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Nameless condition plagues drummer



Ricky Biagiola, the former drummer of the Outsiders, and wife Lisa spend the day at the UIHC running tests on his nerves on Nov. 10. Biagiola went to the UIHC because he exhausted his resources in Cleveland. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Ricky Biagiola, the veteran drummer of the Outsiders, visited the University of Iowa Charcot-Marie-Tooth Clinic on Nov. 10 in an effort to understand his undiagnosed medical condition.

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The term “outsider” has been used to describe a lot of things, but the beautiful diversity of humanity shows there are no outsiders in the world.

Ricky Biagiola is a perfect example of this is. A drummer of the rock-and-roll band the Outsiders, playing through an undiagnosed neuromuscular condition. The drummer visited the University of Iowa Charcot-Marie-Tooth Clinic Nov. 10 to try to solve the puzzling condition.

“I started playing drums, weekends and weeknights, when I was 14 years old,” he said.

When Biagiola still had weeks left in high school, he went on

tour to play with the Outsiders.

“It was a thrill to say I was a part of the group, sitting on tour buses with some great names,” he said.

For 11 years, Biagiola was able to perform in cities across different states including his home state of Ohio. He then transitioned to a new job at an electric company, where he started having physical problems with his legs.

“I started out just rolling and twisting my ankles,” he said. “I had to put on eight bandages to prevent this.”

He went to a clinic in Cleveland, where he was given orthotic braces that allowed him to hide his leg issues.

SEE OUTSIDERS, 2

UI holds week of trans focus

UI Trans Alliance is hosting Trans Awareness week, including a variety of educational, community-building, and awareness-raising events focused on the transgender community.

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Solidarity and support will be the main themes this week.

The University of Iowa Trans Alliance will host its second UI Trans Awareness Week from Monday through Friday. This is a week of events meant to encourage a sense of togetherness among transgender individuals on campus and to further educate others about transgender people.

Events include educational workshops for students and faculty, a game night, a potluck, and a candlelight vigil.

One of the biggest goals for the week is to reach as many people as possible, said Sean Finn, the presi-

dent of UI Trans Alliance.

“We have events tailored for students, and we also have a staff and faculty workshop, as well as larger community events,” Finn said. “It’s built for different people with different experiences so that anyone who’s interested can take part.”

All of the events are meant to build a sense of solidarity in the transgender community and also to encourage others to become better allies.

“This week is a great learning tool for people to realize how they can better interact with the



Finn president

trans community,” said Daniel Solon, LGBTQ constituent senator in the UI Student Government. “The educational portion talks about a vast array of things, from what to say if someone comes out to how to call out people when they’re being transphobic. It’s very basic, but basic is good for people who are just learning.”

This week directly follows several days of tumultuous post-election reactions in the LGBTQ community.

UISG President Rachel Zuckerman said there were incidents even before the election with the LGBTQ+ history month bulletin board vandalized in one of the residence halls, and

SEE TRANS, 2

UI looks again at sexual misconduct

The UI recently launched an online refresher program to inform students about sexual-misconduct prevention.

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University of Iowa students may now opt to receive additional training in sexual-misconduct prevention.

With relation to the Success at Iowa online course, the UI implemented the refresher program was to strengthen what is already in place.

The refresher module was provided in response to a Speak Out Iowa survey, said Monique DiCarlo, the UI sexual misconduct response & deputy Title IX coordinator.

The results of the survey, to which only 9.3 percent of UI students responded, showed that 21 percent of undergraduate females reported being raped since enrolling at the university. Of this population, 11.4 percent reported being raped in their first semester.



DiCarlo coordinator

“The research literature that suggests first-year female students are at greater risk of experiencing sexual victimization during their first weeks of their first semester of college,” DiCarlo said.

All students are required to take an online course called Success At Iowa before attending the UI. The course includes information about preventing sexual misconduct.

This is the first time the UI has had the refresher program available, though it has provided online sexual-misconduct education for six years, said Rebecca Don, a behavioral health consultant for UI Student Health & Wellness.

“We have one module for undergraduates and transfer students that is called ‘Every Choice’ and a different module for graduate professional students called ‘Not Anymore,’” she said.

The overall messages are similar in both programs, but each one is targeted to the particular population, Don said. The UI saw the refresher program as a way to provide additional information during “high-risk periods,” such as now, she said.

“It is important to for students to understand sexual-assault prevention from the very start of their university careers, which is why students are asked to complete the full module prior to the start of the school session,” Don said.



Don consultant

The UI also noticed while this is a beneficial time to receive this information, students are busy with classes as well and learning new things, which is why a refresher program was seen as necessary, Don said.

“The research suggests that providing a refresher module helps increase the likelihood that students retain the knowledge gained in the primary module,” DiCarlo said. “This additional module will still appear in the Success at Iowa course.”

The UI is also working on ways to reach out to all students outside of Success at Iowa.

“As a campus, our prevention and education efforts were really trying to

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THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE VOX



UI sophomores Madison Phelps and Andrew Winkers stand in the fourth-floor atrium of the Voxman Music Building on Monday. Voxman, a 189,000 square-foot facility, opened earlier this year. (The Daily Iowan/Olivia Sun)

OUTSIDERS

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Even with all the diagnostic tests, his neurologists could only say he had some sort of “multi-focal neuropathy with conduction block” in his calf muscles and hands. “They weren’t able to narrow it down or put a name on my condition — the reality was that I’ve had it for a long time and am doing fine, and I’d just have to deal with it,” he said.

Biagiola was able to work with his condition into his early 60s, but his employers noticed him slowing down in work. So Biagiola and wife Lois decided the best thing for him to do was retire.

“I have no regrets, but I was a little disappointed and felt let go because of my condition,” Biagiola said.

Lifting a credit card from a table or buttoning a shirt are often taken for granted

in life, but not for him. Imagine functioning after taping down the thumbs of the hand to the palm.

A friend, Mark Dyken, a University of Iowa professor of neurology and Biagiola’s bandmate, recommended that he visit the UI Charcot-Marie-Tooth Clinic, which diagnoses and treats people with the condition.

Charcot-Marie-Tooth is a form of peripheral neuropathy, or a dysfunction that affects the nerves that extend to the hands and legs.

“We get people from infancy to their 90s, and typically the muscles and nerves affected are farthest away from [the center of] the body,” said Shawna Feely, UI genetic counselor in the clinic.

There is a spectrum with Charcot-Marie-Tooth.

“Typically, Charcot-Marie-Tooth includes impairment of motor and sensory serves, but this isn’t true for all cases — some may have

pure sensory or pure motor dysfunction,” Feely said.

This spectrum contains more than 50 forms of Charcot-Marie-Tooth, all of which can be passed on in families through different genes.

After Biagiola’s visit to the UI clinic, genetic testing is next to try to find his causative gene and diagnosis.

When it comes to Charcot-Marie-Tooth, there are no medical treatments that can slow or prevent symptoms after a genetic cause has been confirmed.

“I realize that I’m not going to get a cure or a treatment,” Biagiola said.

Nevertheless, Biagiola still wants to do his part to help others with a similar condition.

“I’m curious if there is something I could have done earlier to prevent my condition, mainly to educate others in a similar state,” he said.

Nevertheless, the drummer continues to drum, and Biagiola has continually been performing despite having to

hold drumsticks differently and play with gloves.

He was recently approached to reform the band, and he hopes the rebirth will develop into something the group wants to do longer.

“Being a musician is probably what has helped him continue engaging his hands and legs to prevent further atrophy,” Dyken said.

Biagiola leads a normal life. Like everyone, he needs help every now and then, but fortunately, he has support from his wife.

“He is my hero,” Lois said. “From drumming to remodeling a house, this guy can do it all.”

Despite his afflictions and that he still doesn’t have the name of his condition, his abilities as a loving, hard-working husband, father, friend, and virtuoso have persisted.

As an epitome of the strength and beauty that is humanity, Biagiola is no outsider.

TRANS

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she said she has heard anecdotes of increased slurs and derogatory language.

“What we’re seeing on the national scale is an increased level of hatred,” Zuckerman said. “What we’ve also seen in Iowa City and on campus is quite a bit of solidarity, including vigils and protests that have united the community and aim to spread love.”

Some of the events taking place will be affected by this recent political climate, as the transgender community has been experiencing negative aftershocks.

“Our community events will probably be the most affected. A lot of people in the trans community are feeling that they won’t be safe, that they’re going to lose their rights, that they’re lose access to health insurance,” Finn said. “Generally, everyone is kind of facing the unknown; a lot of people are going to come together to

comfort each other and really form that bond that we’re all going to stick together and stand up for each other.”

The candlelight vigil is the central event, taking place on Thursday, and it is part of Transgender Day of Remembrance, an international observance that began in 1999.

“The Day of Remembrance started after the murder of a trans woman, and throughout the year, we rack up a list of names of people who have been murdered [or taken their own lives] because they were

trans,” Finn said. “During the vigil we read the names. It’s a very powerful event for bringing people together and makes the issue feel really real.”

This week was created to build community among the transgender population here on campus.

“One of the most dangerous situations for a person in a marginalized group is to feel isolated,” Finn said. “I think that weeks like these allow people time to think, take heart and feel like they’re not alone.”

REFRESHER

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expand and broaden,” said Susan Junis, the the Rape Victim Advocacy Program prevention-education coordinator.

“A lot of our sexual-violence and intimate-partner-violence prevention happens during the first year [of school], and of-

ten, it’s pre-Orientation or during Orientation.”

If students requested training, someone would work with them, she said, whether that be from residence halls, fraternities and sororities, or athletics.

“We don’t have a way to reach all students for an additional education opportunity unless they request it,” she said.

RVAP wanted to fig-

ure out ways to reach all students after Orientation at least one more time, Junis said.

“The timing of the refresher is intentional,” Don said.

Students now have more than half a semester under their belts, so a lot of this information may resonate a little more, she said.

“Now, they are able to put it in context of their

lived experience,” Don said.

The refresher program is available through a voluntary basis, DiCarlo said. But starting in January, it will become a required component of the Success at Iowa course for all new students.

“We are hopeful that adding this module will help students retain information, increase help-seeking behavior, and support bystander action,” she said.

METRO BRIEFS

City gets new assistant city manager

Iowa City has hired a new assistant city manager. Ashley Monroe’s employment will begin Dec. 1. Her appointment fills the gap left behind by Geoff Fruin’s promotion to city manager in July. Monroe attended Northern Illinois University, where she earned a bachelor’s in political science for public administration and a master’s in public administration for urban management. She also has a broad range of municipal experience covering city administration, communications, finance, land-use planning, and sustainability initiatives. Previously, Monroe worked for the Village of Hoffman Estates, a town of 52,000 in the Chicago area. Monroe began working in 2007 and was

employed as an assistant planner, management analyst, and assistant to the village manager.

In the email announcing Monroe’s hiring, Fruin said he is enthusiastic about working with her.

— by Molly Hunter

UI puts out crime alert

The University of Iowa police issued a crime alert Monday evening about an incident that occurred at a West Side residence hall.

The report said that around 12:20 a.m. on Sunday, a resident awoke to the sound of a person entering the room. The resident believed the door was locked, but checked to find it was not. The police were called when the resident realized some items were missing. The police officer who responded to the

call did not discover any evidence of forced entry into the room.

The UI police encourage residence-hall occupants to lock their doors and report any suspicious activity by calling 911.

— by Katelyn Weisbrod

Leach named interim Art-Museum head

The University of Iowa announced Visiting Professor Jim Leach, a former Iowa congressman and chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will become the interim director of the UI Museum of Art.

Leach will take on the role Jan. 1, 2017, when current director Sean O’Harrow leaves to pursue a leadership position at the Honolulu Museum of Art. Leach will serve as the

interim director until a permanent one is hired.

Leach’s job will oversee the rest of the international tour of Jackson Pollock’s *Mural* while closely working with external architects as the Art Museum designs a new facility.

Leach, who holds 14 honorary degrees, is UI head in public affairs and joint visiting professor in the College of Law and the Political-Science Department.

While serving as the interim director of the UI Museum of Art, he will retain his visiting faculty positions.

Leach has many years of leadership roles, including serving in Congress for 30 years, being a professor at Princeton, and for four years leading the National Endowment for the Humanities.

— by Jenna Larson

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UI clinic probes a rare cancer: neuroendocrine

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While cancer takes many names and forms, all types of cancer create feelings of sadness in the patients and families affected.

One of the lesser-known forms is neuroendocrine cancer, which refers to tumors that begin in neuroendocrine cells, located throughout the body but primarily in the digestive system and lungs. Despite its rarity, neuroendocrine tumors are becoming increasingly prevalent, with an estimated incidence of five cases per 100,000 people.

The internationally renowned University of Iowa Neuroendocrine Cancer program, which

recently celebrated its 17-year anniversary, is filled with physicians and staff devoted to providing the best clinical care available for patients. Its researchers are making discoveries that can make cancer treatment even better.

"Neuroendocrine cancer is such a rare cancer, but we encourage recently diagnosed patients in the Midwest to come in for a visit so we can comprehensively help them," said Thomas O'Dorisio, a UI professor of internal medicine and co-director of the Neuroendocrine Clinic.

The neuroendocrine tumors metastasize to other parts of the body.

"As with all other types of cancer, it's not uncommon for patients to come in feeling detached," O'Dorisio said.

O'Dorisio and staff in the clinic first use a flowchart of treatment options and strategies to decide the best treatment for each person, but even this "algorithm of care" cannot always boost the morale of patients.

"What really brightens up patients is when I tell them the lock analogy," O'Dorisio said.

The "lock" is a type of receptor on neuroendocrine tumors that can be quantified during the patient's first visit. These locks have keys, or

hormones, that can bind to the receptors and slow the growth of the tumors.

"You need only 10 percent of these tumor cells with receptors to have an effect from the hormone and slow down the tumor from growing," O'Dorisio said.

The unique thing about neuroendocrine tumors is the cancer spreads slowly, and patients can sometimes benefit from surgical intervention.

"We still believe in taking out the primary tumor to prevent additional, future metastases," said James Howe, a UI professor of surgery and co-director of the clinic.

Beyond expert clinical care, the center and

its team of specialists conduct research to understand the molecular biology of neuroendocrine tumors. Last year, the clinic was awarded a very prestigious, \$10.67 million Specialized Programs of Research Excellence grant.

"Further understanding of the molecular biology of neuroendocrine tumors can potentially lead to earlier diagnoses and better therapies," said Sue O'Dorisio, a UI professor of pediatrics and the principal investigator for the grant.

The main goals of the grant are to test new treatments and develop improved approaches to detecting tumors.

"We have a valuable resource by having one of the world's largest collection of neuroendocrine tumors," Howe said.

The research and clinical teams have come a long way over the past 17 years, as seen by the grant received last year and because the clinic has helped more than 1,800 patients to date.

As for the future, the advancement of neuroendocrine cancer research and clinical care at the UI will hopefully lead to better outcomes for patients.

"The most important thing is that the patients come back, and they have been cared for every time," O'Dorisio said.

Voyaging beyond space using microfabrication

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In the University of Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories, a giant metal box creates designs and images on a nanoscale.

The Raith Voyager, an electron beam lithographer — a nanoscale laser printer — gives the UI great opportunities to work in microelectronics, said Aju Jugessur, the director of the UI microfabrication facility.

Jugessur said the Raith Voyager makes images for a variety of uses that can be 10,000 times smaller than a human

hair. Some of these uses, he said, include transmitters in cell phones, improvement in solar cells, and work in the biomedical field.

In the future, he said, this technology can be used to make chips allowing in-home blood tests done by individuals.

"The industry keeps pushing the size of things down to fit more features in [them]," Jugessur said.

UI student Andrew Textor said the Raith Voyager shoots a very small beam of electrons to create desired images. Then, printing the images can be done

on the nanoscale.

UI graduate student Russell Ricker said the process of using the machine is fairly simple. After sketching out an image or drawing shapes, he said, the image is uploaded to the Raith Voyager and tested.

Once student training is completed, Ricker said, there is an hourly fee of \$50 to work in the lab, he said.

The Raith Voyager is housed in a clean room in the lab, he said. This ensures the machine to be free of dust and other airborne particles that could potentially interfere with

the creation of images.

Jugessur also said gloves and masks are to be worn when handling the tool, so as not to contaminate it.

The Raith Voyager is a German machine first made three years ago, Jugessur said. While there are other machines performing similar functions, only three Raith Voyagers exist in the United States, he said.

When the lab was damaged in the 2008 flood, he said, a similar tool to the Raith Voyager was unable to function. As the building was renovated and technology changed, he said, the perfect opportunity

came about for the UI to purchase the \$2 million machine. Also, Jugessur noted, there was a demand for the tool for research.

Ricker said the microfabrication facility has expanded greatly since Jugessur became director, and a multitude of tools in the facility are new and provide fantastic opportunities in furthering research. He said he finds being able to work in the labs and with the Raith Voyager extremely rewarding.

"[The Raith Voyager] is pushing the boundaries of what we understand about the very, very small," he said.

Textor also said he is

very grateful to be able to work with the Raith Voyager, as well as other machines that are worth several cars. The tool is the best one of its kind that can be purchased in the academic world, he said.

"Not many schools have access to a tool of this caliber," he said.

While the UI is one of the few institutions that have a Raith Voyager in the county, Jugessur expects this to change over time, as well as a general expansion of technology similar to the tool.

"Microfabrication is growing fast, so I expect other universities will use this in the future," he said.



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COLUMN

Trumpire strikes back



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So the election is over, and the Trumpster is president-elect. Predictable, that in this weird beyond weird election season, we'd wind up taking up residence in Weird City (a Greg Brown phase that I shamelessly stole). But across the nation, shock that Donald Trump won. Shock, shock, shock. Well, at least it's not Shock & Awe, which, as we remember, didn't work out so well in either phase.

I wasn't shocked. I possess an anti-shock machine, which, generally, you can only get from the U.S. military. I, however, didn't steal from the U.S. military; a friend built me a shockless machine, a Rube Goldberg apparatus that spins shock into so many ludicrous positions between Rube and Goldberg that eventually shock gets bored and falls asleep. Shockless.

I blame Jeb Bush. He had the money. He had so much money he was backstroking in millions of dollars. He also had the family name. And he was bilingual.

(Not sure exactly how much being bilingual means anymore in America. Used to be, intelligence, too, meant something in America, but, oh well, that's so old school now. Perhaps it's so ancient school. People hundreds of years from now will rediscover intelligence in a language that looks like hieroglyphics to them. Good luck finding a Rosetta Stone.)

But Jeb Bush, who should have won the GOP nomination, backstroked himself right into nowhere. (What's the weather like out there, Jeb?) And then, here came the Trump machine, grinding its bulldozer way into the 1890s and early 20th century and into the hearts of Americans.

Well, certainly not all Americans. Hillary Clinton won (and

is continuing to win) the popular vote by 630,00 or 700,00 votes or so. Some believe she might win that vote by 1 million to 2 million votes.

But the polls, you say. They were so wrong. So, so wrong.

Not really. If you paid attention to Nate Silver, the founder of Fivethirtyeight, he had warned for at least two weeks before Election Day (particularly after the James Comey letter 11 days before the election) that the Trumpster had a path to winning the White House, because of the narrowing polls and particularly because of Clinton's polling weakness in the swing states.

Or as Silver put it on the morning of Election Day:

"Clinton's coalition — which relies increasingly on college-educated whites and Hispanics — is somewhat inefficiently configured for the Electoral College, because these voters are less likely to live in swing states. If the popular vote turns out to be a few percentage points closer than polls project it, Clinton will be an Electoral College underdog."

Well, yeah. Nationally, polls had her up 3 percentage points; she's probably going to wind up at 1-2 points better. And the Electoral College loser.

As Silver has pointed out, if Clinton wins 2 percentage points more, she wins 307 electoral votes and the White House.

Which brings us, inevitably, to the Electoral College. Twice now in the last five presidential elections, the winner of the popular vote has lost the so-called College. So when most of the American voters speak, they don't get heard. Or, rather, ignored.

Why, we wonder, are 21st-century American voters saddled with a relic of the 18th century, designed in large part by slave owners who didn't want a direct election of the president?

So we could have a white, old, president who revels in misogynist, bigoted blustering and appoints a senior adviser with a friendly attitude toward white nationalists?

Apparently. Gives a whole new meaning to "White House."

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COLUMN

We cannot become desensitized



Protesters demonstrate in the intersection of Clinton Street and Iowa Avenue while disrupting traffic on Nov. 11. Community members carried signs and participated in chants against President-elect Donald Trump. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)



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Since Election Day, I've heard and read of far too many instances involving threats and bigotry toward marginalized communities.

A friend is part of the LGBTQ fraternity here on campus, Delta Lambda Phi. Two days after the election, one of his fraternity brothers received eight different hateful comments and threats on his Instagram. My African-American cousin has had people bring the Confederate flag into his place of work and say that they refuse to be served by him. My Russian and disabled friend received a message the morning after the election telling her that she does not belong here and that she should go back to Mos-

cow because she is a drain on our government. My brother's friend, riding the subway in D.C., was grabbed by a man and told "now that Trump is president, I can do whatever I want, and you're lucky you're not prettier, or I would right now."

I've heard of numerous people of different ethnicities, living here in Iowa City, who have received notes calling them "terrorists" or the N-word, telling them to leave, all of which has been documented in photos of the notes posted on Facebook. These things are happening, they cannot be ignored, and they need to be stopped.

I also know people who believe all the fear and protesting in response to the election to be melodramatic. They claim that those who are feeling threatened or scared for their futures should "suck it up." But, asking for those who feel fearful to stop complaining or to simply be positive is asking them to be silent. Silence is something

that so many minorities have been told to do for far too long.

I urge everyone who feels uncomfortable by those of us who have voiced our fears to consider this: Why do you feel uncomfortable? Why do you not want to hear what we have to say? Because in doing so, you have to reconcile your own complacency and apathy? Because in doing so, you have to acknowledge that your vote helped make this a reality? This is not an accusation, this is just an honest question and an honest plea to look hard at your own beliefs and your own actions or lack thereof.

I know people who have said they are frustrated that people are "complaining" instead of coming up with actual solutions.

My response to that is this: People are organizing, and people are trying to come up with ways to move forward. But at the same time, many of us are incredibly scared.

This fear is not lessened by claims that we do not have the agency to voice

our concerns and it is our sole responsibility to fix this.

A solution I would like to propose: Those who feel comfortable with a Trump presidency should acknowledge their privilege. Individuals who do not have to constantly think about their skin color, religion, sexual orientation, disability status, and gender need to listen to those of us who are not feeling safe. Privileged individuals need to offer support and protection rather than simply brush off what is happening. This is everyone's responsibility.

What absolutely cannot happen is for these voices to be silenced. This country cannot accept these recent acts of violence and hatred as a new reality. We need to stop them, let society know that this is not acceptable and that we have minorities' backs. We do this by talking, by listening to those who are feeling threatened, and by taking a stand. We cannot become desensitized.

COLUMN

Grassroots spur pro-grass movement, but not in Iowa



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Election Day has come and passed, yet people are still chiefly concerned with Trump's improbable triumph. But, there are other results that warrant discussion.

On Nov. 8, eight of nine states succeeded in passing measures regarding marijuana, either recreationally or medicinally. Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, and California passed initiatives on recreational marijuana. Thus, these states have joined Alaska, Washington, Colorado, Oregon, and the District of Columbia as "weed-legal" areas. Along with these states, medical marijuana became legal in Florida, Arkansas, Montana, and North Dakota, which set the number of

states allowing medicinal marijuana up to 28, along with D.C.

These results mean that a majority of the states now approve of marijuana for medical purposes. However, it appears Iowans hoping for big advances in marijuana legislation are likely to be disappointed in the near future. Currently, Iowa is not one of the 28 pro-medical marijuana states. Although in 2014 the Iowa Legislature passed a bill allowing marijuana to be used as a treatment for those with severe epilepsy, there is still no law permitting the widespread use of marijuana for medical purposes.

You may think it is odd that Iowa, one of the first states to legalize gay marriage, is behind the times when it comes to marijuana. In March, a *Des Moines Register* poll found that 78 percent of Iowans support medical marijuana. So why hasn't Iowa followed suit and legalized medical marijuana across the board,

rather than restricting it only to patients with epilepsy?

First, Iowa doesn't have a large enough grassroots initiative. Some states, such as California, frequently use advocacy groups to circumnavigate the legislative process by giving grassroots efforts the capacity to propose policies or amendments that are then voted up or down by citizens. Meanwhile in Iowa, a policy must go through the proper political processes by first making it through the state Legislature and then ultimately through the governor.

Second, even though Iowa doesn't have the initiative that would allow direct action on issues, you would also think that if 78 percent of popular support would lead to government action regarding the issue. After all, aren't our representatives supposed to represent the interests of their constituents?

To this end, there have been numerous

efforts in the state Legislature over the last few years to broaden medical marijuana use in Iowa, but they have all failed. This could be a result of strong Republican leadership in Iowa.

Admittedly, it's tough to figure out exactly why things do or do not happen, but intuition says that a Republican governor and Republican controlled House of Representatives might be the force blocking action on marijuana policy in Iowa.

Now that Iowa now has a unified Republican controlled government, owing to the party's recent victory in the Iowa Senate, it would appear that Iowa will not join the rash of states legalizing marijuana. Then again, who knows? The Cubs won the World Series, and the Hawks knocked off Michigan, so anything is possible. But I think it's safe to say that expanded marijuana legalization in Iowa is unlikely in the next political cycle.

UI conference boosts Iowa organic farming

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The University of Iowa hosted the 16th-annual Iowa Organic Farming conference to educate and spread awareness of the benefits of organic farming, as compared to conventional farming.

The conference consisted of roundtable discussions, guest speakers, and vendor visits, all intended to cultivate a greater understanding of organic farming. It was held in the IMU Sunday and Monday.

Co-chairman of the conference George McCrory said Iowa is the leading U.S. state in organic farming. The event is hosted by the UI and Iowa State University, but was held in Iowa City because a high concentration of organic farms in and around Johnson County, McCrory said.

"It's a great opportuni-

ty for the industry to get together," he said. "We have a great range of both specific and more general workshops, intended to aid both small family farms and larger-scale farms from across the state."

"The main reason many farmers don't use organic-farming techniques is because they simply don't know how," said ISU horticulture Professor Kathleen Delate, a co-head of the conference. "The goal of this conference is for farmers of all backgrounds to break from conventional habits and improve Iowa farms through organic systems."

While organic farming is much more management-intensive than conventional farming, Delate said, it is actually a cheaper way to farm.

"Organic farming is a \$43 billion industry in the United States, and the

elimination of pesticides and fertilizers leads to cheaper, more sustainable farming techniques," she said.

The theme of the conference was "resiliency," the notion that although there may be challenges and unexpected deterrents that can come with organic farming, a resilient and adaptive mindset can lead to a prosperous farm.

"Farmers need to have an open mind and be willing to change activities," said keynote speaker Caroline Halde, an assistant professor of organic agriculture from the University of Laval in Québec City, Québec, Canada. "Although there may be challenges involved in coordinating activities and avoiding conflicts, through resiliency and adaptive behavior, farmers can achieve a more sustainable and productive farm."



The IMU Main Lounge is filled with spots for vendors as they prepare for the Iowa Organic Conference on Sunday. The Organic Conference brings together members of the community to show off different methods of organic farming in order to spread the methods throughout the community. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

UI seminar probes effects of inequality

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Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, a professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, joined a list of speakers on Monday at the University of Iowa's Inequality Seminar series.

Tomaskovic-Devey's research focuses on workplace inequality and the place of income distribution in societies.

"If all the high earners are dumped together in a society, they never experience the real society ... they don't experience even as much of their own firm, much less as much of their society," Tomaskovic-Devey said in his presentation.

These seminars were put together by UI sociology Assistant Professor Sarah Bruch.

Bruch said the reason she began hosting these seminars is that her own work focuses on inequality. When she came to the UI, she was searching for other people in her department interested in these areas. Not only is she a UI faculty member, she also is the director of social and education policy at the Public Policy Center.

"I not only want to know what the other people in the Sociology Department are saying, but in order to really answer the bigger questions that actually matter in real people's lives, it's better how political scientists view inequality versus how sociologists would view inequality," Bruch said.

These seminars are meant to be an accumulation of what different disciplines think about inequality as a broad subject, Bruch said, and a way for people interested in similar studies to connect and share interests and research.

UI Associate Professor Freda Lynn is a part of the planning committee that is responsible for selecting candidates for the seminars. She said the members look for a variety of aspects in candidates, including current work in the area of inequality.

"There are so many things I don't know; going into these kinds of seminars is a great way to keep learning," Lynn said. "... A good way to maintain creativity in your own work is to stay abreast of what leading scholars are doing in a variety of different ideas."

For Tomaskovic-Devey, this kind of research has been a lifelong interest.

"I've been interested in it since I was an undergraduate. And in my

mind studying inequality has always been tied to worrying about moving toward understanding how we can have a more just world ... and in some ways I'm lucky because now it's a really politically important issue," he said.

On the topics of politics, Tomaskovic-Devey said President-elect Donald Trump was able to tap into people's frustrations with inequality.

"Both Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders tapped into a real anger that the economy is not working for many people, and in some ways they shared a promise of how they were going to solve the problem: control global capital, increase employment and the quality of jobs," he said.

Tomaskovic-Devey also discussed the idea that peo-

ple have both an "in" and an "out" group, and their views of these affect their responses to different people.

"For 'out' groups, we're more likely to use stereotypes and think as morally or intellectually or in other ways less," he said. "We spend most of our social life with our 'in' group ... we develop bonds of respect and attention and tolerance. Think of your most annoying uncle, you've probably developed a tolerance to them. You wouldn't spit on them, or beat them."

However, Tomaskovic-Devey said there has still been great progress in expanding who fits into these "in" groups.

"We've been expanding our tribe," he said. "We think of more and more people as deserving of dignity."

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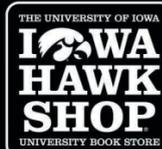
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has contributed a bigger percentage of his team's total offense in a win against an AP top-2 team.

Call it an obscure statistic if you will, but it is impressive nonetheless. When you consider other names on the list (LeSean McCoy vs. West Virginia in 2007, Warrick Dunn vs. Florida in 1996, Darren Sproles vs. Oklahoma in 2003, Jacquizz Rodgers vs. USC in 2008) it's fairly eye-opening.

Michigan — 201 yards of total offense

The Wolverines struggled all night to move

the ball against an Iowa defense that pulled a complete 180 from its performance against Penn State on Nov. 5. In that game, the Hawkeye defense gave up the most yards in the Ferentz era.

Michigan, which came into the Iowa contest averaging 497 yards per game, managed less than half of that against the Hawkeyes.

Not coincidentally, the Wolverines struggled to put points on the board without much offensive production. Through nine games, Michigan was averaging 48 points per game, but scored only 13 against Iowa — its lowest total of the season.

The strong defensive effort by the Hawkeyes was seen through both the running and passing game

effort. Michigan came in averaging 251 yards rushing and 245 yards passing. It gained 98 yards on the ground against Iowa and 103 through the air. The balance in its offense stayed the same, but production was less than half of the norm.

Jabrill Peppers — 2 returns for 35 yards

Peppers, the hybrid defensive back/linebacker/h-back/return man, is possibly the most explosive playmaker in the entire country.

He averages 17 yards per punt return, easily the best in the Big Ten. He also averages 25 yards per kick return.

The Hawkeyes were able to limit his touches in the

return game. He returned only one punt (though it was for 19 yards) and one kick, for 16 yards.

Iowa punter and kick-off specialist Ron Coluzzi made it a point to stay away from Peppers, pooch kicking a few kickoffs and sending a rugby punt downfield at one point.

The more Peppers touches the ball, the better the chance Michigan breaks a big play. Iowa did an outstanding job of keeping the ball away from him, and got lucky in that the Wolverines didn't involve him all that much in the offense.



Iowa players celebrate after scoring a safety against Michigan in Kinnick on Nov. 12. Iowa kicker Keith Duncan nailed a 33-yard field goal as the time ran out to beat the No. 2 Wolverines, 14-13. (The Daily Iowan/Alex Kroeze)

HOOPS

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Iowa's two most efficient players on Sunday.

Pemsl scored 18 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, all while not missing a shot, in 18 minutes of work.

Ellingson was the game's leading scorer, putting in 23 points on 7-of-9 shooting in 17 minutes.

McCaffery said after the game Ellingson's performance was nothing to be surprised by — it's just an accumulation of the work he's put in.

Both Pemsl and Ellingson earned themselves

more minutes on Sunday.

Cook, who played 15 minutes, will play much more than that down the road. He only played eight minutes in the first half and looked tired after playing seven in the second. His conditioning will need to improve.

Wagner and Baer are a lot alike as players. Both hustle and crash the boards well. Baer is in the starting lineup because he can stretch the floor.

Baer, who played 15 minutes, will see more than that in the future.

10-13 minutes — Dom Uhl, Maishe Dailey, Ryan Kriener

Uhl — the final starter on this list — wasn't crisp on Sunday. That's probably why he only played 13 minutes. McCaffery has the luxury to sub guys out if they aren't performing.

Dailey and Kriener benefited from the score, playing quite a bit late in the second half. Once conference season starts and the rotation slims, the two freshmen could see their minutes dwindle.

One more thing of note — senior Dale Jones did not play on Sunday as he continues to rehab, but he is expected to make a significant impact once he returns.



Iowa forward Tyler Cook dunks against Kennesaw State in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 11. The Hawkeyes defeated the Owls, 91-74. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

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its swagger back with the addition of true freshman Manny Rugamba into the starting lineup and senior Anthony Gair coming off the bench.

Now, the Hawkeyes have an opportunity to make their season go from major disappointment to something that fans will be able to tolerate if they can pull out two wins at Illinois and at home against Nebraska.

Iowa will be able to run the ball all over an Illinois defense that really struggles stopping the running game, and coming off of a tremendous game defensively, expect the Iowa defense to hold Illinois to under 10 points.

After Illinois, Iowa welcomes Nebraska for its final game of the year. The Huskers will have quarterback Tommy Armstrong back, who always seems to struggle against the Hawkeyes. The key to beating Nebraska will be how many turnovers the Hawkeye defense produces against loose-can-

non Armstrong.

With all that said, I expect the Hawkeyes to finish the season 8-4, and I hope as a result they get Tennessee in a bowl game for some vengeance.

— Michael McCurdy

7-5

Every team needs that signature win to get things back on track.

Too bad that win came with only two games left in Iowa's season.

While the upset over Michigan stands as one of the program's biggest statements, the Hawkeyes will not be able to ride this momentum and win out this year.

Illinois, the next team on Iowa's schedule, will lose to the Hawkeyes. The Illini are one of the worst teams in the conference.

However, the last team on Iowa's schedule, Nebraska, will not lose to the Hawkeyes.

Nebraska remembers last season's flop against Iowa — I'm sure quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. remembers tossing

4 interceptions in what was a horrific passing day. That won't be the case this time around.

Iowa's defense will keep it in both games; it's the offense that won't show up. Yes, the Hawkeyes beat Michigan. Akrum Wadley was a man on a mission, but now teams know what to expect. Plus, the passing game was horrific. C.J. Beathard threw for 66 yards on 8 completions.

Iowa can't rely on just the running game, especially against Nebraska. They could squeeze by against a dreadful Illinois team, but it won't slide against an 8-2 Cornhusker squad.

That win against the Wolverines was huge. The defense looked stellar, and the offense did just enough to win the game. I just don't think the result will continue for both remaining games this season.

Realistically, the Hawkeyes are looking at a 7-5 finish — which is better than what most projected following a blowout loss to Penn State.

— Adam Hensley

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Palestinian Genocide?

A Black Lives Matter platform accuses Israel of genocide. The assertion is false, it's racist and it sabotages efforts to achieve justice for African-Americans.

Black Lives Matter (BLM) asserts that Israel is responsible for "genocide taking place against the Palestinian people." Given the definition of genocide, this accusation is groundless—and because it singles out the Jewish state, it ranks as racist anti-Semitism. Just as bad, this libel drives away BLM supporters who otherwise oppose police racial bias.

What are the facts?

An Arab man who attempted to stab a police officer at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem was shot and killed by police. A 17-year-old Palestinian, who infiltrated a Jewish town near Hebron, murdered a sleeping 13-year-old Israeli girl. The murderer was killed by a security team when he attacked them. The fact is, most of the 200 Palestinians killed over the last year by Israeli forces were involved in violent attacks on Israeli civilians, soldiers or police. Their response was not genocide, it was self-defense.

Even in the 2014 Gaza war, which killed about 2,100 Palestinians, only 45% were non-combatants, one of the lowest civilian death ratios in modern warfare—due largely to Israel's extraordinary efforts to avoid attacking residential areas and warn civilians in advance of bombings.

Indeed, a close look reveals not a shred of evidence that Israel intends or is in fact committing genocide.

What is the definition of genocide? Genocide is one of the most horrific crimes against humanity—and it was exemplified by Adolf Hitler's plan to exterminate Jews and his killing of some six million of them. These are the two legal elements of genocide: There must be *deliberate intention* to destroy a national or ethnic group, and there must be a *concerted effort* to effect that goal, such as the methodical killing of that group's members or inflicting conditions calculated to bring about the group's physical destruction. As one quickly sees, neither of these conditions exists in Israel or the disputed territories of Judea and Samaria ("the West Bank").

Israel has no plan to eliminate Palestinians, nor is it methodically killing them on ethnic grounds. In fact, some two million Palestinians are citizens of Israel and enjoy full democratic rights and one of the highest standards of living in the Middle East. The Palestinian population within Israel and in the disputed territories has doubled since 1990 and continues to grow apace. According to Sari Bashi, Palestine country director for Human Rights Watch, "[Genocide] is an attempt to destroy an entire people. I haven't seen any

presentation of how that could apply in Israel."

Why is it racist to accuse Israel of genocide?

Those who condemn Israel falsely—for crimes it does not commit—are attempting to delegitimize the Jewish state. Delegitimization is one of the classic signs of racist anti-Semitism: Those who use this strategy are asserting that of all the world's

"I haven't seen any presentation of how [genocide] could apply in Israel."

Sari Bashi, Palestine Director,
Human Rights Watch

nations, only Israel's attempts to defend itself from sworn enemies are criminal. That's a double standard—also anti-Semitic. Where is Black Lives Matter's condemnation of Syria,

which has killed hundreds of thousands of its citizens? What about Iran, which hangs LGBTQ people? How about China, which has occupied Tibet for more than 50 years?

In truth, Jews have every right to self-determination in the Middle East. Jews have had an uninterrupted presence in the region for 3,000 years, including their own nation state. For some 2,000 of those years, following their exile from ancient Palestine, the Jewish people have strived to resettle in their Biblical homeland. Finally, in 1948, with United Nations approval, Jewish self-determination was realized as the State of Israel. In short, those who deny Israel's right to exist—those who delegitimize it with accusations of genocide—are guilty of anti-Semitism.

How does the genocide libel harm Black Lives Matter?

Jewish Americans have been among the most stalwart leaders and supporters of the American civil rights movement from the beginning—they were among the founders of the NAACP—and powerful Jewish support for defeating racism continues to this day. Moreover, the State of Israel enjoys strong approval from the overwhelming majority of Americans. When a movement, such as Black Lives Matters, strays from its core purpose into peripheral issues—particularly when it resorts to wildly false accusations—that movement quickly loses broad public support. In short, if Black Lives Matters truly cares about stopping police racial bias, it will marshal all its forces to dramatize disturbing law enforcement practices and gather support for reform—not alienate supporters.

Libels of genocide against Israel are attempts to delegitimize solely the Jewish state among all the world's nations and are therefore anti-Semitic. What's more, such racist accusations alienate not only Jewish allies of the Black Lives Matter movement, but also other political progressives who will be repulsed by defamation of Israel.

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BOX SCORE

Stars aligned for Hawkeyes



Iowa running back Akrum Wadley cuts through Michigan defenders in Kinnick on Nov. 12. The Hawkeyes defeated No. 2 Michigan with a 33-yard field goal with no time left, 14-13. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By **BLAKE DOWSON** | blake-dowson@uiowa.edu

It took almost a perfect game for Iowa to beat No. 2 Michigan on Nov. 12 in Kinnick. Going into the contest, the Hawkeyes knew it would have to be a low-scoring affair and they needed to win the turnover battle, or at least come out even in that category.

They got both those things accomplished, and the Hawkeyes came away with their first win against an AP top-2 team since 1985.

Here's how Iowa got it done.

Akrum Wadley — 167 yards from scrimmage

Wadley carried the Iowa offense throughout the game. Fellow running back LeShun Daniels Jr. had a drive or two where he ran over a couple would-be defenders, but it was mostly Wadley.

And saying it was mostly Wadley is to undersell just how historically significant his performance was. He has had games in which he rushed for more yards, but none bigger than Nov. 12.

Wadley's 167 yards from scrimmage were slightly more than 72 percent of Iowa's 230 total yards from scrimmage. Since 1996, no other player in college football

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Spreading the minutes around

By **BLAKE DOWSON**
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To put up as many 3-point shots as the Iowa men's basketball team did on Sunday against Savannah State, there had to be a bunch of guys coming off the bench with fresh wrists — that much shooting gets tiring, after all.

Head coach Fran McCaffery did use a lot of bodies from his bench in Iowa's 116-84 win — 13 players got minutes.

Of those 13, 12 of them recorded 10 or more minutes.

That's about as balanced as a team can be, but when McCaffery and Company head into Big Ten season, or even the matchup against Seton Hall on Thursday, will the rotation slim down at all?

Looking at the minutes each player got on Sunday, who can expect either an uptick or reduction of minutes going forward?

19-23 minutes — Peter Jok, Jordan Bohannon, Christian Williams, Isaiah Moss

Jok will be the owner of the most minutes on the team all season unless he gets in foul trouble often. He is the best scorer and most experienced player by a mile.

Bohannon and Williams, the two point guards, combined to play 40 minutes,



Iowa guard Christian Williams dribbles up court against Kennesaw State in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 11. The Hawkeyes defeated the Owls, 91-74. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

meaning one of them was on the court at all times.

The Savannah State press had something to do with that, but it will most likely be the case down the road as well until Maishe Dailey or Jok proves he can handle the ball.

At this point, Williams

seems to bring a little more to the position with his length and ability to push the ball.

With McCaffery employing a platoon system (five substitutes at a time), Moss was used as the scorer of the second unit. If he had shot well, he would have filled up

the scoring column.

15-18 minutes — Cordell Pemsil, Brady Ellingson, Ahmad Wagner, Tyler Cook, Nicholas Baer

Pemsil and Ellingson were

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Hawkeye football looking up?

What record will the Iowa football team finish with?

After the win over No. 2 Michigan, the Iowa football team suddenly looks like a team to be reckoned with again.

With two games left in the regular season, how will it finish?

8-4

The Iowa football team had enormous expectations for this season following its record setting 12-0 finish in 2015.

Fans were excited and hyped about 2016 Iowa football — until Iowans were stuck watching a predictable offense, a complacent C.J. Beathard, and a defense that lacked energy and swagger.

After starting the year 5-4, the Hawkeyes shocked the world on Nov. 12, upsetting No. 2 Michigan. The way Iowa's offense and defense had been playing all season, I was one of the many people who gave Iowa a zero percent chance to win.

I was proven wrong. The Hawkeyes played a complete game, and it finally seems the defense has

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