



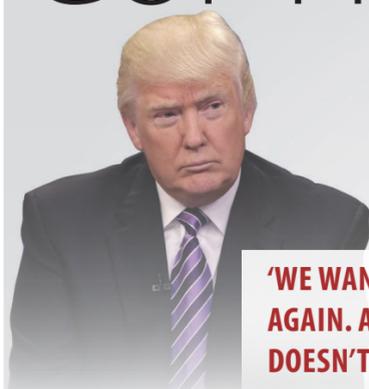
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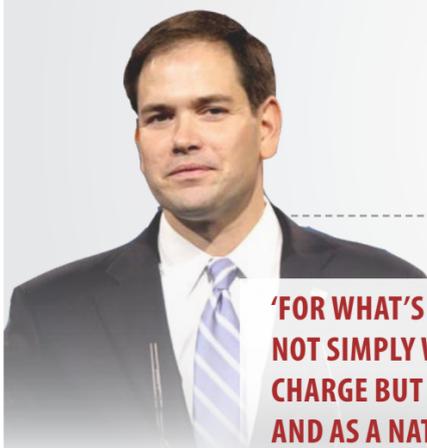
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'FOR WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THIS ELECTION IS NOT SIMPLY WHAT PARTY'S GOING TO BE IN CHARGE BUT OUR VERY IDENTITY AS A PEOPLE AND AS A NATION.'

By REBECCA MORIN | rebecca-morin@uiowa.edu

The last Republican presidential debate of 2015 solidified the top candidate spots, analysts and voters say.

The back and forth between Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz at Tuesday evening's Republican presidential debate did not hurt their chances in Iowa — in fact, some Iowan voters saw that as a way to solidify their positions, along with Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

David Yepsen, the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, said Tues-

day evening's debate, which was hosted by CNN and Salem Media Group at the Venetian in Las Vegas, was not a game-changer for the front-runners in vying for the Republican nomination.

"Every candidate did themselves some good," Yepsen said, who spent 30 years at the *Register* and held positions such as chief political writer, political editor, and political columnist. He noted that Trump, Rubio, Cruz, and retired neurosurgeon Ben

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'Shot' comment irks many

By KATELYN WEISBROD | katelyn-weisbrod@uiowa.edu

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld apologized after making an off-the-cuff statement during a Staff Council meeting last week that members of university organizations are calling a "threat" and "act of violence" toward the community.

Harreld said all unprepared lecturers "should be shot" at a Staff Council meeting on Dec. 9.

COGS, the union for graduate student teaching assistants at the UI, issued a statement on Tuesday, calling the comment a "threat" and an "act of violence" toward the UI community.

"It is not acceptable for Harreld to dismiss the statement with a casual apology to a single individual after making a violent threat against all of the university's lecturers during an official performance of his duties on campus," the COGS statement said. "His offending statement and flippant response are but one clear example of Harreld's inability to function adequately or behave appropriately in the role of university president."

The statement contended that Harreld's comment violated both UI and the state Board of Regents policies regarding violent threats. COGS is calling for Harreld to resign his position as the president of the UI.

UI librarian Lisa Gardinier originally raised the concern. Gardinier sent Harreld an email questioning the morality of the statement.

"When discussing lesson planning, you claimed that there was 'one way' to prepare lessons, and any instructor who goes into a class without having done so 'should be shot,'" Gardinier wrote in the



Harreld president

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Saudi change welcomed

By ANIS SHAKIRAH MOHD MUSLIMIN | anishshakirah-mohdmslimin@uiowa.edu

A new era has dawned in Saudi Arabia as women were finally allowed to vote and run in elections for the first time in the country's history.

Saudi voters elected 20 women to local-government seats, according to results released to the Associated Press on Sunday. Although some students from Saudi Arabia at the University of Iowa have warmly welcomed the move, a few experts were a bit more skeptical about the transformation.

Karam Dana, an assistant professor in Global and Middle East Studies at the University of Washington-Bothell, said the move is a game changer in some ways and allows slightly more freedom for

women in Saudi Arabia. However, he said, it is by no means a fantastic transformation.

"It's a slight change in the right direction," he said. "But there's a lot more that needs to be done when it gets to women's rights and position in society in Saudi Arabia."

According to AP, the

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at the University of Washington-Bothell

female candidates were elected to 10 different councils all over the country. Saudi Arabia's capital and largest city, Riyadh, had the most women elected with four, AP reported.

Dana said he believes the Saudi government allowed the change because the country needed to provide some sort of freedom for women in order to avoid global isolation as the only country that bars

women from driving.

"In order for [the Saudi Arabia government] to not continue to be taking the heat that it has been taking," he said. "Especially because Saudi Arabia is a strategic ally of the United States and many different Western countries."

Despite allowing women to finally vote for the first time, the ultra-conservative kingdom still imposes restrictions for women on many other daily activities, including driving. Dana said this restriction is a rationale of Saudi Arabia's patriarchal society, which also exists in many other parts of the world but is intensified in Saudi Arabia.

Eric Bordenkircher, researcher at the UCLA Center for Middle East Development, said the

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ESI PROFILES

Studying how to help

By DI STAFF

Some University of Iowa students are striving to apply their studies to help solve social issues facing the community.

The new Engaged Social Innovation major gives UI Honors students an opportunity to choose a project they are passionate about. The projects center on societal problems, and the students in the major find ways to solve them. The nine students who elected to pioneer the three-year program recently presented their output.

David Gould, a UI adjunct lecturer involved with the program who was one of the founders of the major, helps to guide the students in their projects.

"I've been interested in this a long time — how does the city become a classroom? We begin to take the things that we're learning sitting at desks and looking at PowerPoints in lectures," Gould said. "Why don't we take that and go do some-

thing with it?"

On Dec. 11, the students presented their findings after the first semester of exploring their projects. Next semester, the students will continue expanding and developing their projects.

The Daily Iowan is profiling the students and their projects.

Christina Sullivan



Christina Sullivan UI adjunct lecturer

Christina Sullivan worked at City High's Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates program during the fall semester.

The program is a drop-out-prevention initiative and optional elective for high-school students that has been available at City High for the last three years. The primary goal of the program is to teach necessary life skills in order to create successful adults.

Sullivan, a City High graduate, said she worked with 11th- and 12th-graders for her project.

"I ... found that the extrinsic motivation strategies teachers were using to get them to do better were not promoting sustainable skills and would not lead to long-term success," she said.

Sullivan said the two major factors she discovered were inhibiting intrinsic motivation were the biological consequences of minimal sleep and stress and individual life tactics that were no longer aiding them.

Although Sullivan is not planning on continuing to work in the program's classroom next semester, she said it was helpful experience due to her desire to get a master's in social work. She also plans on continued contact with the program's instructors.

Sullivan, who is also a camp counselor and dance

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STUMPING FOR CLINTON, SANS SCREAM



Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean speaks to Iowa City residents about the positive attributes that Hillary Clinton brings to the presidential race. The former governor spoke to support Clinton's campaign for presidency at the Iowa City Public Library on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

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Departing city councilors meet with community members

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Outgoing Iowa City city councilors held an open house to meet with members of the community before their last formal meeting of the year. Councilors Michelle Payne and Rick Dobyms as well as Mayor Matt Hayek were will leave office at the end of the calendar year. Payne and Dobyms were not re-elected in the recent November election, which ushered in the progressive Core Four coalition; Hayek chose not to seek re-election. Payne and Dobyms served on the City Council for four years, while Hayek had been mayor for six years along with serving on the council for eight years. Payne said she was happy to help further economic development, the Riverfront Crossings District, the ability to ensure affordable housing with economic initiatives, and maintaining a AAA bond rating while lowering the tax rate the past few years.

Payne also had advice to give to the future members of the council — Pauline Taylor, John Thomas, and Rockne Cole. “Read the packet and be prepared,” Payne said. She also said she had been involved in city affairs for the past 10 years, and she looked

He said the city manager is very similar to a CEO of a company, and if a city has a good manager, it will be a successful city. Hayek said his experience with Markus echoed that idea. He also said all four corners of Iowa City have seen substantial investment in his time as mayor. Hayek said accom-

Hayek said he is unsure what his future plans will be, because his law practice is very demanding and he has three children to care for at home. Dobyms said he thought some of his biggest accomplishments while on the City Council were working on the Gateway Project and getting the Riverfront Crossings District going. The Gateway Project was subsequently approved at the meeting afterward. Dobyms’ said his advice to future councilors is to collaborate on a shared agenda and try not to focus on an entry issue or something that all politicians come into office trying to achieve. He said he plans on staying active in the Iowa City area and that he had been very active before his time on council. He also said politics changes a person. “It changes you forever. I have new skills and experiences that will forever be helpful,” Dobyms said.



Payne
councilor



Dobyms
councilor



Hayek
IC Mayor

forward to some free time. However, she said, she will stay open to applying for a Iowa City commission or board. Hayek said he thought one of his biggest accomplishments while mayor was his hiring of Tom Markus as city manager, who is now a candidate for the city manager position in Lawrence, Kansas.

plishments include important flood projects and the 21-ordinance. “Balance competing needs to solicit input and run the meeting,” Hayek said to the incoming board, saying that diplomacy, tact, and tone matter as mayor. Councilor Jim Throgmorton is widely expected to become the next mayor.

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Closing the Gap

The Gap clothing store at Coral Ridge Mall will be shutting its doors on Jan. 26, 2016. Monica Nadeau, Coral Ridge general manager, said there has been talk about possible businesses that could replace it. “We have been in touch with other retailers that could possibly take up the space, but no information we can release just yet,” she said. A manager of the Gap was unable to provide comment at the time of publication. A press release from Gap Inc. in June 2015 announced efforts to improve the brand name and profitability of the company. “In order to drive productivity improvements and showcase the brand in the most successful locations, Gap will close about 175 specialty stores in North America over the next few years,” the release stated. “With about 140 closures occurring this fiscal year.” The release also stated outlet stores, like the Gap in Williamsburg, Iowa, will not be affected by the closures. — by Lauren O’Machel

Council approves rezoning

The Iowa City City Council voted unanimously to approve an ordinance rezoning the 600 block of S. Dubuque St. from a community commercial zone to a Riverfront Crossings zone. The Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission had previously voted for the rezoning of the district at its Nov. 5 meeting, and asked for the city to approve it as well. John Yapp, Iowa City development services coordinator, said the proposed rezoning would allow low-scale commercial buildings with a maximum height of four stories. The goals for the proposed property would be building apartments with retail on the first level, have the building adjacent to the rail line, and to run a pedestrian street between the two proposed buildings, Yapp said. Mayor Pro-tem Susan Mims said she approved the rezoning. “They have put together a nice plan given the complexities of this site,” she said. Mims also said she liked how the buildings would have accessible entrances and that was a real positive, saying she liked the plan because it’s not as general as some others put

before the council. “I like the design and think it will fit in the neighborhood well,” she said. Councilor Jim Throgmorton said the project had been very controversial in the past over concerns that the Riverfront Crossings District Master Plan wouldn’t allow for such development, but also said it appears to be consistent with the plan. He said the conceptualized design looks good. Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said there was also some degree of concern toward what the move would result in, but was supportive of the ordinance and the proposal. “This is an attractive product and proposal,” Hayek said. — by Austin Petroski

Trump returns to Iowa

Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump will be making a stop in eastern Iowa. Trump, who has been leading in polls nationally, will be in Cedar Rapids on Dec. 19. The visit comes four days after the last Republican presidential debate of 2015 held in Las Vegas. Trump has mostly spent times in western or central Iowa, with his stops in eastern Iowa mostly held in Davenport. The business mogul has

made about 20 visits to Iowa in the past year. Recently, Trump slipped in the latest Iowa poll released by the *Des Moines Register*/Bloomberg Politics on Sunday. Cruz led Iowa with being the first choice of 31 percent of Republican likely caucus-goers. Carson followed with 13 percent and Rubio with 10 percent. With 400 Republican likely caucus-goers surveyed, there is a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. The details of Trump’s stop are: **What:** Donald Trump Rally **Where:** Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 50 2nd Ave. Bridge, Cedar Rapids **When:** 2 p.m. on Dec. 19 **Doors open:** 11:30 a.m. — by Rebecca Morin

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DEBATE

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Carson are still in front. Rubio and Cruz, who has inched his way to the top in several Iowa polls, spent most of the evening debating with each other, outlining their differences on immigration policy. Cruz brought up Rubio's affiliation with the Gang of Eight, a group of senators that tried to pass a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bill in 2013. Since then, Rubio has touted the need for more border security; at the de-

bate, he also said he still supports reforming a path to citizenship. Cruz said he "never supported legalization, and I do not intend to support legalization" on a pathway to citizenship. "Cruz did what he needed to do," said Shane Vander Hart, the founder of Caffeinated Thoughts, a Christian conservative news blog based in Des Moines. In a Bloomberg Politics/*Des Moines Register* Iowa poll released Dec. 12, Cruz led the state with 31 percent. He surpassed Trump, who was the first choice of 21 percent of Republican

likely caucus-goers. Carson followed with 13 percent and Rubio with 10 percent. With 400 Republican likely caucus-goers surveyed, there is a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. Pottawattamie County Republican head Jeff Jorgensen said Trump was the winner for voters in his county of Tuesday's debate, followed by Rubio and then Cruz. "Donald Trump has the

best decisions on any of the candidates," Jorgensen said. Pottawattamie County is located on the western part of the state on the Missouri River. According to a Monmouth University Poll national poll released Monday, Trump is leading with 41 percent for Republican voters. Cruz came in next with 14 percent, followed by Rubio with 10 percent. With 385 Republicans

surveyed by telephone between Dec. 10-13, there is a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points. Trump and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush went after each other the most Tuesday evening, with Bush calling Trump a "chaos candidate," and Trump saying that Bush is running a failing campaign. "Frankly, all the candidates have to learn, let Donald Trump be Donald Trump," said Don Kass, the chairman of Plymouth County Republicans. "Either people are going to like him, or they're not going to

like him." Kass added he didn't think Bush did himself any good by attacking Trump. Tyler De Haan, the chairman of the Dallas County Republicans — a county located in central Iowa, said the latter half of the debate is foreshadowing what the coming weeks will look like before the Feb. 1 caucuses. "In the second half of the debate, you started seeing the gloves come off a bit," De Haan said. "That's going to be more pronounced in the next six weeks." *Political reporters Brent Griffiths, Aleksandra Vujicic, and Quentin Misiag contributed to this article.*

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HARRELD

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email to Harreld. "Violence is not to be joked about as a public au-

thority and certainly not in the frame of consequences for professional performance in the workplace," she wrote. "... to casually suggest potentially lethal punishment as consequences for failure to comply with

a narrow perception of the correct way to fulfill one of our duties is irresponsible and unprofessional." Harreld responded to Gardinier, saying he will "likely never be able to live up to your expectations, but

I will try." Harreld has since apologized for the comment. "It was an unfortunate off the cuff remark, and I had no intention to offend anyone," he said. "Nor did I serious-

ly mean to imply I support gun violence in any shape, manner, or form." Harreld noted he has used the comment in "many, many forums," and it was the first time someone objected to it.

Harreld recently hired a crisis communication consultant, Eileen Wixted of PR firm Wixted & Co., to help represent him more professionally. Harreld is paying for the consultant personally.

VOTE

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move has the potential to be a good development, but it may just be window dressing. "What the Saudis are doing here is to portray themselves as a more liberalizing country," he said. "But at the end of the day, I would be very skeptical at

least reluctant to see how far and where this goes." Some UI students from Saudi Arabia viewed the move positively and supported the government's decision to allow women to vote. Najwa Awad Al-garni, who came to the UI to study English, said the Saudi government seeks to improve the status of women and the develop-

ment of its society. "This is a positive step in favor of women, and I support this government decision and see it in a timely manner," she said. "And I wish peace and progress for

the kingdom." UI sophomore Omar AbdulAziz bin Salamah said improving human rights, and women's rights in particular, is a major concern for many Saudis.

"This change affects both men and women in a good way, especially women I believe," he said. "It is good to know that where you are from is fighting to improve your rights." He said the change increases the faith of the Saudi people toward the government and shows that the government cares for its people. In response to some religious clerics who were

unhappy with the change, Salamah said, there would always be people who will criticize any good decision and that it happens in every other country. "I feel there will be more changes and more improvements in the future," he said. "Mainly, allowing women to drive."

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— Eric Bordenkircher, researcher at the UCLA

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class instructor, called the program "my first big lesson in cultural competency," because 90 percent of the students in the program are considered an ethnic minority. However, Sullivan said her favorite part of the project was being able to work one-on-one with students and building their trust. "Some of the things they shared were probably pretty difficult to say aloud, and I commend their courage and appreciate their openness," she said. "One

of the students even mentioned my name in a rap he wrote, which was definitely one of the highlights of my semester." — by Cindy Garcia **Gina Chieffo** Gina Chieffo has always been interested in social determinants, which she describes as how people's initial wealth affects their long-term well-being. Matched with a community project and a county in need of food security, the UI student began working to find where to make improvements to local food banks. "Food insecurity affects a wide range of people," she

said. "It's a matter of finding [food-insecure] people and being able to connect with them better." Chieffo teamed up with the Hunger Task Force at the Johnson County Food Bank and classes at the UI College of Public Health to chip away at the hunger in the city.

As a means to make improvements, she looked to find flaws in food delivery. Chieffo said there is a range of reasons eligible people would choose to not take offered food, including transportation and having young children. Chieffo said she enjoyed working with the public-health school and hopes

to continue community outreach to make a difference in local hunger. She also hopes to make food access a more realistic process for the many who need it. "You really need to get the community on your side if you want to make a change," she said. — by Tom Ackerman

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COLUMN

State action on gun violence



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In the three years since the Sandy Hook shooting in which 20 children and six adult staffers were killed, 555 American children under the age of 12 have died of gunshots, according to a study done by NBC. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, guns claimed the lives of 33,599 Americans last year.

On Dec. 12, two days before the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting, a group of Iowa City locals gathered to march for the end of gun violence. Members of the group Moms Demand Action were also in attendance, along with Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, who was one of the people to speak to the crowd.

Considering the failure of the federal government to act on the issue of gun violence, states are now taking the initiative to act. However, the response to Sandy Hook, among the 893 other mass shootings that have occurred in the United States since then, has been varied. For example, eight states don't require a license in order to carry concealed weapons, and 12 states have made it a requirement for universities to allow license-holders to carry concealed on campus.

Thankfully, Iowa is not one of these states, where it is still a Class D felony to bring a firearm on to school grounds, and where Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, despite his many failings, has declared that he is determined to keep it that way. However, the number of deaths due to firearms in

Iowa in 2013 per 100,000 people was 8, which was on the middle of the scale of the rest of the states. Clearly, our nation still has a problem.

If the responsibility to strengthen gun laws is now being passed onto the states, who knows how much safer certain states will become, which are most likely to make current gun laws more lenient? And even if gun laws in states don't change, as they're not likely to do in Iowa, people are still being killed. Because Congress failed to pass several bills that would strengthen federal gun laws, it is now expected that President Obama will take executive action to do so.

One very crucial way he could do this is by making it illegal for people to buy guns online or at gun shows without background checks. Still, this may not be enough to stop the deaths by guns. Most likely, it is going to take combined actions from the federal and state governments to stop this. Hopefully, this happens soon, as the number of deaths keeps climbing.

Mass shootings are the incidents covered by media, and the sheer number of them in the past year is horrific. Unfortunately, the horror doesn't just stop there, as mass shootings make up only a small percentage of actual deaths in America by guns, meaning that the problem is even larger than the general public may perceive. It's easy to feel as if there's nothing that you can do as an individual to change this, but as corny as it sounds, it's important to make your voice heard. The Iowa City locals who marched on Dec. 12 should be commended, along with those who take the time to get in contact with their local governments and state policymakers.

EDITORIAL

Favoritism allegations harm the UI's reputation

The discovery of several 2013 contracts given to a prominent GOP consultant for polling and social-media services by the University of Iowa has caused controversy and brings renewed emphasis on calls for transparency that have plagued current University President Bruce Harrelld since his recent appointment.

The discovery was made by the Associated Press in a request for public records, and the findings hint at potential favoritism on the part of the university with influential Republican insiders. Several details surrounding the brokerage of the contracts have raised questions of ulterior motive or incentive for the obscure pretenses.

The contracts were given to Matt Strawn, a former chairman of the Iowa Republican Party, and in order to do so, the university diverged from the accepted practice of competitive bidding. Competitive bidding would guarantee the best rates for the services in question and prevent the distribution of contracts to business for motivations other than ensuring the most reasonable price for the university. Furthermore, several services were subcontracted and "coordinated through two vendors with prominent Republican Party ties," which does little to quell suspicions of partisanship. Jim Anderson, a former executive director of the Iowa Republican Party, founded the company Wholecrowd, which has contributed software to Strawn's service.

The rationale for awarding the no-bid contracts instead of competitively bidding them was that Strawn's company offers a "unique service," but the UI has objected to releasing the results of the polling service conducted across the state. The contract awarded to Strawn's company fell just

\$100 below the cap that would have required other vendors to give quotes for their services. The polling requested by the UI was an "effort to understand and improve its image," but questionable business maneuvers made to ascertain this information almost seems counterintuitive.

The reputation of the university is its most valuable asset. Regardless of whether favoritism is at play here, the mere implication is detrimental to the public standing of the UI. Unfortunately, the stakes are too high for a prestigious public university such as the university to allow for even the appearance of preferentiality; public opinion is just as influential to the maintenance as the inner workings.

Harrelld has learned this the hard way so far during his term with statements he's made, such as one in a Staff Council meeting suggesting professors "should be shot" if they come to their class unprepared to teach their curricula. We should hope the statement was made in jest, but it does speak to a larger issue that seems to have eluded the new president, and he has taken steps to try to resolve it, including paying for a media adviser out of his own pocket.

It is the responsibility of those involved in any degree in the university to keep in mind public opinion of their actions and statements. A university is not defined solely by the campus, resources, or students, but rather the meticulously curated appearance crafted around the aforementioned factors. Transparency, accountability, and responsibility are all pivotal elements in the smooth running of the UI and must remain at the forefront of the collective mind of those in power.

COLUMN

Making gov't open to media



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Last week, comedian Jon Stewart briefly returned to the show he starred in. Stewart's return to "The Daily Show," now hosted by Trevor Noah, was no joking matter, however. Despite airing on Comedy Central, the show often tackled serious issues during Stewart's tenure. While it is yet to be determined how often Noah will address such serious scenarios, the episode that aired last week with Stewart proved that the show can still handle important political situations.

Stewart's made his return to talk about the Zadroga Act, which, according to Congress.gov, "allows individuals to file claims for compensation under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of

2001 anytime after regulations are updated based on the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010."

In essence, the Zadroga Act provided health care to 9/11 first responders who experienced medical problems as a result of their work. As Stewart explained on his appearance, the initial Zadroga act was signed five years ago and expired in September. His appearance was an effort to urge Congress — he specifically used House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., as examples — to pass the reauthorization bill for the Zadroga Act, which would make the benefits provided by the act permanent for 9/11 first responders.

This week, several articles have noted that the general consensus in Washington, D.C., seems to be that the reauthorization act will pass after all. The passing of this act — whether it would have happened with or without Stewart's urging

— is a perfect example of what effective government can look like.

The original intention of the collective organizations to which we refer as "the media" was to inform the American public of the workings of the federal, state, and local government. But as trust in U.S. government reaches the lowest numbers since the early '90s, according to Gallup, it has become increasingly important, and increasingly less common, for the media to act as a catalyst for citizen involvement in government.

Stewart's actions last week led to a mass social-media outcry for Congress to vote in favor of reauthorization. And although it may be a 21st-century take, the media were largely responsible for the outcry, and the result is the likely passing of the act.

The United States operates as a representative democracy. The basic principle is that our government is run as a democracy: voting, majorities, freedom, etc.

Rather than wasting the time and resources required to have every citizen vote, elected officials represent the mass opinions. How, though, can these elected officials represent the opinions of the masses without hearing the thoughts of those who elected them?

Stewart's segment on "The Daily Show" concluded with a still-frame image of a panel he was conducting contrasted with the same panel he conducted years ago at the outset of the Zadroga Act. Only on this year's panel, there were three empty chairs representing the three panel-members — first responders — who had passed away. This type of powerful imagery is exactly what cannot be expressed in a press release by the offices of Congress.

And while many will argue that Stewart's bias is not good journalism — and they certainly have a point — the truth is that his method was effective at moving government to do the right thing.

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COLUMN

Keep promise to close Gitmo



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There are many cries from both sides in the fight for the survival of the United States' most notorious prison. I'm here to say, Guantánamo Bay Prison must die.

There has always been a steady stream of support for Guantánamo Bay, and the stream has become a torrent since President Obama's efforts have redoubled to close the facility. Those who wish to see it remain open have had a difficult couple of years: massive data leaks have revealed the inhumane practices and lack of actual evidence involved in the detainment of prisoners at Guantánamo.

National security is

important. It is a natural and just priority for any nation-state. What Guantánamo Bay represents is the ideas of national security in the hands of the world's most powerful nation. The result is an affront to humanity.

The arguments for its continuance are pervasive, if not entirely founded. Reminding citizenry that closure of Gitmo may lead to prisoners there being brought to the States generates a visceral reaction of fear. Calling into question what the prisoners were there for is to decide they are there for acts of terror that exempt the detained from humane treatment. But those aren't the facts at this point in time.

The Wikileaks scandal revealed that at the time, 95 percent of detainees in Gitmo were not being held on charges. The prisoners there are held without evidence and with no chance of trial. According to a Senate

report released in December 2014, torture has not yielded any information that has ever saved a single U.S. citizen. With the revelations of torture being used on detainees, and the lack of information gained from these techniques, it has become clear that Gitmo doesn't serve a justifiable purpose and serves as a monument for U.S. abuses of human rights.

The U.S. policy at Gitmo is in violation of the U.N. Convention Against Torture, signed by the United States in 1988. Some detainees were abducted from their homes in countries invaded by the United States. It is both a soldier's and civilian's right to oppose invasion by a foreign country. The use of Gitmo has degraded the international standing of the United States as a country that stands for liberty. Its very existence is confirmation of the abandonment of civil liberty and moral justifica-

tion under the pretenses of fear and hatred. No country should have the capabilities Guantánamo affords the United States.

Imagine if the UK had a prison in the Falkland Islands, where, after kidnapping U.S. citizens suspected of leanings against England, were taken to and tortured. This would never stand. Because it is the U.S., and because the victims are by and large not "Westerners," the Western world has turned a blind eye to the morally bankrupt Gitmo.

President Obama pledged to close Gitmo. Now is the time for him to keep his promise. Future generations will see the move as economically, militarily, and most importantly, morally justified. The continuation of the U.S. as a nation that boasts democracy, human rights, and civil liberties is dependent on the ending of policies like Guantánamo Bay.

BOX SCORE

Mixed bag for women's hoops

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It's been well over a month into the 2015-16 season, and the Iowa women's basketball team has left fans with quite a bit to discuss.

Iowa now sits at 8-2 in nonconference play and remain undefeated in Carver-Hawkeye.

A closer look into the numbers reveals the mixed statistical bag the Hawkeyes have found themselves in.

Scoring Average — 76.5 points per game (ninth in the Big Ten)

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder and her team appear to have picked up just a little bit from where they left off last season.

The Hawkeyes averaged 79.5 points per game last season, which is just 3 points higher than the average thus far.

Averaging just more than 76 points a game, the Hawkeyes are ninth in the conference, almost a point away from the Fighting Illini. Maryland leads the way averaging 89.0 points per game.

While the team is only battling it out in non-conference matchups, if it wants to be higher in the conference, pushing

the momentum will be key. It won't be an easy task when Big Ten play comes around.

Iowa junior Ally Disterhoft has kept her team's scoring averages high; she averages 17.1 per game. The guard has put up double figures in all 10 contests and scored a career high of 26 points in the squad's 69-66 loss against Iowa State.

Defensive rebounds: 29.3 per game (fifth in the Big Ten)

A team that was famous for its rebounds last season, thanks to Bethany Doolittle, has kept up with high expectations. Doolittle grabbed 161 rebounds last season, and as a team, the Hawkeyes tallied 854 rebounds, averaging 36.4 per game.

Iowa now averages 41.0 rebounds per game. While that number will need to improve before conference play rolls in, it's a big step in the right direction.

Senior Kali Peschel has paced the Hawks, averaging 4.6 defensive rebounds.

Depth

It's not a surprise that the Hawkeyes are a young team, and thus far, they've enjoyed hav-



Iowa guard Ally Disterhoft drives for a lay-up against the Western Illinois' Michelle Maher in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 19. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

ing that label. Iowa has made the best out of the talented and youthful squad it has.

It has started with the bench, with energy coming from freshmen Tania Davis and Megan Gustafson. Sophomore Carly Mohns has also come off

the bench at key times for the Hawkeyes.

Aside from its youth, the Hawkeyes have three players in double figures, while Peschel and Gustafson are just shy from that leading trio.

Shooting .322 percent from behind the arc, Al-

exa Kastanek leads the way for the Hawkeyes in 3-point percentage. Mohns and Disterhoft have also added some flavor from downtown.

The starting five have remained the same in every contest: Disterhoft, Kastanek, Chase Coley,

Whitney Jennings, and Peschel, but there's also no telling what Bluder could have up her sleeve once conference play arrives.

Follow @Marioxwilliams for Iowa women's basketball news, updates, and analysis.

COMMENTARY

Hole in wrestling slate

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Iowa and Penn State have wrestled a dual against one another for the last 33 years.

This season, they won't.

There isn't a good reason for it, either. While the Big Ten did add two more teams in Rutgers and Maryland, meets with those historically weak teams shouldn't come before an Iowa-Penn State dual.

If so, then there is something wrong with the conference.

Iowa has been involved in 24 of the top 25 dual crowds in NCAA history and has led the nation in attendance for the last nine years. The Nittany Lions haven't done so shabbily, either, and because current Penn State head coach Cael Sanderson took over in 2010, duals between Iowa and Penn State have averaged 11,150 spectators.

As a point of reference, Iowa State had 14,216 spectators in six home meets last season.

There are two fan bases

who love wrestling more than anyone else, and they're at Iowa and Penn State. There's a deep culture of prep wrestling in both states, and it translates to love for the sport at a college level.

Wrestling is a sport that sometimes struggles to gain a following, and nothing good comes from simply not having one of the marquee rivalries.

What, then, is the point of not permanently scheduling against one another each season?

Iowa's wrestling schedule for next season likely won't be released until next summer, but Sanderson and Iowa head coach Tom Brands shouldn't wait that long to take this issue straight to the league office.

There are protected rivalries in football, and there's no reason the same couldn't happen in wrestling.

If the two coaches do decide to barge into the league office, it wouldn't be the first time the pair worked together for the benefit of the rivalry. In September 2013, Sanderson tweeted at Brands that something was missing from his schedule. Iowa and Penn State weren't on each other's calendar, and they wanted

to do something about it.

The ensuing back-and-forth eventually led to a nonconference dual between the two schools.

Rumor has it they tried to do the same thing this year but couldn't get the dates to work. Which, of course, is understandable. Both Bryce-Jordan Arena (where Penn State has its big meets) and Carver-Hawkeye are not the sole property of the wrestling teams. Basketball, gymnastics, and other events also need time in the facilities. Of course, if Penn State and Iowa were officially scheduled, this wouldn't be an issue.

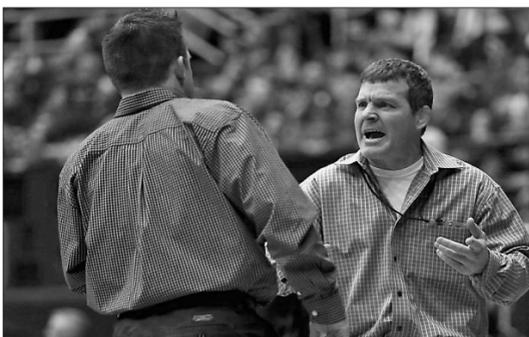
After all, the Big Ten is responsible for each sport's conference slate, and it worked for the most part since 1982.

Rivalries are fairly rare in wrestling. Iowa has solid ones with Oklahoma State and Iowa State, but the one with Penn State is something different. It's a conference dual against wrestlers who will probably see each other again at the Big Tens and perhaps nationals.

It's a recruiting tool. It's



Top: Iowa 157-pounder Michael Kelly wrestles Luke Frey of Penn State at Bryce Jordan Center in State College, Pennsylvania, on Feb. 8. Kelly defeated Frey, 7-4. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)



Left: Iowa head coach Tom Brands talks to a member of the Penn State coaching staff about a riding-time dispute during the semifinals of the Big Ten Championships on March 7 in Columbus, Ohio. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

a battle between two of the best programs in college wrestling. It's entertaining. It's exciting. It's fun.

And it shouldn't go away.

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POLITICS

CAUCUSES WRESTLE WITH REGISTRATION



Party-registration requirements may discourage some Iowans from participating in Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses.

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On Feb. 1, some Iowans will not caucus for their favorite candidates because of a rule: They must register to vote as either Democrats or Republicans.

"Many independents and no-party voters will not want to become a partisan, even if only for a short time," said Associate Professor Donna Hoffman, the head of the Political-Science Department at the University of Northern Iowa. "As a consequence, they will not participate."

Despite the ability to re-register as an independent or change party affiliation the next day, registration requirements are seen by some caucus experts as a deterrent to participation by independents.

People fear receiving emails, letters, and phone calls from campaigns asking for support and money, said Don Racheter, the president of the Public Interest Institute and former political-science professor at Central College and issues committee co-head of the Johnson County Republicans.

"There are all kinds of wild, untrue notions that get spread around about what happens if you register to vote," he said. "But the reality is, if you don't register with one party, they both call you."

Iowa allows the purchase of voter-registration lists, which includes people's names, addresses, and phone numbers.

According to the Iowa Code, the information can be used for "a genuine political purpose," "bona fide political research," and requesting registrants' votes.

But a candidate's appeal to indepen-

dents can persuade Iowans without a party affiliation to commit to a party and caucus, Racheter said.

"If you have a very wildly popular person such as Donald Trump who appeals to independents, it might be able to motivate them to show up in one party or another," he said.

In 2008 and 2012, the candidates who brought out the most new supporters also had the largest number of independents caucusers on their behalf.

Exit polls from the 2008 Democratic caucuses show then-Sen. Barack Obama had the highest percentage of first-time caucus attendees and those identifying as independents. He had higher percentages in the two categories by 12 and 18 percentage points, respectively.

In 2012, Republican candidate Ron Paul was 10 points ahead in first-time caucus-goers and 24 points ahead with independents, according to exit polls. But he finished behind then candidates Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum, who is currently running for president again.

But candidates who do not stir up independents could be negatively affected, specifically centrist candidates such as Hillary Clinton or former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, said Chris Larimer, a UNI associate political-science professor.

"There are a significant number of no-party voters in Iowa, but a very small proportion turn out at caucuses," he said. "People who do participate usually feel very connected to and it feel very strongly about their candidates."

This does not differ in most states.

There is no clear correlation between voter turnout and the type of primary or caucus in a state, according to a 2014 study conducted by the Public Policy

Institute of California.

Hawaii and Texas hold wide-open primaries in which state parties cannot prevent non-party members from participating, unlike Iowa's partisan caucuses.

Opponents to open primaries fear situations in which members of one political party vote for the weakest opponent to face their candidate, Racheter said.

"If, for example, we have a presidential election in which an incumbent president is going to run for re-election, there are three candidates in opposition, and one would be the toughest, people who support the incumbent would have incentive to jump in and vote for the weakest candidate of the other party," he said.

The move is known as crossover voting.

But a study conducted by the California Institute of Technology showed that only two of 14 primaries studied between 1992 and 1994 had more than 20 percent of a party's voters choose an opponent in the opposite party.

The researchers published three conclusions: There is very little crossover voting in general in primary elections in the United States, the difference in the amount of crossover voting between states with open and closed primaries is not substantively large, and that the amount of strategic behavior on the part of voters in primary elections is small.

Bret Nilles, the head of the Linn County Democrats, sees Iowa's caucus structure as a success of party building, not a deterrent to independents.

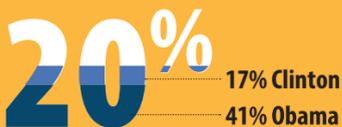
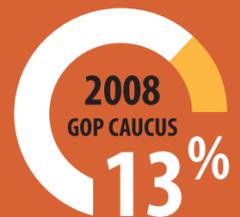
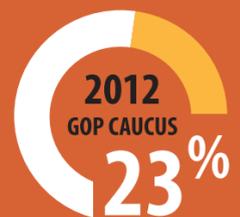
"Eight years ago with the Obama camp, there were a lot of first-time participants," he said. "To a certain extent,

the caucuses help bring people into process. Some people might think it discourages people from attending, but most of those who don't weren't going to go, anyway."

Nilles said he sees the registration requirement as not only a benefit to the caucuses but as an opportunity for political participation and discussion across the state.

"The thing that gets lost in whole thing is that the caucuses intended for voters to get out meet neighbors and talk about whom they support," he said. "It really does a lot from the standpoint of building up party membership."

Attendees considered to be independents/other according to entrance polls:



In 2008, when President Obama beat Hillary Clinton, 20 percent of Democratic caucus-goers identified as Independents. Obama received 41 percent of the independent vote, while Clinton won only 17 percent. [exit polls]



In 2012, 23 percent those participating in the Republican caucuses considered themselves Independents. Ron Paul received 43 percent of the Independent vote.

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Clinton to return to Iowa City

Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton will be back in Iowa City today.

The visit comes several days after surrogates such as "Scandal" actor Tony Goldwyn and former Vermont

Gov. Howard Dean stumped for Clinton in Iowa City recently.

Clinton was last in town in July at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St. Clinton has visited the state nearly 20



Clinton
candidate

times this year.

According to a *Des Moines Register*/Bloomberg Politics Poll released Monday, 48 percent of Democratic likely caucus-goers said Clinton would be their first choice. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders came in next at 39 percent.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley stayed in the single digits with 4 percent.

With 404 Democratic likely caucus-goers surveyed, there is a margin of error of 4.9 percentage points.

The details of the event:

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DOORS OPEN: 1:15 p.m.

— by Rebecca Morin

The University of Iowa's Iowa Electronic Market is a small-scale futures market using real money that can lead to a payoff depending on economic and political events — including the 2016 presidential election. The stocks are based on \$1.

Here are the bids for the 2016 Presidential Vote Share Market, similar to a poll that will determine which party a voter will choose.

The number of votes Democrats has gone down, while the number of votes Republicans could receive is unchanged. According to the latest bid, Democrats and Republicans will receive almost an equal number of votes, with a lean toward the Republican Party.

	BID	ASK	LAST
DEMOCRAT	0.482	0.539	0.482
REPUBLICAN	0.477	0.489	0.490

Here are the bids for the 2016 Winner-Take-All Market, in which the prices in the graph are the probability of that party being chosen. According to the latest bid, the probability Democrats will win has gone slightly down, now at 60 percent. The probability for Republicans has not changed.

	BID	ASK	LAST
DEMOCRAT	0.606	0.627	0.601
REPUBLICAN	0.378	0.393	0.399

DAILY BREAK

the ledge

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Why finals shouldn't be scheduled so close to the holidays:

- All this studying makes you more depressed than when you learned the truth about Santa in eighth grade.

- Instead of getting lost in the wonder and magic of the holiday season, you get lost trying to properly set up a stoichiometry equation.

- Your studies begin to influence your holiday thoughts, and you begin asking such questions as "Could Santa's elves perhaps be the presumed-extinct Homo florensiensis we learned about in Human Origins?"

- Instead of wearing festive red and green and listening to Christmas ditties, you feel like dressing in all black, putting on mascara, and pumping up the screamo.

- Instead of drinking with friends in celebration and memories of good times past, you are drinking by alone in your room, trying to forget as much of the last few months as possible.

- Whenever someone asks what you want for Christmas, without thinking you reply "all As."

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Brendan O'Donnell for the material in today's Ledge.

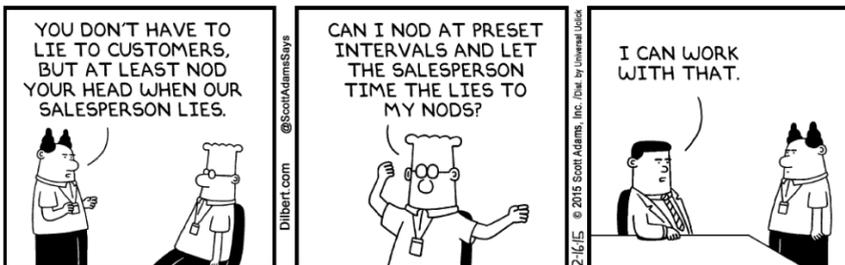
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- **Finals@IMU: Free Popcorn**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., First Floor
- **English Conversation Class**, Noon, 2114 Med Labs
- **Finals@IMU: Healthy Snacks**, 2 p.m., distributed throughout IMU
- **Finals@IMU: Academic Q&A Sessions**, 3 p.m., 166 IMU
- **Meet-and-Greet With state Sen. Rob Hogg**, Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Finals@IMU: Therapy Dogs**, 6:30 p.m., 181 & 179 IMU
- **Finals@IMU: Massages**, 8 p.m.-midnight, IMU First Floor
- **Underground Open Mike**, 8 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

- **Shaun Mauss**, comedy, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Finals@IMU: Yoga**, 9 p.m., 179 IMU
- **Death to Zero, DKBD, Akasha**, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Finals@IMU: Snacks**, 10 p.m., IMU Welcome Center
- **Finals@IMU: Coffee**, 11 p.m., IMU Welcome Center

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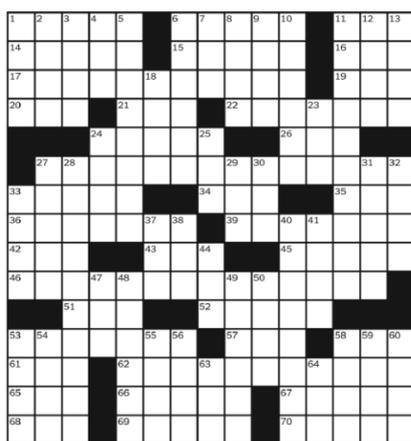
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Wednesday, December 16, 2015
by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Money matters can be cleared up. Don't let what someone else has to say or do set you off. Arguing will not help you get ahead or make you feel better. Learn from past experiences. An interview looks promising.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Discuss matters that have bothered you. Partnerships will benefit from honest discussions, leading to solutions that suit everyone involved. Favors will be granted for your efforts. Make someone an offer that will bring you closer together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be disillusioned by the suggestions made by a colleague, friend, or employer. Don't be too eager to agree to do something before you have all the fine details in writing. Your can-do attitude will lead to impulsive mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Positive actions will bring stellar results. Shopping for a special gift or spending money on your appearance will pay off. A unique relationship with someone who is different from you will be enlightening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't lend or borrow money or possessions. Bring about changes at home that will add to your comfort and bring you greater stability. You don't have to pay the expenses of others. Offer your time, not your money, if someone is asking for help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't sulk or refuse to take part in events or activities because something doesn't go your way. Step outside your comfort zone, and offer intelligent, honest suggestions. Your participation will encourage others to see the value you bring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take the plunge, and do something you've always wanted to do. Check out travel deals, or attend a festive gathering. Being a part of the action will result in greater confidence and new friends. Share your thoughts with like-minded people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional matters will escalate if you don't make your position clear. Trying to spare someone's feelings or avoid opposition will not bring about the changes you wish to see. Evaluate your situation, and do what needs to be done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your desire for change and adventure will get you into financial trouble. Don't make plans you cannot afford. Uncertainty should be your signal to step back and wait for better opportunities. Indulgence will be your downfall.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let others come to you. Be wary of attracting people who are indecisive or who want to place restrictions on your plans. Avoid dealing with financial, legal, or medical institutions. Make time for romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for a way to give back to your community. Volunteering to help an organization, school, or hospital will be satisfying and give you an idea for future projects. A gift, winning, or money from an unusual source looks promising.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lay out some plans and options for someone you love, and work as a team to decide what you want to do in the future. Plan a romantic getaway, or make a promise to share more time and activities with one another.

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.
— Marcel Proust

BASKETBALL

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first in the country with 22.7 assists per game and second in the country with a 1.87 assist to turnover ratio.

Michigan State is the only Big Ten team ranking ahead of the Hawkeyes in any of these three categories nationally, although Purdue is tied with Iowa in assists per game.

The Hawkeyes have had success when sharing the ball so far this season, and the success will likely continue if the Hawkeyes and Gessell can distribute as well in the future.

The Spartans will visit Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 29 in Iowa's Big Ten opener, setting up a showdown between two of the best — statistically, at least — assist teams in the country.

Rebounding

The Hawkeyes haven't been in the cellar on the boards, but they haven't been stellar, either.

Iowa is tied for 53rd in the country with Arizona and Coastal Carolina with 28.7 defensive rebounds per game and in a four-way tie 127th in the country with 12 offense rebounds.

With only one true center on the roster, Adam Woodbury, it should be no surprise the Hawkeyes find themselves so low on the rebounding rankings.

The defensive rebounding is noteworthy; the Hawkeyes won the battle on the boards against Iowa State, 37-36, but gave up 14 offensive rebounds to the Cyclones en route to an 83-82 loss.

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Iowa center Adam Woodbury shoots a short jumper in Hilton Coliseum on Dec. 10. Woodbury had 12 points in the loss to the Cyclones. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

FOOTBALL

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in building on the run. Quarterback C.J. Beathard will have to make plays and take shots downfield

to keep them from committing too much toward the line of scrimmage, but offensive coordinator Greg Davis won't be shy about pounding the ball in between the tackles.

What the Hawkeyes could look to do is exactly

what Michigan State did to them in the Big Ten Championship: control the clock and wear down the opposing defense by the late stages of the game.

On paper it looks like Iowa can do that, based on its arsenal of running

backs and an offensive line that likes to get downhill and smash people.

For Iowa, it's a question of converting on third down and keeping drives alive. That facet of the game could signify the line between a Rose Bowl

victory or consecutive losses to end a historic 2015 season.

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TRACK

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fend his national title.

However, Wieland is not the only Gopher to keep an eye on. In last season's indoor conference championships, juniors Mitch Hechsel and Nate Roese finished first and second in the 600 meters.

Sophomore Brad Neumann finished seventh in the 200 meters in his first college conference meet. At the time, he was the only freshman in the finals.

Senior Goaner Deng and junior Bradley Johnson also placed fifth and sixth in the 800.

Finishing second in the meet, Illinois went on to win the outdoor Big Ten meet, beating Nebraska.

In the indoor meet, senior Ian Barnett led the way for the distance team. He finished in the top five in both the 3,000 and 5,000 meters. Three Illini runners finished in the top 12 in the 3,000 meters.

Iowa head coach Layne Anderson knows that the Big Ten is one of the most dominant conferences in track and field, especially when it comes to long distance.

"The Big Ten is historically good in the distance events," he said. "You have to be an NCAA [championship]-level distance runner to potentially score in any distance event."

Illinois did just that,



Hawkeyes compete in the track and field intrasquad meet on Dec. 6, 2014, in the Recreation Building. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

with its group in the top half of the event.

Another key event for Illinois was the 4x400-meter relay. The Illini took home the crown, and three of the four runners will return this season, putting them in a prime position to repeat.

Aiming to repeat as indoor champions, Nebraska proved why it deserves to be on top.

Head coach Gary Pepin, entering his 36th season, believes his team has what it takes to be one of the best in the country.

"[Our goal is to] win the Big Ten Championships and finish in the top 10 in the NCAA Championships," he said. "For us to win the conference champion-

ship, it will take a full team effort. We cannot rely on just a couple key people."

One of those key people, Cody Rush, has battled an injury. The senior team captain sprinter missed most of the fall training with injury, but he is beginning his training after recovering.

Pepin has high praise for his seniors, Oladapo Akinmoladun and Rush, citing their leadership.

"Rush and Akinmoladun are real team players," he said. "[They have] strong work ethics and are leaders throughout their work and competition accomplishments."

In the 2014 indoor conference championship, Akinmoladun placed first in the 60-meter hur-

dles. Rush finished fifth in the 200 and fourth in the 400.

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Two Iowa women's swimmers earn honors

Two Hawkeye women's swimmers received honors from CollegeSwimming.com on Tuesday.

Junior Emma Sougstad and senior Olivia Kabacinski were both recognized by the website, with Sougstad being named NCAA Division I Swimmer of the Week, and Kabacinski taking Big Ten Swimmer of the Week honors.

The two received the awards after their phenomenal performances against Iowa State in Ames on Dec. 11.

The efforts of Sougstad and Kabacinski helped the Hawkeye women on the way to their sixth-straight victory over the Cyclones. The team won 15 events and broke six Beyer Hall Pool records.

Sougstad swam to four pool records in the 100 and 200 breaststroke, in the 200 individual medley, as well as participating on the record-breaking 200-medley relay team.

Kabacinski was a member of Iowa's winning 200-medley and 400-freestyle relay teams. She also



Iowa sophomore Emma Sougstad competes in the 100 breaststroke in the 2014 Black and Gold Intrasquad meet on Oct. 11 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Sougstad won with a time of 1:03.04. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

earned solo victories in the 100 and 200-freestyle events.

Head coach Marc Long had the highest of praises for the pair of Hawkeyes.

"I am excited for Emma and Olivia to receive these accolades," Long said in a release. "Emma is an outstanding competitor and to earn a national honor is great for our program ... it's great to see Olivia, a senior leader

for our team, be recognized for her outstanding efforts in the pool."

The women's team, now with a 4-2 (1-2 Big Ten) record, is off for over a month before returning to competitive action. They will host Illinois on Jan. 16 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Natatorium.

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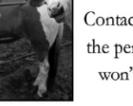
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Stanford defense one Iowa can exploit

The Cardinal pride themselves on strong defense, but in 2015, they've had a big dropoff.

By CHARLIE GREEN
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When people think about Stanford football, they might think about a lot of the same qualities as those of the Hawkeyes.

The program produces NFL-caliber offensive lineman, likes to build on a strong running game, and this to set a physical tone on both offense and defense.

And for a group forced to find strength in development rather than rely on elite recruiting, setting a workmanlike attitude in the off-season is something Stanford would likely attribute to making its third Rose Bowl in the past four seasons.

But something is different about this Stanford team. It has its Heisman runner-up; Christian McCaffrey joins the ranks of Andrew Luck (twice) and Toby Gerhart before him. The offensive line is there,

as is the quarterback and the running game.

Its defense might actually be the Achilles' heel of the Cardinal team that will take the field in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day.

Let's take a look at Stanford's Rose Bowl teams in the recent past. In 2012, it ranked 20th nationally in total defense, surrendering 336.2 yards per game. The following season it finished the season ranked 16th after giving up 343.5 yards per game.

Stanford went 1-1 in those games.

Last season, because the Rose Bowl was part of the College Football Playoff, the team missed out on the "Granddaddy of them All." It finished third in America in total defense, though, allowing just 282.4 yards per outing.

Now, just one year later, the Cardinal rank 50th in yards allowed per game, giving up an average of 374.5 yards — nearly 100 more than last season.

Approximately 145 of that average comes on the

ground, while 227.6 comes via the pass. Stanford has given up 30 or more points four times this season. Iowa has done so once.

To be fair, Stanford has seen a lot of talented quarterbacks this year, including Cody Kessler, Vernon Adams, Jared Goff, Josh Rosen, and Luke Falk.

But Iowa still might have a keen advantage against the Cardinal defensive front. The interior trio of Austin Blythe, Jordan Walsh, and Sean Welsh is going to be a hell of an order for Stanford's undersized defensive line to deal with.

However, the Cardinal might have the best linebacker on the field in senior Blake Martinez, who ranks ninth in America in tackles. Outside of him, Iowa might have a huge edge against the front seven.

Look for the Hawks to do what they always try to do

SEE FOOTBALL, 8

BOX SCORE

Hawks' assist factor shines

The Iowa basketball team shares the ball remarkably well.

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The highlight of the Iowa men's basketball team's 2015-16 season so far would be wins against Marquette and Wichita State.

The low came in a gut-wrenching loss to Iowa State.

The constant, throughout all 10 games, has been the Hawkeyes' ability to share the ball.

Iowa ranks ninth in the nation with 19.4 assists per game through 10 games. That figure has remained relatively constant throughout the young season and is up significantly from the 14.2 assists per game last season.

The high mark of 31 assists came against Coppin State, and that was followed in the next game by 25 against Marquette.

Against Notre Dame, the Hawkeyes tallied just 13. Iowa pushed 15 assists each in wins against Gardner-Webb and Florida State.

In their other two losses, to Dayton and Iowa State, the Hawkeyes logged 19 and 17, respectively.

The Hawkeyes have had success when their assist numbers enter the 20s, with the two exceptions, because this ability to assist has translated to a 7-3 record and 83.6 points per game,



Iowa guard Mike Gesell drives against Missouri-KC center Darnell Tillman as Iowa attempts to score in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 5. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

good for second in the Big Ten

Iowa is scoring close to 14 more points per game so far this season than last, although this could be attributed to a shorter shot clock.

On the opposite end, the squad averages 11.4 turnovers per game, 57th in the nation.

While that number is high, the Hawkeyes' high assist to turnover ra-

tio offsets it. Iowa ranks eighth in the country with a 1.70 ratio.

Furthermore, senior point guard Mike Gesell ranks ninth in the country with 7.0 assists per game, just behind Denzel Valentine of Michigan State, who dishes out 7.2 per game.

Coincidentally, the Spartans rank

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Three command Big Ten

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The Big Ten will kick off the track and field indoor season starting in January. In a conference loaded with talent, only the top teams can battle for a top-three spot.

Minnesota finished third in last season's men's indoor Big Ten meet.

One reason for its success was junior Luca Wieland of Saarbrücken, Germany, who won the heptathlon with a school record 5,787 points.

This season, Wieland won the heptathlon at the Opener at St. Scholastica. Following the meet, he was named the national Athlete of the Week by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

Not only will Wieland defend his Big Ten title, he will also de-



Wieland
Minnesota junior

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