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UI leaders listen



University of Iowa President Bruce Harrel listens to Student Government Diversity Committee Chairman Adetayo Oladele-Ajose during a meeting at the Afro-American Cultural Center on Monday. The group discussed both short- and long-term plans for cultural houses on campus. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

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Early this week, in the walls of the multicultural houses on the West Campus, leaders such as President Bruce Harrel and University of Iowa Student Government President Rachel Zuckerman began a series of conversations with students of the African-American and LGBTQ communities.

On Monday, the first community conversation

was held at the Afro-American Cultural Center. It was an intimate, casual setup that played host to an informative conversation.

Zuckerman began by saying, "This is an opportunity for students to lead the conversation. As a student-government leader, I act as the liaison between the administration and students quite a bit, and we thought it was important that we

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Feeder Meal app rolls into town

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Several Iowa City restaurants are looking forward to increased business thanks to a new app, which has been introduced to the University of Iowa community.

The Feeder Meal Plan, which was previously available at Boulder College and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has now added the UI to its list of institutions.

Frankie Schneckloth, the Iowa City director of the Feeder Meal Plan, said the plan was originally developed for college athletes.

"It's a way to feed student-athletes when they don't have meals catered in," she said.

Restaurants must be approved by university nutritionists before they may be included in the athlete meal plan.

However, because of its now-wide-spread use, restaurant involvement in the general meal plan is not so restricted. After being introduced at the Wisconsin-Madison, the Feeder Meal Plan decided to transition from a card-based system to one app-based and partnered with a team in Madison to develop the app.

The app and card both have bar codes that can be scanned to pay for food. The service uses money drawn directly out of an account that holds an amount of money chosen by students or their parents.

"There is a tipping functionality available," Schneckloth said. "Some restaurants have asked to



Two women walk past Which Wich on Tuesday. The Feeder app will be independent from the UI meal plan. (The Daily Iowan/Vivian Le)

have it turned off to streamline their businesses."

About this, Jason Deppe, the owner of the Mondo's Saloon, said, "We're a full-service restaurant ... you either have Subway or you've got ... where you pick out your order, you sit down, somebody brings it to you, they clean up your mess. And that's what we're based on, so we definitely have the tip option."

However, because of NCAA restrictions, athletes cannot tip at all, Schneckloth said.

She said the meal program was brought to Iowa City a year and a half ago to test the waters.

"The black card has been in existence on a small-scale trial basis for about a year and a half," she said. The app, however, was introduced to Iowa City just this semester.

Seth Mosbrucker, the manager of the Iowa City Which Wich, said his was one of the restaurants that hosted the trial program.

"We started with the black card ... in January," he said. "We thought it was a good opportunity to incorporate university students. We figured we could help them out by using a different source of payment rather than cash."

SEE PLAN, 2

Health plan eludes millennials

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For some University of Iowa students, health insurance is either unaffordable or too abstract of a concept to understand.

"To be honest, I don't know much about health care," said UI freshman Christian Montgomery, who does not have health insurance.

Montgomery isn't alone.

According to a study done by Transamerica Center for Health Studies, 67 percent of individuals ages 18 to 27 are uninsured. The same study also noted that 21 percent of uninsured millennials are students.

The center is a nonprofit dedicated to researching health-care issues facing employers and consumers.

"[The center] suggests that college students ask questions and explore all of the options available to them — by comparing costs and access to health services," said Hector De La Torre, the executive director of Transamerica.

To some UI freshmen, the problem with health insurance is not because they do not know how to get it but because they cannot afford it.

UI freshman Tony Martinez said he does have health insurance and that he has used it to cover various injuries he suffered while playing sports.

"It can be really expensive, and it could go up the more you use it," he said. "And

SEE HEALTH, 2

UI uses strength tests for freshmen

By ELIANNA NOVITCH

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Incoming University of Iowa students this year have taken a test that identifies their strengths as a part of a new initiative at Iowa.

Analytical, input, arranger, communication, and activator are just a few of various results that incoming students received when they took the Gallup StrengthsFinder assessment this summer.

The test is new to the UI, with the class of 2020 being the first group that is required to take it as part of an incoming course.

The purpose of the StrengthsFinder assessment is to identify five strengths of a person and then give an in-depth description of the strength. Students will have the opportunity to develop their strengths in classes, student organizations, and other opportunities around campus.

"My five strengths were deliberate, input, consistency, learner, and analytical," said UI student Omar Khodor. "The assessment required some more deliberation with certain questions, but

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LIGHT IN AUGUST



Mike Whittaker of the Yahoo Drummers jams on the Pedestrian Mall on Tuesday. Whittaker is playing the African djun-djun. (The Daily Iowan/Vivian Le)

DISCUSSION

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have some time for direct conversation about issues directly related with your community."

Some of the major issues that were talked about included the renovation and future of the Afro-American house, the addition of a racial bias training session to On Iowa, and the addition of a no-racism policy to syllabi.

Regarding the house, Harrelle noted he had learned plenty about the multicultural houses.

"I've only been here 10 months, and I have heard a lot of concern about this issue. So I did what I was trained to do, I got out of my office and started looking at [the houses]," he said. "I was curious as to where they

were, what was inside, and what the condition of the houses were. I came to some conclusions, one being that we could make these more usable and more accessible. There is a lot we can do."

As the evening continued, comments flowed back and forth and ideas were shared for what could be changed, added, and looked into in order to make the campus a more inclusive place.

"My spirits are really high right now. I think you could see the progression through the conversation," Zuckerman said at the end of the discussion. "It started with a level of distrust that I completely understand, but I think it ended on a note where everyone's ready to work together and really start making progress on these issues

that we've only really talked about for far too long, and now we're going to be moving into a period of action."

Another community conversation was held Tuesday night at the LGBTQ Resource Center.

Much like Monday's conversation, members of the community gathered in the house to meet with leaders to discuss issues pertaining to the LGBTQ community.

"I really wanted to hear students' perspectives of how we as a campus can better support those who are a part of our LGBTQ community," said Nicole Jardine, a representative of Graduate and Professional Student Government. "I know that UI has made a lot of really awesome strides, like the addition of preferred pronouns, but I really wanted to hear directly from

students about what they need."

Some of the issues that were talked about included gender-inclusive housing in the residence halls, the addition of a new Living Community for the LGBTQ community, and dedicated staffing in the center in order to provide resources for those who visit the house.

Other community conversations are planned for the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center and Latino Native American Cultural Center.

"We started the dialogue with your community, and I would like you to carry it deeper than just the people here this evening," Harrelle said. "There was good give-and-take, but clearly we have a lot to do, and now we have to get on with."

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er than cash, debit, or credit."

Deppe's restaurant is among those to be newly included in the Feeder Meal Plan. According to him, the Feeder Meal Plan is still important for non-athlete students, as it makes home

style, sit-down dinners more accessible.

"I think it's great," he said. "You look at what the university has for food, and as spread out as the campus is ... this is a more convenient thing. Because, as a restaurant, we already have the infrastructure set up."

"It's a great way to connect our local businesses with student patrons,"

Schneckloth said.

This paves the way for building a group of reliable, regular customers for area businesses. There are other benefits, too, though.

According to Deppe, one of these benefits is that the app is cost-friendly for local restaurants.

"I think it's a really fair rate," he said.

Feeder also has a list

of restaurants in the area that use the service, which Mosbrucker said is "a way to get our name out there without any sort of other advertisements."

And, Schneckloth said, there are no credit-card fees associated with using the Feeder Meal Plan. Best of all, she said, "It can only be used on food — it can't be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco."

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that was a good thing because it got you to think about what you're really like and helped guide you to results that fit you and who you are as a person."

The assessment is a part of an initiative at the UI called Be Better@Iowa.

According to the Be Better website, "The Be Better initiative will position the UI as the university that creates leaders who leverage their strengths, leadership knowledge, and leadership skills to contribute to their communities now and in the future."

The initiative came from conversation that had been going on for five years among ad-

ministrators and faculty who wanted to use the StrengthsFinder assessment with students on campus somehow.

Two years ago, a group called the Student Success Team, a group of about 300 administrators and faculty, talked about how they could improve the student experience at UI in the next couple years.

"We had a lot of conversations, and one of the things that was pretty consistent was how do we help the University of Iowa be the place where students are best prepared to become leaders," said Paul Mintner, the UI assistant director for Leadership and Service Programs. "We took that statement and looked at what had been talked about for five years with

various people across campus with the use of strengths and tried to bring them together by using the StrengthsFinder assessment as a baseline to start conversations about what they do well and get them connected to leadership opportunities."

Some of the different opportunities available on campus for students to put their assessment results to use this year include classes such as the Tippie College of Business Direct Admit Seminar and Communication Skills for Leadership.

UI freshman Anna Bunn will use her StrengthsFinder results in the Tippie seminar this semester.

"The Direct Admit seminar is a good place to use our results because we work toward being a

professional employee," Bunn said. "Knowing my strengths lets me know myself better and what I'm good at."

Other opportunities that UI students will have to use their results include such retreats as the Iowa N.E.W. Leadership or just in leadership positions in organizations they are a part of.

"The next step after you know your strengths and have done some work with them is to apply them into leadership development experiences that will help you continue to develop them," Mintner said. "This isn't just a first-year initiative. It is a long-term thing that we hope students develop and continue to use. We want to take this much further than just a student's first year."

HEALTH

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the school tuition is expensive enough, so when you have to choose between a grade and insurance, in that moment, I'm going to take the grade."

De La Torre said there is still hope for college students who cannot afford health insurance. He said Transamerica re-

search shows that despite costs being the second most important factor for millennials when looking for health insurance, only 37 percent have "comparison-shopped."

Under the Affordable Care Act, students who cannot afford health insurance could stay under their parents' or foster parents' health plan until they are 26.

While Martinez said he

finds his academic grades more important, for some others, they don't have a choice.

UI freshman Austin Wu is allergic to peanuts but said he is still on his parents' health care, which allows him to purchase epinephrine injectors whenever he needs them.

"EpiPen," a type of epinephrine injector, has been monopolized by the pharmaceutical company Mylan.

"When I was younger, we could get an EpiPen for \$100, but now they're [more expensive]," Wu said. "My family has never had problems with coughing up the money for one of these, but other families certainly do."

Wu said EpiPen's aren't a "one-and-done purchase."

"These things do expire, and you do have to buy more," he said.

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University of Iowa wrestles with retaining faculty

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University of Iowa administrative leaders are strategizing to raise compensation and retain faculty as state funding for the university dwindles.

As the UI administration aims to keep faculty salaries competitive, the effects of the American Association of University Professors sanction against the UI loom on the horizon. The sanction will potentially make it more difficult to recruit new faculty.

Professor Katherine Tachau, the president of the UI chapter of AAUP, said she believes the sanction may not have an effect on hiring people who have recently completed graduate school and are looking for their first jobs, but tenure-track faculty will likely prove harder to retain.

"The moment they get tenure, most faculty have lots of new opportunities open up for them to move," she said. "They will go to places that are not sanctioned, and the number of sanctioned places is very small."

Although Tachau said it is too soon to see the effect the sanction will have, because

hiring does not start until the fall, she said the UI has been having problems with retaining faculty even before the sanction was in place.

"The last two years have each seen a record number of faculty leaving — more last year than the year before, which was already a record," she said.

After meeting with faculty and staff in 2015, UI President Bruce Harreld began seeking solutions to the retention problem by raising compensation through the faculty-vitality initiative, according to UI Senior Vice President for Finance & Operations Rod Lehnertz.

Compared with peer institutions, such as members of the Big Ten, Association of American Universities, and other Research 1 classified universities, Lehnertz said Harreld discovered faculty salaries in some UI colleges were below the median.

Campus leadership looked to target units whose

faculty salaries were below the median and to raise compensation for faculty at risk of leaving," Lehnertz said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

In addition to a more collaborative budget process, which Lehnertz said resulted in an average salary increase of approximately 2 percent, both the UI and the state Board of Regents have had to work to find ways to save money where they could.

"The UI has been a careful steward of its resources and employs a range of strategies to ensure funding for its

mission and priorities," he said. "The donor fundraising campaign For Iowa, Forever More raised a record-breaking \$1.7 billion from 2013 to 2016. The Transparent, Inclusive Efficiency Review, a Board of Regents-led efficiency initiative, has been projected to save the UI about \$2 million."

Despite these efforts, a lack of sufficient state appropriations for the UI has limited what the administration can do to raise faculty salaries. State appropriations provides only one-third of UI

budget revenue; tuition provides the rest, Lehnertz said.

"The regents, to their credit, asked for a fairly substantial amount of money from the legislature this year, which would have provided some funding to help offset [the UI's tight budget], but that funding didn't arise," said UI Faculty Senate President Thomas Vaughn.

With the help of the regents, \$4 million was "reprioritized at the local/collegiate level" to "increase faculty salaries toward 95 percent of the peer median and account

for strategic institutional initiatives," Lehnertz said.

While the \$4 million sounds like a lot of money to most people, Tachau said, the problem lies in trying to figure out how to distribute that money. There are 3,064 faculty members at the UI, she said.

"That \$4 million ... won't be divided evenly, because there are categories of people who are considered too valuable to lose, and there are other categories, such as lecturers, who are being terribly exploited," she said.

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Appropriating is the new football



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In four days, the population of Iowa City will substantially grow as thousands pile into Kinnick Stadium to watch the inaugural kickoff of the 2016 Hawkeye season. Concurrently, students and fans alike will engage in tailgate gatherings, theme parties, and celebratory events. As the season of athletics quickly approaches, it is paramount for students to enter into an understanding of the problematic practices that stem from appropriation through "theme" events and subsequent celebrations throughout the calendar year.

Initially, we must ask ourselves, what exactly is appropriation, and in what context does it border on micro-aggression? For example, an appropriation that has seemly become common in American social spheres is the production of Luau's. Wearing "grass skirts," "coconut bras," and lei necklaces is the very definition of oppressive post-colonization occurring. White people have become accustomed to benefiting from the tyrannical conquering of a culture and then hundreds of years later monopolizing and converting customs into a showcase of shallow celebration. "Theme" events that are separate from the original culture that utilized these customs is blatant appropriation.

Appropriation is existent when the individuals who plan an event or partake in an event have structured it on a culture other than their own without a purposeful lens. It's Cinco de Mayo weekend, and your group of friends decide to host a party centered on tacos and salsa, and everyone attending must wear sombreros and decadent ponchos. Unless you are the Latino-Native American Cultural Center or another culturally based

resource on campus, it is inherently disrespectful to customize the Mexican holiday to a mere "theme" celebration for you and your peers.

Actively challenging appropriation is both beneficial to you, as an individual who is outside a specific culture and those whose heritage is rooted in these practices. If you are on a planning committee for an event, voice opposition to the use of culturally founded celebrations that are not your own. Instead, attend and support the individuals you are acquainted with who celebrate an aspect of their culture. You will learn something in the experience of another culture's form, and you won't be systematically shaming and molding cultures to fit your own preferences and endeavors.

Actions that are appropriate, but also horrendously racist, insincere, and oppressive, are more problematic than theme gatherings. Black-face or any form of "assuming" the skin tones of other races are never acceptable. Giving your body attributes of another culture or race, such as eye shape, head size, or hair type, is also not justifiable. Finally, the use of Native American garments is one of the epitomes of disrespectful appropriation and racism. Those who find culturally native accessories "vintage" or "individually expressive" — specifically the hipster or vintage culture, need to stop and recognize their misuse of sacred or cultural wear.

While football season starts next week, it is important to shy away from America's true favorite pastime, appropriation. The bottom line is, if the culture being used is not your own, and the space is not one of academic and enriching mentalities, then yes, you are actively choosing to appropriate cultural practices. What is wrong with the classic "Neon Party"? I mean, come on, the 1980s won't hold it against you to wear that hot pink jogging suit and twist to the *Dirty Dancing* soundtrack. Enjoy the Hawkeye season, and future events you attend this coming year, but do so in a respectful and mindful manner.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Not sitting well with America

Picture your favorite article of clothing. What makes it special to you? It could be how it looks on your body or perhaps how it feels. Some cloth is special because it's rare, while DJ Khaled uses the phrase "special cloth" to denote excellence. To some, the U.S. flag is special cloth; to others, it's just a flag, or worse, a symbol of genocide and oppression.

Colin Kaepernick sees it as the latter. The San Francisco 49er quarterback refused to stand for the national anthem during a pre-season game out of an unwillingness to "show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people ..." If one sees the flag as a symbol of American ideals, and American ideals as wholesome tenets including equality, liberty, and justice for all, then Kaepernick disrespects the flag because he doesn't know what America really stands for. After all, racism is just a stain on America's history, perpetrated by some bad apples that give the whole orchard a bad reputation.

Arguments that racism and American ideals are at odds only stand up to scrutiny apart from the historical realities that have shaped our nation. The Declaration of Independence calls for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and this rings hollow when weighed against the thousands of slaves collectively owned by its writers. Racism isn't just a stain on America's history, because it is a fundamental part of America's history. This isn't to suggest that America cannot transcend its past, but we as a nation will not transcend the origins of our country without acknowledging and right-

ing past wrongs.

Some will question whether Kaepernick is the "right" person to speak, because he was adopted by a white family or because he's a hypocrite who is all talk and no action. Shooting the messenger without fully evaluating the message under the guise of identity politics is willful ignorance.

I agree with the latter point; if he's all talk and no action, he will be a hypocrite. But Kaepernick's public stance is causing an effect; people are dissecting the third verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and football players are being asked to weigh in on Black Lives Matter. The usual outraged cries about "soldiers who died for the flag" Kaepernick is disrespecting have renewed focus on the way our country treats veterans after they return to civilian life. On Aug. 21, a veteran committed suicide in the parking lot of a VA Hospital in Long Island after being turned away from the ER. Will people be as outraged about the lack of support for veterans as they are about Kaepernick?

Even if you see the flag as a sacred symbol of American ideals, the ideals America strives toward include freedom of expression. There's a reason it's the First Amendment, because it ultimately lays the foundation for rest of the Bill of Rights. And freedom of expression protects the right not to pledge allegiance to the flag, the right to desecrate and burn flags, the right to express one's political feelings in any peaceful manner you choose.

Kaepernick choosing to sit during the national anthem is a choice he has the right to make, just as standing during

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the anthem is a choice. If you're lucky enough to feel like the flag is something you can personally be proud of, you should respect that other people have a litany of reasons to feel differently. If you truly consider the flag special cloth, then you have to respect other's right to see it as just a piece of cloth.

—Vivian Medithi

It is not disrespectful to servicemen and -women for Colin Kaepernick to remain seated during the national anthem. As has been addressed dozens of times over the past few years, servicemen and -women enlist in the military to protect the freedoms afforded to us by the Constitution — including Kaepernick's freedom to stay seated during the national anthem.

But Kaepernick is still being disrespectful, not to servicemen and -women but to those truly fighting for social justice in America.

Kaepernick seems to think that because of a series of Instagram posts featuring famous quotes plastered over Martin Luther King Jr.'s face and his unwillingness to stand during the national anthem, he is now a social-justice champion. However, it takes much more than that.

In response to widespread disapproval about his actions, Kaepernick said, "I am not looking for approval. I have to stand up for people who are oppressed. ... If they take football away, my endorsements from me, I know that I stood up for what is right."

But that's the thing. Kaepernick didn't stand up and hasn't been standing up — literally (obviously) or figuratively.

When King and Mahatma Gandhi "stood up" to protest the oppressive cul-

ture they witnessed, they did so through hunger strikes, marches, sit-ins, pressing government for legislative changes, and much, much more.

Kaepernick's version of being an advocate involves posting pictures and refusing to stand during the national anthem. A quick Google search of "Colin Kaepernick" with any relevant descriptors proves this lack of activism. Terms such as "social justice," "charity," "charitable," "Black Lives Matter," and others can be joined with Kaepernick's name only to show his Instagram posts.

So to Kaepernick: Don't tell me you're doing this because you dislike the oppressive nature of our country. Don't tell me you refuse to stand for the national anthem because you empathize with the plight of minorities in the U.S. Do something more.

March. Donate to educational nonprofits. Volunteer for an organization other than NFL Play60.

Just do something more. You owe it to the people to whom you claim to be devoted.

Now, of course, the point can be made that Kaepernick has done something by starting a conversation — this very opinion piece is evidence of that. But in my mind, the conversation began long ago.

The most impressive thing a famous person can do is contribute to a cause without the grandeur, without the publicity, and without the accolades. It may not be as polarizing or as attention-grabbing, but it would certainly be more impressive, at least to me.

I don't mind if Kaepernick chooses to sit during the national anthem; that just can't be all he does in a true fight for social justice.

— Joseph Lane

COLUMN

After the flood, trying to cope

By EMILY VAN KIRK
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President Obama, following his visit to flood-affected areas in Louisiana, exhorted Americans "stay focused" on disaster relief across the state and "do what you can do to help get families and businesses back on their feet."

China also experienced flooding this summer, which has largely been blamed on Soviet-era construction of cities and drainage systems. China Daily, an English-language newspaper, encourages cities to bolster their systems in preparation for extensive flooding.

While we in America tend to forget disasters after the news coverage has subsided, the Chinese are left to their own devices from the start — they do not have access to infrastructure that can mitigate the effects of such disasters.

Fox News has criticized Obama, contending that "cutting short" his Martha's Vineyard vacation would have

been an appropriate response to the Louisiana flooding. Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has also found fault with Obama's actions or lack thereof, referring to his Louisiana visit as "too little, too late."

Louisiana Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, a Republican who, according to the *New York Times*, "frequently criticizes Mr. Obama," regarded the president's visit as effective. In an interview, Nungesser said, "They actually do care." Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat, was similarly satisfied with the federal response to the disaster.

The Chinese government's response to the flood there exemplifies its tendency to disregard the people's grievances. Rather than respond to the flood directly, the Communist Party relies on a federally sourced news agency to relay information that blames disastrous rainfall on Soviet influence in China. Further, local governments are left with the task of

flood recovery but are without the legitimate means to do so.

The *New York Times* has found that in Louisiana, "some are busy just hanging on." Louisiana residents have had to become accustomed to the devastation associated with rainfall. Flooding over the past two weeks have displaced tens of thousands of people and killed at least 13.

Although President Obama has received considerable criticism for his response to flooding in 2016, former President George W. Bush's inaction 11 years ago after Hurricane Katrina is considered a major shortcoming of his presidency.

It would appear that whether the president, Chinese or American, pays a visit to disaster zones does not have a marked effect on the destruction caused by floods. People in these regions will face hardship regardless of a presidential presence. Federal assistance will provide money for re-

covery efforts, but the president being there ultimately serves to reassure people who are not directly affected by the disaster.

Individuals who and media outlets that take issue with the president's delayed trip to flooded communities in Baton Rouge need to consider their own response to the flood-affected region. "[T]his is not just about property damage" Obama remarked in a speech in Baton Rouge. "This is about people's roots. What I want the people of Louisiana to know is that you're not alone on this."

If we as Americans project democracy and human rights internationally, then we need to be willing to address the people in our own country who are suffering. We cannot rely on the president to solve problems that arise from natural disasters. When we question whether the president's response was expedient, we also need to ask ourselves what we can do to help our people.

UI Student Government to aid student garden

By ADDISON MARTIN
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A brand-new on-campus garden will soon be available to students.

On Tuesday, the University of Iowa Student Government unanimously passed a measure that would provide \$17,000 for a brand-new student garden on campus near North Hall.

With planning and support from the UI Student Gardeners, the allocation is a big piece in the puzzle of attaining a more accessible student garden.

The current student garden is off-campus and not very convenient, said Jacob Simpson and Sophia Coker Gunnink, the co-presidents of the group.

The two said they could not be more excited about a student garden that all students and faculty can access and enjoy.

"We talk about accessibility in terms of people being able to get to the garden, but we're really excited to have it accessible in terms of people with disabilities; we plan to have smooth paths and wheelchair-accessible beds and lots of lighting," Simpson said.

Coker Gunnink said she is also excited about what the garden could mean for all kinds of students.

"We want to make sure we're allowing every UI student to feel welcome, so this is a big deal to us to get that kind of accessibility on campus," she said. "Because it's closer to campus you can get there easily without a car, and we'll have paved walkways so you can go through with a wheelchair, and raised

beds so they are the exact height of a usual wheelchair."

Plans for this new garden have been a long time coming, and have involved numerous faculty members and administrators.

"At the beginning of last year, we came up with a plan, and we first started talking to Housing & Dining, and we had some people in there who really liked our ideas and really wanted to get them going, so they started coming up with the plan," Coker Gunnink said.

She said that by spring of next year, members want to start planting, which means the infrastructure of the garden

will be up. UI Facilities Management will put that in place.

UISG sustainability liaison Shelby Cain said she is excited about the new garden and hopes it spurs a culture of sustainability awareness on campus.

"Since 2001, we've had a student garden, but having it here helps build the culture of sustainability on campus," Cain said.

The funding that will be provided for this garden will cover most of the basics, such as seed, mulch, and tools, said Simpson and Coker Gunnink, in addition to a paid position of a gar-

den manager who will handle upkeep.

The main reason that this garden will be able to be more successful in than those in the past is the support of UI administration and the Facilities Management team, Cain said.

"The backing from Facilities Management is one that we've never gotten before; this has been their dream for a while but there hasn't been the backing," she said.

Cain also said that the money will be funded 77 percent by UISG and 23 percent by the Graduate & Professional Student Government. This puts the UI Student Government



The University of Iowa Student Government discuss several ideas including the student garden proposal on Tuesday August 30, 2016. The garden will become a community space on the campus that will hold classes and other activities like concerts and speakers. (The Daily Iowan/Vivian Le)

contribution at \$1,390.

Akash Bhale Rao, the UISG Sustainability Committee head, stressed the importance

of gardening before the vote occurred.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow," he said.

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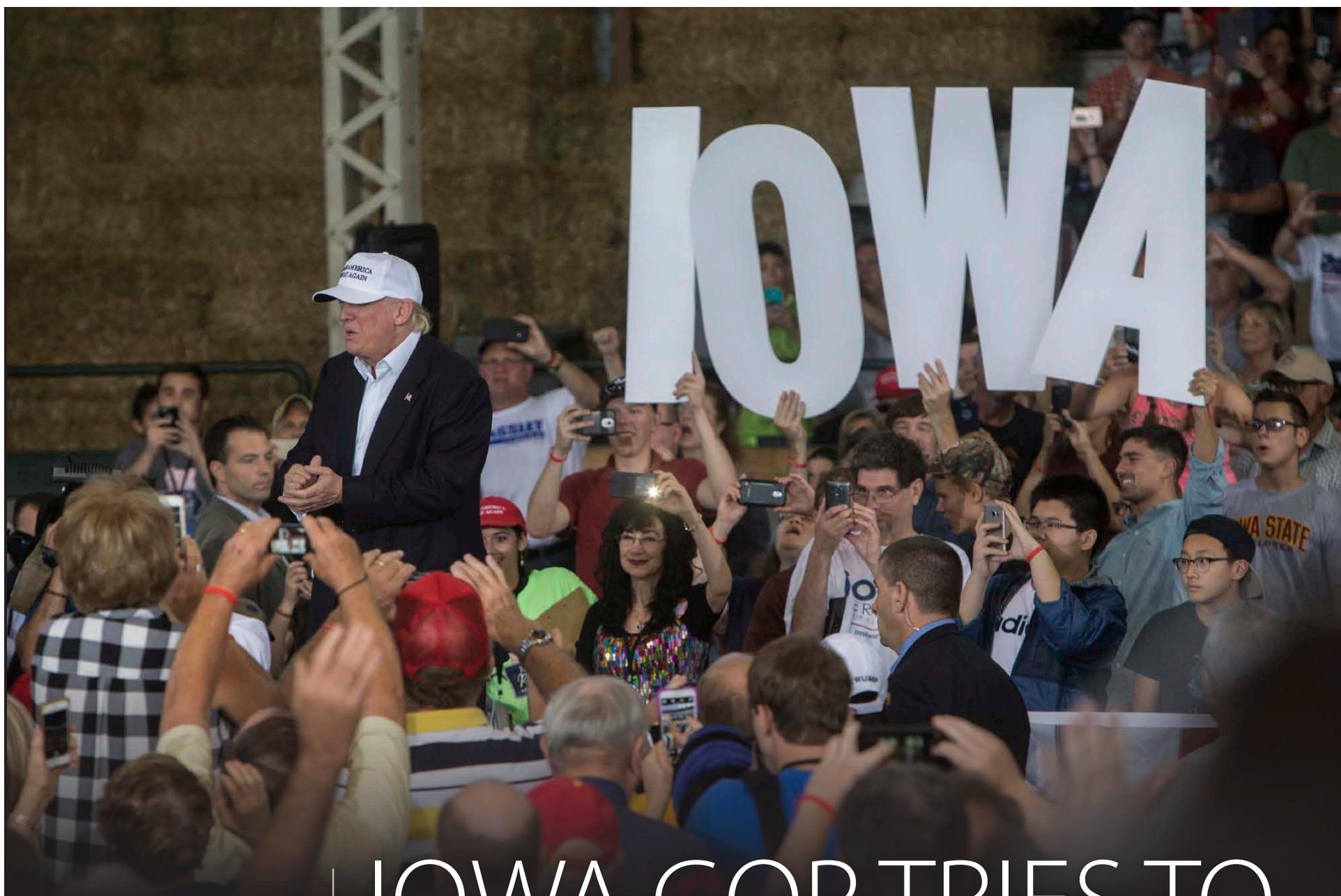
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POLITICS



Iowa Republicans weigh in on Donald Trump's strategy for the battleground state.

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Iowa Republican leaders have spoken out about what GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump needs to focus on to secure the tossup state. Their suggestions include clearly articulating his immigration stance so that the media do not manipulate his words, emphasizing his support for policies that affect Iowans, such as the renewable-fuel standard, and going on the attack mode by iterating Hillary Clinton's recent scandal.

Trump performing well in Iowa represents more to Iowa Republicans than just the six electoral votes Trump would gain.

A substantial number of Iowa Democrats are blue-collar whites who could cross over to Trump and subsequently vote for down-ballot Republicans, too.

Real Clear Politics took four polls conducted between Aug. 3 and Aug. 19 by CBS/YouGov, Quinnipiac, Suffolk University, and NBC/WSJ/Marist and averaged the findings, resulting in a 1.5-point lead in Iowa for the Clinton campaign.

The tight race gives Trump a real shot at victory in Iowa, which could be why his campaign has made five stops in the Hawkeye State in the last three weeks.

In an interview with the Associated Press on Aug. 27, Gov. Terry Branstad said Trump should focus on the importance of restoring what he described as a robust renewable-fuel standard that requires corn-based ethanol be mixed with gasoline.

Iowa is the nation's top producer of corn, and ensuring the continuation of the renewable-fuel standard, which is set to expire in 2022, resonates with Iowa voters.

Forty-seven percent of the corn produced in Iowa is turned into ethanol and the renewable-fuel industry, which also includes biodiesel, supports around 43,000 jobs and accounts for \$4.6 billion of Iowa's gross domestic product.

Branstad also said Trump should highlight his opposition to the Waters of the United States rule adopted by the Obama administration.

The rule granted the Environmental Protection

Agency authority to expand the definition of waters to include headwaters that have a connection to downstream waters including a bed, bank, and ordinary high-water marks.

While the Obama administration contends that the rule is designed to prevent pollutants from entering clean water supplies, congressional Republicans, led by Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, claim it's a regulatory overreach of private land by the government and unelected bureaucrats.

Mark Lundberg, the Sioux County Republican Committee chairman, said Trump's policy proposals are solid but that "he comes into trouble when it comes to his personality."

"The press encourages quick, non-thoughtful commentary, and Mr. Trump at times is a bit impulsive when it comes to his responses," Lundberg said.

Trump has also faced recent criticism over what some perceive as a softening of his hard-line immigration stances, which have been a major pillar of his message thus far.

On Aug. 23, in a town hall hosted by Sean Hannity of Fox News, Hannity asked Trump if he would change the current law to accommodate law-abiding citizens or longtime residents who have raised children in the United States, to which Trump responded, "There could certainly be a softening because we're not looking to hurt people."

At the town hall, Trump also said, "So you have somebody who's been in the country for 20 years, has done a great job and everything else," then asked the audience, "Do we take him and the family and her and him or whatever and send him out?"

Two days later, during an interview with CNN, Anderson Cooper asked Trump if law-abiding immigrants would have a path to legalization, not citizenship.

Trump responded, "There is no path to legalization unless you leave the country. When they come back in, if they come back in, then they can start paying taxes, but there is no path to legalization unless they leave the country and come back."

Trump's unclear position has led to headlines claiming he had walked back from his earlier positions on immigration.

Gary Nystrom, the chairman of the Boone County Republican Central Committee, pointed to those types of descriptions as examples of unfair treatment.

"He needs to learn to get his point across clearly so that the media do not misconstrue his statements," Nystrom said. "He never said he wants to ship everyone away, he just wants to get rid of the troublemakers because it costs our government money, and they take jobs away from hard-working Iowans."

Fred Grunder, the chairman of the Muscatine County Republican Central Committee, said that by refining his position and making the path to citizenship easier, Trump could win Latino voters and prevent media misinterpretation.

Mitch Henry, the vice chairman of the Iowa Asian-Latino Coalition, said Trump refining his position won't help his favorability among Latino voters enough to make a difference.

"When you call Mexican-Americans rapists, murderers, and drug dealers, people remember that," Henry said.

According to a Gallup Poll conducted between June 7 and July 1, 13 percent of Latino immigrants view Trump as favorable while 29 percent of U.S.-born Latinos view Trump as favorable.

Grunder said that Trump could appeal to documented and U.S.-born Latinos by appealing to their Catholicism and conservatism.

"If you came here from Mexico and you're here legally, then I don't think you're against Trump or at least not on his immigration stance," Grunder said. "It could be for other reasons. A good share of the Hispanic population is family-oriented and Catholic and may not agree on his stance on abortion."

Mitch Henry, who is also a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens of Iowa, a nonpartisan organization with the mission to show the Latino vote matters, said appealing to conservatism would not help, either.

"At [the group], we have members from all parties, with people who showed support for candidates like Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush who were conservative but still offered a comprehensive immigration plan, which is what we want, while Trump is just offering to build a big wall," Henry said.

But some Iowans, such as Sandi Winton of Glenwood, are in favor of Trump's candid commentary.

"He's not a slick polished politician; if he was slick, he would be listening to more of Hillary; they know exactly what to say, that's what I like about him, he's not smooth around the edges, he's just a normal guy," Winton said.

Another suggestion Grunder had for Trump was to go on the attack mode against Clinton.

"Focus on Benghazi and her emails," he said.

"People are just going to look at it and not want a convicted felon as a president."

Others, like Andy Hill of Manly, Iowa, are wary of attack-driven campaigns.

"Washington is so polarized that politicians don't know their counterparts personally," he said. "I think we got things done when we were able to sit down, relax, and have a conversation — not just throw hand grenades from the other side of the aisle."

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— Gary Nystrom, chairman of the Boone County Republican Central Committee

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DAILY BREAK

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Crushes I had at age 10 that would still be weird if I had them now, from most acceptable to least acceptable

- Kelly Kapowski. Zach Morris lusted after her, and he had the power to STOP TIME. This crush was for purely practical reasons, I assure you.

- Batgirl, but only from the Adam West "Batman" series — and only when she was in the Batgirl costume (Barbara Gordon didn't do it for me, I guess).

- Janice from the Muppets, whose gender I spent an inordinate amount of time trying to ascertain before realizing I was attracted to the Muppet, not the gender.

- Gadget Hackwrench from Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers. Alas, it could never be. She was a mouse, and I was not. She was a cartoon, and I was a real boy. Also, I'm pretty sure the last name Hackwrench isn't Jewish.

- The Whammies on Press Your Luck — but only when they were in drag, for some reason.

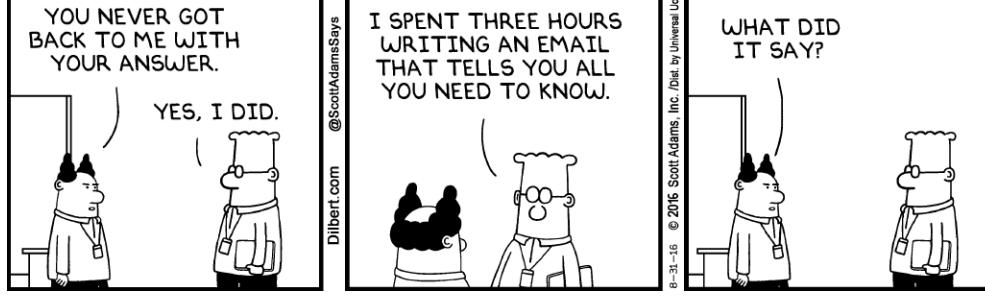
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- **Body-composition testing**, 3-5 p.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
- WRAC Fall Open House, 4-6 p.m., WRAC at Bowman House
- Student Organization Fair, 5-8 p.m., Hubbard Park
- Iowa Youth Writing Project Undergrad Info Session, 5:30 p.m., 40 Schaeffer
- IWP Cinémathèque, 6:30 p.m., E105 Adler

- **Iowa Youth Writing Project Graduate Info Session**, 6:30 p.m., 40 Schaeffer
- **Back to Class Trivia Night**, 7 p.m., IMU Hawkeye Room
- **Comida con ALMA Back-to-School Grill Out**, 7-10 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center
- **Peace Corps Info Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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3-4 LITTLE ASIAN IN IOWA

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10-12 A.M. HYBRID MOMENTS

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Wednesday, August 31, 2016

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep an open mind, but don't buy into something that sounds too good to be true. Determine what's important to you, and find the best way to go about getting what you want. Don't rely on others or let anyone take advantage of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taking on more responsibilities will be limiting, but it could also bring rewards. Dealing with children or handling other people's money will give you a greater sense of what you would like to do professionally. Don't be afraid to make a change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Constructive criticism can help you avoid making a mistake. Problems with people who are a poor influence will arise. Don't allow anyone to put you in a vulnerable position. Protect against loss, abuse, and being used. Discipline will be required.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Taking part in a cause you believe in will change your opinion about someone. Do your homework, ask questions, and don't overreact. Be open to expanding your knowledge as well as your friendships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be amazingly on target with your choices. Scan the internet for alternatives to the way things are being done, and you will come up with solutions to problems that will impress your friends and colleagues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You or someone close to you will experience an emotional revelation that will change the dynamics of your relationships. Explore your options before taking someone's word as gospel. Questioning things is good; acting out of fear is not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Personal alterations will make you feel good about the way you look. A serious talk with someone you want to collaborate with will result in an opportunity to explore a new project and partnership.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in the people who have stood behind you in the past. Your ability to draw people together will be your saving grace. Leave time for romance, and don't forget to celebrate your victory with someone you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let go of the past. If someone wants to reconnect, remember why you parted ways in the first place. Temptation, indulgence, and emotional manipulation are all apparent. Keep your wits about you and your thoughts to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Back away from emotional manipulation. You will be better able to make quality decisions if you stay level-headed and refuse to let others intervene. A unique twist to the way you handle personal matters will pay off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Not everything will be as it appears. Don't make assumptions. A money matter needs to be addressed before you can take on more debt. Incorporate the ideas you have used successfully in the past to get ahead now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to give in to uncertainty or pressure. Do your due diligence, and get to the bottom of any situation you face. Not everyone you deal with will be honorable regarding her or his intentions.

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ACROSS

- 1 Attracted
- 5 Talk and talk and talk
- 8 Opposites of busts
- 13 Scent in incense and insect repellents
- 15 "That's what —"
- 16 Place to find one O
- 17 ___ vinct amor
- 18 "On top of that ..."
- 19 In a Yoda-like manner
- 21 Do the wrong thing
- 22 Place to find two Os
- 24 Mexican shekels
- 27 "That's what — said!"
- 28 Place to find three Os
- 32 "___ said!"
- 36 Messes with 007's martinis
- 37 Year, in the Yucatán
- 38 2003 Benifer bomb
- 39 "That's clear to me now!"
- 40 Place to find four Os
- 42 Vegas performance
- 44 "Maleficent" star, 2014
- 45 Place to find five Os
- 51 "That's unbelievable!"
- 52 Snatched
- 53 Snatches
- 57 Type of type
- 59 Wagner work ... or a possible title for this puzzle
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- 62 "Oh, stop moping!"
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- 2 They're marked on maps: Abbr.
- 3 Hello... hello... hello... hello...
- 4 First baseman in a classic comedy routine
- 5 Maxwell House alternative
- 6 Sync up
- 7 Floated, as a bad check
- 8 How do you like dem apples?!
- 9 Resistance measure
- 10 Ted Turner vis-à-vis the Atlanta Braves, once
- 11 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"
- 12 Bunch of bees
- 13 Local fund-raising grp.
- 14 Lose sleep (over)
- 20 Itemize
- 22 You, in Nice
- 23 Nice
- 24 Tire-changing spots
- 25 Lake that stretches from Toledo to Buffalo
- 26 Scary movie that spawned the spoof "Scary Movie."
- 28 Forensic TV franchise
- 29 Letter on a sorority house
- 30 A O doesn't have one
- 31 "There's ___ in team"
- 32 Year, in the Yucatán
- 33 Citrus hybrid whose name suggests its appearance
- 34 Head for the hills
- 35 Common Yuletide purchase
- 38 Sci. with maps
- 40 Going (batting)
- 41 Title role in a 2012 Tarantino film
- 43 British scientist/ novelist with a wintry name
- 45 Fiona and Shrek, for two
- 46 Star of "Madam Secretary"
- 47 Present-day locale of ancient Sheba
- 48 Pet at Queen Elizabeth II's side
- 49 ___ out (didn't make it on base, in a way)
- 50 Slow, in music
- 53 Refusal from Putin
- 54 One of 100 in Winnie-the-Pooh's wood
- 55 Tiny anomaly
- 56 Collector's goal
- 58 ___ You the One? (MTV reality show)
- 60 Walgreens rival

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NOTEBOOK

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should expect "traction and ground" from a program that recently started something new.

"They're a veteran team," Ferentz said. "They have a lot of guys back offensively and defensively. Like us, their specialists are new, so they're going to ride the roller coaster a little bit, but we've got a lot of respect for them."

Ferentz said veteran athletes made solid progress in camp, along with leading some of its newcomers. Iowa has 34 first or second-year athletes on its two-deeps.

Nonetheless, he knows everyone is eager to get

on the game field.

"It's about getting ready and feeling good about the way we're preparing and then more importantly, coming off the field feeling good about the effort we played with," Ferentz said. "Over the course of 12 games, if you do that consistently, you have a chance. If you don't, you run a risk of not having a good outcome."

First-game jitters

With 21 seniors having graduated, there are a lot of newcomers who could enter the fray.

Whether an athlete sees field time or not, there's no denying that most will have first-game jitters.

Aside from Desmond

King's accolades and his impact on the team, he still believes it's a normal feeling.

"If you don't have first-game jitters, then you're not ready to play," King said. "That's everybody. You should have game-day jitters. I don't know anybody who wouldn't, and I know me for sure I will."

With the number of newcomers that are a part of the Hawkeye family, and many true freshmen listed on the depth chart — especially at cornerback — King's and Greg Mabin's leadership has been vital.

"We tell everyone to relax," Mabin said. "That's the biggest thing. It's not going to be anything they can't handle. We've seen them at camp, and



Iowa Hawkeyes wide receiver Matt VandeBerg (89) tries to avoid Pitt defensive back Lafayette Pitts in Kinnick on Sept. 19, 2015. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

we've seen them making plays. They've been tremendous so far. Once they get the nerves out of their system they'll be fine."

POSITION

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Ferentz said on Tuesday, "We've looked at a lot of guys there. We're a little

further behind there."

Without trying to read too much into what the coach said, it is not exactly reassuring with just a few days before the season starts.

Neither Pekar nor

Wisnieski separated themselves at the position during the off-season, which opens up a tremendous opportunity for younger players such as true freshman Noah Fant. Ferentz noted Fant

during Big Ten media days in late July, and Beathard brought his name up again during Tuesday's media availability. In fact, Ferentz said during his media-day interviews that Beathard had specifically

noted his progression.

T.J. Hockenson is another name that's been brought up and a player who could see time. But, for the most part, the position is in wait-and-see mode outside of Kittle.

Not the worst place to be but not a situation Iowa has found itself in often over the past few years.

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BIG TEN

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Nebraska

The Cornhuskers head into the 2016 season coming off of a 5,810-yard 2015 season, which ranked second in the Big Ten. Senior quarterback Tommy Armstrong, Jr. passed for 3,030 yards and rushed for 400 more.

Nebraska ended last season on a high note, defeating UCLA, 37-29, in the Foster Farms Bowl. Armstrong was named the Offensive MVP of the game.

While his passing average per game ranked No. 2 in the Big Ten, his pass efficiency was near the bottom. Armstrong threw 22 touchdowns, but he also threw 16 interceptions.

"We explored some stuff, tweaked some stuff, isolated some things," Riley said. "There were some things that we wanted to do and needed to basically improve on or find a way to be more consistently successful."

As for the running game, he hopes to steadily improve to get to where he wants the team to be.



Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. rushes during the Iowa-Nebraska game at Memorial Stadium on Nov. 27, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers, 28-20, to finish off a perfect regular season. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

"We certainly found a good identity [in the bowl game]," Riley said. "We would like to be consistent rushing the football. All our teams in the past have been at their best when they're running the ball well."

Ohio State

After losing 12 players to the NFL Draft earlier this year and a boatload of other seniors, Meyer has a young team. In fact, he only has six scholarship seniors on the roster.

The Buckeyes will face

Bowling Green in the first game of the season, and Meyer wants to see how his young — and very inexperienced — team will react to the game-day pressure.

"My No. 1 concern going into this is the quick screens and how our secondary and linebackers how they're going to react to just getting those guys on the ground," Meyer said. "It will be a real quick, fast game, and our job is to win that first game."

"That's just kind of our focus this week. We want to identify this game and where we're at."



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passion is something her teammates notice, said senior Natalie Cafone.

"It's so awesome playing with someone who is so passionate about Iowa," Cafone said. "She has been a die-hard fan her whole life, and her love for the Hawks really grows on the rest of the team. It's great."

This season, Ackers wants to leave her mark on the program by competing for the Big Ten championship. Last season did not go as planned for the team. The Hawks lost five games each by a single goal, including the final two games of the season in double overtime. As a result, Ackers is hungry this season to turn things around. In her mind, there are steps to take, because it doesn't just happen with the snap of a finger. There is a process.

"Something we always talk about is the process, not just the outcome of the situation, so if we can really feel good about the effort we put in day in and day out, I think that's going to be more valuable in the end," Ackers said. "I think that will eventually help us win our goals in the end."

One of the most difficult aspects of being a student-athlete is focusing on academics as much as athletics. Ackers embraced the challenge her

first three years at Iowa, and she wants to continue working just as hard off the field this year.

Ackers plans on graduating this summer with a major in human physiology and wants to attend gradu-



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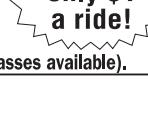


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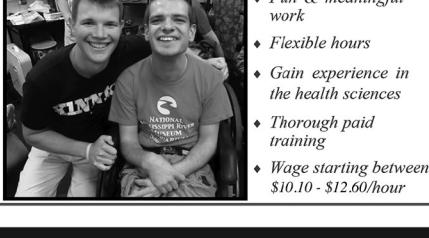
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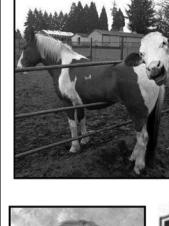
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Hawkeyes eager to be unleashed



The Hawkeyes and Pittsburgh Panthers watch the coin toss in Kinnick on Sept. 19, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Panthers, 27-24. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The Iowa football team will open its 2016 season against Miami (Ohio) on Sept. 3.

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The Hawkeye football season is nearing with just a few days until the team kicks off against Miami (Ohio) on Saturday.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz and athletes met on Tuesday with members of the media for the last time until the season begins.

Game-day changes

Iowa has made game day changes to the experience. A clear-bag policy has been adopted; only clear bags 12 inches by 6 inches by 12 inches will be allowed into Kinnick. Clutch bags no larger than 4.5 inches by 6.5 inches will be allowed.

The Hawkeye Kids Zone has moved to the new turf football practice fields behind the Hansen Football Per-

formance Complex. Families can enter the Kids Zone from the southeast on the walkway between the football practice fields and Banks Field.

Because Iowa City's Gateway Project is still in progress, there are changes on Dubuque Street. Usually, there are four lanes of traffic with two lanes in both north- and southbound directions. During the season, there will be only be two lanes of traffic between Foster and Park Rd.

17 starters returning for Miami

Despite the team's 3-4 record in Miami head coach Chuck Martin's second season, Ferentz showed respect for the Redhawks.

Iowa will return 14 starters this upcoming season, seven on both offense and defense. Ferentz said the team

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2016 FOOTBALL POSITION PREVIEWS

Things get tight at tight end

Hawkeye, tight ends may hold key to offense.

By JORDAN HANSEN

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One of the most important positions by far in the Iowa offense is tight end.

Eight tight ends from the school have been drafted into the NFL, and a number of others carved out a career for themselves as undrafted free agents. There's a reason Iowa is sometimes jokingly called "Tight End U," and Hawkeye senior George Kittle looks like he'll add to that legacy.

Standing at 6-4 and nearly 250 pounds, he is massive. He will start for Iowa this year and probably end up becoming one of quarterback C.J. Beathard's favorite targets.

"He's got a tremendous attitude. Just worked extremely hard, and we've seen him, I think, take really positive steps with every segment of the calendar," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "You want to see them develop and continue to improve. That's where his thoughts are, where his efforts have been."

Kittle hauled in 20 catches for 290 yards and led the team with 6 receiving touchdowns last season. Iowa's roster is devoid of much experience at wide receiver, which means the team will need him to improve on those numbers.



Iowa tight end George Kittle celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the Iowa-North Texas game in Kinnick on Sept. 26, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Mean Green, 62-16. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

After all, the Hawkeyes need to move the ball, and considering Matt Vande-Berg is Iowa's only established receiving threat, it will become a necessity.

However, it's not his only duty.

"As a tight end, I got to block, catch the ball, and keep my back yard clean," Kittle said. "I have to teach my tight ends the right way

to do things, and my role is whatever the coach and team needs me to be."

The Hawkeyes will likely play some younger players at tight end this year, especially with the recent injury to junior Jon Wisnieski. He suffered a knee sprain and probably won't play until at least halfway through the season, which is a big blow.

Iowa loves to use double

tight-end sets on a regular basis, and the team will need to find a second player at the position. Junior Peter Pekar could be moved up in his absence, though that could change.

"Peter Pekar has really done well, continues just to be — he's there every day and doing a good job,"

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BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

Buckeyes, Michigan go young

By COURTNEY BAUMANN

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With only three more days until college football figuratively — and literally — kicks off, the 14 Big Ten head coaches joined for the first teleconference of the season.

A few highlights from the nearly hour-and-a-half-long teleconference include Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh's true freshmen, Nebraska head coach Mike Riley's offensive attack, and Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer's plan for his young team heading into the first game of the season.



Harbaugh

Michigan head coach

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At first, Harbaugh said the number of true freshmen getting playing time would be small. Five, eight, maybe. Now, that number has doubled and then some.

"If we're predicting how many we're going to play this season, I think the number is growing," Harbaugh said. "I think as I relooked at it yesterday; it could be as high as 15 or more."

Harbaugh credits it to the freshmen picking up on the playbook quickly and doing the work to get playing time.

"The true freshmen are really getting caught up on the playbook, and the scheme, and their assignments," Harbaugh said. "They're really asserting themselves more and their confidence has grown. It's all been through preparation and on the field work."

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Black & Gold in the veins

This season, Iowa women's field-hockey senior Chandler Ackers seeks to leave her mark on the Hawkeyes.

By MICHAEL MCCURDY

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Passionate, hardworking, and charismatic are words that best describe Iowa's senior defender and midfielder Chandler Ackers. For those who are unfamiliar with her, she has been involved with the Iowa program for a very long time.

She grew up in White Haven, Pa., where she fell in love with Iowa field-hockey around the age of 8. She was introduced to the team when she attended an Iowa-Penn State game in University Park. After the game, she immediately felt a connection with Iowa that grew with time.

As she was growing up, Iowa field hockey hosted camps around her hometown, camps she always attended, said Iowa field-hockey coach Lisa Cellucci.

"I've known Chandler since she was about 8 years old," Cellucci said. "She would always come to our camps as a kid and then afterwards hang around and play with the players."

Ackers even knew Iowa assistant coach Meghan Beamesderfer from a young age because Beamesderfer played for Iowa when Ackers attended the camps held in Pa. She said their relationship has gotten stronger as time progressed.

Ackers has been passionate about Iowa sports for a long time. That



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