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IMU helpful during finals frenzy

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Several organizations in the University of Iowa have teamed up to offer free services to students throughout finals week — but it comes with a cost.

The organizations, including Recreational Services, Student Government, Student Health & Wellness, and others, offer financial support for Finals@IMU, a six-day program in the IMU that focuses on helping students relax and providing them with a place to study to prepare for their final exams.

“They’ve all helped us in some way, shape, or form, and been very willing to do so,” said Eric Rossow, the assistant director of IMU Outreach Programs and Services.

He estimates the cost of all the services provided throughout the week is between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

UI Career Center, UI Admissions, Academic Support and Retention, Student Employment, Financial Aid, and the Dean of Students Office also contribute resources.

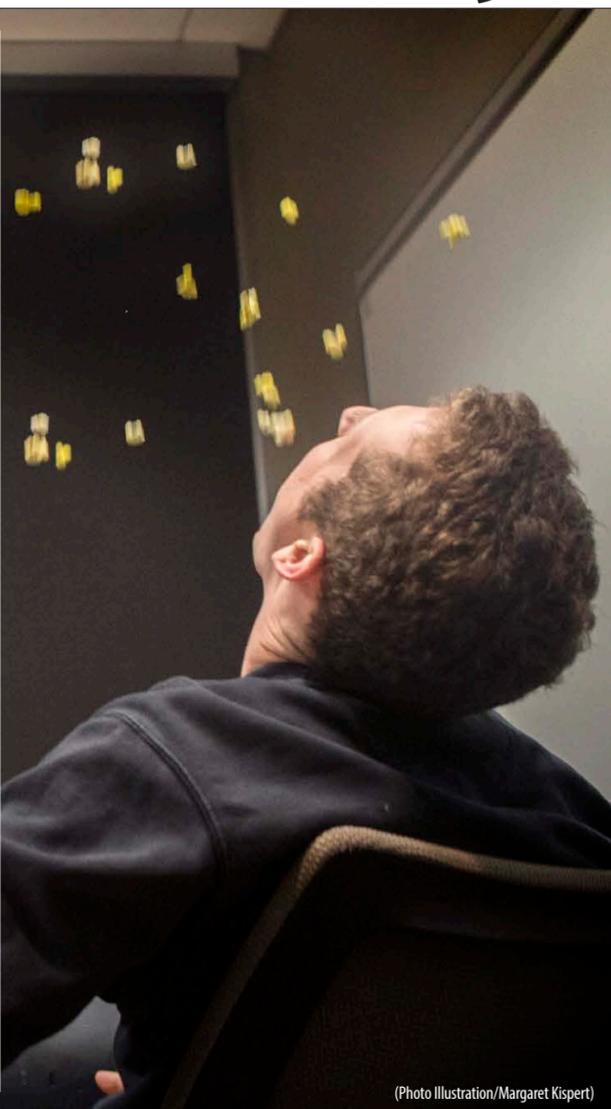
“We’re always attentive to what the students want, that’s a part of our building is really being a place and a space for this to be a vibrant student center on campus,” William Nelson, the executive director for the IMU said. “To do that requires us to be responsive.”

Finals@IMU’s daily activities include free coffee, bagels, popcorn, pancakes, healthy snacks, yoga classes, massages, therapy dogs, and more.

While the event has been offered for a long time, its current extensive form has only been in existence the past four or five years, Nelson said.

“We’ve got it down through evaluation what students want and what students need,” he said. “We’ve been very successful in securing partnerships to make this happen. Students want it. It’s important to provide that kind of support, it’s important to provide that kind of space for students to be able to

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(Photo Illustration/Margaret Kispert)

SCIENCE

Easing the carbon footprint

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According to Alliant Energy, American homes annually waste \$13 billion in energy, around \$150 per family.

Energy conservation is a global issue that can be combated with individual action, both small and large, said Doug Litwiller, UI Facilities Management associate director for energy conservation.

“Controlling the use of energy in our homes is one of the most important things we can do to live more sustainably,” said Liz Christiansen, the director of the University of Iowa Office of Sustainability.

Applying sustainable practices to an apartment, house, or dorm room during the weeks the unit is not being used, such as winter break, can make a difference in reducing the collective carbon footprint of the world. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the United States produces the majority of its electricity from fossil fuels such as coal, which emits carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, accelerating climate change.

Adopting even the simplest recommendations can make measurable differences in the energy demands of campus over the four-week break.

“Prior to leaving for break, turn all lights off” Litwiller said. “Additionally, make sure all portable electric space heaters and ceiling fans are off.”

Turning lights off may be intuitive, but additional energy-efficiency practices for break exist in the form of curtains and thermostat control.

“If your place has a thermostat, adjust it until you return from winter break — when you are away, you don’t want to heat up your house for nothing,” said Lucie Laurian, a UI

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ETHICS & POLITICS

TRUMP’S TRANSITION

State Dept. pick draws scrutiny

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President-elect Donald Trump announced Tuesday that he had picked Exxon-Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson to serve as the next secretary of State. Tillerson’s ties to Russia have incited concern among Iowa Democrats.

ExxonMobile has billions of dollars in deals that would benefit if the United States lifted sanctions against Russia. Tillerson, 64, has also been awarded a friendship award from Russia.

In response to Tillerson’s nomination, Iowa Democratic Party Executive Director Ben Foecke issued a statement:

“We at the Democratic Party believe the Tillerson nomination cannot stand. Further, we call on Republicans in Con-

gress to investigate the Trump administration’s ties to Russia and other Trump conflicts of interest with the same fervor with which they investigated Benghazi and Hillary Clinton’s email server.”

Neither the Iowa GOP nor Environmental Protection Agency regional spokeswoman Angela Brees returned *The Daily Iowan’s* requests for comment.

This appointment comes shortly after the CIA found reasons to believe Russian hackers may have influenced the November election in Trump’s favor, which may lead to a contentious Senate confirmation. Trump chose to go after the CIA in a series of tweets.

Monday morning Trump tweeted, “Can you imagine if the election results were the



ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson delivers remarks on the release of a report by the National Petroleum Council on oil drilling in the Arctic on March 27, 2015, in Washington. President-elect Donald Trump selected Tillerson to lead the State Department on Monday. (Associated Press/Evan Vucci)

opposite and WE tried to play the Russia/CIA card. It would be called conspiracy theory.”

Minutes later he followed up

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Wanted: Summer teachers

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Summer is a time for students to soak up the Sun’s rays, relax by the poolside, and crack open the books, a study from the Iowa Reading Research Center found.

The Intensive Summer Reading Program study was conducted on 43 Iowa school districts and one community organization. Results showed such reading programs helped students maintain their reading skills over the summer, essentially preventing the “summer slide.” The term is used in education to describe the tendency for students, particularly those from low-income families, to lose achievement gains made during the school year.

Three types of programs were implemented in the study: a computer-based program and a print-based program, which acted as the treatment conditions, as well as a “business-as-usual” approach, which allowed school districts to design their own programs so long as they did not overlap

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DINING EXPERIENCE



A couple sit in KFC eating dinner on Tuesday. According to the simple dollar website, the average American eats out an average of four times a week. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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study, and it's important to provide space for students to relax."

UI students can participate in activities at the IMU as early as coffee

at 6:30 a.m. to snacks at 10 p.m., and it is open 24 hours for students.

"I think it's really great that they offer lots of things during finals, because finals can be very stressful, and sometimes you need a break," UI freshman Amaris Hornbuckle said. "I like the idea of the stress puppies, and coloring

is a good way to de-stress." Hornbuckle said the IMU provides an escape from the dorms, and that changing up one's environment relieves stress and helps a person focus on studying. She also said that because of the popularity of some aspects of Finals@IMU, such as the therapy

dogs, she had to opt out because of long lines.

"I would say it's the most stressful [time of the semester]," she said. "A majority of your grade depends on how well you do on a test, so that puts a lot of pressure on how you prepare for it. It's a very stressful time."

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tweeting, "Unless you catch 'hackers' in the act, it is very hard to determine who was doing the hacking. Why wasn't this brought up before election?"

Tom Henderson, the chairman of the Polk County Democratic Central Committee, said he is more concerned with Tillerson's ties to Russia than solely with his position as ExxonMobil CEO.

"What's concerning are his close ties to Russia and

the potential for conflicts of interest and Republicans are taking these ties to Russia very seriously," Henderson said.

Although Trump has rejected the CIA's conclusion that Russian hackers may have influenced the 2016 election, top U.S. congressional Republicans such as Senate Armed Services Chairman John McCain, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and House Speaker Paul Ryan have called for a bipartisan investigation.

"If Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama nominated a secretary of State with ties

to Putin, especially under the circumstance that Russia intervened in our election, the Republican calls of 'treason' would be deafening," Foecke said.

Tillerson does not have formal policy experience but has engaged in international business and formed relationships with world leaders through his position at ExxonMobile.

"Secretaries of State have to follow diplomatic protocol all over the world, and they can be given advice, but since [Tillerson]'s never done it all, then that's a problem,"

Henderson said.

If Tillerson becomes secretary of State, he will have to face an increasingly difficult situation in Syria, most recently what U.N. humanitarian spokesman Jens Laerke called "a complete meltdown of humanity in Aleppo."

"His tenacity, broad experience, and deep understanding of geopolitics make him an excellent choice for secretary of State," Trump said in a statement released on Tuesday by his transition team.

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associate professor of urban and regional planning.

Field tests of residential water systems have demonstrated that un-insulated pipes will freeze when the outside temperature falls below 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

"It's advised to set the thermostat between 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit, or as low as you are comfortable with that will avoid pipe freezing," Laurian said.

To avoid the house or apartment from becoming too cold when away, keep all curtains and drapes fully closed.

"Closing all window drapes and curtains helps keep the heat in," Litwiller said.

However, when staying at a house or apartment in general, keep the curtains open during hours of sunlight.

"Using sunshine can help heat your house — open every curtain during the day, particularly on the south side of the house," Laurian said. "Once the Sun goes down, then close them."

Sunlight can have a greenhouse effect when it is let into a home. Bright sunlight can warm a house by allowing short wavelengths of visible light to pass through a window so people can see through it.

However, longer infrared wavelengths radiated by objects warmed by sunlight become entrapped and consequently warm the interior of the house.

Another form of energy waste is the so-called "vampire" electricity, which comes from such items as coffee makers, stereos, and computers that are plugged in even when not in use.

"Students who leave campus should unplug all 'vampire' electric loads before leaving for break," Litwiller said. "These include televisions, cable-television boxes, routers, microwave ovens, coffee makers, stereos, Xboxes, computer equipment and peripherals, plug-in clocks, and plug-in air fresheners."

Students are free to re-connect everything after returning from winter break, but until then, the simplest changes, even involving small gaps, can make a big difference in saving energy while avoiding houses from

becoming too cold.

"To prevent cold air from coming in, get rid of the gaps as much as possible," Laurian said. "Close the doors to kitchen closets and pantries, insulate outlets if you can, and utilize door sweeps or just put towels underneath gaps in the door."

Having a sealed apartment is good to keep warm air in, but exercise caution for places like basements as radon poisoning can be a problem.

"Any air contaminant is worse in basements if you don't ventilate properly," Laurian said.

To use minimal energy over the winter break, consider making minor modifications to living arrangements before and after running headlong for the next transportation home.

READING

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with the curricula for the treatment conditions, said Deborah Reed, the director of the Iowa Reading Research Center and principal investigator of the study.

"All approaches ... were equally as successful in helping students maintain reading performance on average," Reed said.

Reed said the students in the study were identified because they had demonstrated difficulty in their reading skills. By May 2018, every Iowa school district will be required to offer a summer-reading program for students who are determined not to be proficient in reading at the end of third grade, Reed said.

Attendance in these programs is currently not required for students, and

Reed said there are economic barriers that limit access to these programs for some students. She said summer school is not the "one and only solution" to improving students' reading proficiency.

"It's one component of providing support and added services to these students," she said.

The Iowa City School District did not participate in the study, but the district still provides support services throughout the year in addition to a summer-reading program.

Amy Minter, who oversees the district's elementary schools as the coordinator for Extended Day Learning, said summer programs have been growing every year since they started in 2010. The federal 21st Century grant funds a before- and after-school program, as well as the summer program, that mixes tutoring with enrichment activities.

While the study found schools faced challenges with finding a sufficient number of qualified teachers to work the summer programs, Minter said Iowa City schools have not experienced this problem.

"In the 21st Century program, we have teachers that we hire teaching after-school as well at our sites, and it's actually a lot harder to find teachers during the school year," she said. "For teachers during the summer, I've been very lucky to be able to find teachers."

The Cedar Rapids School District participated in the study, and unlike Iowa City schools, had problems with finding qualified teachers, said Valerie Dolezal, the executive director for preK-5 in the district. Recent graduates and teachers from outside of the district were hired to ensure there were enough to work the summer reading programs, she said.

Student retention in these

programs was also high for Cedar Rapids schools, though the study found problems overall out of all schools studied with student attendance being "sporadic," particularly among female students, minorities, and students from low-income backgrounds.

"They would attend at least 80 percent of the summer, and we had 90 percent of our kids at least 80 percent of the summer that were first grade through fifth grade," Dolezal said.

Despite the disparities in findings among schools, Reed said she has received input from schools that participated in the study, and they are using the study's findings to implement changes to the summer reading programs.

"Our hope is being carried out," Reed said. "They're using that information to improve the planning and design of their summer programs."

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City officials move on affordable housing

The city of Iowa City will make affordable-housing funds available to area organizations.

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The city of Iowa City is now accepting applications from individuals, nonprofits, and businesses for affordable housing funds.

The funds being made available are part of \$1.2 million in grant money being awarded to the city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant money is made up of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding.

The funds will be used for projects in the realm of public security, public services, and affordable housing that meet the city's CITY STEPS plan priorities.

"Public securities can be improvements to buildings that are owned and operated by nonprofits or by the city," said Iowa City community development planner Kristopher Ackerson. "The ... public service ... money typically goes to nonprofits that provide some kind of service to low-income residents."

The block grant must primarily benefit low-income people, said city neighborhood services coordinator Tracy Hightshoe. The HOME funds, meanwhile, can only be used for affordable housing projects.

Hightshoe said HOME money is typically used for building or acquiring affordable housing, or for rehab on existing structures. Other projects, which fall under

the affordable-housing umbrella, are tenant-based rent assistance and homeownership opportunities for those who qualify.

A minimum of \$347,000 has been earmarked for affordable-housing projects, but more money may be added to that pot later.

"We have projects right now that are underway, and sometimes those projects come in under budget," Ackerson said.

When the money is allocated for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2017, any leftover money may also be made available. It is hard to project how much money will be left over, Ackerson said.

Any leftover money must be funneled back into the program from which it originated, Hightshoe said.

"If we did a loan for a previous housing project [and] almost all of our loans get paid back, that's considered program income. We have to use that for another [community development] or another home project," she said. "It has to stay in the program where there was the initial outlay of funds."

The way the money will be allocated to various organizations is difficult to predict.

"Sometimes, they can award \$50,000, and sometimes, they'll award \$300,000 to a single project," Ackerson said.

The rest of the \$1.2 million will be portioned out by the City Council for city programs. The money will

be funneled into projects encouraging economic development and the growth of neighborhood infrastructure. Some of it will also go toward financial assistance for local social service organizations and providing rehabilitation for owner-occupied housing.

The applications for the affordable-housing funds are due by noon on Jan. 13, 2017.

"We have the Housing and Community Development Commission, and that's made up of nine residents of Iowa City," Ackerson said. "They review the applications and make a recommendation to the City Council."

The recommendations should be made sometime in early March of next year.

"Once the projects are awarded funds we have to do what's called an environmental review," Ackerson said. "That's to make sure we don't unwittingly provide funds to something that could harm the environment or harm the people who are going to use the project."

After the environmental review is completed, the organization signs a contract with the city agreeing to use the money for its intended purpose.

Hightshoe said it is the responsibility of the applicants to document that they are serving low- to moderate-income people.

Two informational meetings will be held at Harvat Hall in City Hall. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend. The first informa-



Pedestrians cross Clinton Street and enter the Pedestrian Mall on June 27. Downtown is undergoing changes to make the area more family friendly. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

tional meeting will be held Thursday at 11 a.m., and the second will take place at the same time on Jan. 4, 2017.

At the meetings, Ackerson said, the rules and requirements for applications will be made clear.

"We go over the timeline to apply for funds [and] the amount of funds available," Hightshoe said. "We go through the federal regulations — the key ones that applicants should be aware

of — and then we go over eligible activities and non-eligible activities."

While these programs are not specifically directed at University of Iowa students, some of those who decide to stay in Iowa City after they graduate may find them useful later.

"I think it's important that students who come to the university have the opportunity to stay in Iowa City after they graduate," said Ja-

cob Simpson, the UI Student Government liaison to the City Council. "A lot of what that comes down to is affordable housing."

With the highest living costs in the state, he said, Johnson County must continue to make remaining in Iowa the most attractive option for graduating students.

"We need to encourage students to actually stay in the state after they graduate," he said.

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COLUMN

ADA still a necessary law



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This past May, I worked on an investigative story that was published through IowaWatch and then the *Des Moines Register* and *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, among many other Iowa newspapers. This story was about how of all Iowa schools that were reviewed by the Department of Education since 2010, only one of them was compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a part of the story, I spoke with a high-school student in the West Marshall School District, who, because of his school's failure to comply with a law that would make the building accessible for him and his wheelchair, had run into many obstacles during his time in the district, including being stuck outside in the rain because the doors did not have push buttons to open them.

On Dec. 4, "60 Minutes" aired a segment on the ADA hosted by Anderson Cooper. In this segment, Cooper described something he called "drive-by lawsuits," which essentially refers to an ADA complaint filed by someone who is neither disabled nor a customer of the business. Cooper also spoke with owners of businesses that had been sued, and the general consensus from these businesses is that they don't think it's fair for someone who isn't being directly hurt by their noncompliance to file these lawsuits.

Under this logic, it would follow that the responsibility to make sure things are accessible for all falls on those who are being discriminated against. Unfortunately, this is the reality of the current law. Until the ADA is enforced, many businesses do not have to comply. The most recent example I personally have of this is an apartment complex that I was looking at this past weekend had plans to turn each of its handi-

cap-accessible parking spots (which include a spot for the vehicle and a spot for a ramp or person to get out) into two parking spots. When I told them that not only would I not be able to live there without a handicap-parking spot but also that this was illegal, the answer I got was that they would look into it.

Cooper's coverage of ADA lawsuits did nothing to expel this idea that the responsibility to fight discrimination falls only on those being discriminated against. In fact, it furthered it. I fail to see what is wrong with non-disabled people reporting instances where something is not compliant with ADA, which is, in fact, a law that is meant to stop discrimination. Keeping society accessible to all is a responsibility that should fall on all of us, just as riding society from racism or homophobia should be something that all of us work for.

Most upsettingly, Cooper did not interview any people with disabilities who have actually benefited from the ADA, which, I can tell you, is quite a few. Instead, he interviewed one man with a disability who had been taken advantage of by lawyers. While this is definitely something worth covering, it is incredibly one-sided and does not allow the voices of those who are actually the central figures in the story to be listened to.

As a journalist, Cooper had an opportunity to present a well-rounded, factual story on the ADA, a law that is absolutely necessary for Americans with disabilities to participate fully in society by eliminating unnecessary boundaries. I have argued this many times in the past, but I will again: Participating in society and receiving equal opportunities are our rights as American citizens, disabled or not. Average Americans don't know much about the ADA to begin with, because it doesn't affect them right now (it will when the become older and need adaptive equipment to move around). And with Cooper's slanted coverage, more and more Americans have gotten the wrong idea about it.

EDITORIAL

Improving on greenhouse gases



Philanthropist and co-founder of Microsoft Bill Gates leaves after a meeting with French President François Hollande at the Elysée Palace in Paris on June 27. On Monday, an international group of institutions and wealthy executives, including Gates, announced they will commit \$1 billion to an investment fund that will support emerging energy technologies with the goal of reducing greenhouse-gas emissions. (Associated Press/Kamil Zihnoglu)

As a countrywide fear of the U.S. shying away from combating climate change grows in the shadows of a Trump presidency, others seem to be picking up the slack. Bill Gates, among other philanthropist-billionaires, has committed a \$1 billion fund to invest in transformative and renewable energy research and development. The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes Iowa City should take the initiative to go further than national goals to reduce carbon emissions.

Last week, the *DI* published an article with the headline "City takes stance on greenhouse gases" that outlined the unanimously approved Iowa City City Council proposal to lower greenhouse-gas emissions by 25 to 28 percent by 2025 — a goal that puts Iowa City directly in line with the overall U.S. commitments stemming from the Paris Climate Agreement.

According to Columbia University, one of the many environment- and climate-related commitments made by the United States was to lower greenhouse-gas emissions across the country by 26 percent to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. While this pledge is finally a step in the right direction, it is not nearly enough, and with Iowa City planning to follow the U.S. goals, neither is the commitment by our City Council.

No discussion about climate-change legislation can oc-

cur without first admitting that any difference or commitment to improvement cannot be ignored. It is easy to say that these vows are too small when ignoring the economic impact of making them significantly larger, but the inconvenient — so to speak — truth of the matter is that climate change is an externality previous generations did not account for, and the time to pay up has finally arrived.

As the United States grew throughout the Industrial Revolution, it produced the greatest externality the world has ever seen: climate change. With cheap energy came cheap production and cheap growth, but America (and the world) is finally paying the price for this. We are all living in an externality and a commitment to reduce only 25 to 28 percent simply does not cut it, especially when both the state of Iowa and the University of Iowa have made such major strides to improve the environmental welfare of this area and this state.

In UI President Sally Mason's 2008 Earth Day speech, she outlined the forthcoming UI commitment to sustainability and set this institution on a path to legitimate effect with seven achievable, but lofty, goals. According to the 2010-15 progress report, the UI is ahead of schedule. And President Bruce Harreld has done an excellent job

in picking up this mantle, referring to sustainability as "the most important issue of the 21st century."

As the 2010-15 progress report outlines, UI has, among other things, achieved 14.4 percent renewable energy use (of an overall 40 percent goal), achieved 42 percent waste diversion (of a 60 percent goal), exceeded the goals for carbon dioxide emissions decreases from transportation, and achieved an impressive community impact among students and faculty.

According to the American Wind Energy Association, Iowa has the second highest wind-energy capacity of any state in the U.S. (behind only Texas). Mid-American's plan for a massive wind farm called "Wind XI" will bring the state's energy grid to 85 percent renewable and puts the state very close to the goal of a 100 percent renewable grid.

Other cities in Iowa have also made larger commitments. Dubuque, for example, in 2013 set a goal of 50 percent greenhouse-gas emissions cuts by 2030. The goal is different, the city is different, the timeline is different, but the point is still valid: Iowa City can do better.

If we continue to push the responsibility of saving our planet onto the next generation, then we are no better than the generation that came before us.

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COLUMN

Not hearing Grammys' song



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Gucci Mane is mad he wasn't nominated for a Grammy. On Dec. 7, the Atlanta rapper tweeted, "I'm sick of it," punctuating the word sick with an emoji wearing a disgusted expression and a surgical mask. Never mind that the album he was specifically upset about, this December's *The Return of East Atlanta Santa*, has yet to be released. He told a fan on Twitter the same day, "That is not the point."

In a way, this petulant exchange, clearly in jest, is a good summation of how awards feel in the modern age. As the digital era progresses, the tools to make and disseminate music have become more accessible.

Concurrently, social media have become a more integral part of the artist-fan relationship, allowing artists to forgo traditional structures of music distribution and fan engagement for something at once more immediate and organic.

In the wake of music scenes shattered into hundreds of micro-niches, broad categories such as "Best Rap Album" or "Best Rock Performance" seem designed to upset core fans of genres in a ploy to appeal to what the most people will like.

For example, most rap fans thought *Views*, by Drake, was a subpar album. Yet here it is, nominated for a Grammy. Part of this is because of the Grammy's voting process, which typically favors name recognition and popular songs over pure evaluation of artistic skill. But it also seems indicative of biases within the recording academy that prioritizes the opinions of an ephemeral "middle America."

This leads to unex-

pected award recipients that seem inscrutable to the public at best and then contribute to how genres are understood within wider culture. Various sites' "End of the Year" lists are also subject to this fault, although individual sites' lists tend to be reflective of a particular site's ethos and approach to music, and thus more easily digested and understood.

So what's the solution? It seems unlikely that the Grammys will suddenly revamp the decades-old voting process or democratize who can even be a voting member of the academy, unfortunately paralleling our electoral system known for its centuries-old Electoral College and long history of voter disenfranchisement.

The commercialism of music is an unfortunate and inevitable byproduct of capitalistic commodification of art, and this means that artists with labels and money behind

them will continue to be more popular than their peers without those advantages, regardless of their skill (ahem, Chainsmokers).

Cultural gatekeepers (like those voting on Grammys) will always try to maintain a grip on culture, foisting their views on others in the hopes they will agree. When we disagree, the only logical response is to not reward them. Given the subjectivity of the subject, it is inevitable that we, as humans, will disagree on art. But by tuning in to hate-watch an awards show you know will upset you, you reward nominations you disagree with by giving their arbiters advertising dollars. As consumers of culture, we have the right to choose what we consume and where we put our attention.

I won't watch the Grammys in 2017, but you can bet in 2018 I'll be tuned in to watch Gucci take home the gold.

New leaders to pilot Hawk sports

By ANNA KAYSER
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At the beginning of the new year, the University of Iowa Athletics Department will lose three of its longtime senior staff members who have 100 combined years of service in the school.

Paula Jantz, senior associate athletics director, Mark Jennings, associate athletics director, and Chief Financial Officer Mick Walker will retire in the opening months of 2017.

Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta said in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that the department has anticipated the change for about five years, and officials put together a restructuring plan that would help make the transition smooth.

In the past year, Barta said, five people were either shifted or hired in

the transition. More than two years ago, three people were hired to fill voids made by the start of a series of retirements, he said in the email.

Jantz will retire in February and be replaced by Barbara Burke, senior associate athletics director.

Jantz, who started working at the UI in 1980 in the women's Athletics Department, was promoted to senior associate athletics director in 2015. When the men and women departments were merged in 2000, she became the associate athletics director.

Jantz was responsible for event management for all 24 sports at the UI, hosting 200-220 athletics events each year.

"I just really feel like I've been one of the luckiest people in the whole world," she said. "I will definitely miss the people that I've had the opportu-

nity to work with."

Burke has been on staff since August, and Jantz said this is a great opportunity for a transition.

After retiring, Jantz said, she is excited about supporting the Hawkeyes. In her job, she said, she was never able to watch the athletic events because of overseeing other concerns, and now she will get the opportunity to watch the teams and not worry about anything other than cheering.

Jennings started working at the UI in 1987. He will retire on Jan. 5, 2017, and his position will be filled by the shifting of jobs in the five-year restructuring plan.

"I think we've got the right people in place so that we won't skip a beat," Jennings said. "Gary has hired very capable replacements for us."

Combined, the trio has helped shape the Hawk-



Iowa Senior Associate AD Paula Jantz watches the Iowa-Iowa State wrestling meet on Dec. 10. Jantz will retire in February after working at the UI since 1980. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

eye culture in their time working together. They have made the department greater with their

work, Barta said.

"It's impossible to replace that type of experience and institutional

knowledge," he said. "We'll miss their great passion and tireless hours on behalf of the Hawkeyes."

Colorado electors must vote Clinton, judge rules

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado's nine electors must vote for Hillary Clinton because she won the state's popular vote, a judge ruled Tuesday, effectively stopping the state's electors from joining a longshot effort to unite with Republicans behind a compromise presidential candidate other than Donald Trump.

Denver Judge Elizabeth Starrs also ruled that any electors who fail to do so can immediately be re-

placed when the Electoral College convenes Dec. 19. She responded to a request from Colorado's secretary of state, who was seeking a way to prevent electors from diverging from the winner of the state's popular vote.

Electors Polly Baca and Robert Nemanich had sued to overturn a state law requiring them to vote for Clinton, but a federal judge refused to do so Monday.

There are similar lawsuits in California and

Washington state seeking to overturn laws binding electors. A total of 28 other states have laws binding their electors to the winner of the popular vote.

"What we're asking the court to do is protect against the chaos that would ensue from faithless electors failing to perform their state law duties."

— Chris Jackson, Colorado attorney general's office

At least one other Colorado elector has said he will vote for someone other than Clinton in a bid to woo Republican electors to a different GOP candidate, such as

Mitt Romney. Only one Republican elector nationally has publicly said he would do that.

Chris Jackson of the Colorado attorney general's office argued in court

perform their state law duties," he said.

Jesse Witt, an attorney for Baca and Nemanich, said he was disappointed by Starrs' ruling and may appeal.

"We feel it is an abridgement of free speech and free expression," he said.

Earlier, Baca and Nemanich filed an emergency appeal to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to try to get it to suspend the Colorado law. That comes after U.S. District Judge Wiley

Daniel declined to put the law on hold Monday and called the effort "a political stunt."

It's unclear whether the appeals court will hear the case before the electors vote, but the state judge's order would still stand.

The Colorado electors could face up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine if they defy the law and vote for someone other than Clinton.

Trump won 306 electors last month, well over the 270 needed to put him in the White House.



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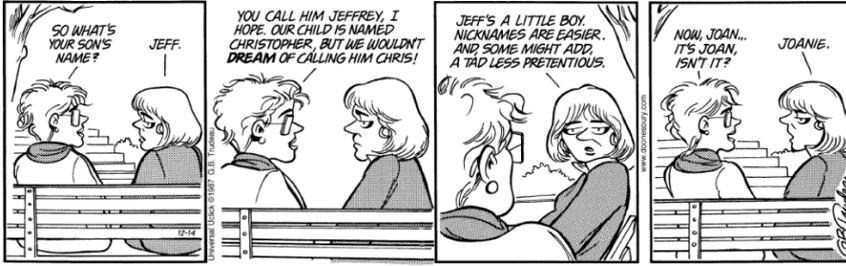
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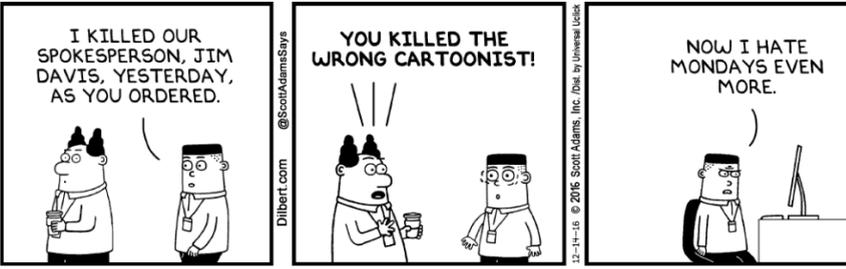
General and unsolicited advice

- A gym membership is not a magical, talismanic card that makes you healthier simply because you carry it around in your wallet. Trust me on this one.
 - Easiest possible way to increase your classiness coefficient: start calling tartar sauce "rémoulade." You're not having fish fingers and tartar sauce, you're having "breaded haddock with rémoulade." And Franzia.
 - Every presentation, no matter the setting, can be enhanced via strategic use of a fog machine.
 - Never ever, ever, ever, even when you want to, even when you think you cannot possibly continue, ever, ever, ever give up on your dreams. Unless they're stupid.
 - "Because I thought it would be funny." Is rarely an admissible defense in a court of law.
 - Sometimes, you just need to be an adult, be honest with yourself, and admit that, sure, you could really go for some Cheetos right about now.
 - Never self-diagnose yourself with WedMD. You will have cancer. You will always have cancer.
 - If you ever walk into a Famous Footwear, Payless Shoe Source, or similar cobbler-type shop, and the salesperson asks you if there's anything s/he can help you find, simply reply: "Do you have any shoes?" It's worth getting kicked out.
- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Brian Tanner and Jayne Sanderson for help with today's Ledge.

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horoscopes Wednesday, December 14, 2016 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your changing attitudes will confuse those around you. Try not to jump from one thing to another too quickly; inconsistency will hold you back. Learn as you go, and use your experience to keep you within bounds.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll gain insight into what's possible and what isn't by hanging out with the people in charge. Your observations will enable you to separate the good from the bad and recognize what's in your best interest. Knowledge is power.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Past emotional differences with someone will rise to the surface. Don't give in to pressure to spend money on something that you feel is a waste. Partnerships will only survive if clear boundaries and expectations are set.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Emotions will surface, making it important to channel your energy into creative pursuits and honing your skills. Discussions with personal or professional partners will need to be handled tactfully without evading issues or masking the truth. Stand by your word.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't become overly enthusiastic and take on too much. Moderation and living within your means will not deter you from reaching your goals, but they will help ensure that you build your dream on solid ground.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your ideas will be well received, and help will be offered. Express your plans at functions that include people you have worked with in the past or would like to collaborate with in the future. New beginnings look promising.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Sharpen up your skills, and gather information that will

- help you deal with anyone who opposes your ideas. Knowing what will work as well as being able to show what you have to offer will bring high returns.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Emotional spending should be limited. Your desire to make changes that will add to your comfort should be countered with a plan to stay within a budget. Cutting corners and sticking to your budget will help you avoid financial stress.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Express your plans to others openly, and find out where you stand. Offer incentives, but don't deviate from what you want to do. Change is imminent, and that will bring you the rewards you want. Celebrate with the people you appreciate most.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Listen to complaints, suggestions, and your inner voice when dealing with others. It's important not to make sacrifices that will hurt you in the future. Fair is fair, and that is what you should aim to achieve. Don't be afraid to be different.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Use your imagination when dealing with children. Keep your personal finances a secret. Sharing too much information will leave you in a vulnerable position. Work hard, play hard, and do your best to come out on top.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Express your feelings, and discuss the changes you would like to see happen in your neighborhood. Clearing a space that you can designate for an activity or project will lead to new opportunities. Don't procrastinate.

today's events

- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Free Popcorn**, IMU first floor
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Carbs & Caffeine**, 6:30 a.m., IMU
- **Senior and Honors Student Shows**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Art West Library and E148, E450, & E540 Visual Arts
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Healthy Snacks**, 2 p.m., IMU
- **Staff Council Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: BIOL: 1411 Q&A Session**, 3-5 p.m., 166 IMU
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Therapy Dogs**, 6:30-8 p.m., 181 & 179 IMU
- **Iowa Bibliophiles — Arthur Bonfield**, 6:30 p.m., Main Library Special Collections Reading Room
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Massages**, 8 p.m.-midnight, IMU first floor
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Yoga**, 9 p.m., 179 IMU
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Snacks**, 10 p.m., IMU Welcome Center
- **Finals @ IMU 2016: Coffee**, 11 p.m., IMU Welcome Center

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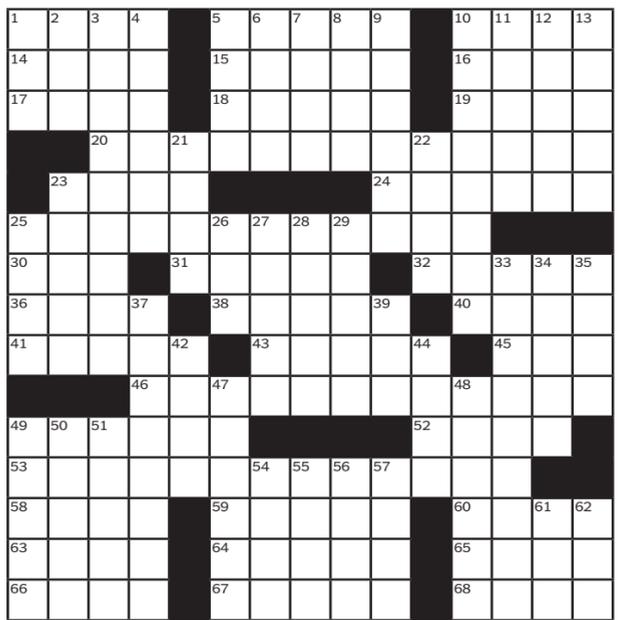
The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Zion National Park's state
 - 5 Long Island airport site
 - 10 Rapper Snoop
 - 14 Farm female
 - 15 Dixie, with "the"
 - 16 NPR's "___ a Game"
 - 17 "Cosmos" subj.
 - 18 Classic chocolate syrup brand
 - 19 ___ tide (semimonthly event)
 - 20 "Coach, make sure everyone's here" [N.H.L.]
 - 23 Subj. for those working the angles?
 - 24 Tom of "Happy Days"
 - 25 "Coach, get 'em to today's game" [N.B.A.]
 - 30 Nonsense
 - 31 "Me too!"
 - 32 Infield fly rule play
 - 36 Many a Charlton Heston movie
 - 38 Falls into a La-Z-Boy, say
 - 40 Cornmeal bread
 - 41 Scout's job, briefly
 - 43 "Star Wars" droid, informally
 - 45 Halloween accessory
 - 46 "Coach, get those guys a little ice water" [N.F.L.]
 - 49 Belly flop effect
 - 52 Muscle group targeted by Pilates
 - 53 "Coach, nab a few of those curfew violators" [M.L.B.]
 - 58 Movie featuring Ben Affleck as a C.I.A. agent
 - 59 Born yesterday, so to speak
 - 60 "That hurts!"
 - 63 Walk like a tosspot
 - 64 Two of the heart's chambers
 - 65 180s
 - 66 Ferber who wrote "Show Boat"
 - 67 Church choir selection
 - 68 Proofreader's "leave it"
- DOWN**
- 1 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
 - 2 Some exam graders, for short
 - 3 Gallery-frequenting writer
 - 4 "The French Connection" drug
 - 5 Library catalog ID
 - 6 Chimney sweep's target
 - 7 Passionate desire
 - 8 Persistent desire
 - 9 One of the friends on "Friends"
 - 10 1992 Clinton campaign song
 - 11 Shaq in old RadioShack commercials
 - 12 Angry look
 - 13 Word before moth or cab
 - 21 Popular fleecelined boots
 - 22 "All My Children," e.g.
 - 23 Literary figure of speech
 - 25 Title in Uncle Remus tales
 - 26 Do one better than

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- PUZZLE BY JOHN LIEB
- 27 Islamic equivalent of kosher
 - 28 Atlanta university
 - 29 In the know about
 - 33 Tailored wear imparting confidence
 - 34 Come together
 - 35 Cribbage or croquet needs
 - 37 "It's the real thing" brand
 - 39 Old French coin
 - 42 Munch between meals
 - 44 "Free Willy" creature
 - 47 Playful response to a zinger
 - 48 Like occasions of celebration
 - 49 Hair-raising experience
 - 50 Trimmed back
 - 51 Three-star U.S. Army rank: Abbr.
 - 54 Muesli morsels
 - 55 Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"
 - 56 "Don't be ___" (Google motto)
 - 57 Copier paper buy
 - 61 Clamp shape
 - 62 "The buck stops here" presidential inits.

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School Board focuses on local discrimination

The last Iowa City School Board meeting of 2016 addresses many end-of-the-year issues in addition to some planning for the next school year.

By ADDISON MARTIN
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Community members and Iowa City School Board members gathered for the last board meeting of 2016 on Tuesday.

Topics discussed by board members and brought up during community comment time ranged from seclusion boxes and special-education departments to the successes of the new transportation schedules.

To begin, student representatives from City High and Iowa City West addressed some negative environments due to discrimination in their schools. They thanked the board for the progress, as well as adding goals for the future. The board and Kingsley Botchway, the School District director of Equity and Engagement, discussed how to better address the problem.

“We can share information, and we do have to report information to the state ... We do have some data we can look at ... we could look at how to get that information available because I think that’s important,” Botchway said in discussing how the district deals with hate crimes or discrimination.

Many of the other community members again urged the board to consider the altering of policies regarding seclusion rooms used in some schools in the district.

“Last spring, the [district] was investigated by the state Board of Education for reports for not following individualized education plans ... disability discrimination is a real thing, though most would deny it,” said Jennifer Babcock, a mother of two fifth-grade students at Penn Elementary. “This discrimination

happens under the radar and is more insidious.”

The board members planned to discuss these problems in a work session following the meeting.

Among the success that was celebrated during this meeting were the record-breaking amount of money made in the “Run for the Schools” fundraiser and the increase in attendance because of extra buses throughout the community through Attendance Support Busing.

Representatives from each school presented numbers and data that showed improvement in attendance for students using the buses, as well as sharing anecdotes from grateful parents.

“It’s great to see the actual data; we kind of knew this would be true, but you’ve got to see it, feel it to believe it,” Board President Chris Lynch said.

Enrollment in the new Liberty High was dis-



Jennifer Babcock discusses the issues facing students with disabilities and the problems of special education with School Board members LaTasha DeLoach and Brian Kirschling during the last School Board meeting of 2016. (The Daily Iowan/Osama Khalid)

cussed, focusing on open enrollment and voluntary-transfer numbers. Because of the possibility of younger students causing the school to go over capacity in 2019, board member Chris Li-

ebig moved to close Liberty High to ninth-grade voluntary transfers. The motion passed, 4-3.

Proposals for bigger budgets English Language Learners and dropout-prevention programs

passed unanimously, providing more money in the coming years for the expansion of the programs. Also unanimously approved were all the calendars for the 2017-18 school year.

ARTS & CULTURE

Book lovers, unite; you have nothing to lose ...

By LEVI WRIGHT
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Do you love books? Do you find yourself day-dreaming about the next story you want to immerse yourself in? If so you, might be a bibliophile.

Today, the Iowa Bibliophiles will host a special edition of its monthly meeting to celebrate the return of one of the group’s founders, Arthur Bonfield, and the impressive collection of rare books he has made it his life’s work to collect.

Those at the meeting, to be held in the Main Library Special Collections Reading Room, will learn about Bonfield’s 60-year journey and hear highlights from his history as a collector.

“Arthur probably has the finest collection of specialized rare books in the area that we know of besides the institution,”

said Jane Murphy, a book lover who has attended Iowa Bibliophiles meetings since the group began.

The collection truly is “one for the books.” Sporting highlights such as the first picture of New York City ever printed and a famous document from 1625 that misrepresents California as an island, some said the collection might even rival that of the university’s.

Sitting down with Bonfield to receive even a brief glimpse of his awe-inspiring collection, one grows stunned at the vast array of texts — ranging from the end of the Medieval Ages to the modern era — in his possession. In recent years, the cultural consensus has moved toward the idea that the codex era is on its way out as e-readers of all shapes and sizes continue to proliferate. However, no digital screen,

no matter its portability or storage capacity, can deliver the same effect as a book containing a hand-drawn map from before Christopher Columbus discovered the Americas for Europeans is capable of producing.

This emphasis on the materiality of the objects lies at the heart of Bonfield’s ideology as a collector.

“I’m living with them,” he said. “Not reading about some modern historian who thinks he’s done research about it. Because I’m looking at the artifacts that they looked at.”

Bonfield, and those who follow in his footsteps, firmly hold the belief that physical books engage our senses in a way digital formats simply cannot.

“We’re hardwired to want to involve our hands to turn pages and follow along,” Murphy said.

This notion points to another key concept at the heart of the bibliophile’s mindset: Reading, as a practice, engages all our senses.

“When you’re reading these books, you’re not reading about what [the author] thought, you’re not reading about what some historian writes about it, you’re reading what they read, you’re living in their world,” he said.

While the risks of losing touch with this direct connection to our past still exist, organizations such as the Bibliophiles do all they can to open their doors to new faces in hopes of showcasing the legacy and ever-present relevance of one of history’s most important technologies.

“You don’t have to sign up,” said Greg Prickman, the head of Special Collections. “There are no dues.



Contributed

Everybody is welcome — you don’t have to be a member of the group to attend.”

Iowa Bibliophiles is a place for book lovers of all walks of life to share their love in a supportive and like-minded environment.

“It has exposed me to types of books and ways of looking at books that I never would have thought of,” Murphy said.

“The why, how, what, and result of 60 years of rare book collecting”
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Hawkeye gymnast Drenth focused like a beam

By JESS WESTENDORF
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Heading into this new gymnastics season, one GymHawk is going above and beyond for herself and her squad.

Senior Mollie Drenth has been a star for the Iowa women's gymnastics team since she joined the team in January 2014.

As a sophomore, Drenth competed in all 12 meets and was selected to NCAA regionals as an event specialist on the floor, where she posted a 9.800. She also posted her season best on floor against Illinois and at the Big Ten Championships.

Her junior year, she impressed observers once again. She competed in every meet on bars and beam and earned ninth place on bars at the Big Ten Championships. She then went on to place ninth on bars and eighth in the all-around at the NCAA regionals.

In 2015, she was named to the All-Championship Team and earned the first Big Ten Event Specialist of the Week accolade of her career in March.

Last season was a historic and fabulous season for the GymHawks. Drenth was no exception — she once again competed in every meet all-round.

She won first place on vault with a 9.925 and tied for fifth on bars with a 9.825 at the Big Ten Championships in March of this year. She was once again named to the All-Championship Team and to first team All-Big Ten.

Last season, Drenth was chosen as first team All-American at the NCAA Championships — Iowa's first since Alexis Maday in 2004.

Just last season she captured 19 individual titles: eight beam titles, seven all-around titles, three on vault, and one on floor. She also collected Iowa's season high scores on vault (9.950), beam (9.925), and in the all-around (39.475).

"I have been working on all the details," she said. "Making sure that I hit those details and preparing mentally for season."

After the Black and Gold Intrasquad meet, the GymHawks and Drenth are excited, but they know that there is work to be done. Drenth was proud of what the team accomplished but knows that there is always something to work on to have a great season.

"I felt really good about it; overall as a team, we looked great," Drenth said. "We have a lot of work to do; we have to



Iowa's Mollie Drenth performs on the bar during GymHawks' meet against No. 14 Nebraska on Feb. 7. The Hawkeyes beat No. 14 Nebraska, 196.650-196.350. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

hit the detail things and stay together." This will be Drenth's last season as a GymHawk, and she has focused on how she will make her last season one of her bests. The GymHawks will kick off their season at Northern Illinois in Dekalb, Illinois, on Jan. 8.

"I am excited to spend my last year with this incredible team and knowing the potential that we have we will make it far this year," Drenth said. "I'm excited to be on the floor with my family and sharing those incredible moments with them."

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for Florida this season, totaling 28 tackles, with 8.5 of those coming for a loss. At defensive tackle, he also earned a sack and a half.

At 6-2, 300 pounds, Brantley is pretty quick on his feet as well.

Jarrad Davis

Scouts Inc. has Davis rated as the No. 13 prospect in the 2017 NFL Draft. He has all of the physical attributes professional teams look for in an outside linebacker, but he has been inconsistent on the field at times.

Davis has more speed than just about any other linebacker in the draft, and

he covers sideline to sideline like a professional already.

Marcus Maye

Maye is the fourth and final Gator in Scouts Inc.'s top-30, coming in at No. 28 (Brantley is No. 14, Tabor is No. 16).

He is the third-rated safety in the coming draft class because of

how well-rounded he is on the field.

"I know they've got good players. I know they're very well-coached. They've got a good staff," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Hard pressed, probably, to find a Florida team that wasn't talented, at least recent memory, and the two teams we've played in that bowl have been really good."



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freshmen, but junior Brandon Sorensen said it has never been too difficult to make the change.

Now that he has been doing it for a few years, he also helps to ensure the younger guys stay up on their training during the few days home.

"It almost helps to be away, there's fewer dis-

tractions, you don't have to think about school, you can focus solely on your training, solely on your competition," Sorensen said. "[Freshman year] I wouldn't say was a whole lot different ... You gain experience from it and you learn off of it."

Unsurprisingly, the hardest part about the time off is avoiding the temptation of holiday treats that will inevitably be out.

"You have to be smart

about it and not splurge on all the holiday goodies and stuff," Sorensen said. "When you're going home, you're not just sitting watching TV. You're getting the workouts in, getting yourself feeling good, getting yourself ready to go. [Not eating too much] is definitely one of the more difficult things."

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72 points.

Michigan State, which boasts one of the best freshmen in the nation in Miles Bridges, averages 36.6 points per game from its newcomers.

Bridges averages a healthy 16.6 per game, followed by Nick Ward with 11.9 points per.

Penn State follows in third with 34.4 points per game from its freshmen, and Maryland is fourth with 28 points per game.

Part of Iowa leading the league in freshman scoring is simply that it plays so many. But that doesn't tell the whole story. Michigan State, Maryland, Penn State, Indiana, and Minnesota play just as many freshmen.

The Hawkeyes are learning on the fly, and the buckets are starting to drop more often.

When Cook gets back, even more points will be scored by the first-year players. It's certainly something to look forward to for years to come if you're a Hawkeye fan.

Minutes per game

Although the Hawkeyes don't top this category, they come in second behind the Nit-tany Lions.

Pat Chambers plays his freshmen to a total of 86 minutes per game altogether. McCaffery plays his 83 minutes per game.

The sheer number of minutes being played by freshmen at Iowa should let people know there are going to be growing pains on this team, and

if you expand those minutes played to everybody, the overall age doesn't get much higher.

Throw out senior Peter Jok, and it's mostly sophomores Ahmad Wagner, Nicholas Baer, and Christian Williams getting playing time.

In a sense, the 2016 season is starting to mirror the 2012 season.

In that year, Mike Gessel, Adam Woodbury, and Anthony Clemmons were all freshmen, and all got quite a bit of starting experience.

By the time those guys were seniors (and gained the contributions of All-American Jarrod Uthoff) they carried the Hawkeyes to a top-5 national ranking and a pair of NCAA Tournament victories.

If Cook, Pems, Bohannon, Moss, and the others can replicate that, no one will complain.



Iowa forward Cordell Pems celebrates after an Iowa made basket in the game between Nebraska-Omaha vs. Iowa at Carver Hawkeye on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The Hawkeyes comeback fell short, being defeated by the Mavericks 98-89. (The Daily Iowan/ Alex Kroeze)

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No real break for wrestlers



Iowa 125-pounder Thomas Gilman looks at the referee during his match with Iowa State's Markus Simmons in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 10. Gilman defeated Simmons with a 19-4 tech fall in 5:09. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By COURTNEY BAUMANN | courtney-baumann@uiowa.edu

With the semester coming to a close and the holiday season coming up, the Iowa wrestling team will get a much-needed break from training during a three-week lull in competition.

The next time the Hawkeyes will compete in front of a crowd is Dec. 29-30, when they travel to Northwestern for the Ken Craft Midlands Championships.

Until then, Iowa will have a few days off leading up to Christmas, and then hit the practice room once again the day after.

The time off comes at the perfect time, said Iowa head coach Tom Brands.

That doesn't mean he will be lax on his guys, though. They know they need to stay focused outside of the training room, too.

"I think a break is healthy at this time of the year. I think Christmastime is important that they get away with their families," Brands said. "It's also important to keep moving forward, take care of your body, and make sure you're disciplined in those areas. There can be a good balance."

A perfect example of this is senior 125-pounder, Thomas Gilman. Over his five years with the program, he has become a leader on the team because of his work ethic.

When it comes to level of focus, Gilman's is at the top. He does not let himself get distracted during time off; in fact, he doesn't believe time off is even real.

He stressed the importance of keeping up with training even during the few days off the guys do have, because their wrestling lifestyle does not change when they leave Iowa City.

"Just because we don't have practice doesn't necessarily mean it's a break. We're still training, or these guys should be training, all the way through until we come back. There's no time off between now and then," Gilman said. "The lifestyle is the same, still working out, keeping weight down, and staying focused. When you have a mission, it's easy to stay focused."

Sometimes adjusting to life in college can be tough, especially for

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No croc: The Gators are loaded

By BLAKE DOWSON | blake-dowson@uiowa.edu

When the Hawkeyes traveled to Tampa to play in the 2014 Outback Bowl, they ran into what turned out to be an LSU offense that was stacked full of NFL talent.

Teams playing in January bowl games will always have talent on both sides of the ball, and in most cases, numerous guys who get drafted.

But the superstar talent the Tigers possessed was, and still is, unheard of.

The fifth-year seniors on this year's Iowa squad were freshmen for the 2014 Outback Bowl and had seats on the sidelines to watch the future NFL stars shine for LSU.

"I was a true freshman on that team, so I didn't play at all," LeShun Daniels Jr. said on Dec. 4. "... I remember they had all-stars on their team such as Odell Beckham, Jarvis Landry, Jeremy Hill, all those guys. They were out there making plays."

Hill ran for 216 yards and 2 touchdowns that day. He's starting for the Cincinnati Bengals now. His backup, Alfred Blue, also plays in the NFL.

Besides the two star receivers Beckham and Landry, offensive tackle La'el Collins played in that game.

The star power on that LSU team wasn't unnoticed before that game, but the success those players have had at the next level has been somewhat surprising.



Florida defensive back Teez Tabor (31) breaks up a pass intended for Florida Atlantic wide receiver Darius James (89) on Nov. 21, 2015, in Gainesville, Florida. (Associated Press/John Raoux)

As Iowa heads down to Tampa to play Florida on Jan. 2, which Gator players could turn into Pro Bowlers at the next level?

Teez Tabor

Tabor, who changed his name from Jalen to Teez this season, is a sure-fire first-round pick in April, barring an injury in the bowl game or workouts leading up to the draft.

The junior cornerback

outplayed teammate Vernon Hargreaves last year, who was drafted No. 11 in last year's draft.

Tabor has a unique combination of size and speed that allows him to play both inside and out.

Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard said he watched the Gators play in the SEC Championship, and the defense impressed him.

"They have a good defense," he said. "I wasn't really watching them and

studying them, per se, thinking that we'd be playing them, but I know they have two good corners."

Caleb Brantley

As loaded as LSU was on the offensive side in 2014, the Gators have much of their future NFL talent on the defensive side.

Brantley is one of those guys. He started 10 games

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Youth makes strong hoops point

By BLAKE DOWSON | blake-dowson@uiowa.edu

One game can never really tell a story one way or another, but after a convincing win over then-No. 25 Iowa State, it looks as if the Iowa men's basketball team may be back on track after a turbulent first 10 games of the season.

After one star freshman went down for head coach Fran McCaffery, a handful of other freshmen stepped up, and the numbers those guys have put up rival any other program in the Big Ten this season.

Here is a look at how the Iowa freshmen — Tyler Cook, Cordell Pems, Jordan Bohannon, Isaiah Moss, Ryan Kriener, and Maishe Dailey — stack up against their counterparts in the conference.



Cook
freshman

Points per game

The newcomers score a bulk of the points for the Hawkeyes. That isn't a surprise. Three of them are in the starting lineup, and Cook was the team's second leading scorer before he went down with an injury.

The surprising part of the 37.6 points per game the Hawkeye freshmen put up is that they are leading the conference in scoring per contest.

Cook leads the way, with 13.7 points per game. That's only in six games, however. Pems has more than 100 points this season in 10 games, and Bohannon and Moss aren't far behind with 84 and

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