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— Tim Kaine, Democratic vice-presidential candidate

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The vice-presidential candidates of both major parties swung through Iowa on Monday in the midst of a close fight for the state’s six electoral votes.

Democratic vice-presidential hopeful Tim Kaine and his wife, Anne Holton, made pitches to millennial voters at Iowa State University Monday afternoon, and GOP veep candidate Mike Pence made stops in Mason City and Dubuque to address national security and the economy.

The most recent polling shows Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump with a slight lead in Iowa over rival Hillary Clinton. The latest aggregate poll from Real Clear Politics shows the New York business mogul with a 4.3 percentage point lead over the former secretary of State.

Kaine pushes early voting at ISU

In his second trip to Iowa since accepting the Democratic vice-presidential nomination, Kaine lambasted Trump’s role in the “birtherism” movement in a speech that catered to a young Iowa State University audience.

“When Donald Trump decides about the first African-American president of this country to repeatedly go after him and

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CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP

Reinventing the bicycle race

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Mud flies into the air, splattering spectators as bikers speed past, hitting 20 mph or more. Fans all around scream and cheer, and extended hands offer beer, money, and water to the racers.

Welcome to the world of cyclocross, a combination of seriousness akin to road racing with the easygoing atmosphere of mountain biking.

Iowa City will host the World Cup of cyclocross Thursday through Saturday at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The track that the athletes will race on, called “Jingle Cross,” will be used as one of the World Cup tracks for the first time in the sport’s history.

Nine World Cup events will be held this season, in places such as Belgium, the Netherlands, and Las Vegas.

Cyclocross, founded in France, is huge in Europe and in recent years has gained popularity in the United States, despite the cultural differences in the two countries, said Tim Hopkin, the founder of the North Carolina CycloCross.

In Europe, especially in such countries as the Netherlands and Belgium, cyclocross pro racers are treated as celebrities, Hopkin said. However, most fans usually cheer for all the racers.

Brenden Hardy, a local bicyclist and road racer, said cyclocross athletes in Europe are treated in a similar manner to the way football players are treated in the United States.

Some cyclists, such as Dutch racer Lars van der Haar, who has won the Under-23 Cyclocross World Championship twice, have a fan base of thousands of people, according to crossresults.com, a cyclocross statistics website.

In fact, van der Haar’s Twitter has more than 30,000 followers. Other notable cyclists include American racer Jeremy Powers, USA men’s cyclocross national champion, and American racer Ellen Noble, the women’s Under-23 national champion.

Bryan Wenzel, an amateur cyclocross racer who will participate in this weekend’s race, said the elite men’s race is an hour-long race, typically amounting to nine



Wenzel
cyclocross racer

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UIHC wins award for infection prediction

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With its aim to be one of the nation’s best, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics continues to receive national recognition.

A group at the UIHC was one of 20 teams to win the Computerworld Data+ Editor’s Choice Award, according to a recent press release.

Each year in the spring, Computerworld, an online magazine geared toward information-technology professionals, names roughly 20 teams nationwide as winners of the award.

“The award launched in 2013,” Computerworld Editor Ellen Fanning said. “We showcase organizations that are using data to analyze and predict trends.”

When the nominations opened in the spring, Computerworld editors and data specialists had to narrow the nominations to around 20 teams, Fanning said.

“We ask companies to submit a case study and to outline what their project is all about and how they were able to analyze trends,” she said.

Fanning said the UI team won the award because of its interest in creating a program that would reduce patient infection through data intake and prediction.

“The main thing that caught the judges’ eyes was the metrics and how



Fanning
editor

they were able to reduce infections,” she said. “That really put them in the finalist category because it showed that they understood the mechanics.”

UI Clinical Associate Professor John Cromwell, the UIHC director of surgical quality and safety, worked with several colleagues to create the database.

“Surgery patients often have an issue in which many days after surgery, their intestines shut down and stop working,” he said. “Several years ago, we began working on a device that will tell us within a few hours after surgery which patients are going to develop this problem days later.”

Cromwell said he and his team used the device to focus on bigger problems

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Iowa teen heads for political bright lights

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Political activist and transgender Des Moines native Elliot Smith has been selected for Channel One News’ Team OneVote.

Out of more than 100 applicants, he is one of eight teenagers from across the country who have been chosen to represent American youths’ political views. OneVote 2016 is run by the media organization Channel One News.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, the company that owns Channel One News, said in a media alert, “OneVote 2016 will culminate in a mock election in later October 2016 in which millions of students are expected to vote.”

Smith said he is ex-

cited to represent transgender youth.

“It was interesting because when I applied [for Team OneVote], I realized that I hadn’t said anything about my being trans,” he said.

When Channel One found out, Smith said, “They didn’t make it a big deal ... but for me, that’s something that I like making a big deal about, because ... people need to acknowledge that there are trans youth who are doing things, because the predominant narrative is that they’re all depressed.”

When he was 15,

Smith began volunteering with One Vote, Iowa’s largest LGBTQ advocacy organization.

“They lobby for a lot of political decisions, he said. “Right now, they’re working with the police and the jails to try to make that more friendly to transgender people.”

Keenan Crow, deputy director at One Iowa, said Smith is known for his work ethic and intelligence.

“I’m not really sure I’d be able to list everything that he has done,” Crow said. “The thing that he participated in the most was collecting signatures for our petitions.”

Crow said Smith also stuffed envelopes and did data entry, noting, “If he could be at an event, he was there.”

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say, 'You are not a citizen of the United States,' he is basically hauling us back to the most painful chapter in the life of this nation. The most painful chapter," Kaine told a crowd gathered at the university's Memorial Union, comparing Trump's questions on Obama's birth with the Supreme Court case *Dred Scott v. Sandford*.

Starting with Obama's first term in the Oval Office, Trump for years had put forth claims that Obama was not born in the United States, eventually causing Obama to release his long-form birth certificate to put the movement to rest.

On Sept. 16, Trump rescinded these claims and admitted that Obama was born in the U.S. But he blamed Hillary Clinton for raising the question, which is untrue.

Kaine pointed to Trump's "birther" skepticism as a telling sign of his character.

"Somebody needs to ask him, 'Did you really believe that when you were saying it?'" Kaine said. "Because if you did, you either are completely gullible or completely conspiratorial or probably both."

The Virginia senator emphasized early voting and volunteering to a crowd mostly composed of millennial voters. With 10 days until early voting starts in Iowa, on Sept. 29, Kaine advised the audience that "person-to-person" politics would best persuade Iowa voters.

"They trust a word from a friend, somebody they're in class with, somebody they go

to church with, somebody in their neighborhood, somebody they work with," he said. "And the person-to-person stuff in all of these battleground states like Iowa is going to be what's key to succeeding."

Kaine also pushed the Democratic ticket's positions on such issues as debt-free college, LGBTQ equality, and women's health care.

Iowa State University senior Zachary Rodgers, the political director for Iowa College Democrats, who cosponsored Kaine's stop, thought the candidate's message resonated well with the young voters in the room.

"I think most millennials, regardless of party, are pretty accepting of the LGBT community and women being in control of their own bodies," Rodgers said.

In a Monday conference call ahead of Kaine's speech, Iowa GOP head Jeff Kaufmann said the GOP has not written off the millennial vote and that many young voters would be drawn to Trump's message.

"This group is pretty discerning, and they're not going to be captured by ridiculous claims that somehow we're going to have free college education," Kaufmann said.

Pence talks national security, jobs

For Republican vice-presidential nominee Mike Pence, Monday offered a barrage of media appearances to iterate his running mate's policies as well as familiar attacks on his Democratic opponents.

Pence spoke with Fox News' Brit Hume and conservative talk-radio hosts Sean Hannity and Rush

Limbaugh in addition to his speeches in Mason City and Dubuque, touching on GOP presidential nominee Trump's economic, national security, and energy plans.

After a weekend of violence, including an ISIS-linked stabbing attack in Minnesota, Pence underlined his running mate's pledge to "make America safe again" — a theme Trump made central to his campaign at the Republican National Convention in July.

Pence repeated Republicans' criticisms of President Obama and Trump's Democratic rival, Clinton, for their nomenclature of acts of terrorism — "I can't understand much of their approach," Pence told Hannity, emphasizing that Trump will "name what we're fighting against."

Clinton, on her website includes fighting "radical jihadism" in the outline of her national-security plan.

On the topic on nomenclature, Pence also criticized Clinton's "basket of deplorables" comment, saying "that's just carving up Americans and name-calling. We know better than that."

"Mike Pence is one-half of a presidential ticket that perpetuates racism, applauds sexism, and encourages violence. There hasn't been a clearer choice in generations of American elections," said Iowa Democratic Party head Andy McGuire in a press statement. "Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine represent a forward-looking vision of progress and inclusion that will benefit all of America's families, not just a select few."

At a private fundraiser recently, Clinton chastised "half of Trump supporters" for holding "racist, sexist,

homophobic, [and] Islamophobic" views. She later expressed regret, saying "I was 'grossly generalistic,' and that's never a good idea. I regret saying 'half' — that was wrong."

Clinton has criticized Trump in campaign speeches for his tweets that have commonly used adjectives such as "dopey," "wacky," and "very dumb" to describe his critics.

Speaking at Giese Manufacturing in Dubuque, Pence called Trump a "negotiator-in-chief" who would "repeal every Obama executive order that's stifling jobs and growth." He pledged Trump would "cut marginal income taxes across the board for working families, small businesses, and working farms," as well as "lower business tax rates from highest in the world to 15 percent."

He also praised Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad as "the gold standard of conservative governors in America," specifically for his economic policy — Iowa added 23,700 jobs in the last year according to a Center for Employment Statistics survey.

Branstad has followed the majority of GOP senators in pledging not to consider Obama's Supreme Court nomination, which Pence said was "on the ballot in 2016."

"For the sake of the rule of law, for the sake of the sanctity of life, for the sake of the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for the sake of all our God-given liberties," Pence said, the next president "to make appointments to the Supreme Court will be Donald Trump."

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or 10 laps around a track, in which racers carry their bicycles over obstacles or up steep hills. The cyclists can dismount and remount the bicycle whenever necessary.

"In years past at Jingle Cross, the infamous steep hill called Mount Krumpit has become a running section because it is so steep, especially when it is all muddy," Wenzel said. "This is the part of the race where mortals like myself, heart rate goes sky high."

Jingle Cross is just one of many different tracks in the cyclocross world. Each of the tracks is different, creating a new atmosphere every time a participant races on a new track. Many different forms of races are also present, even kids' events.

Spectators are very interactive with the race — many cyclists collide with barriers, usually crashing into or near a spectator, Hopkin said. Fans will often help racers get back on the track as quickly as possible.

"It is a very specta-

tor-friendly course, with spectators on both sides of the track; many spectators will actually offer things to riders passing by," Hopkin said. "Some offer money, while others offer water. Some people might even have beer."

However, all fans aren't quite the same, Hardy said. Lots of fans heckle the racers to have fun by offering beer and money to the cyclists hoping they'll stop.

The unique, laid-back cycling culture can be attributed to the fans as well as the riders, cyclists say. Whether it's pro, am-

ateur, or kids, cyclocross fans always blow up when a winner emerges over other racers.

"If you put beer, ice, mud, sand, Oakland Raider fans, rock-music fans, and a bicycle in a big blender, the result would be a [cyclocross] fans," Hardy said. "[Cyclocross] fans are a tad different from other sports fans, because you're probably not cheering for a specific team, or in this case a certain rider, compared to cheering for everyone racing as whole."

AWARD

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in medicine, including hospital-acquired infections.

He and his collaborators wanted to know if they could identify the patients from the operating room to see who is at risk for infections through data available before and during the time the patient is in the operating room, he said.

In designing the data program, he said, he and his team trained the machine to know potential outcomes and protocols using available data from the hospital.

"We develop the algorithm, train [the machine] based on historic data,

and then we take that and deploy it," he said.

When a new patient is coming through surgery, the device will indicate whether the patient will develop a surgical-site infection, Cromwell said.

"What we did that was unique here is that this is the first time this has

'Our hopes for this project is to open eyes of others and serve as an example that it is possible to use [electronic records] combined with predictive analytics to predict outcomes and improve healthcare.'

— Jose Monestina, data warehouse applications developer at UIHC

ever been used in the setting of the operating room," he said.

He and his team are very proud of this accomplishment, especially because in the course of only three years, surgical-site infections have been re-

duced by 74 percent using the algorithm.

Jose Monestina, a data warehouse applications developer at the UIHC, helped Cromwell support the collection and storage of the data from the electronic medical records in order to design the algorithmic program.

There were a lot of hurdles that had to be dealt with in order to prevent exposure of data to the public, Monestina said, and dealing with the protected health-care information was difficult because the

UIHC has to maintain Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act regulations.

"Our hopes for this project is to open eyes of others and serve as an example that it is possible to use [electronic records] combined with predictive analytics to predict outcomes and improve health care," he said.

One of the great things about this system is that as time goes on and patients change, the machine is able to adapt and recalibrate to learn the changes, Cromwell said.

"It is the evolution of machine learning into the health-care environment," he said.

Creedon said the organization "tried to have a combination of students from across the country who support all political candidates and have a diversity in age."

As for representing the state of Iowa, Smith said, "I think you can see when you come here that we have these really grass-roots advocacy organizations and ... really grass-roots politics. It's very local. I hope that I'm able to show that as Iowans, yes a lot of us are farmers, but even farmers have a lot to advocate for."

SMITH

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It was this kind of work, Smith said, that got him into politics and public health.

"For one thing, as a public-health major, I see guns as a public-health crisis," Smith said. "The rates that are going on are ridiculous as compared with any other developed country. We have the right to feel safe when we go out anywhere."

The importance of gun-control policy, Smith

said, was part of why he started volunteering for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in April 2015. Smith said he also caucused for Clinton, and around the time of the caucuses he first interacted with the Channel One News team.

"They had done a story at [my high school] for the caucuses," he said. "They came to my AP Gov class and they took a few students out who volunteered and talked to us about political stuff."

Later, Channel One sent Smith an email sug-

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University pushes forward on sustainability

As a part of the University of Iowa's 2020 sustainability goals, officials are looking to include representatives from other departments.

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As the University of Iowa takes a step closer to its 2020 sustainability goals, it continues to expand and incorporate different departments into its decision-making.

The Athletics Department is among them. Liz Christiansen, the UI director of the Sustainability Office, said Tony Senio, the sports turf manager for Hawkeye athletics, is the first person to represent the Athletics Department on the UI Sustainability Charter Committee.

The university created a vision for sustainability in 2010 with seven goals to be achieved by 2020. The Sustainability Charter Committee brings together people around the school to make decisions on the goals.

Even though Senio is a new face in sustainability, he is not a new face at the UI.

Since 2008, Senio's job for the Athletics Department has meant he takes care of everything green and growing for Hawkeye athletics.

"Sustainability can be a weird thing for people," he said. "It almost comes off as a negative word,

but it's about perspective. I feel like it's more about doing the right thing; it's about simplicity."

In his position, Senio has many fellow sports turf managers at other universities that he can reach out to for advice and ideas. He said he has friends in the NFL and in Major League Baseball who are good resources for him.

He wants to be a good steward of the land, he said, and is eager to start putting ideas into action.

Another new face in sustainability is Beth Mackenzie, the new recycling coordinator for the

Sustainability Office.

She has worked in the recycling industry for 11 years, starting for the city of St. Louis in 2006. She worked there for six years.

She said she helped residences in St. Louis go from hardly having any accessibility to recycling to "dramatically increasing" the waste diversion rate for the city.

Mackenzie's job experience comes from a city government and a non-profit background, but she said she is excited for the opportunity to work in a university setting.

"It just has a more

vibrant culture that I think will be a fun opportunity to work in," she said. "Just being around young people; young people have really great ideas and a fresh perspective on things."

Amanda Bittorf, a marketing specialist for University Housing & Dining, is also a new member of the Sustainability Charter Committee.

She has worked at the UI for two years. Christiansen said Bittorf is the first person to represent Housing & Dining on the committee.

Bittorf said she has

led a number of sustainable initiatives.

"With housing about 95 percent of the first-year class, I really do think we play an instrumental role in introducing students to sustainable practices and creating habits," she said.

A common theme among the three is that they are ready to get things done and put their sustainability ideas into action.

"I think that recycling bins and low-watt light bulbs are a great thing," Senio said. "But I think we should do more and be expected to do more than that."

ARTS AND CULTURE

Shakespeare queues up with the Q in series

The Creative Matters lecture series will bring a new way to look at Shakespeare with a talk today with Miriam Gilbert and the Q Brothers.

BY CLAIRE DIETZ
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With the *First Folio* at the Main Library, the Creative Matters lecture series wants to take this opportunity to see the *Folio* in a new light: through hip-hop.

The lecture, which features University of Iowa Professor Emerita Miriam Gilbert, a renowned Shakespeare scholar, and Chicago-based Q Brothers, known for the hip-hop adaptations of Shakespeare plays, will take place on at 5:30 p.m. today in Theater Building Mabie Theater. Organizers hope that the discussion will help to address the importance of

bridging interdisciplinary gaps by looking at what binds them together.

Professor David Gier, one of the series' organizers and the director of the School of Music, was "stunned and pleased with how the first year" of the series went, but he wanted to challenge himself to make things even better.

For this lecture in particular, Gier said, he hoped to prompt a conversation about the work of Shakespeare and its timelessness.

In the wake of the success of *Hamilton*, Gier noted there seems to be an emphasis on reinterpreting classical narratives through hip-hop, something he thought the Q Brothers

have accomplished successfully for years.

When asked why Shakespeare should be seen through the lens of hip-hop, JQ, the creative and musical director behind the Q Brothers, answered the question simply.

"To this question, we'll respond with questions: Why not?" JQ asked. "Why did Shakespeare take Greek plays and turn them into iambic pentameter? What would happen if we stopped changing and growing?"

Gilbert sees what the group is doing as more than an attempt at making Shakespeare accessible to a wider audience. "They're not just translating" Shakespeare, she said, but "creating a whole new language" from his work.

When working with actors in the Theater Department, Gilbert said, the group would sometimes have to reference old '90s-era hip-hop beats and rhythms to help the actors connect with the project.

"They're inventing a language, and the way they're connecting it to is through rhythm," Gilbert said. "Look at Shakespeare's verse; it's not about rhyme, but rhythm, and they're very conscious of that."

For the Q Brothers, who begin the process with "a line for line translation into modern rhyme," it is

not an easy task to bring Shakespeare into the world of hip-hop.

"It doesn't all happen at once; it all occurs over dozens of drafts that continue to change when we add hip-hop beats," JQ said. "We begin to reimagine the world and the characters, and once we start settling into an idea, we rewrite the rhymes to fit in that setting and transform characters."

For Gier, these sorts of collaborative discussions are about discovering and discussing the "human impulse to create and the human impulse to discover."

"The through line, the commonality, is that everyone on campus shares

[these impulses]," Gier said. "Whether they're doing biomedical research, or writing a novel these things — in some shape or form — are the expressions of a deeply human impulse to explore and push boundaries."

Q Brothers in conversation with Miriam Gilbert

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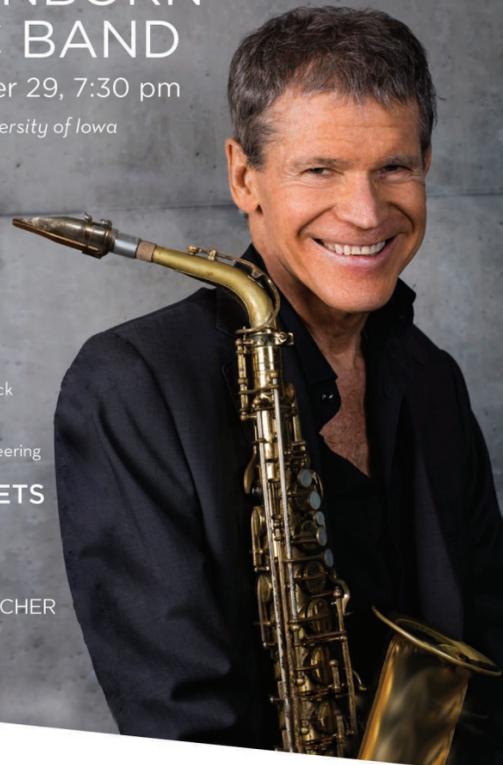
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COLUMN

Trumpster Land reigns



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So ESPN Radio on early Sunday morning, in describing the Hawkeyes' magnificent victory over North Dakota State on Sept. 17, moved the University of Iowa to Ames.

No, really. The announcer said it twice in one hour.

I wondered why this burg seemed so much like a cow town on Sept. 17, but now I know: We actually live in Ames. Explains all the extraordinarily literate people on the sidewalks that night.

Well, OK. It definitely was not a magnificent Hawkeye victory over North Dakota State on Sept. 17 (or any other day — maybe if the Hawks had played them on Sept. 16, they would have caught the Bison napping, or grazing, or something). And, of course, we don't live in Ames. You can tell because we haven't died of boredom yet.

All of that was Trumpster Land, and we don't live there, either. (Not just yet, anyway.)

Trumpster Land? you say. Yeah, Trumpster Land. It's a mythical place, in which America is great again and full of astonishingly beautiful castles, happy white people, magic potions that actually taste good, and lies. Everything's a lie.

Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? We should all go there; it's great this time of year, I hear.

Yeah, I know; on Sept. 16 the Trumpster finally said President Obama was born in the United States. Yeah, I know; the vast majority of us had known that for years, Honolulu being the capital of the 50th state.

But for years (five, I believe, but the Trumpster made it seem like forever; he's good at that, if nothing else, including business), the Trumpster had peddled, espoused, enunciated, snake-oiled the notion that Obama was not born in the U.S. and

thus wasn't eligible to be president. Or even visit the White House, the way the Trumpster seemingly would have had it.

Of course, black slaves built, or helped to build, the White House. As Michelle Obama once said, Every morning I wake up in a house built by slaves, or words to that effect. And, according to *Time*, seven U.S. presidents owned slaves in the White House: Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Tyler, Polk, and Taylor.

Which leads one to wonder, exactly how white is the White House?

The Trumpster, in addition to the birther thing, as it came to be known, also suspected that Obama was a secret Muslim. I'd say it was through veiled comments, but that would be too easy. Also, the Trumpster doesn't veil his comments in the slightest. Apparently, the Trumpster didn't muddle his way through the dictionary as far as "subtlety."

Of course, the Trumpster wasn't alone living in his birther/secret Muslim nonsense; millions of Americans (almost all white) believed it, too. (Can anyone remember, back when Barack Obama was a Christian, white people hated his pastor. Remember that? Me, neither. Who can remember when Obama was a Christian?)

So it was big news (tempted to say "hoooooooooooooge," but I won't) when the Trumpster finally admitted that Obama was, indeed, born in the USA, just like the Bruce.

Of course, the Trumpster being the Trumpster, he had to tack a lie onto that admission: Hillary Clinton, in her 2008 campaign run against Obama, started the whole birther thing.

That is as false as saying the Sun rises in the West. Or that Copernicus postulated that the Earth was the center of the Universe.

It's a mythical place, Trumpster Land, full of astonishingly beautiful castles, happy white people, and magic potions that actually taste good.

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COLUMN

Learning to understand Chinese



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It's no secret that China lacks what we in the West perceive as basic intellectual property rights. Whether you're in the market for a pair of fake Yeezys or a paper for class, counterfeited goods are readily available in China.

Enrolling approximately 3,000 Chinese undergraduate students, the University of Iowa International Programs have introduced Iowa City to East Asian cultures, otherwise mostly unavailable in the Midwest.

The luxury vehicles and brand-name goods surrounding Chinese nationals easily indicate the lucrative wealth associated with traveling from China to America for university study.

Chinese communities at the UI have formed an enclave, spawning exclusive interactions among Chinese compatriots. Even in the classroom, Chinese stu-

dents need not look far for a fellow Chinese-speaker.

Given that in the U.S., a university degree is a step toward career development, in China, college-entrance exams administered in high school often dictate a student's professional future. Chinese students who have the means and the desire to attend university abroad bypass this examination system, instead focusing their high-school career on cultivating a successful college application.

While attending an American college, the norms associated with university life in China remain largely intact in the Chinese student communities.

I grew up in Hong Kong, traveled frequently to mainland China, studied Chinese as my major, and recently spent a summer at a Chinese university. As a result, I have, as an outsider, experienced the Chinese education system firsthand and at different levels.

The most notable difference is a concept called "guanxi." In China, good grades and job potential do not merely stem from hard work but from the relationships built.

It is this fundamental difference between the

American and Chinese education system that has enabled scenarios in which Chinese students violate what Americans perceive as commonsense rules against plagiarism.

Outside of intellectual property rights, a social hierarchy among exorbitantly wealthy Chinese students dictates a system that pays hard-working Chinese students in need of extra money to attend class and take exams for the richer students. This phenomenon is from the mainland and is evident of a growing nouveau riche class in China.

Last spring, the UI led an investigation on at least 30 Chinese students related to a plagiarism scandal. Although limited details are available on the case because of federal privacy laws, it accentuates the likelihood that plagiarism among Chinese students at the university extends further than any single student.

The exclusive nature of the Chinese community at the UI also allows Chinese-language cheating advertisements to go largely unnoticed. Most Americans

unfamiliar with the language easily ignore a sign posted in Chinese advertising an online paper-writing service. Only people who are familiar with the Chinese language and culture realize the reach of opportunities for plagiarism.

From the case I've made, the objective approach would assume that Chinese tendencies toward plagiarism, brought to Iowa by growing populations of Chinese students, can be boiled down to their culture. This is not necessarily the case. There is also the matter of circumstance to consider.

If the university were to extend the reach of East Asian language and culture programs, American students may increase their understanding of the Chinese, who diversify the UI campus. Enrollment rates of Chinese nationals at the university are increasing. The university and American students alike can be proactive by taking steps to understand Chinese culture, as well as the circumstances that lead to instances of cheating among international students pursuing degrees here.

COLUMN

Paralympics deserve equal coverage



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This past week, four athletes beat 2016 Olympic gold-medal winner Matthew Centrowitz in the 1,500 meter race: Abdellatif Baka, Tamiru Demisse, Henry Kirwa, and Fouad Baka. All of these athletes are visually impaired and competed in the Paralympics. Unless you're following the Paralympics, it's not likely that you'd have heard this incredible feat.

I'm not into sports at all, but as someone in the disability community, I have been made aware of this through discussion with my peers. The discrepancy between the media coverage of the Olympics versus Paralympics is monumental. Many television networks claim that the Paralympics are having similar coverage as the Olympics for the first time ever. NBC will air 66 hours of the Paralympics, in contrast to the measly 5.5 hours it aired in 2014. And while it may be true that this is the best year in regards to coverage, that doesn't mean coverage can't be improved. For example, ESPN has zero hours of broadcasting the Paralympics, while it averaged 12-15 hours per day for the Olympics this year. And



Joshua Brewer of the USA moves toward the scoring zone during the gold-medal match in the Mixed Wheelchair Rugby contest during the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. (OIS, IOC via AP /Thomas Lovelock)

"similar coverage as the Olympics?" I don't think so; NBC broadcast 260.5 hours of the Olympics this year.

So why does all of this matter? Well, it matters because representation matters. When less time is devoted to coverage of "different" people versus "normal" people (and I would also question the harmfulness of these labels), it implies, whether consciously or unconsciously, that the group less covered is less important or taken less seriously. And with such a discrepancy, it's hard to argue with this. In the United States, at least we treat our Olympians

with such reverence and respect that they are certainly a breed of celebrity. I watched a total of zero hours of this year's Olympics, and yet I knew many of our team's members by name and face.

Does this simply have to do with my preference of athletes? I don't think so. Remember, I don't even like sports. I knew about Simone Biles and the gymnastic team because my friends sent me videos of them with Zac Efron. I knew about Simone Manuel winning gold because so many people on Facebook were posting about how important and historic her win was. Which, I will readily agree, it

was. Manuel was the first African-American female to win an individual swimming event in the Olympics. Considering that for an absurdly long time, African Americans were banned from white swimming pools, this is no small moment in history. But why, then, aren't athletes with disabilities treated the same way?

Journalists and media networks have a say over what they cover — it's time that they step up their game. Four Paralympians beating the gold-medal Olympian in the 1500-meter race? That seems like kind of a big deal. Let's get that reflected in our media.

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We are made wise not by the recollection of our past but by the responsibility for our future.
— George Bernard Shaw

the ledge

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I'm STILL an undecided voter

- I believe that Congress cannot change while American citizens remain so supremely polarized and overly opinionated; I stand by this belief 100 percent and WILL NOT BUDGE.
- I don't think the evidence for global warming is scientific or compelling; BUT, I do support building a wall (of energy-producing windmills) along the (Canadian) border (to help blow cool air into the United States).
- I know that every time a waitress gets health insurance an iceberg melts; BUT, I also know that lowering taxes for the wealthiest 1 percent increases the price of solar power for those on Medicaid.
- I oppose both the death penalty and assisted suicide; BUT, I'm also in favor of decreasing the prison population by allowing them to fight in televised death matches sponsored by Budweiser.
- I believe that anarchy is the only way society moves forward; BUT, I also know how important is that we unite under a strong leader with good organizational skills in order to realize this dream.

• I'm with Marx in believing that "The last capitalist we hang shall be the one who sold us the rope"; BUT, I also think we should hold on to the noose because communists can't make rope.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks what few friends he has for contributing to today's Ledge.

today's events

- **Building Our Global Community: Introduction to Building Our Global Community**, 9 a.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **Campus-Wide Outreach and Engagement Meeting**, 3 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Sen. Tom Harkin (Retired) Lecture**, 3:30 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Prepare for the Fair Session**, 4 p.m., 1103/1105 Main Library Learning Commons
- **Accessible Technology Panel Discussion, following Harkin's lecture**, 4:30 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Creative Matters Lecture, The Q and Professor Emerita Miriam Gilbert**, 5:30 p.m., Theater Building Mabie Theater
- **Levitt Lecture, Kailash Satyarthi**, 6 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- **Pintura y Cultura, Latino Native American Cultural Center & Lambda Theta Nu Sorority**, 6 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center
- **Faculty Showcase, "What's Hot in Opera?"**, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall

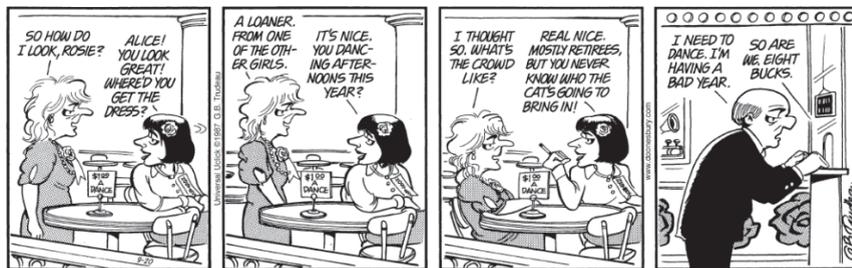
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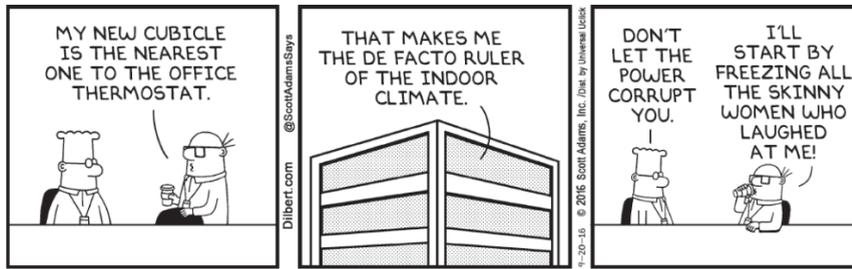
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- 9 News at nine
- 9:30-11 DJ TRAINING
- 11-12 P.M. MICHAEL MINUS
- 12 p.m. News at noon
- 1-2 SPORTS SQUAWK
- 2-3 FACE OFF
- 5-6 News at five
- 6-8 HAPPY HOUR WITH ETHAN & JOE
- 8-10 PUNKCORN
- 10-12 A.M. LOCAL TUNES

DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau



DILBERT® by Scott Adams



NON SEQUITUR by Wiley Miller



horoscopes

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Check personal financial papers, and consider the best way to save. Travel, joint ventures, and finding common ground with someone you love will help you bring about positive changes. A practical career move can be made.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Step up, and take over. Show your strengths, and proceed to the finish line. Putting a little force behind your plans will help you establish your position. Communication will ensure that everyone you summon to help will do a good job.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't go halfway when finishing what you start, it will ensure that your reputation continues to thrive. It's important to go through the physical motions to get things up and running properly. Face your challenges head-on.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let a personal relationship mess with your emotions. Focus on what you can do to improve your home and domestic relationships. Talks will help you find solutions. Use compassion and persuasion to improve family ties.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll face added stress if you let the little things bother you. Instead of wasting time worrying, check out your options, and connect with people who can offer a different perspective on what's happening. Romance and physical activity are encouraged.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A business trip, meeting, or a course that will put you in touch with people who share your concerns is encouraged. Don't make purchases that are superficial or unnecessary. Spend on knowledge, not appearance.

- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put time, effort, and money into your home and family to avoid complaints. Think big, but don't go over budget. A realistic approach to how you handle your finances will leave you with plenty left over for a romantic getaway.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You've got the knowledge and mindset of a leader, so don't hesitate to put your ideas into play. You can make a difference in an organization you care about. An unexpected change will end up being beneficial.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't lose sight of what you have been asked to do. Your success will depend on your ability to get things done without wasting time. A change at home will help to improve an important relationship with someone you love.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Get out, and socialize/network with people who can motivate and inspire you to try new things. Your drive and determination will help you find unique ways to turn an idea you have into a profitable venture.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Communication is best handled with care. Someone will be offended if you aren't diplomatic about how you present your thoughts. Offering incentives will help you get what you want. Romance will help you ease your stress.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take better care of your health. Added stress will be caused by emotional issues that result from a lack of communication. Face problems head-on, and do your best to find solutions that suit everyone's needs.

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The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sounds from schnauzers
- 5 Blue Ribbon brewer
- 10 Mt. Rushmore's state: Abbr.
- 14 Bisque or gazpacho
- 15 Quran deity
- 16 Fit ___ tied
- 17 Guy shouting "Cowabunga!" say
- 19 Romney's 2012 running mate
- 20 Rational self, to Freud
- 21 ___ greens
- 22 Implement for eating 14-Across
- 24 Pulsate painfully
- 26 Onetime CBS News anchor
- 29 Kind of port on a PC
- 31 Troupe grp.
- 32 Brother of Shemp and Curly
- 33 Saver's bank holding: Abbr.
- 36 Revealing skirt
- 39 Like a ram or lamb
- 41 Lacking broad application
- 44 Thin porridge
- 45 Sorbets, e.g.
- 46 Gambler's chances
- 47 MS. readers at Ms., e.g.
- 48 Peter out
- 50 Like rappers Wayne and Kim
- 52 Rammed from behind
- 56 Gets lucky with one's car downtown, say
- 60 Decorate
- 61 Mex. miss
- 63 De-squeaker
- 64 Trebek with all the answers
- DOWN**
- 1 Liability's opposite
- 2 Still in draft form
- 3 Uproar
- 4 UV blockage no.
- 5 Lessen, as expenses
- 6 Birch relative often used in electric guitars
- 7 Popeye's brawny rival for Olive Oyl
- 8 Heartsick
- 9 Hurdles for Ph.D.s
- 10 Thurmond who left the Senate at age 100
- 11 "Um ... excuse me?"
- 12 Deserted
- 13 Documentarian Burns
- 18 Diminishes
- 23 Ironclad evidence
- 25 Quite bizarre
- 27 Tour leader
- 28 Ownership documents
- 30 Auto with a black, blue and white logo

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PUZZLE BY LYNN LEMPEL

- 33 Wrath
- 34 One offering test drives
- 35 Group led by Richard the Lionheart
- 37 Words before "So sue me!"
- 38 Big Apple inits.
- 40 Cello cousin
- 42 Like 10-Down vis-à-vis any other senator in history
- 43 Subj. for the foreign-born
- 49 Like a trait present at birth
- 51 Tablet since 2010
- 53 ___ Hart, lead role in "Chicago"
- 54 Lauder with a cosmetics empire
- 55 Remotely controlled flier
- 57 Helicopter part
- 58 Mall stand
- 59 Job openings
- 62 Output of Santa's workshop
- 64 Gorilla
- 66 Sales worker, briefly
- 67 Superfund org.

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FOOTBALL

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starters this week, which will help, but if they suffer a setback before Rutgers, there might be trouble once again.

Offensive yards per game: 356.7 (13th in the Big Ten)

For starters, this is partially because of the measly 34 rushing yards the Hawkeyes managed to gain against the Bison.

Iowa could get absolutely nothing going on the ground after rushing for 212 and 198 yards in its first two games. The Hawkeyes running game this year is basically LeShun Daniels Jr. and Akrum Wadley. When neither of

them can get going, Iowa's offense is basically Beathard, wide receiver Matt VandeBerg, and tight end George Kittle. That is not ideal. Last year the Hawkeyes had quite a few more weapons, including running back Jordan Canzeri, whose consistency they are dearly missing this season.

Can things get better? Perhaps. Both Daniels and Wadley have had good moments, and Beathard has thrown the ball very well so far. However, the offense needs to improve or this season could get out of hand quickly.

Desmond King kickoff yardage per return: 27.50 yards (2nd in the Big Ten)

One bright spot so far this year has been cor-

nerback and returner Desmond King's play.

No one has really thrown his way this year, but he has played well on special teams and in run support. His biggest impact has been on kick returns, and he's noticeably better at it than last year.

King is finding holes in the coverage and using his speed to exploit them. Certainly, he wasn't bad at returning last season, but he's certainly more confident in doing so.

Ball security does remain a slight issue, though, as he nearly lost a punt return at the end of the second quarter against North Dakota State. Luckily for him, it rolled out of bounds, and Iowa retained possession.

King still does not have a kick or punt returned



Iowa defensive back Desmond King runs with the ball during a punt return on Sept. 17. The Bison defeated the Hawkeyes in the final seconds of the game with a 37-yard field goal, 23-21. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

for a touchdown, and he's visibly frustrated when

he gets close to one. It's not hard to imagine he'll

break at least one for a score this season.

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is even more dramatic. The men (first place) scored 36 points better,

and the women (second place) demolished their 110-point finish last season with 57 points on Sept. 9.

Iowa's doubled the number

of its runners in the top-20 three times already.

At the 2015 Hawkeye Invitational, the men landed three runners in the top-20 spots. They scored six this season,

four of whom finished in the top 15. Last season, three cracked the top 20.

Both teams doubled the number of runners at Illinois State. In 2015, the men landed three runners in the top 20, and the

women scored two. The men's six runners (five in the top 15) and the women's four (three in the top 10) demonstrate what just a one-year difference can do for a team.

Also worthy of note

— combined, both programs have doubled their number of top-10 finishes from a year ago in their first two meets. Ten Hawkeye runners cracked this mark versus five in 2015.

TENNIS

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this injury would be a setback for her trying to play in the starting lineup.

Senior Aimee Tarun, one of Looney's closest friends and doubles teammate for the 2016 spring season, said it was devastating to see her go down with such a terrible injury.

But Tarun has never seen someone handle an injury of that degree as Looney has.

"She's killing rehab," Tarun said. "She has come back so fast, and I think she will be back at full speed before we know it."

The ultimate goal for Looney would be to one day

be back at full speed, but for now, she is just taking things one day at a time and is trying not to take the process too quickly.

Head coach Sasha Schmid knows the hardships of what Looney is going through — Schmid tore her ACL in March of her freshman year while she was playing for Iowa, the same month that Looney tore hers.

"She is gauging some days when it's really sore and backing off," Schmid said. "I think that takes a really mature person to understand how to come back from an injury like that."

The coach has been impressed with how Looney has handled herself, mentally being very calm throughout and what she has physically

been able to accomplish.

Looney has begun to go through workouts with the rest of the Hawkeyes, participating in hill workouts with the team.

Schmid said she got goose bumps seeing Looney finish her 20th hill — proof of her tenacity during rehab. Looney was able to do exactly what the rest of her teammates were doing.

As time has passed, she has made progress in the right direction to ultimately get back on the court. Now, she practices about an hour a day, is running a bit more, and lifting weights.

"I'm getting closer and closer and probably just have about 10 to 15 more percent of strengthening," Looney said.



Iowa's Natalie Looney prepares for her match against UNI at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 26. (The Daily Iowan/Karley Finkel)

GOLF

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ka. There, he recorded the lowest nine-hole record (30) and season average (72.6) in school history. He competed and won the 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur qualifier, 2013 Nebraska Junior title, and the 2013 Nebraska Class C State Championship.

From there, his game got better. In the fall of 2015, during his sophomore year at Iowa, he competed at the John Dallio Memori-

al as an individual. His final score card showed a 12-over-par and a tie for fifth place, his first top-10 finish of his college career.

Last season, Meuret competed in four tournaments, including the ASU Thunderbird Invitational, in which he carded the lowest 54-hole score of his career, shooting a 217 (4-over). He also recorded his first hole-in-one at the invitational.

Next, he aided Iowa in securing a second-place finish at the Hawkeye Invitational by scoring a 225 (9-over) and tying for 45th place.

Like many other players, he does have dreams of playing on the PGA Tour and competing at the professional level. But the focus is still on this season and the seasons to come. When asked about dreams and expectations, his goal was to stay in the now and go day by day.

"The ultimate goal is the PGA Tour; that is something you just take year by year and hope to keep improving," Meuret said. "There is always something to get better at, and you just have to do the best you can in college and go from there."



Iowa golfer Sam Meuret writes on his score pad during the Iowa Invitational at Finkbine Golf Course on April 17. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

BRIEF

'Big 4' to return for more in Des Moines

There is some good news for fans of the Iowa men's basketball team in the Des Moines area and fans of each of the "Big 4" teams for that matter.

Athletics directors at Iowa, Iowa State, Drake, and Northern Iowa, along with the leadership of the Iowa Events Center and the Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau, announced on Monday that the Hy-Vee Classic has been extended through 2019.

The Hy-Vee Classic, which had

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"As a longtime supporter of Iowa college athletics, we're happy to be extending this relationship to bring the state's big-four basketball teams to center stage in Des Moines," said Hy-Vee Chairman, CEO, and President Randy Edeker in a release. "The Hy-Vee Classic is a great way for fans to collectively come together to show their team spirit and cheer on our student athletes."

In the 2016 version of the

Classic, the Hawkeyes will face off against UNI, and Iowa State will play against hometown Drake.

Every school involved will have the same number of tickets to sell to the event, which went on sale on Tuesday. Purchasing one ticket is good for admission to both games.

"We appreciate the continued support of Hy-Vee and are excited that this event has been extended two more years," said Iowa AD Gary Barta in the release. "This is a great event that celebrates college basketball in the state of Iowa."

— by Blake Dowson

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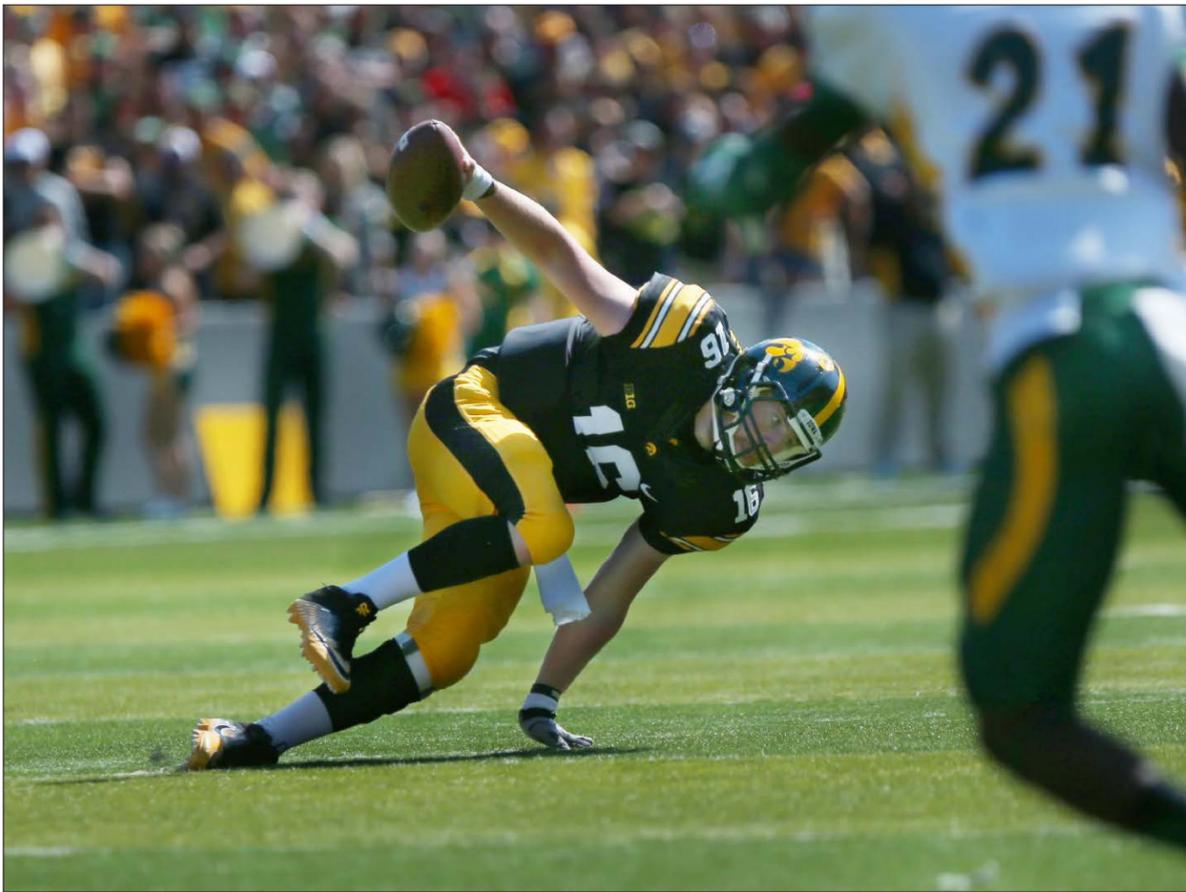
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Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard falls backward during the Iowa-NDSU game at Kinnick on Saturday. NDSU defeated Iowa in the final seconds of the game with a 37-yard field goal, 23-21. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Hawk Looney rebounds after ACL

By **NICHOLAS MOREANO**
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Iowa women's tennis practices are loud.

Walking through the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex when the women are working on their craft, it's impossible not to hear the "Go Hawks" chants from the players and coaches.



Looney
senior

But that wasn't the case one day last spring as the Hawkeyes were preparing to take on South Florida. Instead of chants, screams were heard after then-junior Natalie Looney went for a backhand and immediately fell to the ground.

Looney, now a senior, tore her ACL and is now preparing herself not only physically but also mentally to get back on the court to compete this season.

After surgery, she had to go through rehabilitation and decided to spend her summer in Iowa for that.

Looney spent her first two years playing tennis for South Carolina in the ever-competitive SEC, then transferred to Iowa at the start of her junior year to play for the Hawkeyes.

With the injury happening in her first season as a Hawkeye, Looney said one of the most challenging things going through the rehabilitation process was just accepting that

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FOOTBALL NOW A FIXER-UPPER

By **JORDAN HANSEN** | jordan-hansen@uiowa.edu

By now, the disappointment, while bitter, has to have faded a bit for Iowa fans.

Losing to North Dakota State was not good for the Hawkeyes by any stretch of the imagination, and it revealed some flaws in the team. Now, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has to fix a whole bunch of things, and there's not a whole lot of time to do so.

Yards lost from sacks: 49 (12th-worst in the Big Ten)

Iowa starting quarterback C.J. Beathard is taking a lot of hits this year.

In part, this is because of shuffling the offensive line. Guard Keegan Render made his first career start against

North Dakota State, while center Lucas LeGrand made his second. Both are sophomores and struggled mightily against the Bison after playing fairly well against Iowa State on Sept. 10.

North Dakota State should get credit here for attacking and confusing them continually. The Bison defensive line was experienced, well-coached, and won in the trenches against the Hawkeyes.

However, it wasn't just LeGrand and Render who struggled; Cole Croston had some very bad moments. His worst came early in the game, when he allowed a linebacker to hit Beathard nearly untouched, and the quarterback threw an interception as the ball flew out of his hand.

Iowa has Sean Welsh and James Daniels listed as the

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Meuret shines for golfers

By **JESS WESTENDORF**
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As the Iowa men's golf team prepares for its next tournament, the Windon Memorial Classic at Northwestern, one man stands out.

Junior Sam Meuret certainly gave the Hawkeyes a reason to celebrate after he gave an impressive performance in the Gopher Invitational in Independence, Minnesota. Meuret shot an overall score of 214 (2-under) putting him in a tie for third place representing Iowa at Pioneer Creek Golf Course.

Head coach Tyler Stith was proud of Meuret's finish.



Meuret
junior

"I was excited for Sam, even though he was not playing for the team in the tournament, he still had an opportunity to win a college event," Stith said. "There were going to be 50 other guys there who were good players, and he definitely stepped up. I think it gave him a lot of confidence."

The Nebraska native said he felt good coming off the first tournament of the season.

"I feel confident heading into the next one," Meuret said. "It was nice to get the first tournament out of the way and get back into the competition. As well as getting used to getting ready for tournaments and playing every other week."

Meuret's history and love of the game started with his family and friends. His older brother first gained his interest in golf, but as time went on, the game became more serious and competitive. Now, he has played golf for 12 years and has dreams of playing on the PGA Tour.

"It's obviously a team sport in college, but growing up, the focus was on individual and making yourself better every day," Meuret said. "It is a lot of long-term goals and ups and downs. I just really enjoyed the challenge and found it fun."

His hard work paid off and started to show as Meuret entered Plainview Public High School in Brunswick, Nebras-

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BY THE NUMBERS

Hawkeyes moving up in rankings

By **ADAM HENSLEY**
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As Iowa gears up for its third cross-country meet of the season, both the men and women will attempt to run stride-for-stride with their recent success. Even though it's early in the season, the Hawkeyes displayed improvement from their 2015 campaign, finishing in the top two spots in each of their meets and breaking into the Midwest Regional rankings.

Hawkeye cross-country coach Randy Hasenbank used Iowa's regional rankings as preseason motivation for both squads — neither team cracked the top 15.

Until this season, both teams had been ranked in the preseason top 15 the past five years.

As far back as the regional preseason rankings go on the coaches' website, Iowa has always started off the season ranked regionally. As of last season, the men and women started out seventh and 11th, respectively, and finished 15th and 19th.

Since 2011, that seventh-place ranking is the men's best preseason mark. The women opened 2011 at third, their top mark. In the last five seasons, the men's squad failed to finish better than seventh, and the women finished as high as fourth.



The women runners start the 3k Hawkeye Earlybird Invitational at Ashton Cross Country on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016. Iowa's Tess Wiberding finished first with a time of 10:20.4 to help the team take first. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Last time Iowa cracked the top 30 nationally: Week 7 of 2011.

Looking at the national poll, the women last represented Iowa in 2011, coming in at 27th. They had been ranked for at least one week from 2005-11, ending the streak in 2012.

The men's team hasn't been so fortunate. Its last appearance in the national poll was Week 6 of 2006, under then head coach Larry Wiczorek. Their last

time receiving votes to be ranked was Week 3 of 2009.

Through the early 2000s, Iowa commanded a presence at the national level. But since then, both the men and women have not been ranked at the same time since 2006.

Both teams average 52 points per meet.

In cross-country, the team with the fewest points wins. Given that both teams have

finished first and second at some point during the first two competitions, the point total reflects their placing.

In the Hawkeye Invitational, the men finished second, scoring 60 points (a 27-point improvement on last year's home-opener). The women (first place) improved by 18 points.

The gap between the 2016 Illinois State Invitational and the 2015 meet

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