

News To Know



Hoops drops the ball in Indiana

The Iowa men's basketball team suffered its second conference loss, this time in Bloomington on Monday night to the Hoosiers, 77-64. The Hawkeyes' conference record is now 0-2. Indiana native Jack Nunge performed well in his home state. The Hawkeye freshman forward posted 12 points and 6 rebounds.

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Wrestling needs a change

The Illinois meet on Dec. 1 showed Iowa wrestling that it needs to change. The Hawkeyes barely came out with a win in the dual meet against the No. 15 ranked Illinois squad. Sam Stoll is anchoring Iowa as its heavy-weight and has stepped up to the challenge, but some other weight classes are questionable as new faces dot Iowa's lineup. **Sports, 8**



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Fire off the bench

The Iowa women's basketball team is currently 8-1, partly because of the success the bench has had this season. The Hawkeye's bench has averaged 19.7 points per content so far this year, providing a helpful boost for the team. Iowa's bench is led by junior Hannah Stewart, who is shooting 56.9 percent from the floor and averaging 8.4 points a game while also grabbing 5.9 rebounds. **Sports, 8**

UI searching for an institutional identity

As part of an ongoing initiative to examine potential ways to restructure the university and identify ways to look toward the future, the UI's 2020 initiative committee held a forum Monday night to gather input. Some urged the UI to take a look at its efforts to include international and nonresident students in the community. **News, 5**

Is social-media activism really activism?

On Monday night, the Obermann Conversation at the Iowa City Public Library brought together four panelists to discuss social media's role in activism. The panel discussed hashtag campaigns dealing with sexism and racial justice. One of the hashtag starters was a 16-year-old from Iowa City West who started a campaign in response to the discovery of a student-made Google spreadsheet that letter graded 94 girls based on their physical attractiveness. **News, 5**



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Shuttle service upsets many with racially insensitive email

Suburban Express recently made comments deemed racist toward Chinese on its buses.

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University of Iowa webpages will no longer suggest Suburban Express as a means of travel for students following race-targeted comments the company made in an advertisement.

Last week, Illinois-based Suburban Express, a shuttle service available to students on numerous college campuses who are traveling

to Illinois suburbs, published comments that have received backlash for being racially insensitive.

In an email attempting to promote services for University of Illinois students to use over the holiday break, the company remarked in a statement that the buses are filled with "Passengers like you," and, "You won't feel like you're in China when you're on our buses."

The remarks were instantly met with criticism for targeting indi-

viduals of Chinese descent, which prompted a follow-up email statement from the company that confirmed the comments were made to insult.

While apologizing for the comments, the company continued with more statements deemed as insensitive, saying its officials disagree with the University of Illinois' willingness to admit high numbers of international students.

"We agree that having a healthy

mixture of different cultures and ethnicities is valuable," the company statement said. "But we're not comfortable with the idea of selling our university to the highest foreign bidder."

In response, the University of Illinois condemned the behavior and stated it has no business-relationship with the company. It also urged community members not to

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UISG officers note initiatives

UI Student Government President Jacob Simpson and Vice President Lilián Sánchez spoke with the *DI* on Dec. 1 about key accomplishments of the first semester under their leadership.

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DI: Would you guys like to start by discussing UISG's accomplishments this semester?

Jacob Simpson: We had a really great semester building on our progress from the summer, when we were meeting with campus partners, and building those relationships, and prepping for when most of UISG members came back during the fall, but one of our greatest accomplishments so far has definitely been the airport shuttle.

We sent that out before Thanksgiving break and we immediately had so much social-media attention from it. And we had more than 50 students utilize the service. The first trial we had and offered again this winter break and another thing that just came out was the Hawkeye Meal Share program, and we worked with the Division of Student Life to collect leftover meal swipes from students who have a dining contract. Then students who are facing food insecurity can come into the Office of the Dean of Students and receive a short-term support to alleviate food insecurity.

We've also had a lot of success, I'd say, in terms of governmental relations — both with the Board of Regents but also with the state Legislature. So we have visited with Regent [Larry] McKibben, Regent [Subash] Sahai in their hometowns, and we just hosted Regent [Sherry] Bates on campus yesterday, gave her a tour of a number of different services from the Food Pantry to the embedded counselors to the cultural centers talking about the elements of student life that she wouldn't see during the normal course of her position.

Lilián Sánchez: I think Jacob did a really good job at hitting the key initiatives that we've been able to highlight over the semester. There's been a ton others that haven't been as explicit, but I think it's important to acknowledge that we have to attribute our success to the amount of support we've received from the community both on and off campus.

I think that this year we did an amazing job at recruiting and organizing a supportive and strong team within UISG, and of course the UI community has welcomed us with open arms



TOP: A sample of the food is seen in the Food Pantry in the IMU on Sep. 4. The Food Pantry is located in 209 IMU. (Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan) **BOTTOM LEFT:** UISG President Jacob Simpson and Vice President Lilián Sánchez pose for a portrait in the *Daily Iowan* newsroom on Dec. 1. (Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan) **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The entrance to Catlett Dining Hall as seen on Nov. 28. Catlett opened this year. (Ashley Morris/The Daily Iowan)

and gone beyond what they needed to to help support us with the initiatives that Jacob mentioned — whether it was airport shuttle or the Hawkeye Meal Share program or anything else — we've worked with the Division of Student Life, we've worked with the Office of Financial Aid. We've worked with a lot of areas, campus

partners, that have really only strengthened our initiatives and make them possible. So I think we



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Tippie unveils new Master of Finance degree for 2018

Tippie spearheads new Master of Finance degree for fall 2018 amid growing demand for specialty programs.



Ben Smith/The Daily Iowan

UI Professor Thomas Rietz, the head of the Finance Department, poses in front of the Pomerantz Center on Monday. The UI has implemented a Masters of Finance for those who wish to pursue continuing education in the finance department.

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The Tippie College of Business is now accepting applications for a new three-semester Master of Finance Program starting in the fall of 2018. The move comes after the school announced in late August it would phase out its full-time M.B.A.

The new program will become one of three specialized Master's programs offered by the

Tippie College of Business. The other two are in accounting and business analytics.

In the new on-campus-only program, students will be able to consult for clients and manage a stock portfolio, the \$6 million Henry Fund. Finishing touches are being put on a student-managed fixed income fund, Finance Department Executive Officer Thomas Rietz said.

"We've been working on it for four or five

VA surgeon's appointment questioned

Sens. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, contacted the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Monday because of a report citing the hiring of VA doctors despite known claims of malpractice and poor patient care.

The USA Today investigative report was linked in a digital press release from Grassley's office.

The report discussed neurosurgeon John Henry Schneider, who, according to USA Today, was accused of surgical mistakes that left patients severely injured or in some cases, dead.

"He was accused of costing one patient bladder and bowel control after placing spinal screws incorrectly, he allegedly left another paralyzed from the waist down after placing a device improperly in his spinal canal," read the USA Today report.

Schneider got the position at the Iowa City VA despite having his medical license revoked in Wyoming.

In their letter to the VA, the senators said hiring physicians who provide quality care should go without saying.

"Veterans who receive care through the VA deserve the highest standard of care available. This high standard applies throughout an entire episode of care but is most critical when a veteran sees their physicians," the senators wrote. "It should go without saying that physicians hired by the VA should be fit to practice and have a track record of providing quality care."

In the letter to Secretary David Shulkin, the senators cited the Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1100.19, which, they said, proves that Schneider's hiring is not permitted by the VA's standards.

"Applicants ... who had such license, registration, or certification revoked for professional misconduct, professional incompetence, or substandard care by any of those States, or voluntarily relinquished a license, registration, or certification in any of those States after being notified in writing by that State of potential termination for professional misconduct, professional incompetence, or substandard care, are not eligible for appointment," reads the handbook.

The senators also contended that the handbook should have determined that the neurosurgeon's employment was illegal, not the report.

— Madeleine Neal

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LEARNING LEAN IN



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

UISG Chief of Staff Lindsey Rayner (right) speaks during the Lean In Circle meeting at the WRAC on Monday. Lean In, inspired by Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg's book of the same name, creates a space for women to celebrate accomplishments and gain peer support.

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use the service. In addition, the University of Iowa will no longer show the company as a campus resource. "The UI had no official relationship with this company but listed it on UI websites as an option for students seeking transportation," Jeneane Beck, assistant vice president for external relations, said in an emailed statement to *The Daily Iowan*. "The UI has removed Suburban Express from all UI webpages following its unacceptable and intolerant statements." Suburban Express started business in the early 1980s as a cheaper alternative to competing bus services. Following the condemnation from the University of Illinois, as well as a blast in

media coverage and negative online comments toward the company, owner Dennis Toepfen issued a lengthy statement on Facebook attempting to clear up the matter. "When we wrote a recent promotional email, we mentioned that Suburban Express riders would not encounter Chinese exchange students on our buses," the statement said. "That's because they all ride our competitor now. It was an ill-advised statement to make, because it upset the very people we were sad to have lost. Suburban Express welcomes students of all nationalities on our buses. Anyone who says otherwise is trying to further their own agenda." Suburban Express employees believe Chinese exchange students use other services because of an incident in 2013 in which a person affiliated with the company made an

"inappropriate comment" to a non-English speaker. That incident drew concerns from customers on social media. When *The Daily Iowan* asked for comment, the company restated the above post. This is not the first instance in which Suburban Express has been under fire for questionable behavior. In 2012 and 2013, the company filed small-claims lawsuits against more than 100 student passengers for actions such as boarding the wrong bus and seeking refunds for unused tickets. The suits were later dropped. The company also runs a "Page of Shame," detailing complaints about customers and including their private information like names and phone numbers. The site's description reads: "Think of this as a review site, where we review what we consider to be bad customers. Other

merchants: We think you should think twice before doing business with these individuals — or at least require cash payment. But that's just our opinion." However, upon clicking the link, the website redirects to a 404 Not Found page. Despite the company's apologies, its comments have offended many in the community, and have altered perceptions about the shuttle service. "I've been using Suburban Express to go back to the Chicago suburbs since I started here in August," UI freshman Lauren Whitney said. "It's really sad to hear that they keep having issues concerning racism. It makes me think twice before riding with them again." UI lists private transit companies Megabus, Burlington Trailways, and Greyhound as options for students to use to travel to the Chicago area.

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couldn't have had as much success without them. Also, just we've been open to change, I think, and open to learning as we go, and learning from our mistakes, and being humble in that we don't know everything. We have had great success with the [communications] team, opening up more positions within the executive branch. In that, reconfiguring how student government is now not working as separate branches but is allowing for that autonomy of branches and working together collaboratively and more closely. We've seen great successes in terms of our director of academic-affairs position. That was a new position we started this year, and Tristan Schmidt has been doing an amazing job being involved with the 2020 initiative. **Simpson:** Just for context, we had under 15 executive positions last year, and then this year we have around 25. So we expanded the executive branch significantly. That's from the addition of the [communications] team which equals — we added seven positions there. And then the director of academic affairs, director of student services, deputy director of finances as well. So big expansion, big impact. **Sánchez:** The last part that I would also like to attribute our success to is our strategic plan. We are in the process of — it's a living document, so we are in the process of analyzing it and figuring out in what we ways our organizations can continue to grow. The strategic plan has kept us in check in a way in terms of rooting our values, our mission, and using it as a source to educate and work on our professional development within the organization. So we will have a retreat in which members of student government learn about the history of UISG so we don't reinvent the cycle as well as learn about the initiative, how to finish an initiative, and what not, so we hope that will continue

to be a source of success for our organization. **DI:** Can you elaborate on the strategic plan and how that outlines your goals? **Sánchez:** The strategic plan incorporates what our mission is in student government. It has our values and delves in our plans and strategies of how we plan to grow as an organization. For example, one of them last year was professional development. We noticed that a lot of people last year were either new to student government because sometimes it can be intimidating to know what the system looks like and how to navigate it, we wanted to ensure people had that institutional knowledge but also gain transferable skills to use outside of the organization, so professional development was something we wanted to do to help strengthen our members. So this year we've had a lot of professional development whether it's having them attend trainings, or allowing them to go to other conferences and learn about other student governments to bring back ideas. That specific then turned into an initiative, which then turned into practicalities that have benefited our organization, and we've seen some tangible changes. **DI:** You guys just got back from visiting with some lawmakers in the capital. What sort of work did you do there? **Simpson:** What I appreciated about our trip to Washington, D.C., was that it kind of demystified federal government and how it is placed in higher-education policy and regulation. So we met with our Iowa delegation. Some one-on-one and expressed our priorities for making the university affordable and accessible and maintaining its world-class quality. So we had conversations with people about FAFSA simplification or the RISE Act, which would allow students with disabilities to transfer [Individualized Education Plans] and other documents that would help them with accommodations on cam-

pus. And it was also important that we talk about safety on campus. CASA and any other initiatives that we could to make sure that we are working to eliminate sexual assault. **Sánchez:** So with the campus accountability and safety act we think the University of Iowa is doing a great job or the best it can to provide safety on campus, but we also know that lobbying for legislation like that can benefit our peers, so that was also another one of our reasons we wanted to advocate for that, and there were other issues that we wanted to make sure Iowa had a voice at at the federal level. That included support for first-generation students and underrepresented students on campus, particularly continuing the federal government support programs like TRIO and those sort of federal grants. **DI:** What are some of your plans for next semester? I suppose you probably have to have some plans in place now for them to come fruition next semester. **Simpson:** So we have a lot of stuff coming down the pipeline. One of my favorite things we are working on — we made financial aid a priority this year. We are working with campus partners to create a retention grant, and the idea is that students who have more than \$100 on their U-bill at the end of the semester are not able to register until they get that cleared. A number of universities now have a targeted intervention mechanism that uses financial aid to alleviate a small amount so that people can register, and we are. If everything goes according to plan we will launch a pilot program in the spring for that program. Other things include a course-reserve program for textbook affordability. So some classes now, the professor says that the library has one or two copies of the textbook for this course. We are looking to provide more systematic initiatives so that more classes that have expensive, large textbooks are in the library so that students don't have to go out

and buy them themselves or buy a used copy. We've had really great success with the library so far on a number of universities have great programs. Like Lilián said, we're make this efficient. We're not reinventing the wheel on some of these things, we're targeting areas of improvement and doing our research, finding solutions that work at other universities and then implementing them here. **Sánchez:** We were talking about first-generation students earlier and one of the things we're really excited about this year is that we're in the process of arranging and coordinating a first-generation summit for April 7 in the spring. We got very lucky with that initiative in the sense that the university had established a first-gen task force, and so we are going to strengthen our efforts to make it more intentional and more education-based. So we will be having the summit catered not just to undergraduate students but also offered as an opportunity for mentorship and networking among graduate and professional students as well as faculty and staff, so we're hoping that goes really well in the spring and that the institution will garner that as a seed or a starting point to continue those sustainable efforts across years. We will also be doing a lot of work in terms safety on campus. We actually had a meeting today thinking of things we could do to combat sexual assault, and we are hoping that through the It's on Us Action Week that we'll work with campus partners to be more intentional in outreach toward students that perhaps in the past haven't learned much in how to combat sexual assault but then also cater specific conversations around healthy masculinity and even extend the conversation beyond just violence toward women but gendered violence as well, particularly to the LGBTQ community.

Continue reading *The Daily Iowan* for more insight on UISG's efforts to address issues such as affordability, food insecurity, and other initiatives.

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Hubbell tries to bridge party gap

The Daily Iowan spoke with Democratic gubernatorial candidate Fred Hubbell about his experiences in both the private and public sectors and how he hopes to extend his platform across party lines to bridge the partisan gap.

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Fred Hubbell, a University of Iowa law school alumnus, was a former chairman of Younkers and president of Equitable of Iowa and also served as an interim director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

The Daily Iowan spoke with Hubbell about his top campaign issues and his priorities and using his experience to bridge the gap between party lines.

Hubbell on why he's running for governor:

"Well, you know, I've been around Iowa for a long time, and I've always been able to be proud of Iowa because it was pretty much a moderate state; supported people, whether they were a Democrat, independent, or Republican, the government tried to do a good job for people — tried to support growth across the state and showed respect for people, both in and out of government. But over the last two years, I've seen that this governor and the Legislature have no idea how to manage the budget, and they talk about their priorities, but they put the money in completely differ-

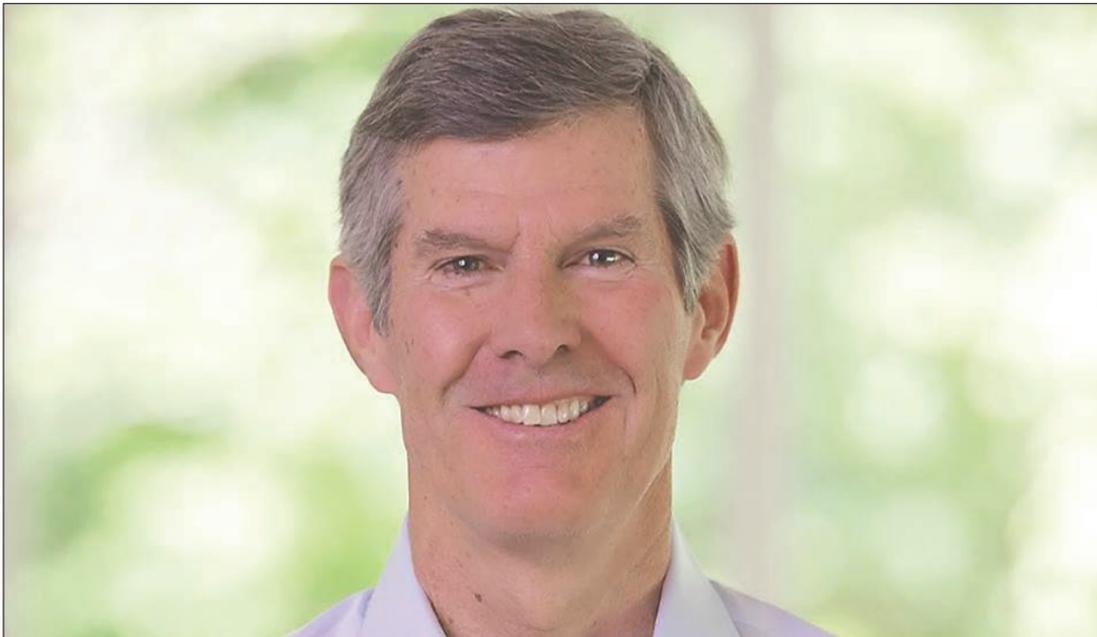
ent places, and where they're putting it is causing our budget challenges, which is significant ..."

Hubbell's private sector experience:

"There are a few things that I try to emphasize — one is my experience. Ever since I graduated from law school at the University of Iowa, after that, I went to work in business for quite a few years. I stopped being a lawyer and went to work at Younkers and was the chairman of Younkers during the 1980s farm crisis; then [I] helped steer that business through the farm crisis, then to become much more successful. After that, I ended up becoming the CEO of Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa for a good number of years and its successor company — a large public company ... So I have a lot of private-sector experience leading large organizations."

Hubbell's public-sector experience:

"After that, [former] Gov. [Chet] Culver [D] asked me twice to work for the state — first for the Iowa Department of Economic Development, he asked me to take over that and be the director of that department because we



had a film-tax-credit scandal in 2009, and it looked like it was going to cost the state a couple hundred million dollars. So he fired the director and asked me to come in and take over and work for the Attorney General's Office to resolve the scandal, which we did — we got it down to less than \$25 million. But more importantly, we refocused the efforts for economic development ..."

Hubbell and the Iowa Power Fund:

"...Then also in 2007 to 2010, Culver had me take over as chair of the Iowa Power Fund, which was a four-year effort to invest and save money and retract money from out-of-state, to invest in renewable energy, renewable fuel, wind, and solar all across Iowa, which we did. So I have a lot of experience in both private sector and public sector, actu-

ally getting results for people, moving our economy along with focusing on renewable energy, renewable fuels, and helping businesses and communities be more successful."

Hubbell on what makes him a unique candidate for governor:

"I've never been a candidate before — I've never been a politician; I've never run for office. All the nonprofit expe-

rience I've had, which is four years' worth of that kind of work plus the private sector and the civic activities I've done. I'd never experienced people asking anybody whether you're a Republican or a Democrat and trying to divide people along those lines. It seems like it's only in government people get hung up on being Republican or Democrat, and I want to try to bridge that gap and be a governor for all Iowans."

Shot fired near Wood Elementary

According to a press release from Iowa City, the Iowa City police received a call Monday about a man being shot

at 1930 Lakeside Drive.

After arriving on scene, the release said, officers found a gun incident occurred at the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Amber Lane but no injuries by any person were sustained.

A foot chase began between officers and numerous suspects leaving the area, the release said, and three suspects were taken into custody. They have charges pending.

Witnesses told officers, the release

said, six or seven individuals got into a fight, which caused a gun to be displayed and a shot fired to the ground.

Wood Elementary School and other nearby buildings were not involved in the matter, the release said, but Wood

and Alexander Elementary canceled outdoor activities and kept doors locked.

The University of Iowa police and the Johnson's County Sheriff's Office were called to assist Iowa City officers, the release said, with further investi-

gation being done by the city police.

Iowa City Area CrimeStoppers urges anyone knowing additional information to call. 319-358-TIPS.

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Baldwin unfit for Iowa Democrats

Alec Baldwin joined Iowa Democrats as the keynote speaker of the Fall Gala.



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On Nov. 27, roughly 3,000 attendees gathered at the Iowa Democratic Party Fall Gala to celebrate the seven gubernatorial candidates up for the party nomination in 2018. The introduction was given with a story of “passing the hat” to one another to join forces per-

son-to-person. It included talk of the Democratic Party representing the ordinary, average person as described by the characters of the Dr. Seuss book, *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*.

There was no better way to represent the average Iowan than having Alec Baldwin, a man known for comedy and his pompous airplane tantrum, to deliver the keynote speech in an almost entirely red state.

Baldwin is a lifelong Democrat who remains highly critical of President Trump and the Republican Party. There is no denying his “Saturday Night Live”

skits are humorous, but in a state with a majority of control going to Republicans, it is difficult to get the average Iowan to relate to a hypocritical comedian who does not have their best interests at heart. His political experience starts and ends with assuming the president’s role on a late-night comedy show and giving money to charities that align with his progressive outlook. He is neither a representation of Iowa nor a model of what an Iowa Democrat should consist of.

Also mentioned in his gala introduction was a quote from his memoir:

“I dreamed of doing some kind of work that would make a difference in the lives of the people I cared about. I love my country. My way of loving it meant urging it toward being better.”

Baldwin demonstrated this kind character in a 2007 voicemail to his 11-year-old daughter. The angry voicemail was a reaction to the child not answering his phone call and concluded with, “So I’m going to let you know how I feel, about what a rude little pig you really are. You are a rude thoughtless little pig. OK?” If actions speak louder than words, Iowans can hear

Baldwin’s arrogant message all the way from his \$1.3 million apartment in Greenwich Village.

Perhaps Iowa Democrats should learn a lesson from their dramatic presidential-election loss of Hillary Clinton, who was backed by such celebrities as LeBron James, Beyoncé, Jay Z, and Bruce Springsteen, in order to win the governor’s seat. The seat is currently occupied by the first female Iowa governor, Kim Reynolds, a Republican who plans to also run in the 2018 election. All of the fame in the world cannot relate to rural, down-to-earth Iowans who

are in need of more assistance from the government.

Currently, Jon Neiderbach, Andy McGuire, John Norris, Fred Hubbell, Cathy Glasson, Nate Boulton, and Ross Wilburn are eyeing the governor’s seat in 2018. They have to work a lot harder than making jokes about the president if they are hopeful of regaining the state that is almost entirely under Republican control. While Baldwin’s appearance did bring in a lot of fundraising money, there could have been a better, relatable role model to influence Iowa Democrats with more than elitist humor.

COLUMN

Faking the fake Christmas with tax cuts

In the war on Christmas with tax cuts and jobs, jobs and the war on taxes, do we take any prisoners?



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So, Merry Christmas. Yeah, I know, the holiday is a few weeks away or so. Not that you could tell with all the city’s Christmas lights up everywhere and the abominable excuse for music that make up the Christmas song canon oozing through the air. Also, I say Merry Christmas because apparently, there’s a war on Christmas going on. At least that’s what the conservative side of things claim, and they

wouldn’t indulge in fake news, would they?

The Christmas war has extended to the White House, where the Emperor of Fake continues to take up the cause and urges all to join him. (If you do, make sure you have a good attorney handy.)

The Trumpster the other day said, “I told you that we would be saying Merry Christmas again, right?”

Apparently contending that his predecessor had somehow ignored the traditional greeting while in the White House.

Ah, war. Well, except that, as NPR has reported, former President Barack Obama used the words “Merry Christmas” to salute the season all eight years he was in office.

Yep. On Christmas Eve

2016, “Merry Christmas, everybody.” In 2015, “Merry Christmas, and happy holidays to you and yours.” In 2014, “Have a Merry Christmas.” And so forth and so on.

Apparently, “Merry Christmas” as a greeting never left the White House, and once again, the Trumpster didn’t know what he was talking about. Of course, the metric tonnage of the Trumpster’s not knowing what he is talking about could sink all the navies of the world. (And may yet.)

Meanwhile, the Republicans are promising us tax cuts for Christmas, which would, among other things, bring billions of corporate off-shore dollars into the States, creating growth and jobs.

Hmm.

In 2004 (that would be during the George W. Bush administration, for those of you who still keep track of such things at home), the U.S. government offered a tax holiday for U.S. corporations to bring their billions off-shore to the States.

You know the drill: Drill, baby, drill.

No. Not that drill. We’re already drilling, baby, drilling. Or fracking, baby, fracking. That’s why the world is awash in petroleum and the U.S. has supplanted Russia as the world’s No. 1 producer of natural gas (since 2009). In 2015, the U.S. unseated Russia as the No. 1 producer of oil and is natural gas. The U.S. is also the No. 1 producer of unnatural gas, thanks to the Trumpster opening his mouth and tweeting his

Twits.

You know this drill: Bring the off-shore corporate billions to the Motherland (or is it Fatherland now?), and beautiful gardens will spring up, sprouting jobs, jobs, jobs, and even more jobs. You’d’ve thought they were going to clone Steve.

So how did that work out, back there in the Dark Ages of 2004? you wonder. Lots of jobs, right?

Not so fast, Bucky Boy or Girl. Basically, the corporations brought the billions to the Mainland and used them to buy back some stock and to enrich their investors. Jobs? Jobs? Ha-ha. (That’s Republican humor. It also runs to knock-knock jokes and seasoned with Why did the chicken cross the road? To get a tax cut. Yeah, me, too.)

So now we have a brand-new tax overhaul, courtesy of the GOP, and it, too, lowers corporate tax rates so they’ll bring those off-shore billions on-shore to the U.S. Thus creating jobs, jobs, jobs.

You’d have to be an aficionado of the Tooth Fairy to believe corporations are going to use those billions to create more jobs. Just given their history.

Well, goo goo ga joob, as Lennon might say. (If he ever gets together with Groucho Marx, look out.)

Or as the *Post* reports, Bruce Bartlett, Reagan’s economic adviser who helped write Reagan’s famous tax cuts, says, “I helped create the GOP tax myth. Trump is wrong: Tax cuts don’t equal growth.”

Merry Christmas.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Council housing debate affects students

The City Council is set to vote on an amendment to the Housing Code today. Proposed by senior housing inspector Stan Laverman in order to foster “healthy, vibrant neighborhoods,” the rental cap would cease the issuing of new rental permits in designated areas. We asked UI students, “How do you feel about a possible IC Housing Code amendment that would limit rental properties in certain areas, including downtown?”



TYLER LUPPINO
UI freshman

“I think it’d be a bad idea, because students need to live close to be able to commute to their classes on the Pentacrest and such, and limiting that would result in more people ditching out on class, so I think it’s a bad idea.”



AMY BETTMAN
UI freshman

“I think it’s a bad idea because, especially at night when people are trying to walk back from classes or just from downtown, it makes it a not safe environment, and you hear about a lot of dangerous activities during the night, so it would be a bad idea.”



HANNAH LANGENFELD
UI senior

“I currently live really close to campus so I enjoy not having to drive anywhere and pay for parking. And second, if students have to live in more residential areas, there’s going to be more conflicts between parents and teachers who live in those areas with students because students tend to be more rowdy and loud, and so that could just cause more problems than needed.”



DANI LIPMAN
UI junior

“I do agree that it’d be very stressful and intense on the residential areas with regular families living there with the students. I don’t really know if there is a huge number of students who already live in the downtown area just because it is pretty expensive as is, so I don’t know how much of a change it would make on the current population of students living downtown.”



BROOKE DRZEWIECKI
UI freshman

“It’s a bad idea, because it’s important for a lot of students to be close to campus to get to their classes on time as well as get more sleep.”

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Hashtags as means to social justice is the U.S.

An Obermann Conversation took place in the Iowa City Public Library to discuss activism on social media.

BY ANDY MITCHELL
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In the 21st century, activism can be found on new platforms — social media is no exception.

Monday night's Obermann Conversation at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., brought together four panelists to discuss social media's role in activism, referred to as hashtag activism. The panelists were made up of women versed in social-media activism by study and by experience.

The panel discussed the stories of two recent hashtag campaigns, #EveryonesANA, and #Justice4Tory. Both campaigns stemmed from social-justice issues. The former tackled sexism, the latter

racial justice.

One of the hashtag starters was 16-year-old Lucy Polyak, a junior at Iowa City West. Polyak started her own hashtag campaign in October in response to the discovery of a student-made Google Spreadsheet that letter graded 94 girls on their physical attractiveness.

Polyak posted on her Instagram and Twitter accounts about self-love and worth. Posts that she thought only a handful of people might share was being shared by hundreds.

"I live by this mantra 'If it is to be, it's up to me,'" Polyak said. "I wanted to see people happy again in a community I know is traditionally so full of love."

The offline impact was

seen the next day, as one of the school's teachers had a group of boys and girls put up posters around the school with similar messages. Some of those posters remain up months later.

"It's definitely affected the community at my school," Polyak said, "There's this strength that can be found in solidarity whether that be in person or on the internet."

Polyak said that while she did receive "blowback" for starting the hashtag, it did not deter her from her activism.

Lisa Covington, an activist scholar and Ph.D. candidate in sociology, recounted the story behind the hashtag campaign she started. In San Diego, a friend of hers, special-education teacher

Tory Robinson, was pulled over by the San Diego Sheriff's Department because of a broken tail light. Robinson continued to drive until he reached the well-lit area of a gas station, where he was arrested at gunpoint on felony invasion of police officers. Robinson was incarcerated for 18 days.

"My friend was unjustly accosted and harassed," Covington said. "I just want to make sure he was being supported."

Covington helped start a hashtag on Facebook that garnered national and international attention. While Robinson was incarcerated, Covington and allies rallied outside and inside the courthouses during his court appearances.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Audience members listen during the Hashtag Activism Conference held on Monday. Four speakers spoke about the role of activism in this country and in their own lives.

Some promote excellence over efficiency

Members of the campus community suggest Iowans would benefit from understanding the UI's role in and beyond the state.

BY MARISSA PAYNE
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Before the University of Iowa can achieve excellence, campus-community members urge officials to look outside state lines to find an institutional identity.

The Academic Organizational Structure 2020 Initiative Committee held the second of three forums Monday night in 100 Phillips Hall to gather input regarding the future of the university and its role in the state and the nation.

In January, prior to his departure to assume the role of president of a Florida university, then-Provost P. Barry Butler tasked the Council of Deans to determine changes that could be made to the academic structure of the UI. Some key findings from Phase 1 included suggestions to re-envision the general-education curriculum and re-

view the structure and size of departments and colleges.

The forums are part of the initiative's second phase, which emphasizes the community input. History Professor Katherine Tachau suggested at the forum Monday that the UI eliminate discussions of efficiencies in the equation in its pursuit for institutional excellence.

"Efficiency is the enemy because it's usually defined in terms of biggest bang for the buck, whereas what we want is excellence," she said.

To achieve excellence, Tachau suggested ditching notions of utilitarianism and recognizing that individual students, staff, and faculty members are an end in themselves rather than a means to an end.

One of the ways the UI currently treats students as a means to an end, Tachau and other attendees suggested, is in its discussions of balanc-

ing tuition to gain sufficient revenue based on the enrollment makeup among resident, nonresident, and international students.

UI officials have previously acknowledged budgetary concerns as that makeup shifts. International and nonresident students pay higher tuition and, as a result, contribute a large portion of the tuition revenue.

Based on her own experiences as a nonresident student, UI Student Government Chief of Staff Lindsey Rayner said something she realized soon after setting foot on campus is that Iowans don't always seem to understand the state's place in the U.S.

Rayner said more should be done to recruit and retain students from all over the country and the world, who bring diverse perspectives to the UI.

"We should be always looking toward the future of what

these students bring as well as ... what we're going to produce in a student that graduates from the university," she said.

UISG President Jacob Simpson emphasized taking time for introspection organizationally to identify how to strategically shift resources to fund the institution's priorities. He identified improving retention rates as one of those priorities, in part as a net return on investment in tuition revenue as retention rates rise.

"What I've seen going from meeting to meeting with administration is that every time we come up with a new idea, the follow-up question is, 'Where is the money going to come from from that?'" he said.

Simpson also suggested looking beyond campus boundaries to build effective partnerships and create more opportunities to sway the fu-

ture of the institution.

A need to look beyond is something UI Pappajohn Education Center Director Tom Rice, the chair of the 2020 Initiative Committee, also acknowledged during the forum. Rice said this process is about looking at how the UI can be a better university in

the future and learn to effectively pitch its value.

"I think American universities have sort of surrendered ourselves to language about efficiencies and politics, and we've lost sight of ourselves as knowledge generators," Rice said. "I think we need to do a better job of selling that."

TIPPIE CONTINUED FROM FRONT

years," he said. "There's been a change of demographics where a lot of students are demanding more specialized education."

In late August, the college announced it will phase out its full-time M.B.A. program because of shifting market dynamics. The 2017 class will be the last members of the program when they graduate in 2019.

The college has seen a shift to its part-time professional and executive programs and increasing enrollment in specialty master's programs.

"There is strong demand for specialty master's degrees and flexible delivery methods," Tippiie Dean Sarah Fisher Gardial said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Adapting

to the market is key for any business to grow and thrive. The rules are no different for a business school."

There will be no lost jobs in the process. A whiteboard flowchart in Rietz's office displayed transitions of approximately 15 professors in the Finance Department who will switch from teaching classes in the M.B.A. program to teaching classes for the Master of Finance program.

The program was approved at a state Board of Regents meeting in April.

Since introduced in 2014 to its remote campuses, the Master of Science in Business Analytics degree has seen a 517 percent increase in enrollment in fewer than three years, according to the university.

The new program hopes to do that as well.

"Specialty programs are

kind of the new buzz words as enrollment and applications decline for traditional two-year programs," Director of Admissions and Financial Aid for M.B.A. programs Jennifer Carter said. "Unlike traditional M.B.A.s ... this program is really designed to bolster your knowledge in one area, and of course, that's finance."

In the four weeks since the application has been open, there have been approximately 40 applicants in the process of submission, a handful that have formally submitted, and one student has been accepted, Carter said.

"We've seen some pretty positive results from the short time that people have been able to apply," she said.

The program will be open to all majors, and it involves an experiential learning component, which the department highlights.

"With the Master of Fi-

nance program, most students won't have any practical experience," Rietz said. "But we are applying the same ideas [as the M.B.A. degree] — give them technical skills and enough experiences in the corporate world with actual businesses to be able to contribute."

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Daily Break

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- **CAB Make & Take: Cookie Decorating**, noon-3 p.m., IMU Hawkeye Room
- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Ryan Mahling, 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Pharmacology Seminar**, Charles Bourque, 4 p.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Phi Delta Chi Flu Shot Clinic**, 4-8 p.m., Walgreens, 3325 16th Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids
- **Second-Year Literature Review Seminar**, Zac Buita, College of Pharmacy, 4 p.m., 5538 Pharmacy Building
- **Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium**, 4-7:10 p.m., 304 EPB
- **Steven Cody, "The Splendor of Andrea del Sarto,"** 5 p.m., 116 Art West
- **Research help for students at The SEAM**, 5-9 p.m., 2012 & 2013 Main Library
- **UI Youth Chorale Concert**, 6 p.m., 2400 Voxman
- **Palazzolo-Huang Joint Masters Recital**, Joshua Palazzolo, violin; Heqing Huang, piano; Kimberly Palazzolo, harp, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall

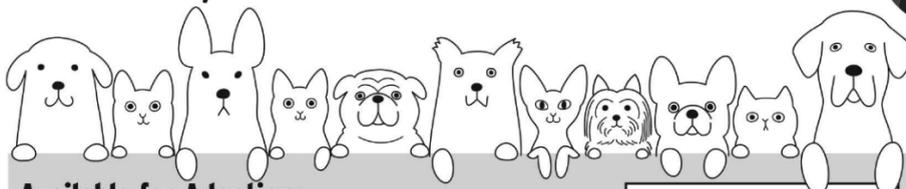
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- We Still Here Radio** 2-3pm
- Tuesday** 3-5pm
- News @ Five** 5-6pm
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After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police. When his second-in-command Officer Dixon, an immature mother's boy with a penchant for violence, gets involved, the battle between Mildred and Ebbing's law enforcement is only exacerbated.

- **Explosion (NR)**
- **Coco (PG)**
- **Roman J. Israel, Esq. (PG-13)**
- **Wonder (PG)**
- **Justice League (PG-13)**
- **The Star (PG)**
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Gemini (May 21-June 20): Focus on short-term financial goals. Strategize and plan. Share resources within your networks. Figure out how to get what you need with what you have.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Focus on personal projects close to home. Clean up a mess. Take extra care of yourself. A new haircut or style polishes your presentation.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Relax and enjoy peaceful moments in privacy. Meditate on where you've been and where you're going. Do what seems right, even if nobody else knows.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Collaborate with friends to go further. Focus on community efforts for benefit now. Handle urgencies and leave long-term planning for later. Sidestep obstacles.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Professional puzzles have your attention. Slow to avoid roadblocks and barriers; sidestep them or wait. Handle urgent deadlines, and postpone the rest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may encounter blocked roads in your exploration. Slow down and look around to discover alternate routes. Sometimes deviations can provide hidden treasure.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on short-term financial objectives. Make sure your family has what's needed. Think outside the box. Stay in communication. Share, barter and trade.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen closely to your partner. Avoid automatic reactions, and allow time to cool irritations. Avoid time-sucking arguments, and handle what's happening now. Work together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There's plenty of work. Postpone what you can to focus on immediate priorities. Guard your health and well-being while keeping (or changing) your promises.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Relax, and take it easy. Don't give up if what you try doesn't work. Anticipate obstacles. Exceptional patience may be required. Family comes first.

Today's Birthday (12/5/17)
Get specific with dreams, goals and visions this year. Profits come with dedicated efforts. Obstacles in the road this winter spark a creative conversation. Rising family fortunes this summer could provoke misunderstandings. Consider a spiritual view. Plan an adventure with beloved people. Discover unimagined beauty.



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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE 12/5/17

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 With 65-Across, author of the "Ninety-Five Theses," posted on 10/31/1517
 - 7 Leatherworker's tool
 - 10 Numbers on a golf course
 - 14 Each
 - 15 Tell a tall tale
 - 16 Home of Zion National Park
 - 17 With 24-Across, movement resulting from the "Ninety-Five Theses"
 - 19 Flight board info
 - 20 Lo-fat
 - 21 Not wild
 - 22 Intrinsically
 - 23 Ernie of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - 24 See 17-Across
 - 26 Contents of a bog
 - 27 Pet food brand
 - 28 Muslim woman's head covering
 - 31 ___ Lingus
 - 32 Breakfast bar bits
 - 36 Building where the "Ninety-Five Theses" were posted
 - 40 Boxing stats
 - 41 Bambi's mother, for one
 - 42 Genre for the "Pokémon" series
 - 43 What sac flies produce
 - 45 Whole bunch
 - 47 Practice condemned in the "Ninety-Five Theses"
 - 51 Distant
 - 54 Give a leg up
 - 55 Part of the 36-Across where the "Ninety-Five Theses" were posted
 - 56 ___ Korbut, 1970s Olympic gymnastics star

- 57 [Ugh, here we go again]
- 58 City where the "Ninety-Five Theses" were written
- 60 J. D. Salinger title character
- 61 "___ Maria" (hymn)
- 62 "It's all clear to me now!"
- 63 Not distant
- 64 "With pleasure!"
- 65 See 1-Across

DOWN

- 1 Kind of syrup
- 2 Easter's month, usually
- 3 Runs amok
- 4 French bean?
- 5 Freezer buildup
- 6 Lipton rival
- 7 "Remember the ___!"
- 8 Many Napa establishments
- 9 Give permission to
- 10 Body of water bordering Seattle
- 11 Company that made Pong
- 12 "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 13 Charlie of "Two and a Half Men"
- 18 Only U.S. president also to serve as chief justice
- 22 Cooking spray brand
- 24 Singer McEntire
- 25 Painter Chagall
- 26 Sack seeker

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- PUZZLE BY ALEX EATON-SALNERS
- 28 Bowler or boater
 - 29 Type
 - 30 Self-titled #1 pop album of 2001
 - 31 Cleaned the dishes?
 - 33 NPR host Shapiro
 - 34 Channel with an annual month-long Oscar celebration
 - 35 "That's all ___ wrote"
 - 37 "That's cool with me!"
 - 38 Plummet
 - 39 Actor Lukas of "Witness"
 - 44 Three-layer sandwich, for short
 - 45 Person whose name might start with Mc-
 - 46 Post production?
 - 47 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
 - 48 Static, e.g.
 - 49 Something taken on faith
 - 50 Memos
 - 51 Edible part of a fruit
 - 52 Concur
 - 53 Wild party, in slang
 - 56 Newspaper piece that always starts at the end?
 - 58 Course of action
 - 59 Madame ___ of 1960s Vietnam

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COLUMN

4 begs for more, 8 is great for CFP

This season's College Football Playoff committee got its teams correct, but the format needs to be tweaked: The playoff needs to expand from four teams to eight.



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Make college football fun again. This all starts with the College Football Playoff—it needs work. I think we can all agree on that. I'm not here to say the College

Football Playoff needs to be abolished. I love the idea.

There just needs to be eight teams instead of four. Oh, and conference titles should count for something.

Hear me out on this.

In my perfect world, each Power 5 conference winner gets an automatic berth into the playoffs. Then, from the teams that failed to win their respective conferences, the top three programs would get at-large bids.

In this scenario, here's what the matchups would be: No. 1 Clemson vs. No. 8 USC, No. 2 Oklahoma vs. No. 7 Auburn, No. 3 Georgia vs. No. 6 Wisconsin,

and No. 4 Alabama vs. No. 5 Ohio State.

Those are four games jam-packed with star-studded talent and coaching gurus. Obviously, the top eight would change each season, but the variety of teams would make for interesting matchups year in and year out.

Under the eight-team format, teams such as Central Florida, undefeated but not a member of a Power 5 conference, would have a shot at making the playoff.

This brings a new dynamic to the playoff, with smaller schools having the chance to go head-to-head with major powerhouses.

But above all, an eight-team playoff eliminates conversations like the Alabama-Ohio State debate this season.

The one-loss Tide secured the last spot in the playoff after failing to reach its conference championship, while the two-loss Buckeyes won the Big Ten Championship but fell outside the prestigious four spots.

Ohio State fell victim to major losses to Oklahoma and unranked Iowa — two losses that came earlier in the season than Alabama's loss in its regular-season finale against Auburn.

But conference titles should mean something, right?

Ohio State had its sights set on making the College Football Playoffs, but what's the point of winning the Big Ten title when the victory only secures a non-playoff bowl?

This happened to Penn State last season. The Nittany Lions caught fire midway through the season and could have hung with any team in the nation but instead missed out on the playoffs, even with a Big Ten title.

The new format fixes this, but at the same time, opens the doors for teams such as Alabama, arguably the best team in the country, to make the playoffs, even without earning

a berth in its conference championship.

In the Tide's case, Alabama was hailed by many as the clear-cut No. 1 squad, yet one late-season loss knocked it out of the SEC Championship race and almost ended its bid at a national title run.

College football is crazy and almost impossible to predict, but that's the beauty of it. An eight-team playoff format adds to the chaos, while at the same time, quiets debates like this season's Ohio State-Alabama scenario.

Mark Emmert, if you're reading this, please take note. College football is better off with an eight-team playoff.

BASKETBALL

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almost added up to half of their points.

But Iowa also hurt itself on the offensive end. It shot just 29 percent from the field in the first half and turned the ball over 18 times, with point guard Jordan Bohannon losing 5 of them.

Bohannon, who is usually one of the offense's biggest threats and the team's second-leading scorer, had an off game, scoring 7 points on

2-of-8 shooting from the field.

Forward Tyler Cook also had an underwhelming game. Cook, who averages a team-leading 14.7 points a game, was only able to muster 9 points and 5 rebounds.

Iowa was able to move the ball around for the most part but shot itself in the foot with too many turnovers.

In contrast to Iowa's miscues, the Hoosiers played a solid game.

They scored 22 points on Hawkeye turnovers and had four players in double figures, with forward Juwan Morgan leading the charge with 15

points.

The Hoosiers were also able to find their way to the free-throw line early and often when the Hawkeyes put Indiana into the bonus early in the first half.

Indiana ended up hitting 15-of-23 from the charity stripe; Iowa went just 4-of-9.

With a break from Big Ten play coming, Iowa can use the opportunity to improve on its deficiencies.

The Hawkeyes have a big rivalry game coming up, when they take the court again on Thursday against Iowa State at Hilton Coliseum in Ames.

WRESTLING

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Standing with Kemerer atop of Iowa's current powers is senior 149-pound Brandon Sorenson. The All-American has finished third and fourth in the NCAA Championships.

Seventh-ranked Sam Stoll is anchoring Iowa as its heavy-weight and has stepped up to challenge, earning a pin to beat Illinois on Dec. 1. Intermat has sophomore Cash Wilcke ranked 10th, and he's posted a 5-0 record on the season.

But other weight classes are questionable. Redshirt freshman Alex Marinelli, a four-time Ohio state champion, should make his debut at 165-pounds soon.

New faces dot Iowa's lineup. Redshirt freshman Kaleb Young has filled in at 165 pounds. True freshman Justin Stickley is in the lineup at 125. Senior Phillip Laux is at 133 pounds after filling in for Clark last season and posting a 10-8 mark. Joey Gunther returns at 174 pounds this season, and Mitch Bowman is the go-to-guy at 184, after seeing action in seven duals last year.

Iowa has talent, but not all

over the board as in the previous seasons, and in order to rebuild, the young talent must develop.

And young talent hardly describes the future potential that Brands has. Freshman 197-pounder Jacob Warner has dominated while wrestling unattached this season, and 125-pound freshman Spencer Lee was ranked the best pound-for-pound recruit of his class.

But they still have to rebuild. And Illinois proved it.

"We're good wrestlers, and we have a young team that's very developed and elite, and that's a good thing," Marinelli said.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES



Gustafson snares Big Ten award

Iowa basketball's Megan Gustafson earned the honor of Big Ten Player of the Week following her strong performance last week.

In Iowa's two games, Gustafson averaged 26 points, 10 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks per game. She also shot the ball at a 74.2 percent clip.

Gustafson put on a scoring clinic against No. 13 Florida State, making 15-of-18 shots in route to a 34-point performance.



Men's Basketball vs. Iowa State

Where: Ames

When: Dec. 7, at 7pm

How: ESPN2

AROUND THE BIG TEN

Men's Player of the Week

Isaac Haas, center, Purdue
• Averaged 18.7 points, 6 rebounds, and 1.3 blocks last week

• Career-high 26 points vs. Northwestern, tied a career-high with 4 blocks at Maryland

Men's Freshman of the Week

Kaleb Wesson, center, Ohio State

• Averaged 17 points and 4 rebounds last week
• Career-best 19 points in win over Wisconsin

Women's Player of the Week

Megan Gustafson, forward/center, Iowa

• Averaged 26 points, 10 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks last week
• Career-high 34 points in loss to No. 13 Florida State

Women's Freshman of the Week

Kate Cain, center, Nebraska
• 13.5 points, 9.5 rebounds, and 4.5 blocks last week
• Career-high 6 blocks against Clemson

HAWKS IN THE NFL

Anthony Hitchens (LB, Dallas) - The four-year linebacker put on a tackling demonstration in Dallas' win over Washington. Hitchens recorded 15 tackles, 12 solo.

Desmond King (DB, Los Angeles Chargers) - King notched a season-high 6 tackles - all solo - in Los Angeles' win over Cleveland. King also tallied a sack (his third on the season) and recorded a 44-yard kickoff return.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are like a puzzle. We don't function very well when we are apart, but put us together, and we are fantastic."



- women's gymnastics' head coach Larissa Libby on her team's chemistry

STAT OF THE DAY

Women's basketball's Megan Gustafson is only **10 rebounds** away from moving to **No. 14** on Iowa's all-time rebounding leaderboard.

10 rebounds

It's still the same old story

Iowa took its second-consecutive conference loss in Bloomington, 77-64.



Bobby Goddin/Indiana Student Daily

Sophomore guard Devonte Green takes a shot against Iowa Monday evening in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. Green had 12 points and four assists in IU's 77-64 win against Iowa.

BY PETE RUDEN

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It was another Iowa basketball game, and another game in which the Hawkeyes couldn't stop things from snowballing, as they lost to Indiana in Bloomington, 77-64.

Iowa made a spirited comeback effort at the beginning of the second half, coming within 1 point of the Hoosiers after being down 15 at the break.

Even though the Hawkeyes outscored Indiana in the second half, it seemed as if the Hoosiers

couldn't be stopped. They went on an 18-0 run to run away.

The first half favored Indiana heavily. The Hoosiers went on a 14-0 run at one point and pushed their halftime lead to 41-26.

Head coach Fran McCaffery then proceeded to change to his starting lineup in the second half, putting Brady Ellingson, Maishe Dailey, and Nicholas Baer on the floor. They came off the bench to begin the game.

Ellingson gave the Hawkeyes a big boost in the losing effort. The junior finished with a game-high 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting to go along with

4 assists and no turnovers. He also hit 3-of-4 attempts from behind the arc.

His second half starting position helped — he scored 12 of his points in the first 6:30.

Freshman Jack Nunge also had a solid game starting at small forward. In his return to his home state, the Newburgh, Indiana, native posted 12 points and 6 rebounds, hitting two shots from deep in the process.

The Hawkeyes were also able to make their mark from 3-point range, hitting 10 shots, which

SEE BASKETBALL, 7

'Bench Mob' sparks Hawkeyes

Many of the Hawkeye stars have taken up the spotlight, but the Iowa women's basketball team's bench has also been superb.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa forward Hannah Stewart high-fives forward Chase Coley and forward Amanda Ollinger during the Iowa/Samford basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Bulldogs, 80-59.

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA

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Iowa women's basketball will tip off its 10th game of the season against Iowa State on Wednesday night with an 8-1 record.

Much of that success can be attributed to the 6-3 center Megan Gustafson, who entered the season with expectations almost as tall as she is, and so far, she has surpassed them.

This week kicked off with her earning her fourth-straight Big Ten weekly honor in just the fourth week of the season. But basketball is a team sport and, as good as Gustafson is, she cannot win games alone.

Head coach Lisa Bluder loves her star center but realizes she needs more than one player to win games, which is why she also loves the success her bench has had this year.

It's true the starters may have the biggest impact on the game, but often, games come down to the little things such as bench points. Bench production is of even higher importance this year because Iowa's lack of available players.

So far, it's been hard to notice Iowa's lack of depth, because even though the Hawkeyes have smaller numbers than most, the bench has dominated.

In the team's first nine games, the bench has averaged 19.7 points per contest, which pro-

vides quite a boost for the starters.

Iowa's bench is led by junior Hannah Stewart, who has averaged 17.6 minutes off the pine. Those 17.6 minutes have been efficient; she's shooting 56.9 percent from the floor and has raised her free-throw percentage.

Stewart averages 8.4 points per game while grabbing 5.9 rebounds. Her mindset has allowed her to be so efficient with her scoring.

"I don't really go into the game thinking I need to score," Stewart said. "Megan and Chase [Coley] do a really good job with that. I think my role is to take what's there."

In the nine games in which she has come off the bench, Stewart has swatted away 12 of her opponent's shots.

The other standout bench player has been redshirt freshman Alexis Sevillian; four of her nine games have been starts, but she has taken over when coming off the bench.

Not including her four starts, Sevillian averages a solid 10 points per game while shooting a whopping 56 percent from 3.

The Hawkeye bench mob and the rest of the team are back in action Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in Ames to take on archrival Iowa State.

"This will be a tough test for us," guard Tania Davis said. "We've been on a high so far, and we haven't really had any true road games. So I'm looking forward to going into Hilton and giving our best."

A different wrestling world for Iowa

Rebuilding is the question surrounding Iowa wrestling, and Illinois may have hinted at the answer.

BY JAMES GEERDES

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A rebuilding year.

For Iowa wrestling fans, rebuilding is not acceptable. The longtime powerhouse that is Iowa's wrestling program has proven again and again that it doesn't need to rebuild, it only adds power.

With 23 national championships and 34 Big Ten Titles under its belt, Iowa's résumé has always been filled with talented squads.

But this year seems different.

In a dual meet against No. 15 Illinois, Iowa barely came out with a win. Head coach Tom Brands' squad was slow and only won one bout with bonus points.

"We were struggling offensively," Brands said. "And it doesn't take a great wrestling mind to see that."

Last season, Iowa finished fourth at the NCAA Championships, and new seasons always bring losses of players.

Rebuilding will be necessary.

"When you look at losing five All-Americans, five starters, when you look at the core of that, you know what?" Brands said. "We're going to have to rebuild, and it's all so — we have some really capable guys who come to work every single day the right way."

But rebuilding Cory Clark, a national champion at 133, Thomas Gilman, last year's 125-pound national semifinalist, and Sammy Brooks, who placed fourth at the NCAA Championships, is a tall task.

"It's one of those things that the fans tend to focus on, and it goes across your mind," 157-pound All-American Michael Kemerer said. "But a few of the things like that,

it can be a motivator, but at the same time, it can sort of distract from what my goals are and just doing the best I can in every single match, every single practice, and being the best wrestler that I can be." And Kemerer has done his part this year. But slack will need to be picked up if the Hawkeyes can rebuild last year's successes. "Being in the same room as [Clark and Gilman], it's not worrying about what they've done," Kemerer said. "But it's using what they've done and it can help better you as a wrestler."



Kemerer

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