Former SID Wine passes away



Former Iowa SID George Wine died from a heart attack Thursday morning. He was 81 years old. (Photo courtesy of the Iowa sports information department)

By Brendan Stiles

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Former Iowa sports information director George Wine died from a heart attack Thursday at the University of Iowa Hosptials and Clinics in Iowa City. His death came two days after having hip replacement surgery performed. He was 81 years old.

Wine served as Iowa's head sports information director from 1968-1993 and was only the second person to ever hold the position at Iowa. During his tenure, the Hawkeye football team made three appearances in the Rose Bowl under head coach Hayden Fry and the men's basketball program went to its most

recent Final Four during the 1979-80 season.

Prior to working at the UI, Wine served in the U.S. Air Force and would later receive a Bachelor's degree in journalism from the UI in 1956. He held SID positions at both Northern Iowa and Memphis before returning to Iowa City. He was succeeded as SID at Iowa by recently retired Phil Haddy and current SID Steve Roe.

After officially retiring in 1996, Wine helped co-author Fry's autobiography, *High Porch Picnic*, which was released shortly after Fry's retirement following the 1998 season. He then wrote another book released in 2003 titled *Black and Gold Memories: The Hawkeyes of the 20th Century*.

In 2000, Wine was inducted into the UI Athletics Hall of Fame by the National Varsity Club. Six years later, he was among the first class of people honored along the Media Wall of Fame located inside the Paul W. Brechler Press Box at Kinnick Stadium.

Wine was preceded in death by his parents and first wife and is survived by his second wife, Dr. Barry Anderson, son Steve, sister Virginia Wine Alderson, and multiple nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. A memorial service is scheduled to take place at Trinity Episcopal Church in Iowa City at a time and date still to be determined.

6/27/2012: Iowa player audio with photos (premium)

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Seven members of the Iowa football team spoke with the media Wednesday at the Hayden Fry Football Complex to discuss topics such as summer workouts, the new practice facility set to open for the team in time for fall camp, and the new playoff being implemented in college football two years from now.

Below is audio from each of the following players — senior wide receiver Keenan Davis, senior tight end Zach Derby, junior linebacker Anthony Hitchens, sophomore offensive tackle Brandon Scherff, junior free safety Tanner Miller, junior offensive tackle Brett Van Sloten and junior defensive end Dominic Alvis:



Keenan Davis, June 27, 2012

Keenan Davis, senior wide receiver



Zach Derby, June 27, 2012

Zach Derby, senior tight end



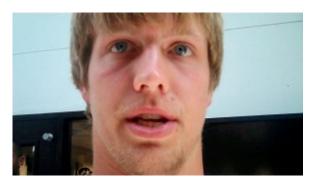
Anthony Hitchens, June 27, 2012

Anthony Hitchens, junior linebacker



Brandon Scherff, June 27, 2012

Brandon Scherff, sophomore offensive tackle



Tanner Miller, June 27, 2012

Tanner Miller, junior free safety



Iowa junior offensive tackle Brett Van Sloten discusses summer workouts with the local media on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at the Hayden Fry Football Complex in Iowa City.

Brett Van Sloten, junior offensive tackle



Dominic Alvis, June 27, 2012

Dominic Alvis, junior defensive end

6/27/2012: Football practice facility photos

By Brendan Stiles

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — The Iowa athletics department conducted a media tour Wednesday afternoon of the new football practice facility replacing the Bubble, which was <u>deflated last April</u>. The facility is set to be completed by Aug. 21, but the Hawkeyes will be able to begin using it for practices on Aug. 3, which is when the team's fall camp is slated to begin.

Below are some photos taken during Wednesday's tour:



The Tigerhawk logo is firmly displayed at one end of the new practice facility.



One of the end zones with the door exiting to the field previously used as part of the Kenyon Practice Facility.



The same turf installed at Kinnick Stadium in 2009 is in place inside the new practice facility, including the end zones being painted black.



One of the 40-yard lines painted on the turf being used in the new practice facility.



The roof of the new practice facility, which will feature lights that can be used on overcast days.



Next to the field is a twolevel storage room which includes two stairwells. This stairwell is on the end adjacent to the turf.



The stairwell on the other side of the storage area build next to the field.



The second level of the storage area being used as part of the new practice facility.



An entrance into the practice facility from the old practice field outside.



A ground-level view from behind one of the end zones of the new turf.

6/27/2012: Kirk Ferentz audio



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz discusses the new playoff

being implemented in college football as well as matters surrounding his team with the local media on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at the Hayden Fry Football Complex in Iowa City.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Prior to a media tour of Iowa's new practice facility on Wednesday, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz met with the media in the atrium inside the Hayden Fry Football Complex to discuss the new playoff in college football set to begin in 2014, as well as discuss topics pertaining to his team such as the new facility, an update on freshman running back Greg Garmon following his arrest earlier this month and other personnel matters.

Below is audio of Ferentz's meeting with the press Wednesday afternoon in its entirety:

<u>Kirk Ferentz (6/27/2012)</u>

6/13/2012: Iowa player audio with photos (premium)

By Brendan Stiles

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Eight members of the Iowa football team

spoke with the media Wednesday at the Hayden Fry Football Complex to discuss the start of summer workouts and other various topics.

Below is audio from each of the following players — junior tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz, sophomore wide receiver Kevonte Martin-Manley, junior kicker Mike Meyer, junior linebacker Christian Kirksey, senior quarterback James Vandenberg, senior cornerback Micah Hyde, senior defensive lineman Steve Bigach and junior fullback Brad Rogers:



C.J. Fiedorowicz, June 13,
2012

C.J. Fiedorowicz, junior tight end



Kevonte Martin-Manley, June 13, 2012

Kevonte Martin-Manley, sophomore wide receiver



Mike Meyer, June 13, 2012

Mike Meyer, junior kicker



Christian Kirksey, June 13, 2012

Christian Kirksey, junior linebacker



James Vandenberg, June 13, 2012

<u>James Vandenberg</u>, <u>senior quarterback</u>



Micah Hyde, June 13, 2012

Micah Hyde, senior cornerback



Steve Bigach, June 13, 2012

Steve Bigach, senior defensive lineman



Brad Rogers, June 13, 2012

Brad Rogers, junior fullback

Garmon arrested in hometown on drug charges

By Brendan Stiles

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Incoming true freshman running back Greg Garmon was arrested in his hometown of Erie, Pa., last weekend on charges of simple drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to multiple news outlets in the area.

Garmon, 19, and 18-year-old Delton Williams were reportedly pulled over by police as part of a traffic stop. According to yourerie.com, Garmon was operating a vehicle that had an expired registration. According to erietvnews.com, police then found a small amount of marijuana inside the vehicle.

As a senior at McDowell High School last fall, Garmon rushed for 1,050 yards on 137 carries and compiled nine touchdowns on the ground. He was rated as a four-star recruit by multiple recruiting outlets and considered one of the top recruits in Iowa's 2012 class.

Kickoffs set for first three games of 2012

By Brendan Stiles

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Iowa's first three games of the 2012 season will all kick off

at 2:30 p.m. Central.

The Hawkeyes' season opener against Northern Illinois, which will be played at Soldier Field in Chicago, will be televised nationally on ESPNU, which also carried the last meeting between the two teams in the Windy City five years ago. Meanwhile, Iowa's first two games at Kinnick Stadium — Sept. 8 against Iowa State and Sept. 15 against Northern Iowa — will both be televised nationally by the Big Ten Network.

With the announcements of these three games, the Hawkeyes now know start times for eight of their 12 regular season games, including seven of the first eight contests. The lone games with start times still to be determined are the Sept. 22 match-up against Central Michigan at Kinnick Stadium and the first three games of November — at Indiana, vs. Purdue and at Michigan.

In addition to the trio of 2:30 p.m. Central games, the Hawkeyes have four games set for 11 a.m. Central starts and one game in prime time against Penn State on Oct. 20.

5/25/2012: One-on-One with Tyler Sash



Former Iowa and current NY Giant safety Tyler Sash signs a No. 9 Iowa jersey for a fan during an autograph session at Scheels on Friday, May 25, 2012 in Coralville, Iowa. Donations going towards the Brett Greenwood Foundation were collected during the event.

By Brendan Stiles

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CORALVILLE, Iowa — "Once you're a Hawkeye, you're always a Hawkeye."

That one sentence is filled with words that New York Giants safety Tyler Sash continues to live by, even though 17 months have passed since the Oskaloosa native last suited up on the gridiron wearing black and gold.

That one sentence is also significant in Sash's ongoing quest to help his former Hawkeye teammate and good friend, Brett Greenwood.

Last fall, Greenwood collapsed while working out at his high school and was in a coma for nearly an entire month. Doctors later discovered that <u>Greenwood had suffered an anoxic brain injury</u>. Sash said Greenwood has made progress but is still continuing down the path towards recovery.

Three months after winning Super Bowl XLVI with the Giants, Sash was back in the Hawkeye State on Friday to continue his part in helping Greenwood by holding an autograph session at Scheels inside the Coral Ridge Mall. Sash had held a previous fundraiser at Scheels during the Giants' bye week last October and much like that first event, fans seeking autographs from

Sash were asked to make cash donations to go towards the Brett Greenwood Foundation.

Sitting at a table placed inside the store, Sash began to sign Hawkeye and Giant memorabilia one-by-one for adults and kids alike and even took pictures with those who asked. The table featured a display case with his Super Bowl ring inside it, as well as a jar filling up with cash to support Greenwood.

While signing autographs, Sash took time to speak with HawkeyeDrive.com about Friday's event, as well as reflect back on his rookie season in New York and look ahead to what his future has in store.

HawkeyeDrive.com (HD): What does all the support you and Brett are both getting here mean considering how a full year has gone by since either of you played for the Hawkeyes, yet many around here still remember both of you and want to do their part in helping this cause?

Tyler Sash: I think it's just like anything else. Once you're a Hawkeye, you're always a Hawkeye. The people of Iowa are so supportive of the team and the players and you know they feel like everyone's a big family. If you go to Iowa, it doesn't matter where in Iowa. I feel like everybody feels they have a connection because you played at the University of Iowa.

HD: What does that mean in terms of being able to come back here and have people recognize you whenever they see you, wherever you happen to be?

Sash: It's obviously nice. Not only because of the Super Bowl, but what we did at Iowa, Brett and I together. You know, just to be in a situation where I can come back is the main thing. You know there are guys that can come back that didn't go to the NFL. I mean, there are tons of Hawkeyes all over the place that would help out. But just being in my situation wants me to help even more.

HD: How much would you say that bond you share with Brett has gotten stronger over the past year given everything he has had to go through?

Sash: It's hard. You know, I'm not with him each and every day and obviously we don't have as much communication. But at the same time, there doesn't go a day where I don't think about him or how blessed that I am, because of his situation. What he has been through, if anybody can go through it and be fine, it's Brett, because he has just always had that mentality that he's not going to let anything get to him. He was a walk-on freshman that started, so obviously coming out of high school, he probably thought he was under-recruited and he has always had his back up against the wall and turned out to be an all-Big Ten safety.

HD: This is a two-part question here. One, what were some of the big things you were able to take away from your first season in the NFL, and secondly, what have these last few months been like since you returned to New York with the Vince Lombardi Trophy?

Sash: The season's long. Obviously, you want to win each and every week, but you can't let a loss get to you. I'm one of the most competitive people around, but if you do lose, you can't let that get to you. It's a long season, and no matter what happens, you just got to keep playing. I mean, I know that sounds really cliché, but we had injuries across the board and other teams aren't going to feel sorry for you. You just got to go out and fight each and every play, each and every week.

HD: Have you become more recognizable around New York?

Sash: I don't know. I'm growing my hair back, so probably not.

HD: Have you gotten a chance to talk to Brian Ferentz at all since the Super Bowl? (Ferentz was the Patriots' tight ends coach and on the losing end of Super Bowl XLVI before becoming

Sash: Yeah, I've seen him a few times, actually. I saw him at the Iowa CHARACTER COUNTS! event in Des Moines and sat right next to him. Then I saw him at the airport in Cedar Rapids, heading out to recruit. I've talked to him a few times. No bad blood or anything like that. Just talked about the game a little bit, but mostly it's all about Iowa football, to be honest.

HD: When Marvin McNutt was drafted by Philadelphia, I saw you send him a tweet saying congrats, but now we can't be friends since you're on one of our rivals. What's that going to be like for you the first time you get that opportunity to line up across from him and he's coming towards you across the middle of the field?

Sash: It's going to be fun. Like I said, "Once a Hawkeye, always a Hawkeye." But once you're in those lines and you're playing against your rival team, it wouldn't matter if I went to high school with one of my best friends and he went to Iowa State and I played football against him. It's basically the same thing with Marvin going to play for Philadelphia. It's going to be exciting.

HD: You're going to be taking part in the Grinnell Games next month. What went into that decision and what about it are you looking forward to?

Sash: The opportunity presented itself and Grinnell is 15-20 minutes from my house. They're doing a lot of cool things that I wanted to be involved with. They make "Amazing Chase," kind of like the "Amazing Race." We're trying to get people to come out and get active and have fun.

HD: Last question here: Is there anything you have lined up here in the future as far as events for your foundation, Brett's foundation, "GBNB" (Get Better, Not Bitter), etc.?

Sash: We've always got things going on. You know, I got a full schedule all the time about that. I'm always trying to give back, trying to do things to raise awareness or help other people, like helping the Brett Greenwood Foundation. Just trying to help out as much as I can. I'm busy all the time.

Iowa's 2015 and 2016 Big Tenschedules revealed

By Brendan Stiles

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On Oct. 31, 2015, almost seven years to the date since their last meeting on the gridiron, the Iowa Hawkeyes and Illinois Fighting Illini will play a football game against each other at Kinnick Stadium.

The long, awaited home-and-home with Illinois highlights Iowa's 2015 and 2016 conference schedules, which were released by the Big Ten on Monday. In addition to playing the Fighting Illini, the Hawkeyes will return to Beaver Stadium for a date with Penn State on Nov. 7, 2015, as well as continue playing all five of their Legends Division counterparts and Purdue annually.

Iowa will open league play in 2015 with a pair of home games on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10 against Northwestern and Michigan State, followed by consecutive trips to Purdue on Oct. 17 and Minnesota on Oct. 24. Then comes the first meeting with Illinois since Nov. 1, 2008, a game won by the Fighting Illini, 27-24. Following the trip to Penn State, the Hawkeyes have their bye week, then conclude conference play with its

home finale Nov. 21 against Michigan and a trip to Lincoln to play Nebraska on Nov. 28.

In 2016, Iowa starts with Minnesota at home on Oct. 1 before traveling to Michigan State on Oct. 8. Following a contest with Purdue at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 15, the Hawkeyes will play in the state of Illinois in consecutive weeks, first playing at Northwestern on Oct. 22 and then at Illinois on Oct. 29. After a home contest Nov. 5 against Penn State, Iowa will have its bye week, then play at Michigan on Nov. 19 before concluding league play with Nebraska at home on Nov. 26.

The dates for the two games against the Cornhuskers should be considered tentative in the event Iowa and Nebraska agree to continue playing each other on the Friday after Thanksgiving as they did last season and will again this November.

Iowa will play Wisconsin and Ohio State in 2013 and 2014, while Indiana will take a four-year hiatus off the Hawkeyes' schedule following this season's contest on Nov. 3 in Bloomington, Ind.

Below is the complete list of the Hawkeyes' Big Ten games in 2015 and 2016:

2015:

10/3/2015 - vs. Northwestern

10/10/2015 - vs. Michigan State

10/17/2015 - at Purdue

10/24/2015 - at Minnesota

10/31/2015 - vs. Illinois

11/7/2015 — at Penn State

11/21/2015 - vs. Michigan

11/28/2015 - at Nebraska

2016:

10/1/2016 - vs. Minnesota

10/8/2016 — at Michigan State

10/15/2016 - vs. Purdue

10/22/2016 – at Northwestern

10/29/2016 - at Illinois

11/5/2016 - vs. Penn State

11/19/2016 — at Michigan

11/26/2016 - vs. Nebraska

Four kickoff times set for conference games

By Brendan Stiles

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Iowa found out from the Big Ten on Thursday that four of its conference games during the 2012 season will start at 11 a.m. Central.

Just like last year, the Hawkeyes' regular season finale against Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium will be televised by ABC. In addition, this marks the second year in a row Iowa plays its Homecoming game — which is Sept. 29 against Minnesota — at 11 a.m. Central.

Two road games — Oct. 13 against Michigan State and Oct. 27 against Northwestern — have also been set for the same time. Both games are Homecoming games for the Spartans and Wildcats, respectively. No TV assignments were designated for the Minnesota, Michigan State and Northwestern games.

Last week, Iowa's game against Penn State on Oct. 20 was designated as the Hawkeyes' lone night game in 2012, a 7 p.m. Central kickoff televised by BTN.