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## News To Know



**Midlands on the horizon**  
The Midland Championships are near, and the Hawkeye wrestlers will head to Hoffman Estates, Illinois, on the weekend of Dec. 29. Head coach Tom Brands has yet to release an official lineup, but he has said that true freshman Spencer Lee will compete. Last year, the team scored 150.5 points to win the tournament.  
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## Men's basketball heads to Des Moines



The Hawkeye men's basketball team will play Drake on Saturday in the Hy-vee Big Four Classic at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Iowa State will play Northern Iowa as well. The Hawkeyes boast a 4-1 record at the event, beating Drake and Northern Iowa twice. Head coach Fran McCaffery says he's a fan of the event. "It's a good atmosphere. I think it's a first-class event."  
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## India's urban crows take a hit

A lecture Thursday described the effect of urban house crows in India as well as their relative decline in numbers. UI Professor Emeritus Paul Greenough said he had his first encounter with house crows in Tanzania when the "local elders of the house-crow community" approached him. Eventually, he spent a six-month research fellowship in India studying the urban birds.  
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The Daily Iowan will not publish a print edition during the UI winter break. Publishing will resume, along with the opening of the spring semester, on Jan. 16. For more news and sports coverage, read online at [daily-iowan.com](http://daily-iowan.com).



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Partly to mostly sunny, breezy, turning cloudy later.

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# HPV-vaccine use lags in rural Iowa

The UI is joining other groups to conduct a statewide study investigating the HPV-vaccine gap between it and other vaccines in the rural areas of the state.



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The College of Public Health Building is seen on Thursday.

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The University of Iowa is taking part in a yearlong study to investigate why human papillomavirus vaccines lag behind, compared with other vaccines for adolescent, in rural areas of the state.

"The gap between adolescents being given this vaccine and others is definitely more pronounced in rural areas," said Natoshia Askelson, the director of the project and a UI

assistant professor of community & behavioral health. "We want to know what must be the causes of this gap."

The HPV vaccine protects against a number of diseases and HPV-related cancers, such as cervical cancer and oral cancer, but vaccination rates across Iowa are below the national average, according to the UI College of Public Health website.

According to the most recent data available, only 21 percent of 13- to 15-year-olds in Iowa had completed the HPV vaccination series

in 2015. The study is funded by the National Cancer Institute through the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, UI College of Public Health, Iowa Primary Care Association, Iowa Department of Public Health, American Cancer Society, Iowa Cancer Consortium, and local public-health agencies.

The disparity could be due to a wide range of factors, from families being unaware of the vaccine to local clinics not using the best

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# Being an immigrant in the land of tall corn

A forum hosted at the Iowa City Public Library Thursday discussed problems facing immigrants in Iowa.



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An audience member reacts at the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday. The library hosted a presentation detailing immigration detention policies in eastern Iowa.

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All the seats in the Iowa City Public Library were filled Thursday for a discussion about the state of immigrants in Iowa.

The forum was hosted by the Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project, "a collaborative project formed by the Immigration Advocacy Coalition of Iowa," its website states.

Julia Zalenski, group's legal director, started the forum with a lecture titled "Immigration Detention and Due Process," which covered immigrants facing legal issues.

"Today, nearly 1 in 100 worldwide were not born where they live, and in the United States, the rate is higher," Zalenski said.

Zalenski said there is substantial human judgment that goes into the immigration process, especially given the current climate about immigration in the United States.

"People can be either detained or non-detained during their immigration court pro-

ceedings," Zalenski said. "The initial bond decision is made by ICE when the person is taken into custody."

Zalenski noted that in doing so, several important factors might affect the due process for defense, such as legal counsel, money, community and family support, ability to gather evidence in support of case, and being released from detention to access the resources.

"The government can't deny people a hearing, but it can make it unbearable for people to assert their rights," Zalenski said.

Once an immigration civil detention occurs, "a person accused of being deportable would face U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody, ICE detention, release on bond, and immigration court," Zalenski said.

Daniel Vondra, an attorney focusing on immigration law, said the issue of detaining immigrants wasn't so bad locally as it is na-

## ARTS & CULTURE

# The nudity of emotions, language

Riverside Theater heads into its final weekend of performances of *Lungs*.

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*Lungs* is a play featuring two nameless lovers identified as W and M. They reconcile with age-old questions while trying to stay relevant in a rapidly changing relationship.

Riverside Theater, 213 N. Gilbert St., is on its final weekend of performances of *Lungs*. Shows are 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

Riverside put on a play last year called *Every Brilliant Thing*, written by Duncan Macmillan. It used honest conversational dialogue and deceptively simple stage direction to lure in the audience. Ultimately, *Every Brilliant Thing* led Riverside Artistic Director Sean Lewis to Macmillan's *Lungs*.

Lewis said he is not usually drawn to relationship plays. *Lungs*, however, was different. As a parent and husband, Lewis appreciated how Macmillan wrote about life with brutal honesty and subtle tenderness.

"The characters are incredibly honest and uncomfortable at times with each other in a



Lewis

way I am not used to seeing on stage," Lewis said. "A younger biracial cast performs a play that demands pure honesty. It is also formally and structurally different, which helps expand our audience."

*Lungs* opens with a conversation between a husband and wife about starting a family. This moment is the beginning of a modern critique on the relationships we have with ourselves — those around us — and the Earth.

Macmillan distorts time and refrains from using a traditional linear structure. He covers breakups, furniture shopping, middle-class urban life, parenthood, and corrupt politics through fleeting memories that leave before they have a chance to depreciate.

There are no stage directions, props, costume changes, or built-in sets. *Lungs* develops a streamlined approach that puts emphasis on intricate storytelling rather than overbearing

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GETTING SAUCE-Y



James Year/The Daily Iowan

Marc Dubree stands in his place of work, Sauce, on Thursday. Dubree has worked there for going on four years, and his best part is being able to listen to his favorite music while on shift and that "even on a slow night, you can always see some characters."

VACCINE

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practices. It is important to identify these factors and then work toward overcoming the disparity, Askelson said.

"This is vaccine became available in 2006 and is therefore relatively new," Askelson said. Because it is new, not a lot of people know about it, and that could be a reason it is not so popular in rural areas.

Although there is a gap between adolescents getting other vaccines in cities, the gap is more significant in rural Iowa.

The results of the study

will be used to develop an intervention that could encourage parents in the rural communities to get their children vaccinated. The research would aim at iden-

preventing cancer. "We want to identify the factors that could be worked on so that all parents can vaccinate their children." The results of the study

"We really hope to achieve that goal by identifying the areas that need to be worked on through this study," said community & behavioral health research associate Laura Seegmiller.

"Due to various reasons, such as hurdles in transportation and lack of awareness, there is a significant gap between this vaccine given in rural areas as opposed to urban areas," said Grace Ryan, a graduate research assistant at the Public Policy Center.

Once the study has been completed, researchers plan to go back to the rural communities, share the findings, and try to make the vaccine available to as many people as possible, she said.

**'There are so many individuals who die because of cervical cancer, penal cancer, and anal cancer. This vaccine is 100 percent effective at preventing cancer.'**

— Notoshia Askelson, project director

tifying factors that may influence use of the HPV vaccine in rural areas, Askelson said.

"There are so many individuals who die because of cervical cancer, penal cancer, and anal cancer," Askelson said. "This vaccine is 100 percent effective at

will be published in an academic journal by late 2018.

"We would also like to go back to the communities and raise awareness of this vaccine," Askelson said.

Federal health officials have outlined a goal of 80 percent vaccination completion for adolescents by 2020.

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theatrics.

"There is a nakedness to it that means that no actor can hide anywhere," Lewis said. "The lack of stage direction demands that you get really inventive. In a way, it becomes pure theater, because you are just trying to tell a story."

The two actors in the play, Barrington Vaxter and Jordan Arnold, both have

dance backgrounds. They use movement to transition from scene to scene — mimicking Macmillan's dynamic

"natural abilities that cannot be taught to an actor," Lewis said. "Their ability to be authentic on stage is a

**'The lack of stage direction demands that you get really inventive. In a way, it becomes pure theater, because you are just trying to tell a story.'**

— Sean Lewis, Riverside artistic director

and exciting pace.

Lewis regards Arnold and Vaxter as the two of the best professional actors who reside in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area. They have

marvel."

*Lungs* uses a conversational approach to language, which, Lewis said, is one of the hardest things to perfect on stage.

"Macmillan writes language in plays the way we actually speak," Lewis said. "It is very broken, people cut each other off, there is a lot of subtext in the lines, and he starts a thought that goes in a bit of a circle."

Lewis said plays such as *Lungs* do not come along very often. The raw emotions and the timeless humor should draw a cross-generational crowd. Ultimately, Lewis hopes that the audience members "forget that they are watching a play."

IMMIGRATION

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tionwide.

"Frankly, locally in Johnson County it is not too bad," he said. "But if you get out of Johnson County, there is more enforcement."

Vondra said that access to the media can play a role in a detained-immigrant cases, because community response is very important.

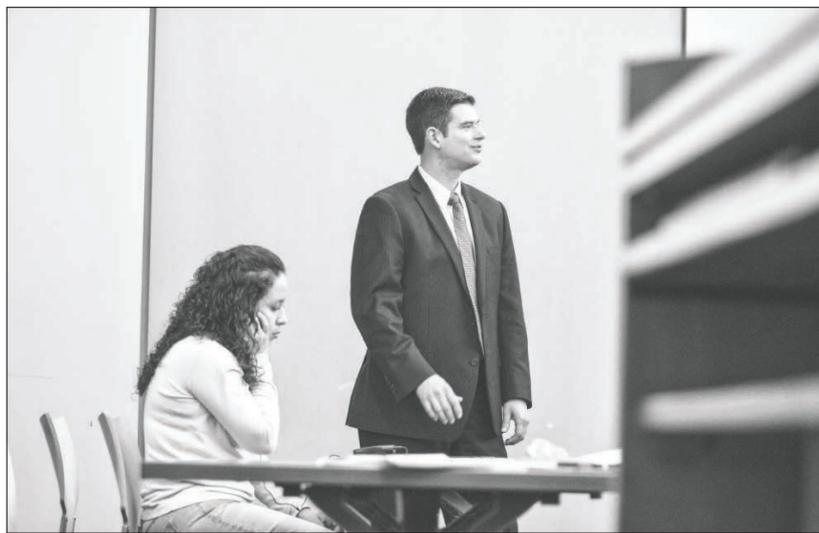
Asacera Natareno, an immigrant from Guatemala, discussed her experience with being detained.

Being in jail is very difficult, she said. She never knew what would happen, she said, and it was a very difficult and trying experience.

"It's so difficult — not knowing what's going to happen," she said. "All these thoughts are going through your mind, 'What's going to happen next?'"

Natareno said feeling like her freedom had been taken was "awful."

"One of the things I have



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Daniel Vondra, a lawyer who defends those charged in immigration cases, speaks at the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday. The library hosted a presentation detailing immigrant-detention policies in eastern Iowa.

been experiencing, not being American, not being white, not speaking English ... I'm different," she said.

But Natareno was fortunate enough to be released from the jail.

"Who is in the jail, and

why they are, we all don't know, it's a black hole," Vondra said. "What we are trying to do is to get into the jail and help our community."

Zalenski said one useful thing is that the jail's public record is online. So

they could know who is in custody, and they could get the sense how many people need help.

"We are trying to work with the jail and to let them know we will show up," she said.

IC man wanted in connection with assault

Authorities have issued a warrant for the arrest of an Iowa City man on an assault charge.

Timothy Peiffer, 21, 48 W. Court St., is suspected of assault causing serious injury on Nov. 4.

According to the affidavit, Peiffer was involved in a fight outside of 12 W. Court St. and assault a person by pushing him. The man fell onto a couch that was on fire, the affidavit said, which was lit by an

unknown person before the assault.

The victim received second- and third-degree burns as a result, the affidavit said. Witnesses to the assault gave the same account of the incident as the man, the affidavit said.

Assault causing serious injury is a Class-D felony.

Woman wanted for criminal mischief

Authorities have issued a warrant for the arrest of a Cedar Rapids woman on a

criminal mischief charge.

Kayla Weber, 28, is suspected of second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree theft on Sept. 17.

According to the affidavit, an officer arrived at the Iowa City Walmart after getting a call about a stolen TV. The affidavit said a manager told the officer that a woman, later identified as Weber by a CrimeStoppers tip, took a TV to the garden area and tried to leave through a locked glass door.

Weber cut a hole in a plastic door next to the locked

door, the affidavit said, and left with the TV in a waiting vehicle outside. The replacement cost of the roll-up plastic door is \$6,000, the affidavit said.

The TV was pawned at a pawn shop later by Weber's boyfriend, the affidavit said; it was valued at \$268.

Weber has two previous theft convictions, the affidavit said, one in 2014 and the other in 2015.

Second-degree criminal mischief is a Class-D felony.

— Kayli Reese

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# Decline of crows leaves no one crowing

Former UI Professor Emeritus Paul Greenough has studied the impact of urban house crows in Indian society as well as their recent decline in population.

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Urban crows across the world have been interacting and coexisting with humans for longer than anyone can remember.

Now, the relatively intelligent creatures (the crows, that is) are experiencing a decline in population, particularly in India. University of Iowa Professor Emeritus Paul Greenough has recently dedicated his work to studying the effect of crows on Indian society as well as the factors contributing to their disappearance.

On Thursday, he delivered the lecture "Chasing

Urban Crows in India: A Fool's Errand to Mend an Environmental Crisis?" for the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council.

Greenough described the traits of urban house crows in India as well as their interactions with humans. He presented a variety of factors contributing to their recent decline.

Greenough said he had his first encounter with house crows in Tanzania when the "local elders of the house-crow community" approached him. Eventually, he spent a six-month research fellowship in India studying the urban birds.

The crows themselves

are a part of a genus known as *Corvus*, which have the ability to solve problems, create tools, and possess self-awareness.

"Animal studies have shown that corvids have intelligence absolutely comparable to that of the great apes, gorillas, and chimpanzees," Greenough said.

It is very common for people in India to interact with crows by leaving out leftover food, he said. In response, he said the crows sometimes bring back small gifts such as shiny objects.

"House crows have had an effect on humans just as human provisions of foodstuff

have shaped and directed the survival of the house crow," Greenough said. "They are interdependent."

One cultural example is crows' critical role in some Hindu funerals. Greenough said rice balls are symbolically given to ancestors by feeding them to crows. But with the recent decline in the number of crows, he said, some priests have had to carve wooden crows to replace the real crows that don't show up for the ritual.

Some of the possible causes for the disappearance of urban crows in India include mechanical trauma from cars and motorcycles and electromagnetic radiation from mobile-phone

towers, he said.

He noted that the increase in building construction and tree-cutting could be destroying the nesting and roosting location of crows. Even the simple practice of putting garbage in a plastic bag is likely keeping crows from one of their biggest food sources.

"We live in an age of environmental crises," Greenough said. "The ecological era we now live in is now characterized by industrial and agricultural practices that are so extensive and so energetic that we have begun to alter the surface of the Earth and the living creatures in it, on it, above

it, and in its lakes, and seas, and so on."

The Foreign Relations Council will continue to have weekly presentations about various international issues. Council Executive Director Ed Zastrow said the organization "schedules lecturers a semester in advance based on availability."

"We constantly have to remind ourselves of international issues and cut through all of the political angles of it to understand that we're all one world," attendee Joyce Summerwill said. "By understanding what's going on in the world, we happen to work better in the world."

## UI steps up cyber protection

The UI moves to mitigate cybersecurity risks after a high-tech cheating scandal involving a former wrestler.

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After the arrest of a former University of Iowa wrestler in connection with a high-tech academic-misconduct scandal, the UI is actively finding ways to limit cybersecurity threats.

In early 2018, UI faculty and staff will be required to partake in the two-step login process. It will be required to access MAUI starting Jan. 2, and ICON starting Feb. 5, according to a university announcement. Students will not be required to opt in, but they are encouraged to do so.

Authorized users can complete the login process "using their phones, a pre-generated list of pass codes, or a token device that creates a one-time code after users enter their HawkIDs and passwords."

Jane Drews, the UI ITS chief information security officer, told *The Daily Iowan* in an email that a number of steps have been taken to improve the university's cybersecurity posture,

including requiring password changes for individuals with accounts known to be compromised in the incident, improved physical security on all classroom computers, and a new grade-change-monitoring dashboard for ICON instructors.

A Jan. 20 email from Drews to the UI community stated that approximately 250 university faculty, staff, and students had been notified that unauthorized individuals had obtained their HawkID and password "using physical devices that had been secretly attached to university computers in classrooms and computer labs."

In the email, Drews said ITS was in the process of manually examining computers to look for suspicious devices and planning to expand two-factor authentication.

Former Hawkeye wrestler Trevor Graves was arrested in October on charges related to alleged academic misconduct. According to an

FBI affidavit, ITS officials suspected Graves carried out the scheme using a keystroke logging device that was inserted into computers in various classrooms to record instructors' HawkID login information.

Drews did not answer a question from *The Daily Iowan* regarding whether the changes were in response to the Graves incident.

However, the UI said in a June announcement about the changes that the two-step login expansion "follows a recent discovery that devices attached to classroom computers had surreptitiously recorded hundreds of HawkIDs and passwords."

"At the end of the spring semester, we'll evaluate faculty and staff experiences and exception requests and look for potential improvements," Drews said in the UI announcement. "Adding a step to the login process is a modest tradeoff for keeping academic records accurate."

## FCC shuts down Net Neutrality

As expected, the Federal Communications Commission voted Thursday to repeal rules ensuring Net Neutrality.

The commission voted 3-2, along party lines, to repeal. The Republicans on the commission, Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioners Michael O'Reilly, and Brendan Carr voted in favor of repeal. Democratic Commissioners Mignon Clyburn and Jessica Rosenworcel voted against.

Thursday's vote repeals rules put in place by the FCC. Those rules classified Internet service as a public utility, ensuring Net Neutrality, or an open Internet policy, in the U.S.

Net Neutrality requires Internet Service Providers to treat all data equally, meaning consumers can access all content available online at the same speeds no matter where it's hosted.

Critics of neutrality argue the policy doesn't incentivize ISPs to invest heavily in broadband technologies and that the Internet will flourish under fewer restrictions.

Proponents of neutrality believe repeal will result in price increases and uneven access to different sites.



Richard B. Levine/Sipa USA/TNS

Activists protest outside of New York City Hall on Sept. 15, 2014, to demand protection for Net Neutrality.

Twitter, Reddit, Kickstarter, Netflix, and Google are among the companies that have announced their support for continued Net Neutrality. ISPs Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T have publicly supported neutrality but have said the current rules are not the best way of achieving a truly open Internet. Earlier this year, all three issued

statements urging Congress to take action to ensure and clearly define Net Neutrality.

Numerous parties have threatened the FCC with lawsuits over the vote to repeal rules pertaining to Net Neutrality. The FCC has voted but now must defend its decision in court.

— Molly Hunter

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

### Department of Un-State

President Trump's dismantling of U.S. State Department threatens international relations.



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We live in a time of global turbulence, with unrest and conflict ever-brewing. A functioning U.S. State Department helps the U.S. navigate this turmoil, negotiating and overseeing major efforts for peace and stability. North Korea's nuclear weapons, Syria's civil war, Russian interference in elections around the world — all of these situations require brilliant, dedicated career diplomats to negotiate, investigate, and provide intel to the U.S. government.

Despite this tremendous need, the State Department is not acquiring new talent. It isn't even holding on to experienced diplomats who have spent years of their lives in service to this country. There is a mass exodus from the State Department forming under President Trump and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, and things are only getting worse.

Diplomats bring decades of experience with them in foreign cultures, languages, and policies. They bring expertise in the areas of socio-politics and global aid. Diplomats coordinated the response to the Ebola outbreak. Diplomats know the ins and outs of negotiations with North Korea. They know the networks of information that help Syrian civilians evacuate and escape active battlefields. They are a crucial part of global security.

But now, they're being driven out in record numbers.

It started with the Trump administration's proposed budget cuts, slashing the State Department's budget by one-third. In the following months, Tillerson has made it his mission to push out as many diplomats as possible through internal pressures, budget cuts, and the offering of severance packages. Around the world, the U.S. is bowing out of diplomatic negotiations — allowing other big players to step up and take our place.

This attack on diplomats is not a surprising one from the Trump administration, already at war with competent intellectuals. The vacancies left by experts in their fields are filled with yes-men, political cronies, or no one at all. What we are left with is a world without U.S. leadership. While this might sound appealing on the surface, the potential consequences must be evaluated. When the U.S. retreats, the local players don't get more autonomy. Rather, a different global power steps in to broker agreements and oversee diplomacy — in this case, China. It wields massive economic and political influence, rendering it a country without real accountability to the global community or its people. The only real check on Chinese ambition in the global arena is the United States.

The U.S. State Department plays a crucial role in peace negotiations and global conflict management. By disassembling the department from the inside out, the Trump administration and Tillerson place the U.S., and the rest of the world, in a precarious position. This immense tactical error will frustrate the U.S. ability to negotiate and participate in global endeavors for decades to come.

## COLUMN

### Gun-law gaps equal gun violence in the U.S.

Although gun laws and background checks are in place, there are still loopholes and killers falling through the cracks.



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It's the end of 2017, and our nation has faced more mass shootings than we can keep straight. It wouldn't be a shock if we had another one by the year's end. Every time there is a mass shooting, calls for Congress to "do something" flood social media, but for the most part, the laws remain there.

The men who wrote our Constitution felt that it was important that civilians, if threatened by their own government, should be able to be armed. A complete ban on guns is not going to happen. There is large misconception in our country that we don't have proper gun-control laws, when, in fact, we have quite an extensive list of laws for being one of the only developed countries allowing civilians to buy and own guns.

What differs are our state laws. University of Iowa freshman Christian Pint explained Iowa's process after experiencing it himself working at a gun store and range.

"If you saw the Snapchat story about 'Things that are harder to get than a gun,' maybe in some states that's true, but in Iowa, not so much," he said. "You have to obviously have the money to pay for [the gun] and pass a NICS [background] check. From the NICS check, you either get a 'go ahead,' or



Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT  
Ernie Vandergriff fires at a target during a class for a concealed-handgun license at the Shooting Gallery in Fort Worth, Texas, on Jan. 17, 2013.

'denied,' at which point that person has committed a crime for trying to get a gun, or 'wait,' which means they want to look at a few things, and that can take a couple days. Unless you get the go-ahead, you can't walk out with a gun."

When people want a handgun, the same rules apply with one further step: You need to obtain a permit. So if the laws are in place, what's to account for all the mass murders? It's the gaps in our system and the lack of standardization. If we can patch the loopholes, we as a nation will have taken a significant

step forward.

There are two ways we can do this. The first is by incorporating mental-health checks and safety training alongside universal background checks.

"I think they should have to be cleared by a doctor, if a person is stable and not wanting to cause harm, they won't mind the couple extra days that'll take," Pint said.

The second is through standard federal and state laws mandating the distribution and use of guns. States either try to pass nullifying laws (even though federal law constitutional-

ly supersedes state law) or have different requirements regarding permits, transportation, registration, storage, and licensing. This is what causes the gaps in our system.

More guns through loose gun laws will not result in fewer deaths. Just because it is in the Constitution does not make it free for all, and just because people break the law doesn't mean we don't need laws. The mass-shooting problem in the U.S. is reinforced by partisanship. We all need to take a hard look at ourselves and see what is stopping us from saving lives.

## COLUMN

### Fixing the abomination: the Electoral College

We should look to Nebraska and Maine for a voting-system makeover for our presidential election system.



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Three years from now, the president of the United States will be elected. I'm not talking about the November election in which we get stickers for being good citizens. The real election will take place on Dec. 14, 2020, when the 538 Americans who make up the Electoral College will choose the president and vice president.

Before partisan soldiers start shouting absolutes

about the controversial system, let's look at a compromise that can satisfy both sides.

Political nerds probably already know that Nebraska and Maine use a process known as the Congressional District Method. This gives two votes to the presidential candidate with the most statewide support, while giving its remaining electoral votes to the winner in each of the state's congressional districts.

At present, the Electoral College can be won with the 11 most populous states.

That's it. A candidate who's super popular in big cities could rally massive support in urban areas and win the presidency with minuscule portion of popular vote and virtually zero

backing in small states.

This goes against one of the purposes of the Electoral College, which is to protect rural voters from the tyranny of large cities. It may seem unlikely for a candidate to win a combination that includes California, Texas, and Georgia. But with the long historical trend toward urbanization, it becomes increasingly possible for a city slicker to win while completely disregarding small communities.

This isn't a good thing for Republicans. The side that mostly supports the current electoral method could be doomed as Democrats get an increasingly stronger lock on big cities. But there is a solution.

The Congressional District Method allows conser-

vative voters to have a say in a liberal state and vice versa. In 2016, Donald Trump won Maine's 2nd District, earning 1 electoral vote in reliably liberal New England. The opposite happened in 2008, when Barack Obama won the urban 2nd District of Nebraska. This system gives a more accurate representation of who the American people want to be their president.

The Congressional District Method solves another problem: uncompetitive states. In general, big states are becoming bluer and small states are becoming redder. This discourages Americans — millions of whom hold minority views in their home state — from voting, one of the most American civil responsibili-

ties there is.

Let's examine our most populous state to see why. More than 4 million Californians voted for Trump in the last election, and he even won big league in several inland counties. But none of those voters mattered because of the huge populations in liberal cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. All 55 of the Golden State's electoral votes went to Hillary Clinton, even though Trump received around 32 percent of the vote.

It might be even worse when the state vote is close. Trump won Michigan by about 10,000 voters — one-fifth of 1 percent — but received all of its 16 electoral votes. That doesn't represent Michiganders' view of

Trump, just as California's 55 votes doesn't represent Californians' view of Clinton.

This problem would be alleviated if candidates had to campaign for the liberal cities of Texas, the conservative regions of upstate New York, and everywhere in between. Instead of a couple of swing states, there would be dozens of swing districts up for grabs. Presidential hopefuls would be forced to appeal to a more diverse group of Americans.

The Electoral College silences those minority votes with its all-or-nothing approach in almost every state. Under the Congressional District Method, voters would have a more powerful and accurate voice regardless of where they choose to live.

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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder watches a celebration video during the Iowa/Quinnipiac basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 10.

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their upcoming games is a particular connection one particular Hawkeye has with her next two opponents. Before she was a coach, Bluder was just another college student, taking finals 90 miles up the road from Iowa City in Cedar Falls. She also played for Northern Iowa.

Then, Bluder's first coaching job was in Des Moines, coaching Drake.

While she is long removed from both, a little of the sentiment remains, slightly more so with Drake.

"I was [at Drake] for so many years," Bluder said. "When you work for someplace, you put your heart and soul in it. When you're a player, you love the place, but you're not consumed with it 24 hours a day like when you work someplace."

Beyond the excitement of facing two in-state opponents,

this past week and the one to come provide a much-needed breather for the Hawkeyes.

After a stretch in which they played seven games in 18 days, they are in the middle of an identical period with just two games scheduled.

Some players might worry about losing a step or two from the time off, but Tania Davis relishes the time off and uses as much of it as possible to get better.

"I love it," she said. "Just self-improvement, that's our big thing right now. It makes practices harder, but as long as we're improving ourselves first, we're fine with it."

The semi-break may prove extremely beneficial for the Hawkeyes, because once the pace picks back up, it's conference time, and five of their first seven conference games are on the road (3 weeks).

Some may find the long road between games tiresome, but the Hawkeyes are glad much of the traveling occurs during a time away from academics.

**MEN'S**  
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there, we've won up there. They've all been really good games. It's a good atmosphere. I think it's a first-class event."

Despite sporting a 5-5 record, Drake has the potential to do some damage.

Led by senior guard Reed Timmer, the Bulldogs are a dangerous mid-major team with plenty of experience.

They proved that on Dec. 11 by taking 9-3 Minnesota down to the wire before losing a heartbreaker by 1 point, 68-67.

What's even more impressive is that the game came on an off night for Timmer, who scored just 8 points on 1-of-8 shooting.

Timmer, who averages 20.7 points a game to go along with 4.2 rebounds, has the opportunity to take advantage of an Iowa defense that has been inconsistent throughout the season.

The Hawkeyes do have a significant advantage over the Bulldogs, though: size. Four of Drake's five starters are 6-2 or shorter, meaning Iowa can have its way inside.

The Bulldogs are a good 3-point shooting team; they shoot 42.3 percent from deep as a unit, with Timmer shooting better than 53 percent and guard Graham Woodward shooting nearly 45 percent.

So Iowa is planning to use



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa forward Jack Nunge waits to sub in during the second half against Southern in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Iowa trounced Southern, 91-60.

its size and length to its advantage.

"I think that's something that we've really been trying to get better at for the whole year, working down in the post," freshman Jack Nunge said. "We have a height advantage over pretty much every team we play and strength, too, and I think that's going to be a major aspect for us going forward."

Point guard Jordan Bohannon has had some experience in this tournament before he put on the Black and Gold. Brother Matt played at Northern Iowa from 2012-16.

Now with some experience in the Classic under his belt, whether it's watching his brother or playing, Bohannon knows what to experience.

"Anytime you play an in-

state school, it's going to be a different feel of the game," Bohannon said. "[Drake's] playing a lot of good teams this year, so they're getting a lot of experience playing high-major teams. As I said, it's always a different feeling when you play an in-state rival like Drake, or UNI, or Iowa State, so we know they're going to be coming ready to play."

**WRESTLING**  
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Heavyweight Sam Stoll took home third, and 165-pounders Alex Marinelli and Kaleb Young finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Last week, Young was replaced in the lineup by Marinelli. Both will likely attend the tournament, and Marinelli is the favorite to compete in the team section.

In his Iowa debut against Rutgers on Dec. 8, Marinelli upset ninth-ranked Richie Lewis to help lead a come-from-behind victory. Two days later, the 165-pounder earned a fall against Maryland's Brendan Burnham.

Iowa is taking that momentum into the Midlands Championships, but it still has work to do.

"The biggest thing we need to work on is wrestle hard every single second of every match," Kemerer said. "We have to make our opponents work hard because we train for it. If we're out there working hard and making our opponents work, they don't like that."

Wrestlers are given a break for holidays before competition resumes, but it is just another chance to get better, Kemerer said.

"You make it the best thing for you," he said. "We talk about taking that break, and using it for what it's worth, and getting the most out of it. Ultimately, if what they said was we didn't have a break, then you'd make it the best thing for you."

Midlands offers another opportunity to stick out in a competitive Iowa lineup.

Every weight class is contested, especially at 125, 133, and 141. And the wrestlers need to stand out to win the spots.

"To do that you have to stick out in wide margins, big bonus," Sorensen said. "For the freshmen, [Midlands] is an opportunity to make a name for themselves. Show something in the coaches' eyes."

Brands sees Midlands as another step toward higher competition for Iowa.

"Every day, you're satisfying your fix," Brands said. "You know what Gable would say? Gable would say, 'I'm addicted to wrestling, and I've got to satisfy my fix.' And those guys help me satisfy my fix, because it's high-level wrestling, high-level minds, and we're excited. We're excited about the next level: Midlands."



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Iowa's Michael Kemerer wrestles North Dakota State's Clay Ream in the 157-pound weight class on Nov. 17 in Carver-Hawkeye. Kemerer defeated Ream, 18-2.

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# Daily Break

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Senior Show, School of Art**, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., E148 & W540 Visual Arts, Art West Library
  - **25 Collections for 25 Years: Selections from the Iowa Women's Archives**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Main Library Gallery
  - **Faces of Iowa Through the Early Lens**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Capitol Keyes Gallery
  - **National Geographic Photo Ark, Joel Sartore**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Old Capitol Hanson Gallery
  - **Holiday Pop-up Market, AKAR, Textiles, Revival**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
  - **Pharmacology Ph.D. Thesis Defense, Jeremy Sandgren**, 1:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
  - **Old Capitol History Club - The Space Race**, 5:30 p.m., Old Capitol Supreme Court Chamber
  - **Graduate College Commencement**, doors 6 p.m., Hancher
  - **UISG Free Coral Ridge Bus (UI students with UI IDs), beginning 6:10 p.m.**, Clinton & Washington; last bus from Coral Ridge, 11:49 p.m.
- SATURDAY COMMENCEMENTS**
- **College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University College**, doors 8 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
  - **Tippie Undergraduate**, doors Noon, Hancher

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- News @ Noon** 12-1pm
- Sports** 1-2pm
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- Hi Day Friday** 3-5pm
- Happy Hour** 5-6pm
- Night Sports!** 8-9pm
- Pixel Hunt** 9-10pm
- What's Up With Music:** 10-11pm
- Hip Hop Healing** 11pm-12am

## Good Deed of the Day

# Be a holiday hero.

Here are a few ideas on how you can make an impact on the community this holiday season.

### Holiday Entertainment

Provide holiday entertainment to residents of assisted living homes, group homes, or to people who are not able to remain in their own homes due to illness.

### Bake Treats

Contact a non-profit and thank them for their services in your community by baking a treat or providing a meal to the office.

### Give an Alternative Gift

Donate money or supplies to a local non-profit in honor of your friends and family.

### Organize a Giving Circle

Invite friends and family to join a giving circle for the holidays. Select a cause or organization you would like to support and set your giving goal.

### Make a Resolution

Identify a need. Give an hour. Give a Saturday. Give 110%.



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- Aries (March 21-April 19):** Follow a passionate call. Your words and heart are aligned. Opportunities for exploration present themselves. You go further with expert help. Consult elders.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Put away provisions for the future. Collaborate to squirrel away nuts. Listen to a loved one or child. Find the perfect thing for your family.
- Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Words of love flow easily. Share them with someone special. Negotiate your way through minor adjustments. Find a common thread. Together, you can make it.
- Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Figure out ways to make your work easier. Practice routines to discover simple efficiencies. Talk about health and fitness to find new solutions.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Games, sports, hobbies and passions suit your mood. Get into some fun with someone interesting. The winning arguments come easily now. You're especially persuasive.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Decorate and beautify your home. The next two days are good for domestic improvements. Cook up something wonderful. Get something you've always wanted.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Words come easily today and tomorrow. Use them to advance a cause. Communications flow faster and further. Share resources through your networks. Discover brilliant insights.

- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Generate positive cash flow. Make a wonderful discovery. Have faith in your own imagination. Step into a profitable two-day phase. Love flourishes too.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You're especially strong and creative for a few days. Follow a personal passion, and develop your project. New opportunities deserve investigation. You're irresistible.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Think things over. Rest and recuperate over the next few days. Find agreement on some tough issues. Put in a good word for someone else.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get into a fascinating conversation. Share what you're learning with friends and allies. Gather ideas and information. Someone's saying something nice about you.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Crazy dreams seem possible. Prepare for inspection over the next two days. Articulate your pitch, and make it. Express what's in your heart.

### Today's Birthday (12/15/17)

Lay plans and foundations to animate long-term dreams this year. Patiently research, strategize and construct. Reorient your educational adventure to new priorities this winter to inspire a flurry of creative expression. Summer brings an abundant harvest followed by communication blocks. Love rejuvenates you.



Friday, December 15, 2017  
by Linda Black

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  - 15 Dominican fashion designer's last name ...
  - 16 ... and first name
  - 17 Uffizi work
  - 18 City that straddles the Arkansas River
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  - 20 Like
  - 21 Where people mix at parties?
  - 23 Match up, as accounts
  - 24 Find fault
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  - 30 Covered, in a way
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  - 32 Tech enthusiast, say
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  - 36 Render pliable
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  - 42 Leader of the Partisans in W.W. II
  - 43 "Lovers Who Wander" singer, 1962
  - 44 Cook, as latkes
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  - 49 Subject of the 2014 documentary "Life Itself"
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  - 52 Without allies
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  - 54 Radio component
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  - 5 Item dropped in the drink?
  - 6 Superhero with hooves and a tail
  - 7 Jason with the #1 country hit "Dirt Road Anthem"
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the culture from Day 1 with the win, graduate, and do it right principles at the forefront. We're excited to be able to reward Rick with this contract extension to keep him in Iowa City for the foreseeable future."

ble-elimination rules, they played the Gophers only a few hours later, taking the win and advancing to the championship game. Iowa throttled Northwestern, 13-4, to win the title. "You can feel the excitement and buzz surrounding the program throughout the state," Barta said in a release. "We are excited to continue building on that and are

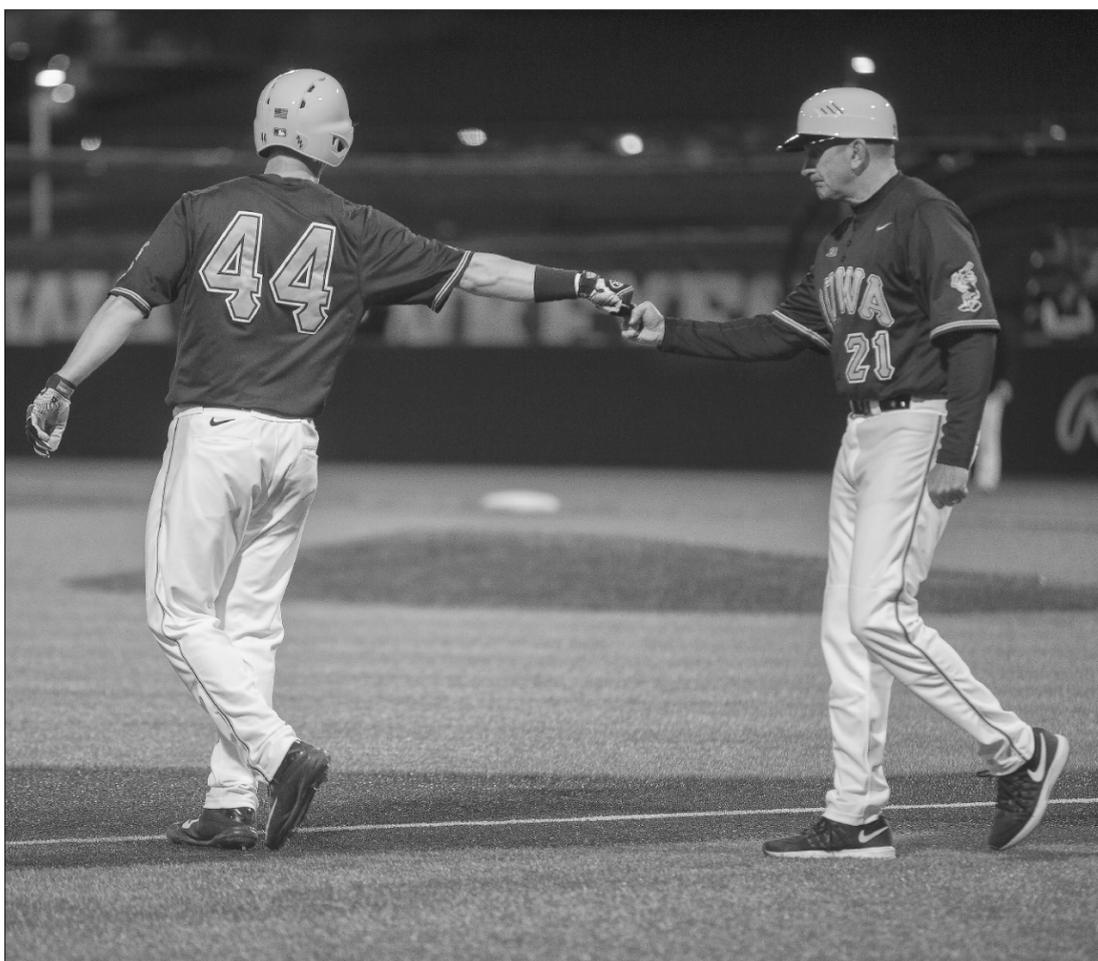
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— Rick Heller, head baseball coach

Under Heller's leadership, the Hawkeyes made the postseason in four-straight years, a first for the program. Last season, Iowa went on a run for the ages in the conference tournament in Bloomington, Indiana. The Hawkeyes toppled Maryland, one of the hotter teams in the Big Ten, 9-8, in the opening round, before taking down No. 21 Nebraska.

The Hawkeyes went on to lose to Minnesota on May 27, but because of the dou-

looking forward to the 2018 baseball season." Iowa will open the season in Kissimmee, Florida, for the Diamond 9 Sunshine State Classic Series, playing Toledo on Feb. 16. "I am humbled that Gary and Bruce have given me the opportunity to be a Hawkeye for a long time," Heller said in a release. "It's a privilege to go to work each day with such an amazing group of coaches, staff, and student-athletes."



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa's Robert Neustrom fist-bumps head coach Rick Heller during the Iowa-Rutgers baseball game at Banks Field on April 22. The Hawkeyes fell to the Scarlet Knights in the second game of the series, 5-3.

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Marinelli named NCAA's Wrestler of the Week

Alex Marinelli won more hardware Thursday in the form of NCAA's Wrestler of the Week. With a brace on his knee, Marinelli tore through last weekend's competition. The 165-pounder upset ninth-ranked Richie Lewis on Dec. 8 in front of a record-Rutgers crowd to help lead an Iowa comeback. Two days later, he earned a fall against Maryland's Brendan Burnham. Voting for the NCAA Wrestler of the Week took place via a Twitter Poll. Marinelli won 46 percent of the vote. On Tuesday, he was awarded Big Ten's Wrestler of the Week.



### Watch for Hawkeye gymnasts

Four Iowa gymnasts have been named to the Big Ten Watch List in preparation for the season. On the men's team, junior Rogelio Vazquez and freshman Bennet Huang were named to the list for the first time in their careers. Vazquez competed in every competition during the 2017 season, as well as performing at the Big Ten and NCAA Championships. Huang is one of three freshmen on the men's watch list. At the 2017 JO Nationals, he was the all-around, floor, and pommel-horse champion. For the women, senior Lanie Snyder and sophomore Clair Kaji made the list. Both competed in every meet during the 2017 season. Last season, they both earned second-team All Big Ten honors.



Vazquez

## HAWK OF THE WEEK

### Will Brenner junior, diving

Competing at the USA Diving Winter National Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, Brenner placed 19th on the opening day of the 1-meter springboard on Wednesday. The Ypsilanti, Michigan, native competes alongside Hawkeye Anton Hoherz at the championships through Dec. 19.



Brenner

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Men's Basketball (Des Moines)**  
Saturday vs. Drake - 1:04 p.m.

**Women's Basketball (Cedar Falls)**  
Dec. 17 @ UNI - 2 p.m.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Our team's in very good shape, and we're only at 60 percent. Tom [Brands] says we're at 60 percent and we have a lot more to give."**



— Wrestling's Alex Marinelli on the state of Iowa wrestling

## STAT OF THE DAY

No. 25 women's basketball leads the nation in assists per game, tallying 24 per contest.

**24** assists

# Baseball guru Heller gets extension

After leading Iowa to its most successful four-year stretch in program history, Rick Heller earned a contract extension through 2024.

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Heller

Iowa baseball coach Rick Heller will wear Black and Gold for a while. The coach signed off on a contract extension on Thursday, extending him through the 2024 season.

"I am proud to be part of such an outstanding, team-oriented Athletics Department and university," Heller said in a release. "With the fantastic leadership of

Gary Barta and President [Bruce] Harreld, our baseball program has grown significantly in the last five years, and we look forward to working together to keep it moving forward." Heller led Iowa to its best four-year stretch in program history. During that time, the Hawkeyes

won 140 games, made the NCAA regionals, and claimed the school's first-ever Big Ten Championship. "The progress this program has made in four seasons under Rick has been incredible," said Barta in a release. "Rick has changed

SEE HELLER, 7

# Big game in the Big Four

Iowa will try to make it three wins over Drake in the Hy-Vee Big Four Classic when it plays the Bulldogs on Saturday.



Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon (3) dribbles against Southern's LaQuentin Collins (1) in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Iowa was too much for Southern, 91-60. Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

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It's a special weekend for basketball in the state of Iowa. The Hy-Vee Big Four Classic, consisting of the battles Iowa vs. Drake and Iowa State vs. Northern Iowa, is set to take place for the sixth

year at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. The Hawkeyes have fared well in their trip to the state's Capital City; they boast a 4-1 record at the event. Iowa has beaten Drake and Northern Iowa twice but suffered a loss to the Panthers in 2014. Head coach Fran McCaffery said he looks at the big picture of the games but said he's still a

fan of the event. "Sort of what we just come to expect, sort of what the kids sign up for when they come here; they know we're going to play these kind of games," he said. "They know that this game is always going to be a tough game. We've lost up

SEE MEN'S, 5

# Hawkeyes stalk into feisty Panthers' den

The Hawkeyes finish their finals tests, then get set for two in-state tests on the court to finish their nonconference slate.



Iowa guard Alexis Sevillian holds the ball against Iowa/Arkansas-Pine Bluff in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 9. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Lions, 85-45. Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA  
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The Iowa women's basketball team is red hot, jumping out to a 10-1 start to the 2017-18 campaign. Trying to continue that run, the Hawkeyes will head to Cedar Falls to take on Northern Iowa at 2 p.m. Dec. 17. It's Iowa's penultimate nonconference game of the season, but these seem to mean just a little bit more to Lisa Bluder and her bunch. While their goal to win never changes, the next two game provide more motivation the Hawkeyes because both are in-state rivals. Having already knocked off Iowa State, Iowa needs just two more to claim the State's Division-1 women's basketball crown.

"I feel like we're all trying to compete for this 'state championship,'" Alexis Sevillian said. "Just having that title, it means a lot to our coaches, it means a lot to us, so that brings a lot of fire to us individually." After the Hawkeyes' game against Northern Iowa, they will head home to take on Drake on Dec. 21. A crisp national No. 25 placed next to the Hawkeyes on TV Sunday might be one way to boost Iowa's elite status, but collecting wins against the state's major teams cements that claim. Iowa was the last to do it just three years ago, during the 2014-15 season. Another reason for the extra motivation in

SEE WOMEN'S, 5

# High-level Midlands on the horizon

The Midlands Championships on Dec. 29 offer another opportunity for many Hawkeye wrestlers.

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A new opportunity waits for the Hawkeyes in the form of the Midlands Championships on the weekend of Dec. 29 at the Sears Center Arena in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. The tournament-style format allows Iowa to send a team, as well as individual wrestlers, to compete. But nothing else changes, said sophomore Michael Kemerer. "We're in that tournament format now, a little different from dual meets," he said. "But the goal doesn't change, and that's going out there and scoring points." Head coach Tom Brands is yet to release an official lineup, but he has promised that highly touted true freshman Spencer Lee will compete, as well as Iowa's consistent lineup. "Last year, I got myself in some trouble, some names were released before I could talk to our team, and that's not a good way to proceed," Brands said. "We'll have 15 guys there, and maybe one, or two, or three more. We're looking forward to Midlands, and that's a big tournament for us. We'll have some young firepower in there that won't be scoring points, and we'll have 10 guys that are in there scoring points for this team." Last year, the Iowa wrestling team scored 150.5 points to win the tournament. On its way to a team title, Thomas Gilman, Brandon Sorensen, and Kemerer won individual titles.



Kemerer

SEE WRESTLING, 5