye party for the WRAC's Blue House on Thursday. The Blue House, which has been the center's headquarters since its beginning, will be demolished come January. (The Daily Iowan/Jordan Gale)

"I'm sad to see it go; it's that random little blue house that doesn't really fit," said Sarah Zaffis, a former WRAC student volunteer. "It's a happy place where everyone can get together; you may not know anyone in the room, but you have fun."

Many people are excited about the move, despite having to say goodbye to the location that housed them for nearly 40 years.

"WRAC deserves to have a nice spot and a nice space," Zaffis said. "It's a long time coming; they deserve to have a new space; they're getting new fur-

niture and everything. It more legitimizes them as an organization."

Kroon said the biggest downfall of the new building is that there's no elevator. She said they pushed to have an elevator, something they lacked in the blue house, but it was too expensive.

"We're going to do everything we can to make sure that all the programming and services we have are accessible to people," Kroon said. "If we can't accommodate that in our house, we'll go elsewhere."

Kroon said she is happy to be moving to another house rather than an

institutional building. It is more appropriate for the kind of work WRAC does, she said.

"I could tell it was a very welcoming space from the minute I stepped in," WRAC student volunteer Britt Griffin said. "I'm really excited to keep working with them and I'm really looking forward to their move."

Kroon said WRAC will be dark for a week while they make the move, but they plan to be ready to go by the time the new semester begins. They plan to have a grand opening celebration sometime in February.

Johnson County takes out loans

By **KENYON ELLSWORTH**
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Ask and you shall receive — an aphorism that rings true for Johnson County.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors will receive a series of local loans. There are three agreements, all of which are general obligation bonds. The first bond is for \$3.7 million, the second for \$3.94 million, and the third for \$6.3 million.

Johnson County Treasurer Tom Kriz negotiated the agreement.

"Borrowing is approved in the county's current budget from March of last year," Kriz said. "The bonds are split into three different series because some are long-term, and some are short-term."

The loan agreement states these bonds will be used for the purpose of funding various county insurance programs, purchasing equipment

and improving county buildings, acquiring equipment and vehicles for the county sheriff and ambulance agency.

The supervisors agreed the loans are in the best interest for the county.

"We wouldn't do this, but we have so much property in [tax-incre-

ment financing] that so it reduces the total cost for the homeowner," Kriz said. "I use the scenario that if five people went out to eat, and the bill was \$100, everyone would pay \$20."

This system of borrowing would not be possible without the help of

local banks being open to negotiable interest rates. The agreement's interest rates are very low, enabling the county to repay the money. The county waits until the end of the year to ensure these lower interest rates as well.

"If we were doing this on an open market, the interest rates would be too high," Supervisor Janelle Rettig said. "We are one of the few counties it works for. As long as the interest rates are this low, it helps the taxpayers and it works out."

The first two bonds have an interest rate of 0.3 percent and have durations of four months. They are to be paid back in April. The third will last for two and a half years with a graduated interest rate, starting at 0.4 percent.

"The end effect is the dollars we need, it's just spread out among more people," Kriz said.



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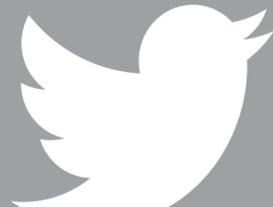
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FOOTBALL

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Establish the run

The difference between a Hawkeye offense with a ground game and a Hawkeye offense without a ground game is incredible. Although he's clutch as can

be and a great playmaker, quarterback C.J. Beathard hasn't shown an ability to win games on his own.

When a combination of running backs LeShun Daniels Jr., Jordan Canzeri, Akrum Wadley, and Derrick Mitchell Jr. are clicking, the Hawkeyes are a hard team to stop. Their success means Beathard can go to his

bread-and-butter — play action passes and bootlegs — to give his offense a different dimension.

"It's kind of been ebb and flow a little bit," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Jordan closed out the game two weeks ago, and LeShun closed it out the week before that, so we're comfortable with both guys.

"They both have a different style. They both complement each other really well. It's probably safe to say you'll see both of them playing. My guess is we'll need everybody on Saturday."

Score first

Iowa has scored first in 11 of its 12 wins, the out-

lier being a win at Wisconsin to open league play.

The team is much different heading into its 13th game of the year from what it was in its fifth, so no one really knows how Iowa would fare playing catch up. It likely doesn't want to find out Saturday.

Getting an early score to put the pressure on the Spartans is the best way to

go about things. It's a formula that has won Iowa 12 games, and there isn't a reason to stop now.

"To beat a good team like Michigan State, they're going to do the same thing," center Austin Blythe said. "We just have to execute better than they do. We're going to have to execute 100 percent to win this game."

SANDERS

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Priorities USA Action, her Super PAC of choice.

National Nurses United, a union of 185,000 nurses across the country, has an independent expenditure-only committee, more commonly called a Super PAC. Effectively this means the outfit can accept unlimited donations and then spend an unlimited amount of money provided it does not coordinate with Sanders's presidential campaign.

The nurses' outdoor advertisements will be complemented by other efforts before Iowa's Feb. 1 caucuses, Idelson said — although

he declined to go into detail. For now, the nurses' investment in Iowa is minuscule compared with the amount groups backing the two other Democratic presidential candidates have already spent.

According to Federal Election Commission records, the union's Super PAC has spent just over \$52,000 in Iowa on billboards.

In comparison, Generation Forward, a Super PAC backing O'Malley, spent just under \$50,000 on ads airing from June to October on eastern Iowa's KCRG. And a single donation of \$1 million from Hollywood icon Steven

Spielberg to Priorities USA Action more than matches the billboards.

Unlike the two other

from "Paul Wellstone wing of the Democratic Party." Wellstone was a progressive bulwark in the U.S. Senate be-

ed from collaborating with the campaign," Grossman said. "They have to make their decisions, and I have to make mine."

Grossman would not rule out spending money in Iowa but noted he did not want to broadcast his strategy to the world.

Legal experts say there is little Sanders can do.

By law, the organizations are free to advocate for his election even if he continues to tout his opposition to their efforts.

Derek Muller, associate professor of law at Pepperdine University, said Sanders could take the

approach used by then-Sen. Scott Brown, R-Mass., and current Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., during the 2012 Massachusetts Senate race.

The two candidates agreed to limit outside money by stipulating if such an ad was aired on TV or online, the candidate supported by the spot would donate 50 percent of the cost of the ad to a charity of the opponent's choice.

Muller said while it is unusual for a candidate like Sanders to put himself at a disadvantage, Super PACs may not be as beneficial as one might believe.

"It is a loss of candidate control," Muller said. "To an extent, you want to control your message."

'I hear what they are saying, but I'm legally precluded from collaborating with the campaign.'

— Joshua Grossman, president of Progressive Kick

groups, records show that the nurses usually received the bulk of their funds from union dues.

Sanders has also been endorsed by Progressive Kick, a national Super PAC that prides itself on supporting candidates that meet its inspiration. Its president describes himself as coming

fore he died in a plane crash in Minnesota just 12 days before Election Day in 2002.

As for Sanders' disdain of outside money, Joshua Grossman, president of Progressive Kick, said he and the democratic-socialist just have different views.

"I hear what they are saying, but I'm legally preclud-

GAME

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select the kids based on that criteria from the local community, wherever the event is taking place," he said. "If we're working an event with the Lakers, the kids would be from Los Angeles. We al-

ways want to give back in the community where the event is taking place."

Callie Howard, employee at the Boys and Girls Club, said Experience the Game was a great benefit to kids.

"If it weren't for Experience the Game, they wouldn't have opportunities like that," she said. "I think it's good for them to go over

there and get to see that type of stuff instead of just hearing about it from other people, other kids in their class."

The charity launched when Sheck was a freshman, and the inspiration behind came from a trip taken with his father when he was in high school.

"He said that he would love to be able to give back

or help people that are less fortunate, and give them an opportunity to do what we had on our trip," said Michael Sheck, co-founder and Alex Sheck's father. "So we kind of talked and said let's figure out if this is something we can do."

Michael Sheck said the duo looked into starting a charity while Alex was still in high school, but they couldn't get started for a few years. After that, the nonprofit took off.

"Our first event was with the Chicago Sky WNBA team," he said. "Since then, we've had maybe over 30

events now and have taken almost 300 kids all across the country, and worked with the Los Angeles Lakers, Miami Heat, Miami Dolphins, Carolina Hurricanes, really all over the country."

There have been more than 30 Experience the Games so far involving various sports such as soccer, baseball, basketball, hockey, and golf.

"The last event we just had was the Iowa football game," Sheck said. "In the interview when the kids were put on the spot, one of them said, 'I never get to do anything like this,' and the other felt so special that she

said, 'We're the only two out of everybody in Iowa who got picked to do this'. So it's something special, it brings tears to our eyes and that's what really keeps us going."

Experience the Game aims to create an unforgettable time that will stand out in the children's lives, he said.

"We like to think we're finally giving some children something to smile about, and maybe for once in their lives, will really get to brag about something," Sheck said. "It's very rewarding for us because the smiles on these children's faces are incredible."



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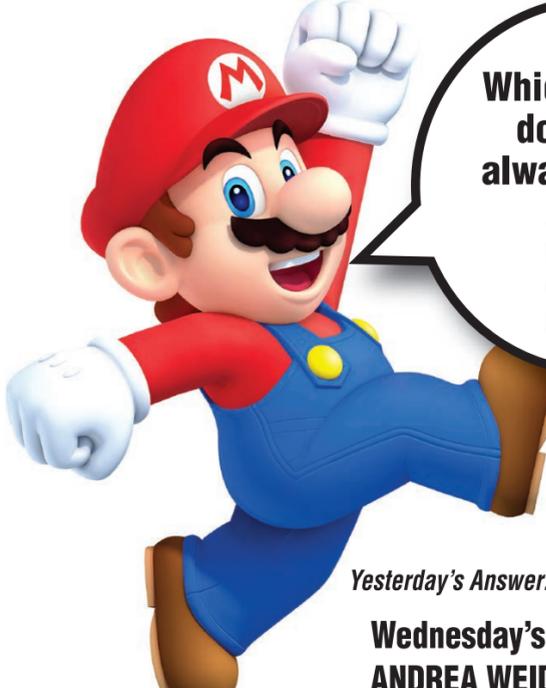
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Needed change in Illinois



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It's not all the time the richest man in Illinois gives a speech. Less than two years ago Kenneth C. Griffin, the founder of one of the world largest hedge funds, spoke at the Economics Club of Chicago, saying politicians have driven businesses and jobs out of the state of Illinois. He wanted to help try to change this.

In the weeks following, the responses came fast. Soon Griffin and a small group of rich supporters poured millions of dollars into the state. These supporters would come from all over the nation, from states such as New York and California, and the wealth created a change of power. The group helped to elect Bruce Rauner, former private equity executive, as Illinois' governor.

Rauner wants to cut spending, overhaul the state's pension system, and impose term limits. The campaign spent \$65 million; the donations came from Rauner and nine others. The biggest donor was Griffin, who gave \$5.5 million and his private plane for the election.

The *Chicago Sun-Times* went against its no-endorsement policy to stand behind Rauner. In recent Illinois politics, such a small group of people donating so much has not been seen. The supporters who are remaking Illinois are part of a small group around the country. These people use their money to take advantage of regulatory and legal shifts to wield their influence.

Yet, politics should not be completely about the money. People of all social standing should have an opportunity to run and be elected into government. The wealthy should not be in charge of electing the next governor. Giving the sole voice to the elite leaves others without representation. The middle class, who makes up more of the population, should have representation. The middle class cannot stand and do nothing.

Yet, change is still needed, and Rauner will be the start of a revolution that is needed for Illinois. The state clearly needs help with four out of seven of recent Illinois governors having gone to prison. Years of poor management by officials has left Illinois with more than \$100 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and issues with employee unions. If Rauner can find a way to cut spending, focus on what is important, and finding a way to unite the Democrats and the Republicans, he can make a positive change in Illinois.

Ultimately, it is not OK for the wealthy to hold a disproportionate amount of power in politics; the middle class needs a voice. It just so happens that the man who they helped to elect can change Illinois by getting their finances in order. Most of the year, they struggle to make a budget. If change is not met in the near future, Illinois will face more problems with debt. The group that has sent out for change has made big strides. Griffin and his supporters have the right ideas, but their money should not buy the government. For the moment, Illinois is trying to rebuild after years of corrupt leaders. It is time for Illinois to focus on the future.



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NSA surveillance rule change doesn't change much

It appears the fishermen are lifting their nets — dragnets, that is. Like any good angler, they'll mark down the hot spot for next season. But was their catch worth it?

For the NSA, heading back to shore might be the last thing on its to-do list. But after 14 years of stashing bulk metadata of Americans' communications, the agency has reeled in its dragnet. The NSA declared it ended the controversial program at midnight Nov. 29, following a recent modification to the USA Freedom Act set into place by Congress in June.

The most important provision is that this only pertains to phone calls, in which the NSA has relinquished the ability to impel major telecom firms to turn over metadata. Metadata refers to the volume of calls and their duration, not the content in them. All records of such now remains in the hands of service providers, and NSA will have to apply to take control of such information through the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a U.S. court established by Congress in 1978 that operates largely behind a veil.

Initially, the NSA's bulk collection after the tragedies of 9/11 was geared more specifically toward tracking known and suspected members of Al Qaeda. However, the beginning of the secret searchlight, which operated as a tracking method without court-ordered warrants, ushered 14 years of surveillance muck.

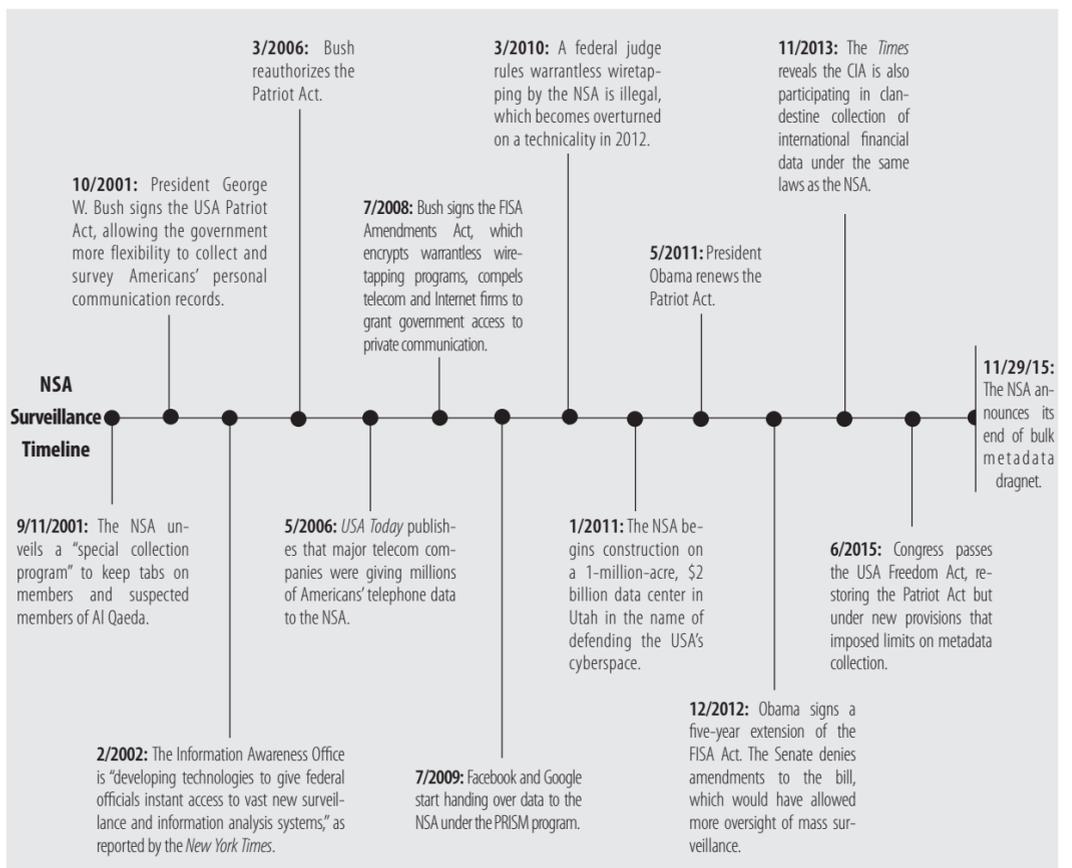
Thanks to former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who graced this community via video at the Englert in September, the controversial practices from the Patriot, Freedom Act, and FISA Amendment Acts as well as the PRISM program were thrust into the limelight. In 2013, the whistleblower disclosed records in which FISC mandated that Verizon hand over all metadata on its clientele, ultimately leading to Congress' decision in June.

Though the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes this is a small victory for the people of America, the program shutting down only affects a rather negligible portion of surveillance as well as further obfuscates government transparency.

Though 93 percent of smart-phone users ages 18-29 use their devices for phone calls, according to the Pew Research Center, text messaging and Internet use outpace calling with 100 and 97 percent, respectively. Furthermore, telephonic metadata collection takes one step further into the shadows by bringing in the FISC to handle calling records.

If the telephone-surveillance program were still in effect, the NSA would have accumulated metadata for 3 billion phone calls, according to former NSA employee William Binney. And it is still free to roam the cyberspace, hoarding exponentially more metadata from the Internet. PRISM, established in 2007, still holds agreements with at least nine major U.S. Internet service companies, including Google and Microsoft. PRISM accesses search history, email, file transfers, and live chats. Additionally, Google keeps tabs on student data through its education services, which the company claimed Wednesday isn't for dubious causes and still upholds privacy protection.

Post-9/11 surveillance is a response to terrorism and the result of fearmongering from public officials. Surveying metadata isn't any better or worse than tradition Big Brother-esque methods. One side effect: The people under watch become dehumanized by their metadata, morphing simply into numbers stored away in a 1-million-square-foot database in Utah. Slight variances in zeroes and ones then can cause dramatic effects on the people, particularly with such incendiary topside rhetoric.



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Students and future happiness



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When I was home for Thanksgiving break, my mother asked, what do I plan to do after college and where do I want to live?

These questions did not stump me. I have known since the end of my second year in college what I want to do and where I want to live. Verbalizing it to my mother was what was needed to make it real to me. Some of the people whom I come in contact with do not have their futures as planned out. There is nothing wrong with not knowing, and there is some solace in that.

A study done in 2013 via the ACT test states that in the graduation class of 2013, approximately 61 percent of females and 62 percent of males needed assistance in deciding their educational and occupational plans. That was the year that I took the ACT, and I was completely unsure of what I wanted to do in college.

I applied to this university as a cinema major and soon switched to English. The switch led to my happiness in the major. Finding the best-fitting major is something that many students struggle finding. ACT also calculated the percentages of high-school graduates by their planned major area and the best-fitting major area. The results showed that the majority of students chose health sciences, social sciences and

law, and business. On the other side of the chart, it showed the redistribution of the students into major areas that were the best fit for their interests. The top major areas were business, education, and human services. If there was more college counseling offered in public schools, there would not be this big of a disparity in the distribution of best-fitting majors.

A survey done by Gallup and Purdue University, given to 30,000 college graduates, shows that there is more to college than jobs and money. The researchers found that certain sorts of experiences in college help prepare students for not only great jobs but great lives. They also found that liberal-arts majors were slightly more satisfied with their jobs than were business and science ma-

jors; granted, the former are less likely to be employed full-time. For graduates who remember having had a professor care about them, made them excited to learn, and encouraged them to follow their dreams, the odds of them being engaged at work more than doubled.

I personally can say that I have had teachers who cared for their craft and made me care more for the material. That being said, following your dreams and choosing a major that you are interested in over the guaranteed "money-makers" is not a bad thing. There is not going to be another time in life when you have this much freedom to sculpt your future. College is a short, formative period of time, so take those classes that you have wanted to take.

Hawk swimmers set for home rule

By JAKE MOSBACH & BLAKE DOWSON

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The Iowa swimming and diving team will kick off the Hawkeye Invitational today, with the women's squad hosting 10 schools in the championship-style competition.

The Hawks will welcome schools from all over the country, including Denver, Drury, Harvard, Milwaukee, Incarnate Word, North Dakota, and Northern Iowa. Nebraska, Illinois, and Iowa State will only bring divers to the competition.

The meet will begin with today's 10 a.m. preliminaries, followed by the day's finals at 6 p.m. Saturday will feature the same schedule, while Dec. 6 will consist of 10 a.m. preliminaries and 4 p.m. finals. All events will be held in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Natatorium.

Because the Hawkeyes grabbed the team title at last year's event, head coach

Marc Long is confident that the women's team will defend the home pool.

"It's a championship-style event, so they'll get to swim their primary events," he said. "They're not just competing for themselves, they're competing for each other. That type of excitement with some great competition coming in will definitely fuel the fire."

The women enter the weekend on the heels of two-straight Big Ten defeats, falling to Minnesota on Oct. 30 and Purdue on Nov. 6.

Sophomore Rowan Hauber enters the event with the team's season-best time in the 100 back and the second-best time in the 200 back.

Hauber said that after experiencing the invitational last year, she knows what to expect from the highly competitive weekend.

"We need a good team atmosphere," she said. "Last year, the weekend went by so fast, so we have to know that every race matters a lot. We need to get up for

those prelim races. They can be really difficult."

Sophomore Meghan Lavelle, Hauber's competitor in the backstroke events, understands the importance that defending the team title will require the Hawks' best effort.

"Obviously, we won last year, and there's some great competition again this time," Lavelle said. "I expect us to put up a great fight and race them off."

The men's side, also off for a month from competition, is also coming off back-to-back losses, but is also the defending champion of the event.

The Hawkeyes have had an extended training period for the first time since the season started, and this weekend will be the first time Long and the rest of the coaching staff will be able to see how much the training paid off for the 2-2 Hawks.

Extended off periods to work on training can do a lot of good for a team that aspires to swim deep into February and March, but the

young Hawkeyes said they made sure not to develop bad habits during the break.

"It's tricky," senior Jackson Allen said. "It's a good opportunity to focus on training and getting ready for the next meet, but you also don't want to lapse into where you forget that at the end of the day it's about racing and not about practicing. But I think it's been really good for us to regroup and focus on the small stuff before peak season."

The Hawkeye Invitational will be held over three days, with preliminaries being held each morning of competition followed by finals of each event that evening.

Long said this morning's session will be the most important one of the meet.

"You've got to do your job in the morning to set yourself up for a great night swim, just like any championship meet," he said. "These guys need to step up if they want to beat the person next to them; it's really that simple. If they do that, the times will follow."



UI senior Jackson Allen walks toward the rest of the team after his race in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Oct. 30. The Hawkeyes fell short against No. 20 Minnesota. (The Daily Iowan/Brooklyn Kascel)

"I think they'll be ready to swim fast and take advantage of the opportunity to compete against great competition and, hopefully, get some wins."

This meet will be especially important for the younger group of swimmers, who just got through their first extended time off since joining the Hawkeye squad.

As for the rest of the team, Long hopes the annual meet will help propel them to success.

The Hawkeye Invitational will serve as the peak meet the early season.

"It's still early December, but this is a really important meet to come together as a team," Long said. "Especially for the younger guys on the team, this is the first time they've had sort of a breather and a chance to really step up. We've had some great competition, but as far as a peak format, this is it for the fall season."

Tracksters ready to kick off season

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The Iowa track and field team will open the indoor season on Saturday with the annual Black and Gold Intrasquad competition in the Recreation Building.

Women:

The evening will be a great opportunity for the women's side. The short-distance runners will get their chance to shine in the first meet of the season, while the long-distance runners will continue their midseason form carrying over from last month's conclusion of the cross-country season.

Head coach Layne Anderson believes the distance runners will contribute as leaders early on in the track and field season.

"Madison [Waymire] and Tess [Wilberding] will be leaders," Anderson said. "It will be the same people you saw on the cross-country course and hopefully some new [short-distance] runners as well."

Anderson knows that Saturday night's meet only serves as preparation. He wants the team to be

ready for the season, but he realizes that this is the first competition for most of the athletes.

"We certainly want to get the ladies as well prepared as possible," Anderson said. "I want to be ready to be competitive."

Men:

Hoping to build on last season, the men take to the track for a fresh start. While this meet is an exhibition event, it will showcase Iowa's talent.

"It's a good barometer for some of the younger guys who didn't race in cross-country or some of the middle-distance guys," Anderson said. "[We want to] get as many of the guys as well-prepared over the course of the season heading into the conference meet."

Last season at the indoor Big Ten meet, Iowa placed seventh. The Hawkeyes improved as the season went on and finished third at the outdoor conference meet. Iowa aims to build on that success and come back stronger this season.

Sophomore Michael Melchert concluded his cross-country season by running a time of 23:57.5, 10th best in school history, at the conference championship meet. He,

as well as his coaches, hope to keep momentum going.



Waymire
sophomore



Wilberding
junior



Melchert
sophomore

"I look forward to hav-

ing a solid indoor season while placing in the Big Ten [meet] and having that carry to outdoor [season]," Melchert said.

Anderson said Melchert would be one of the runners to watch, not only Saturday, but for the entire season.

Freshman and fitness levels

With this being the first competition, the freshmen will find out where they stand. The Hawkeyes have 37 freshmen, 27 on the men's team and 10 on the women's.

With plenty of fresh-

men coming into Saturday's meet as their first as Hawkeyes, fans can expect Saturday's the meet to be competitive.

Anderson believes this is a good opportunity for the newcomers to get warmed up and to also know their pace level for upcoming competitions.

"We're going to try to control the pace, and try to give everyone a chance, and get a good indicator of everyone's fitness," he said.

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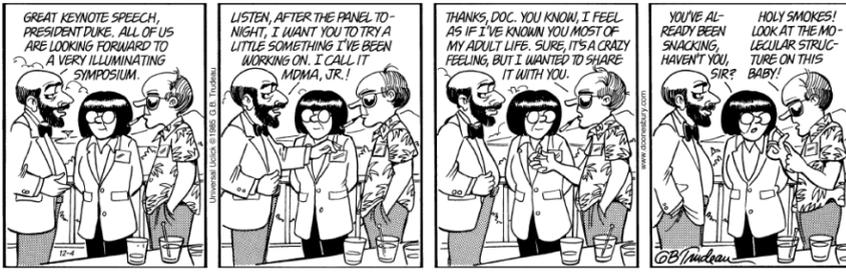
How tired am I this morning?

- If I was any sleepier, I'd be a hamlet in Maine.
- My snooze button is pressing charges.
- On the way to work, a homeless person gave me money for coffee.
- I'm wearing two watches, one sock, and no underwear.
- I nodded off while drinking a 5-hour Energy.
- People think I'm auditioning for the next season of *The Walking Dead*.
- A flight attendant just forced me to check the bags under my eyes.
- All the closers keep giving me their coffee.
- I read today's Garfield and actually laughed.
- I'm at Twelve Loko and counting.
- I rudely forgot to say goodbye to your Mom this morning.
- I'm having trouble even holding my head up my ass.
- I think I'm awake, but the top is still spinning... THE TOP IS STILL SPINNING!

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Yale C, Brian T, Erik J, Beau P, and Timothy D for contributing to today's Ledge.

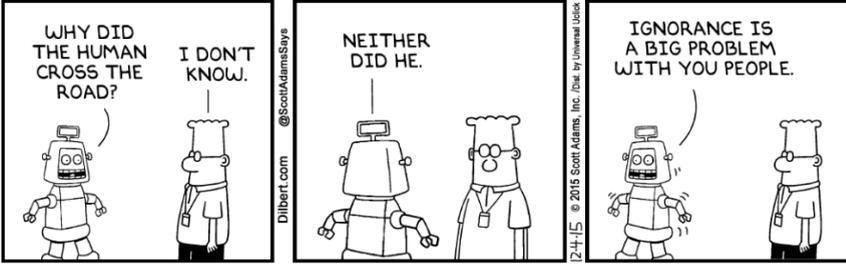
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- **Tailgate Party**, 3-5 p.m., Petersen Hall Black's Gold Grill
- **DH Salon**, 4 p.m., 1015 Main Library
- **First Friday**, FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Nancy Purington, art, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **From Class to Kitchen: College Student Food Insecurity**, 6:30 p.m., C31 Pomerantz Center
- **Jack Quartet**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Hotel Transylvania 2**, 8 & 11 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Mortal Instruments**, Workshop Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theater B
- **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Paul Harding & Emily Wilson, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Straight Outta Compton**, 8 & 11 p.m., 166 IMU
- **Yiqun Chen**, saxophone, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Paperback Rhino Improv Show**, 11 p.m., Public Space One, 120 N. Dubuque

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- FRIDAY**
8 A.M.-9 THE MORNING
9 NEWS AT NINE
10-11 CROWE'S NEST
12 P.M. NEWS AT NOON
12:30 ASK A LAWYER
1-2 COLLEGE FOOTBALL
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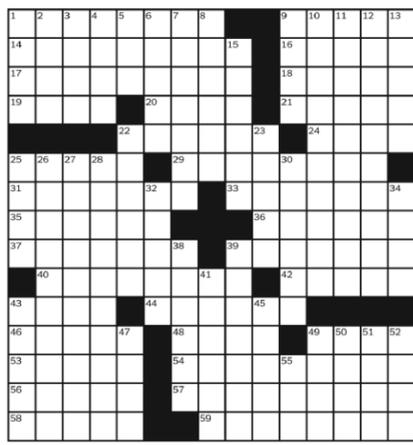
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1030

- ACROSS**
- Theme song of "The Doris Day Show"
 - Autocrat's output
 - Land bordering France and Andorra
 - "Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive" songwriter
 - Minor additions to the bill?
 - Very, on musical scores
 - No better than
 - Demands payment from
 - Formal response to a knock
 - Ankle covering
 - Excellent, in 1990s slang
 - It's loaded
 - "Maybe someday"
 - Hindu hermitages
 - Provider of track shots?
 - Expeditious
 - Twelver, religiously speaking
 - Drawing room furniture
 - Craft workers
 - Driving storms?
 - Teammate of Robinson
 - Dot on the map
 - Stacked beds
 - ___-American
 - Legendary mountain climber
 - Shingle supporter
 - Badly made dough?
 - Bronx cheer
 - Cars made in Trollhättan, formerly
- DOWN**
- Transoceanic flier, briefly
 - Stick with it
 - To-do
 - Knight club
 - Music genre modifier
 - Brine-soaked cheese
 - Completely fallen apart
 - A hundred to Juan
 - Oscar-winning song of 1980
 - Deluded prospector's find
 - Constantly
 - Private exchanges
 - Wordless rejoinder
 - Balance sheet column
 - Provided provocation
 - Joe Buck's pal in a 1969 film
 - Lewis ____, presidential also-ran of 1848
 - In the standard manner
 - Rendered speechless
 - Parcel
 - Result of upsetting a cup holder?
 - Like some unanswered questions
 - Mata Hari portrayer of 1931
 - Setting of "Beau Geste"
 - "Halloween" antagonist's surname
 - Lacoste of tennis
 - Bacchus' attendants
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- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Focus on doing what needs to be done, and finish what you start. Taking care of business will leave you more time to enjoy your friends. A short trip will help you gain perspective on something you are considering.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take any chance you get to work alongside your peers or to learn from someone who has more experience than you. Take care of your children's or pets' medical needs. A short trip will prove beneficial. Someone from your past will surprise you.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't overspend on entertainment or trying to impress others. Making donations is admirable, but not if it leaves you in a vulnerable position. Emotional matters will be difficult to understand if honesty isn't prevalent. Say what's on your mind, and keep moving.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may want to help others, but in doing so, make sure you don't shortchange yourself. You'll face opposition at home if you spend too much time or money on outsiders instead of taking care of business at home.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A short trip or a change of pace will give you breathing room to consider your next move. You have more options than you realize, and with the end of the year approaching, you'll want to start working toward new goals.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't overreact or argue. Take care of your responsibilities, and move on to more enjoyable pastimes. Getting together with someone who is facing a similar situation will give you the courage and confidence to do what you have to.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make plans with friends, or change your environment by visiting unfamiliar places. Don't overspend on items or people. You can't buy love. Instead, try to make a good impression. Put your needs first, and reassess your situation.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Home-improvement projects will be a prosperous investment. Don't be afraid to offer a helping hand instead of making a donation. The experience will be gratifying and could lead to new contacts.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Communication with others will be difficult. Misunderstandings will put you in a precarious position. Get your facts straight, and don't share information that could be used against you. Stick close to home, and avoid mishaps, delays, and disappointments.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't be too eager to make changes. Stick to what you know and do best, especially when it comes to legal, financial, or medical concerns. Trust in yourself, not in what others try to lead you to believe.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't get depressed — get moving. You have a host of great ideas that can improve your status, reputation, and professional position. Let your trendy, innovative ideas lead the way. Follow your heart, and invest in your ideas.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You'll suffer emotionally if you share your personal secrets with others. Don't trust anyone to keep a promise. Focus on what you can do to keep the peace, and help others without divulging your personal opinions or problems.

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Wrestlers seek to hogtie the Jackrabbits

Iowa wrestling will host South Dakota State in Carver-Hawkeye today.

By **JORDAN HANSEN**
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The Hawkeye wrestling team will play host to South Dakota State this evening, fresh off a win last week against Iowa State.

South Dakota State 157-pounder Cody Pack, who has qualified and done fairly well at three-straight NCAA Championships, leads the Jackrabbits. He's 85-31 all-time and will provide a big test for Iowa's Edwin Cooper Jr.

"We got to be ready to go," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "We have a good team coming into Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and we have to be on our game like we are every week. Nothing changes, and that has to be the dialogue — the mindset."

Including South Dakota State, the Hawkeyes have just two duals left on the calendar year. Rutgers will visit Carver-Hawkeye

on Dec. 10, the team's last competition until the Midlands Championships on Dec. 29-30.

Iowa, of course, has dominated in the early goings of the season, outscoring dual opponents by a combined score of 243-31. While South Dakota State will likely add more to the win column for Iowa, there are a few places besides 157 where they could give the home team some trouble.

The Jackrabbits 197-pounder Nate Rotert will get the Hawkeye's No.4 ranked Nathan Burak. Rotert was a national qualifier at 197 a season ago and is 8-4 on the season.

Burak has been excellent so far this season, winning each of his first six matches, five by bonus points.

"We just have to keep pushing the pace," Burak said. "We have to keep focused, get to our offense, and just stay relaxed."

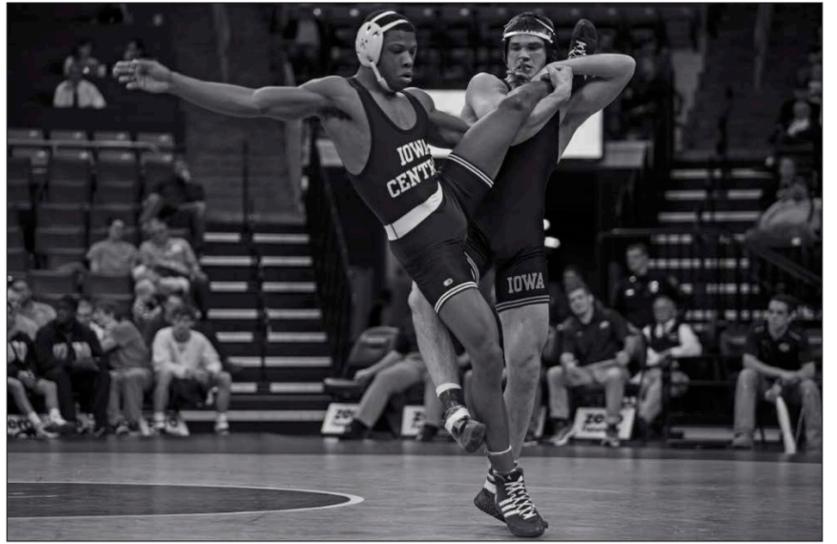
The 141 match should

also pique some interest, as former Hawkeye Seth Gross return to Iowa City as a member of South Dakota State's team. Gross, Logan Ryan, and former Iowa wrestler Ross Lembeck were arrested on March 18.

All three were dismissed from the team, though Ryan was eventually let back on. Brands didn't have a whole lot to say when asked about it, but he did acknowledge the situation.

"[Ryan] owned the whole incident, that's No. 1, and our administration was comfortable with that; he was very accountable," Brands said. "But there isn't a whole lot to talk about other than there's some history there."

Ryan has had an up-and-down start to his season and is just 6-4 on the year. Brands said progress is being made, but it still remains to be seen if he'll still have the spot once Brody Grothus is completely healthy.



Iowa wrestler Nathan Burak tackles Iowa Central College wrestler Jones Kendrick in the Carver-Hawkeyes on Nov. 20. The Hawkeyes dominated Iowa Central, 54-0. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

The 165 spot also remains up in the air, as Burke Paddock and Patrick Rhoads have both seen some time at the weight this season. Both are listed on the initial bout sheet, but Brands said during his press conference it would be Paddock this week.

"We'll keep figuring it out as we go," Brands said. "We need more awareness on the mat. We need a guy there that's going to be tough and add to our chain of 10 weight classes where

they're all contenders."

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MBB

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mental in setting up senior 7-footer Adam Woodbury

The Kangaroos should also be an opportunity to get the bench involved in a way Florida State did not allow for.

Freshman Christian Williams and Andrew Fleming did not see playing time, and Ahmad Wagner, Nicholas Baer, and Brady Ellingson were used sparingly.

Ellingson, Fleming, and

Williams will be critical in the front court going forward, especially as the Hawkeyes could be facing time without junior Dale Jones, a good shooting forward and a staple in the rotation in the first few games of the season.

But for now, McCaffery has a reliable stable of horses in Clemmons, Gessel, and Jok, and they proved to be key against the Seminoles, and will likely be again against the Kangaroos, although the game shouldn't be as close as Wednesday's.

"I think we showed a lot



Hawkeye junior Peter Jok, looks up at the clock during the game against Florida State on Wednesday. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

of leadership, a lot of fight," Clemmons said. "I think it just pretty much shows you how our team is."

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parts of the game the team struggled with during the road trip, and the Hawkeyes struggled against large-sized teams George Washington and Houston.

But after the loss to George Washington and the win against a physical Houston team, the Hawkeyes made adjustments going into the Virginia game, in which they played one of their best games of the season.

"Coach [Lisa] Bluder talked before the game about how we wanted to get back to Iowa basketball, and that's unselfish play, focus-

ing on the fundamentals, and hitting the open girl for the great shot," junior Ally Disterhoft said in a statement.

"I really think that today we came out and did that, and that's just fun to play like that, that's fun to watch that, and that's what we're all about."

The Hawkeyes won the game, 85-73, and accumulated 17 assists for the team along with 36 rebounds, 13 offensive and 23 defensive.

The Hawks plan on bringing the same attitude that they had in the game



Disterhoft
junior

against Virginia to their next contest.

"Keep building on this, that unselfish style," Bluder said in a statement. "I'm excited about where we are right now; we just have to keep getting better, keep them focused."

Robert Morris sits with a 4-3 record, 2-2 on the road.

While the Hawkeyes have had success recently, their winning comes from their confidence, a state of mind necessary for each game.

"Just keep up the confidence," freshman Tania Davis said in a statement. "Keep up that taut, keep up the chatter, and just go into every game whether it's at Carver, whether it's on the road, just knowing we are the better team

and playing like that from start to finish."

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SCOUTING

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ball as they did with Le'Veon Bell or Jeremy Langford, the rushing attack has been mostly effective. The Spartans average close to four yards per carry and have

found the end zone 13 times this season on the ground.

Michigan State has a trio of backs — L.J. Scott, Gerald Holmes and Madre London — who each has around 100 carries this season and will be up against one of the best rushing defenses in the nation.

The Hawkeyes have al-

lowed just 1,320 rushing yards on the season, second best in the conference. Good defense has been one of Iowa's calling cards this season, and in order to beat Michigan State, it will need to play nearly perfect team defense.

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COMMENTARY

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Wisconsin slipped out of the picture, and it became essentially a duel between the Scarlet and Dark Green. Michigan State hit first in the 2013 Big Ten Championship with a 34-24 win over the undefeated Buckeyes. The Spartans went on to win the Rose Bowl.

In 2014 Meyer and Company took care of business in East Lansing, and we know what happened from there. On Nov.

21, the Spartans regained the upper hand.

The Big Ten's three biggest games of recent memory have been the aforementioned. The Spartans took the tie-breaker this season. Michigan State is the cream of the conference.

Add this game to that short list. The Hawkeyes are in the mix. Before the season, that in itself didn't seem like a remote possibility.

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Maryland wide receiver Jarvis Davenport tries to avoid a tackle by Iowa linebacker Cole Fisher during the Iowa-Maryland game in Kinnick on Oct. 31. The Hawkeyes defeated the Terrapins, 31-15. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Scouting report: Michigan St. vs. Iowa

Slowing down Connor Cook and Aaron Burbridge is critical for the Hawkeyes.

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The collective breath of Michigan State nation was drawn in when Connor Cook didn't play in the second half of a game against Maryland on Nov. 14.

Soon, word spread of a shoulder injury that eventually kept him out against Ohio State. Of course, the Spartans still managed to upset the Buckeyes with their backup quarterback, but it was obvious they needed Cook back on offense.

Then, against Penn State, his name appeared back on the depth chart's No. 1 spot — a few days later, he threw for 3 touchdowns.

For Iowa, stopping Cook has to be the top priority. If the Hawks can limit his completions and force him into a few mistakes, the game could turn into a slugfest — a type of game that has favored the Hawkeyes all season.

However, getting to the Michigan State quarterback won't be easy.

Led by first-team Big Ten selections Jack Allen and Jack Conklin, a very talented Michigan State line is now healthy after suffering a number of injuries throughout the season.

The group has only allowed 15 sacks on the season, third lowest in the Big Ten. That will make things difficult for Iowa defensive ends Nate Meier and Parker Hesse. Both are coming off solid games against Nebraska, but injured defense end Drew Ott's presence will again be missed.

Iowa tackle Jaleel Johnson has also taken strides this season, making his battle with Allen — a center — all the more intriguing.

Hawkeye defensive coordinator Phil Parker will likely dial up some linebacker pressure, so expect to see Josey Jewell fly toward Cook more than once. Fellow linebacker Ben Niemann might still be out with a concussion, and it's not clear whether he's passed protocol yet.

If pressure doesn't come, Iowa's secondary could be in for a long day. Cook airs the ball out to his wide receivers 75 percent of the time with Big Ten Receiver of the Year Aaron Burbridge leading the way.

Burbridge leads the conference in both receiving yardage and catches, providing a huge test for Hawkeye cornerback Desmond King. It hasn't been much of a problem all year for King, who may very well end up first-team All-American before the season is over.

So far, Cook hasn't targeted his tight ends much at all — they make up only 17 percent of the Spartans' receptions this season — but the few times he has, they've been effective. The position group has 8-of-26 receiving touchdowns this season, and it seems Cook likes to target them in the red zone.

While the Spartans don't run the

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COMMENTARY

Damn good or elite?



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Iowa will play for more than a conference title and trip to the College Football Playoff on Saturday.

Let's face it, the Big Ten has taken its share of fair ridicule over the last decade. Few programs have been able to cement themselves as contenders against the powers of college football's top dogs.

But one team more than any has been such a constant that it stands as an exception even to the biggest critics of the Big Ten — and it's not Ohio State. It's Michigan State. And for Iowa, it stands as the ultimate divider between a team that's damn good and one that's elite, a litmus test, if you will.

Why? Hear me out.

Not to discredit what Ohio State has done. The Buckeyes did break the Big Ten's 12-year national championship drought, forcing doubters to recognize one of the best programs history has seen was once again a player.

The Buckeyes set a record with 30-consecutive regular-season conference wins from the time Urban Meyer took over until just a couple of weeks ago — when the Spartans beat them on the road without their starting quarterback.

Wisconsin won the conference three years in a row from 2010-12, going to three-straight Rose Bowls. Unfortunately for the Badgers, they lost all three of those games.

Michigan State has been the Big Ten's constant over the past five years. As the Buckeyes went through a two-year period of postseason sanctions, the Big Ten may have seen its darkest days. In 2012, the last season with sanctions and first under Meyer, the Buckeyes went 12-0, making it unblemished through an easy schedule and besting a rare downtrodden Spartan team by 1 point.

But none of that mattered, because the last three years are the ones to look at.

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Backcourt comes to the fore

By **IAN MURPHY**
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The Iowa men's basketball team benefited exceptionally from the play of its guards against Florida State, and they will try to continue their strong play Saturday.

The Hawkeyes will host Kansas City-Missouri in another nonconference tune-up game. The Kangaroos are 5-2 on the season, as is Iowa, with a 76-58 loss to Minnesota and a 79-73 win over Drake highlighting their season.

The Kangaroos are led by juniors Martez Harrison and LaVell Boyd, who average 17 and 14 points per game. Harrison averages 5.7 assists per game as well.

Iowa should be able to match them step for step, especially because the Kangaroos will be much less of a threat than Florida State. Hawkeye seniors Mike Gesell and Anthony Clemmons and junior Peter Jok combined for 44 points in the Hawkeyes, 78-75 overtime victory over the Seminoles.

Jok led the Hawkeyes with 24 points including a game-sealing 3-pointer from the corner.

"I never think about the last shot; I don't care how many shots I miss, I'm going to keep shooting," Jok said. "The coaches and the players, they had my back the whole game." Meanwhile, Gesell and



Hawkeye senior Anthony Clemmons dives for a lay-up against Florida State on Wednesday in Carver-Hawkeye. Clemmons scored 10 points and had 4 assists in the 78-75 overtime win. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

Clemmons quietly had good games of their own. Each tallied 10 points, and the duo combined for 7 assists.

Guard play has been a model of consistency so far; Gesell averages 7 assists per game on the young season, good for 12th nationally.

Head coach Fran McCaffery praised the way his guards orchestrated the offense on Wednesday, despite their turnovers.

"In a situation like this, it might have appeared that they were over-dribbling,

but part of the reason is, the Xs on the O," McCaffery said. "They are up all over the next logical receiver, and it's sometimes hard, so you have got to take it one side to the other and maybe bring it back again until you find somebody open."

That ability to work for the opening was perfectly exemplified on Jok's uncontested game winner.

The Hawkeyes will likely be able to exploit their size against the Kangaroos, whose tallest player mea-

sures in at just 6-9, but the guards will be instrumental in setting up senior 7-footer Adam Woodbury.

The Kangaroos should also be an opportunity to get the

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Women's hoops set for home

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The Iowa women's basketball team heads home for its first game at Carver-Hawkeye in five games.

The Hawkeyes are set to face Robert Morris at 1 p.m. on Dec. 6, coming off their 85-73 victory over Virginia.

"We were gone for 17 days from Carver," junior Alexa Kastanek said in a statement. "It's going to be nice to get home and really show each other and show Carver what we've been working on for the past 17 days."



Kastanek
junior

While there were ups and downs, the road trip was mostly successful for the Hawkeyes.

They went 4-1, with their only loss being against a previously ranked George Washington in double overtime, 81-77.

Rebounding and defense were two

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