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Downtown Iowa City held its annual Top Chef Iowa City competition in the hotelVetro on Monday. Local restaurants showcased their food and specialty drinks, and El Banditos became the first winner to earn a unanimous vote from both critics and the public. Newcomer Pullman Diner won for best dessert. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

Grady to head to 'Bama

David Grady, a UI associate vice president and dean of students, accepted a job with the University of Alabama on Monday.

By NICHOLAS MOFFITT AND CHRIS HIGGINS
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University of Iowa Dean of Students David Grady will leave the university to become the vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Alabama effective June 15.

Grady, also a UI associate vice president, has worked at the school since 1992.

According to a release from the University of Alabama News Service, President Judy Bonner announced Grady's hiring Monday.



Grady
dean of students

"David Grady has extensive experience in student-affairs management and programming including student involvement and leadership, student activity programming, fraternity and sorority life, student union management, and other areas," Bonner said in the release. "His leadership will be invaluable in our continuing efforts to provide our students with the best collegiate experience possible."

Grady has previously spent time employed at the University of Alabama, working as the assistant director of student life from 1985 to 1988.

In the release, he cited the distinctive Alabama experience as something he looks forward to.

"I am excited to be joining a student-centered university like the University of Alabama," he said. "I am looking forward to working with the dedicated staff in Student Affairs, along with our campus partners, to help each student discover their distinctive University of Alabama experience so they can leave here prepared to be successful in their careers and their communities."

In terms of administrative organization, the dean of students position reports to UI Vice President for Student Life Tom Rocklin.

According to the UI website, Grady began at the UI as the director of Campus Programs and Student Activities. In 1998, he was the interim director of the IMU and also served as the director of University Life Centers until 2002.

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Eat, eat, drink, drink

By JUSTUS FLAIR
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Local Iowa City restaurants and bars competed on Monday for one of the most prestigious titles in town: Top Chef.

The foodies of Iowa City flooded hotelVetro to eat, drink, hear some jazz, and see El Banditos Chef Christopher Trutt crowned a culinary champion at the fifth-annual Top Chef: Downtown Iowa City.

The event featured two dozen local businesses sparring for top titles in four different categories: entrées, desserts, mixology, and baristas.

"It's great exposure," said Nicole Millard of Java House. "It's great to be with everyone from the Downtown District. We see a lot of people from the restaurants in our store, so it's nice to support the family of local bars and shops."

Millard and her coworkers entered their Berry Coffee Frizz in the competition.

"We're using a Kenyan coffee that was roasted for us especially for this event," she said. "We're combining the iced

Kenyan, a little bit of soda water for effervescence, little bit of blueberry, and topped with blueberry-infused whipped cream."

Java House tied with High Ground Coffee in the newly formed barista category.

Far from being upset, Millard welcomed the opposition. "We were in the dessert category last year with an iced coffee," she said. "Hopefully, next year we'll have more competitors in the coffee category next year."

Growing shouldn't be a problem; Nancy Bird, the Iowa City Downtown District executive director, said there are new participants who shine every spring.

This year one of those participants was the Bluebird Diner. Chef Anne Stork has been with Bluebird for three years, but this was her first year at Top Chef. She won the Judge's Choice Award in the dessert category for her "Cakey, Cakey, Eggs, and Bakey," a bourbon-batter pecan pound cake designed to look like toast topped with an orange-curd-filled meringue "egg" and maple-candied bacon.

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Starting up in very local tofu

By BEN MARKS
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One local start-up has pressed into new territory.

In November 2013, then-University of Iowa seniors Jake Gratzon and Matthew Mesaros came up with an idea for a food company that used the state's second-largest cash crop — soybeans — to make local, organic, and genetically modified organism-free tofu.

Now, a year and a half later, they have joined with third partner and Iowa City resident Ethan Brown to create Old Capitol Food Co.

"In a lot of ways, Iowa City is the perfect place for three guys like us to get together and decide to start a company," Gratzon said. "I just don't think that would happen in a less creative, less supportive, less community-centered place."

With production estimated to be a month away, the three are quite literally hammering out the details as they work to finish building their new facility, located at Dolphin Drive Southeast.

When it comes to the entrepreneurship economy, local experts say Iowa



Local entrepreneurs Matthew Mesaros (left) and Ethan Brown (right) stand in the future facilities for their business venture, Old Capitol Food Co. Mesaros and Brown make up two of the three founding members of the business, whose facilities will be located near Dolphin Drive S.E. (The Daily Iowan/John Baker)

City is well past starting up.

"I'd say [the start up community is] certainly growing, and is beyond emerging," said Lynn Allendorf, the di-

rector of the Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Lab. "I think we have a thriving

SEE TOFU, 3

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- Iowa Screendance Festival, FilmScene, 6:30 p.m., tickets \$10
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THINKING INSIDE THE BOXING



Clif Johnson, gym manager and boxing instructor at ICOR Boxing Club, instructs a class on Monday. ICOR gives lessons in both boxing and Muay Thai and also trains athletes to compete in competitions. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

Area school districts growing

Officials predict that Iowa City's and other school districts across the state will continue to grow.

By GRACE PATERAS
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The fifth-largest school district in Iowa isn't the only one expected to grow over the next 10 years.

The Iowa City School District's growth is a combination of progression, birth rates, and survival rates in Johnson County.

School Board President Chris Lynch said the district has been aware of these estimates for a long time, which is why construction of new schools and additions to others has been a recent priority.



Lynch school board president

"We continue to see significant growth in the district," he said.

There were 13,050 students enrolled in the district for the current school year, up from 12,774 last year.

The three new elementary schools being built, a upcoming new high school, and other school additions have been a result of data from annual reports on district growth, Lynch said.

To accommodate the growth, he said, the more students in the district means the more funding they bring in, which allows the district to hire more teachers.

"Providing an excellent learning experience

for our students is our main goal," Lynch said. "We want our students to have an excellent learning environment."

The district's budget for the growth comes from a variety of taxes. A little more than half comes from state taxes, and a little under half comes from local property taxes. Five percent is funded federally.

"Remember that the facilities master plan is based on most extensive community plan," Lynch said. "So far we're on schedule and in budget."

Iowa City isn't alone in its district expansion. Clear Creek-Amana School District also is expected to grow in the next 10 years.

That district serves the communities of Amana, Cosgrove, Oxford, part of North Liberty, and Tiffin.

Superintendent Tim Kuehl said the district's

1,920 students in attendance in the district.

Clear Creek-Amana also has schools under construction to accommodate the growth, such as a new elementary school opening this fall.

Other projects include an addition to its middle school and an expansion to its high school.

Pleasant Valley School District serves 4,200 students in its district.

The district contains students in Le Claire, Panorama Park, Riverdale, Pleasant Valley, and Bettendorf.

Pleasant Valley officials also expect to see growth in future years, as indicated by previous years' growth.

Last year, the district grew by 100 students, and the year before by around 240. The year before that, approximately 60 new kids joined the district.

as building a new school.

"One of most complicated aspects is the high school," Spelhaug said. "We looked at several ways to look at growth at the high school, and we have finalized what we call separate but connected."

"As we continue to add onto the high school, we will do that with a design that will be a ninth grade house, and it will operate separately."

The first stage of the project will begin construction in two years. Ninth graders will attend school in the same building as the rest of the high school but will be secluded in one section of the building, complete with its own entrances and main office.

The purpose is to have a site ready for a second high school.

"What might make sense 25 years from now is pretty difficult [to make decisions for] now, on an economic and political scale," Spelhaug said.

The district also built an addition to a middle school.

"Our community has room to grow," Spelhaug said. "We see our responsibility, on this economic development level, that this school district is recruiting individuals to come work in this area. [We want to be] a reason someone would relocate here, and that's what we want for our schools."

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— Chris Lynch, school board president

growth estimates are based on a study done by retired University of Iowa geography Professor Gerard Rushton. RSP & Associates also did a study last fall with similar estimates.

"They anticipated roughly about 100 new students a year," Kuehl said.

There are currently

"It's a theme of growth, but we're not on same pace as others [in the state]," said Pleasant Valley Superintendent Jim Spelhaug.

A new elementary school has been in session for five years, and Spelhaug said it is growing rapidly. For other schools, however, it is not as easy

influences, Italian influences, with a variety of ingredients, which was the goal of head chef Andy Diep. "The way the chef is composing the plates, it's a little bit different, trying to incorporate some different flavorings," Walrath said.

Along with the varied menu, she said the owners and chefs planned to rotate the menu seasonally based on what ingredients are available.

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— by Cory Porter

In the March 30 story titled "UI Student Garden and Office of Sustainability to host events for Earth Month" *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that the UI Student Garden would host 15 events. The Student Garden will only host one event, but numerous organizations and academic departments over the month will host 15 events. The *DI* regrets the error.

North Liberty man faces drug charge

Authorities have accused a North Liberty man of possessing marijuana and failing to affix a drug stamp.

Victor Harrill, 29, was charged with controlled-substance violation on March 3.

According to online court documents, members of the Johnson County Drug Task Force acquired a search warrant at Harrill's residence and reportedly found 300 grams of marijuana, equipment to make THC

oil/wax, and the finished THC oil/wax product.

Harrill allegedly admitted to manufacturing and selling the marijuana as well as the THC oil/wax.

Controlled-substance violation and failure to affix a drug stamp are both Class-D felonies.

— by Alyssa Guzman

North Side Bistro opens

The North Side Bistro opened Monday in the former location of the Haunted Bookshop.

The space, 203 N. Linn St., has a rustic look and feel, which Christa Walrath, a manager for the restaurant, said was intentional; the walls, tables, and bar use wood and metal from an old barn outside of Iowa City.

Walrath said instead of focusing on one type of food, the menu is filled with various influences and flavors.

"[We] didn't want to really pigeonhole the menu and keep it into one specific flavor profiling or culture or genre or anything like that," she said.

Walrath said the menu would offer recipes with Japanese

influences, Italian influences, with a variety of ingredients, which was the goal of head chef Andy Diep.

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BLOTTER

Adrian Hernandez, 41, El Paso, Texas, was charged Thursday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Joshua Koolbeck, 22, 1901

Broadway No. 3, was charged March 22 with violating a no-contact, domestic-abuse protective order.

Lucio Maravilla, 46, 1205 Laura Drive Trailer 44, was

charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Donroy Merrival, 47, Muscatine, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury,

fifth-degree criminal mischief, and obstructing emergency communication.

Tyler Paulson, 23, 1104 Hotz Ave., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

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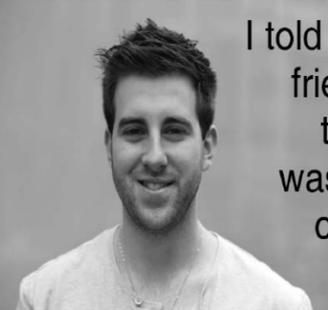


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TOP CHEF

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“It started as a joke,” she said. “How we could turn breakfast into a dessert? Because Bluebird eggs are our signature item, the first thing on the menu.”

The judges said they decided in favor of Bluebird partly because of its creativity.

Though it didn't result in an award, Italian restaurant Baroncini also sought creativity in its dish. As a Blue Zone designated restaurant — identified by the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce as a promoter of good health — Baroncini chefs brought a health-conscious dish to the competition.

They chose “ravioli stuffed with porcini mushroom and goat cheese in a light tomato sauce with crystalized sprouts.”

“The Blue Zone wanted us to partake, so we brought a vegetarian dish,” said Jessica

Pease of Baroncini. “We can promote a healthier lifestyle while still providing delicious food. Hopefully, it'll get a lot of people in the door.”

Attracting new patrons seemed to be a common theme for many participants. The Mill bar and restaurant took the opportunity to test one of a dozen new cocktails that will be unveiled on its menu today, the Fitzgerald, the event's winning drink. All of the Mill's new spring drinks are named after famous writers.

“The Fitzgerald is a standard cocktail, and we twisted it by adding sparkling lemon juice instead of regular lemon and rosemary simple syrup instead of regular,” said Rebecca Geisel, a Mill bartender. “We chose this one because it's our most popular this time of year. It's really light and refreshing for people who like to sit on the patio and drink.”

Light and refreshing seemed to be the night's key ingredient; in their



A voter at Top Chef Iowa City fills out his ballot in hotelVtro on Monday. Many local restaurants showcased their food and specialty drinks at the event. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

first year competing as partners, Molly's Cupcakes and Yotopia Frozen Yogurt prepared a froyo sandwich, new lavender blueberry froyo between two soft lemon cookies, topped with frozen blueberries.

The classic flavors may

not have won them an award, but they're hopeful the new spring froyo flavor will bring people to the shop.

Using Top Chef as a means of attracting new patrons doesn't seem to be a bad idea, at least according to attendee Ang-

ie Breitsprecher.

“I like supporting the local restaurants and trying restaurants I may not usually try, ones I may not necessarily go to but now I can try them and maybe go there in the future,” she said.

Judge's Choice

Entrée

Third: Share Wine Lounge's Seared Smoked Duck
Second: Short's Burger & Shine/RIDE's Short Rib Poutine
First: El Banditos Short Rib Tacos

Mixologist

Second: Basta's Basta Tea Party
First: Mill's Fitzgerald

Dessert

Bluebird Diner's Cakey, Cakey, Eggs, and Bakey

Barista

First (tied): Java House's Berry Coffee Frizz
First (tied): High Ground Coffee's Black Coffee

People's Choice

Entrée

Third: Heirloom Salad Co.'s Chicken Salad Sandwich with apricot lentil soup
Second: Short's Burger & Shine/RIDE's Short Rib Poutine
First: El Banditos's Short Rib Tacos

Mixologist

Second (tied): Graze's The Spa-tini
Second (tied): Forbidden Planet's Resident Evil
First: Mill's Fitzgerald

Dessert

Pullman Bar and Diner's Nutella Pie

TOFU

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ing start-up scene here in the entire corridor.”

This, she said, is due in part to work from the UI and Iowa City, as well as other local organizations, such as the Iowa City Area Development Group.

Group President Mark Nolte shares the belief.

“Both the university and the community have embraced the role having a strong start-up ecosystem plays in engaging young people and attracting talent to the area,” he said. “This is not lip service; they're putting real effort and assets in play to help

support both student and faculty entrepreneurs.”

The Bedell Lab was one of the first in the country when it opened 10 years ago, Allendorf said. With new spaces such as the Iowa Start-Up Accelerator and the Thinc Innovation and Collaboration Lab, Nolte said, there are more spaces than ever for entrepreneurs to connect, share ideas, and learn.

City Economic Development Administrator Jeff Davidson said while the partnerships between the different entities is loose, the city has been strengthening them with such projects as the Riverfront Crossings District, as well as the Coralville and Iowa City CoLabs.

Traditionally, Davidson said, city officials were most concerned about attracting large companies such as Procter & Gamble, but said the city “radically changed” the way it attracts businesses five years ago.

Now, instead of trying to bring in outside employers, Davidson said there are two reasons the city is focused on working with the people who are already here.

“It creates jobs, and people who live in Iowa City have residences and kids in the school system,” he said. “The second thing is if [the businesses] grow enough, they can produce brick and mortar businesses, which produce a property-tax base, which allows us to provide city

services such as parks and police and fire.”

Allendorf said, the start-up economy hasn't only been emerging in Iowa City, it has been growing nationwide for the past 10 to 15 years.

Before Gratzon and Mesaros started their company, they participated in the UI's Business Model Competition as well as summer Venture School, where they were awarded \$3,500 and \$3,000, respectively; opportunities, Gratzon said, provided them with access to mentors and helped them connect with people.

“The university is the most extraordinary advantage that any place in this country can have,” Davidson said. “There are 50 or

55 major research universities in the country, and we have two of them in Iowa.”

The main start-ups created in Iowa City have to do with education or medicine technology, Nolte said; however, food start-ups are fairly common as well.

Almost 100 percent of tofu consists of soybeans, with the only other ingredients being water and salts, such as magnesium chlo-

ride or calcium sulfate.

Therefore, using local, high-quality soybeans and reverse osmosis water, the main draw of their product, Gratzon said, will be its local source and quality.

“We really want to find what people are looking for and produce it for them in a way it can be a part of their community and not just be something they buy at the grocery store,” he said.

GRADY

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From 2002 until 2006, Grady was the assistant

vice president and director of University Life Centers. From 2006 until 2009, he was the associate vice president and director of University Life Centers.

In 2009, Grady became the associate vice president and dean of students.

Grady made a little over \$149,755 in fiscal 2014, according to Iowa Legislature numbers on

state employees.

In the fall of 2014, Grady taught a first-year-student seminar called University of Iowa Unwrapped: Exploring Hidden Hawkeye Places.

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Last I heard, Rep. Louie Gohmert is not running for president. I'm pretty sure that you're all, no matter on which side of the aisle you live, or on which of all the various angles of the metaphorical aisle you breathe, are breathing a sigh of "Who?"

Gohmert once became famous for accusing Attorney General Eric Holder of "casting aspersions on my asparagus." This, in relation to the Boston Marathon bombings.

Gohmert comes from Texas, no surprise. If California is where America is invented, Texas is where it devolves.

Anyway, the congressman that the Daily Kos has dubbed the dumbest man in Congress (how could they tell?) is not running for president because he's bald. Or as his office put it:

"To more completely describe his actual beliefs, Congressman Gohmert notes the Kennedy-Nixon debates created a line of demarcation beyond which television became the critical factor in being elected President which also meant there would be no more bald Presidents in his lifetime."

Well, fine and good, but we liberals will be sad if Gohmert doesn't run for president, because he would give a whole new meaning to Gohmert pile.

And we're kind of confused about the whole bald thing dating back to the Kennedy-Nixon debate. I mean, neither Kennedy nor Nixon was bald. Not to split hairs or anything.

Of course, pretty much anything (or everything) about Congress is confusing.

That aisle (speaking of aisles) in Congress is pretty much like the aisle of "Lost," only without the pretty faces. And the time travel (although, given congressional travel budgets ...). And the interested people who tune in each week, or whenever.

The aisles in Congress include our own Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, who has voted both for the GOP bill supporting the Keystone XL pipeline and for the GOP bill for loosening restrictions on Wall Street. Yeah, I know; you and I thought we were voting for a Democrat. Not so much. But that's Congress these days.

The old joke (which comes from comic genius Will Rogers, who hails not only from before your time, but before my time, which I guess means he hails from the Pleistocene or something). Anyway, back at the old joke, Rogers once said: I don't belong to any organized political party. I'm a Democrat.

True in his day. True these days. But now, also true about the Republican Congress.

I mean, who's in charge? Or, to delve into another old joke, Who's on first? (No, who's on third. It's Abbott and Costello from many decades ago. Maybe the Pleistocene.)

There was the Homeland Security fracas, on which the GOP ultimately capitulated. There was the letter to Iran (who writes letters these days? That seems so Pleistocene), which wound up drawing criticism from almost everywhere, even from some Republican circles (you didn't know Republicans could draw circles, did you). There is the GOP "budget," which employs the George W. Bush trick of not busting the budget by putting billions of defense spending off the books. Or something.

Could we go back to the Gohmert presidential campaign? Otherwise, we're lost in the aisles.

EDITORIAL

Political atmosphere of distrust

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a threat to the United States? Your answer would likely consist of fears from terrorist groups such as ISIS, or perhaps you would mention leaders from countries who have shown their distaste for American foreign policy — Russian President Vladimir Putin might be somewhere toward the top alongside Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad.

But it wasn't Putin or Assad whom Republicans voters feared as much as another world leader. According to a Reuters online poll, it's our own president — Barack Obama — whom they viewed as the more imminent threat, with 34 percent of those voting saying his presence poses the biggest threat.

Of course, while terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda and ISIS polled much higher than the current U.S. president (43 percent and 58 percent, respectively) it is still quite jarring to see the name of our own president toward the top of a list of potential threats to America.

Here lies the deeper issue of the world of American politics. A considerable number of Americans criticize a gridlocked Congress for not working together to pass needed legislation while simultaneously clinging to a one-sided political agenda at home, refusing to acknowledge or even trust those with opposing viewpoints. Also in the Reuters polling, 27 percent of Republicans view Democrats as a threat, and 22 percent of Democrats view Republicans as one.

Partisan members of both parties who view the world as black and white, good guys versus bad guys, who's right and who's wrong — these folks live in a dream world that is further justified by news networks. It

isn't the people themselves to blame. People are taught what to believe by their parents, who were taught by their parents, and so on. But thoughts, ideas, beliefs systems, can easily be perpetuated even further by behind the TV screen. It's the mainstream media that are to blame for the fearmongering that exists.

Today more than ever this is the case with cable news networks in the United States by both industry leaders in Fox News and CNN. Both networks were founded by media moguls with their own political ideologies. A right-wing Rupert Murdoch created the standard at Fox News and a left-leaning Ted Turner developed the model at CNN. These channels have preserved their politics to appeal to their respective viewership.

Even though Fox has reigned at the top of the cable-news circuit in ratings for more than 150 consecutive months, its viewership has still fallen, as has that of CNN and MSNBC, which exchange blows monthly for the No. 2 spot in the commercial news category. How do these news outlets increase a viewership that is quickly declining?

They discuss the negative. They discuss the scandals. What's up with Obama's birth certificate? Where are Hillary Rodham Clinton's private emails? And did you know that Ted Cruz is actually Canadian, eh? The focus on these "scandals," which usually end up being blown out of all reasonable proportion, leads to a political atmosphere in which the prevailing attitude is distrust. When a third of one party thinks the president of an opposing party is an imminent threat to the country, there's not much room in their heads for compromise.

COLUMN

Judging a mass killer depends on race



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On March 24, Germanwings flight 9525 flying from Barcelona, Spain, to Düsseldorf, Germany, crashed into an area near Seyne-les-Alpes, France. Its 144 passengers and six crewmembers onboard are all presumed dead.

Transponder data from the plane shows that someone inside the cockpit reprogrammed the autopilot to change altitude from 38,000 feet to 100 feet, when the pilot left his seat to use the bathroom. The person believed to be responsible for this is the 27-year-old co-pilot of the flight, Andreas Lubitz, a former resident of Montabaur, Germany, who has been described in a CNN re-

port as perfectly normal and whose only distinguishing characteristic is his passion for flying.

There has been plenty of speculation regarding Lubitz's motives for this tragic mass murder-suicide. There have been reports of vision problems he has had in the recent past, in which doctors have deemed him unfit to work. Coverage on this has been so meticulous that it is as if his problematic eye hopped out of his skull, locked the cockpit door, then pointed the aircraft toward the Alps, but it became known that this apparent vision problem was diagnosed as possibly psychosomatic.

So naturally, speculation has shifted from vision issues to his apparent history of mental illness. According to a CNN report, he received psychotherapy for suicidal tendencies before the start of his career in aviation. This psychological factor to his character

gives us the portrait of a possibly deeply troubled man, allowing us room for sympathy. Though all evidence at this point tells us he intentionally ended 149 innocent lives, he is still seen as human in the media.

Though, what if he was a brown, bearded man? Would he be attributed the same humanitarian attention and scrutiny to the mentality that fueled the act or intention behind the act? I believe not, and that accusations of terrorism would be rampant in Western media, because Western media fetishize the jihadist, the terrorist, and the bearded Muslim. The individual would become a symbol for the perceived violent and fundamental Middle East and would further discredit the Islamic religion for Western audiences, emphasizing the bearded Muslim as the enemy and as a manifestation of evil. The term "terrorist" was created to describe the

enemy and to dehumanize the enemy, because the enemy can never be human.

I sincerely believe that the reason that this tragedy is such a shock to Americans and Europeans simply because this act was perpetrated by a white, non-Muslim European. In the Western consciousness, people such as Lubitz should not be capable of such violence. Instead of acknowledging this, we dig for answers such as mental instability, and the act of digging for these answers is an act of empathy through attempting to understand or rationalize actions such as Lubitz's.

The question I'm left with is why are we, as Westerners, incapable of the same empathy for individuals outside of Western culture committing these same acts of violence, of similar scale and of similar malice? Or, more importantly, could we benefit on a global scale from it?

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COLUMN

Neither party is 'fiscally responsible'



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Those eagerly awaiting the presidential debates in the fall were provided with a preview last week. The Senate floor was transformed into a political boxing ring with several notable candidates trying to score points.

Marco Rubio, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, and Lindsey Graham divided themselves into two camps regarding a proposal by Rubio to increase defense spending by tens of billions of dollars. Paul lambasted the idea because the spending was not offset by complementary budget cuts. Contrarily, the others endorsed the amendment.

With a public debt of more than \$18 trillion, every American carries near-

ly \$57,000 on their heads. The federal budget is bloated and impossible to sustain. It's inconceivable to imagine how "fiscal conservatives" could propose any spending without at least identifying offsets. Paul expressed his frustration to Politico in saying, "I think it was irresponsible and dangerous ... and an inconsistent theme for anybody who wants to say that they are concerned about debt."

Paul failed to persuade both parties as Democrats and Republicans voted almost unanimously against his attempt to balance the defense hike.

While the sentiment of making "tough choices" is one expressed by virtually every politician, it is hardly ever fulfilled. In the age of career politicians, the first thought after securing a position is thinking about how to hold on to it. They have become remarkably successful at doing this. Members of Congress have a 90 percent re-election rate.

It is flash that wins elections, not moral responsibility. The Republicans criticize the Democrats for baiting Americans with attractive social programs. This divide, however, highlights that conservatives are also tempted to use the same tactics with issues that appeal to their base, such as defense. Building jets and tanks fires up crowds. Cutting spending isn't sexy. Paul touched on this best when he said, "They went the easy way."

This lack of fiscal consciousness is the reason both parties have contributed to the colossal amount of debt and social programs with obligations that will never be paid off.

Perhaps a solution to this problem lies in term limits. The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution placed a two-term limit on the executive branch, yet this does not exist for Congress. An individual cannot remain president for more than two terms. If members of Congress

were limited to two terms as well, they might have more of an incentive to act on the big picture interests of the country rather than using their position to strengthen their next re-election campaign. While this solution has been postulated several times, members of Congress are not keen to place limits on their political careers for obvious reasons.

Rubio is accurate in that "the national security of our country is the predominant obligation of the federal branch of the government." With the rise of radical Islamic extremists, the necessity for military dominance couldn't be greater. Despite this, borrowing more money, given the country's financial situation, is irresponsible. As the 2016 election approaches, we must consider which of the candidates will truly practice what they preach and look out for American's long-term interests.

DAILY BREAK

the ledge

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Moments from a totally stable marriage:

Her: How are you such a horrible spouse?!

Me: I'm not gonna lie; it takes some forethought. Do you think I just wake up in the morning a horrible husband? HELL NO. I go right back to sleep instead of doing anything that would help you around the house.

Her: Are you having a REESE'S EGG for BREAKFAST?!

Me: Don't be silly. I'm having an *energy drink* for breakfast. The Reese's Egg is just a pre-breakfast snack.

Her: Of course you are.

Her: Do you really need people to run trivia? I guess maybe I could do a night a week. How much would I make?

Me: \$60 per night. So like twice as much as you'd make stripping.

Me: Are you upset with me today?

Her: I feel like you've been purposefully pushing my buttons.

Me: Yeah, OK, a little bit. Can I do anything to de-press your buttons?

Her: You've depressed me plenty enough today, thanks.

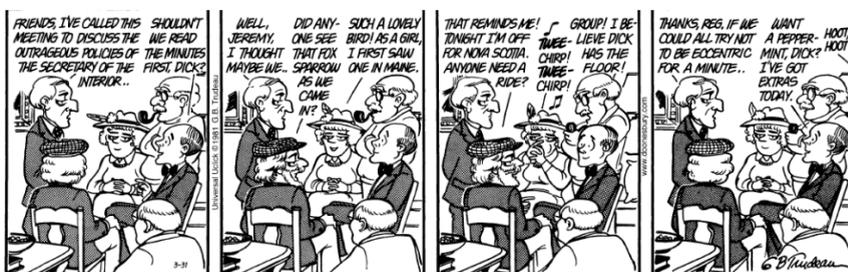
Me: Honey, I love you.

Her: That's fine, but you don't need to eat any more pie tonight.

Andrew R. Juhl does, despite all evidence to the contrary, love his wife.

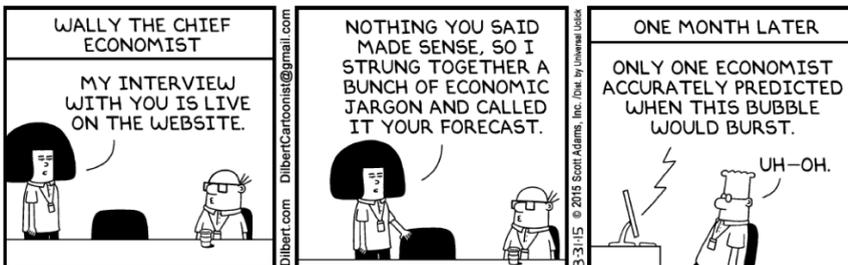
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- **Biochemistry Workshop/Ph.D. Defense Seminar**, Yuan Pan, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, Sergii Bezuglyi, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar**, Wayne Polyzou, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, Pradeep Singh, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **"Pneumoposis: Breathing and Literary Form in the Middle Ages,"** Ruth Evans, 3:30 p.m., 304 EPB
- **2015 Hitchcock Lecture**, Deepa Kumar, 4 p.m., 40 Schaeffer
- **Ha Na Song**, piano, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
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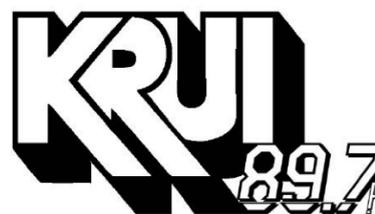
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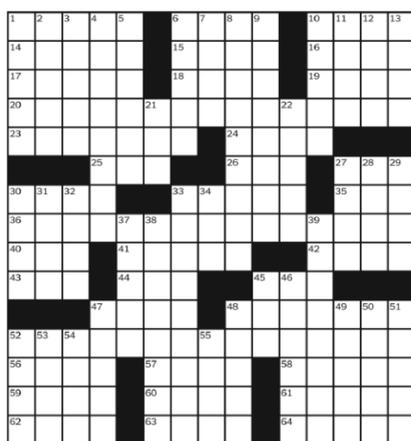
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fashion designer Bill
 - 6 "Gomer Pyle, ___"
 - 10 Laugh loudly
 - 14 Knight's weapon
 - 15 March Madness org.
 - 16 Anthony's former partner in radio
 - 17 Provide (with)
 - 18 Frontiersman Boone, familiarly
 - 19 Step on a ladder
 - 20 Shades of Grey?
 - 23 Resembling a quiche
 - 24 River that flows from the Bernese Alps
 - 25 Disney deer
 - 26 Cpl., e.g.
 - 27 On vacation, say
 - 30 ___ Rabbit
 - 33 Best possible
 - 35 Shade
 - 36 Shades of Grey?
 - 40 35, minimally, for a U.S. president
 - 41 One running the show
 - 42 Silent approvals
 - 43 One chasing after chicks?
 - 44 ___ Dhabi
 - 45 Admit, with "up"
 - 47 Overlook for an Oscar nomination, say
 - 48 Singer in prison, maybe
 - 52 Shades of Grey?
 - 56 Big movie screen format
 - 57 End in ___
 - 58 Copenhagens, e.g.
 - 59 It smells a lot
 - 60 ___ bene

- DOWN**
- 1 "@#\$!" cover-up
 - 2 One of the Hawaiian islands
 - 3 Tennis's Agassi
 - 4 Room where pots and pans are stored
 - 5 Welcomes at the door
 - 6 Inappropriate, as influence
 - 7 Make a PDF of, in a way
 - 8 Element between chromium and iron on the periodic table
 - 9 Advice to someone who's drunk and about to leave
 - 10 Thoroughbred, e.g.
 - 11 Magnum ___
 - 12 Madeira or merlot
 - 13 Parts of relays
 - 21 Some Jamaican music
 - 22 On ___ (killing it)
 - 27 "Not that!"
 - 28 Elmer J. of toondom
 - 29 Admit, with "up"



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- 30 Ho-hum
- 31 The Incredible Hulk's feeling when he's green
- 32 Biblical garden
- 33 Place for a preemie
- 34 Syllable repeated after "fiddle"
- 37 Guess attire
- 38 Able to walk
- 39 Be creative
- 45 One way to get meds, for short
- 46 Smelling of trees and earth, say
- 47 Health teacher's topic, informally
- 48 What Teller of Penn & Teller won't do onstage
- 49 Jay ___ Garage (car enthusiast's website)
- 50 Destructive 2011 East Coast hurricane
- 51 Pluralizers
- 52 Cry after a successful insult
- 53 Another name for Cupid
- 54 Cape Canaveral org.
- 55 Tiny bug

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horoscopes Tuesday, March 31, 2015 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Size up your situation, and make an educated guess at the best route to take. Sitting still and waiting for someone else to make a move will not help you get closer to your goal. Do your own thing and make it count.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Not everything will be crystal clear. Dig deep, and find out what everyone wants. Listen and learn. Move in a direction that interests you. Don't let mundane jobs take up all your time; do something that appeals to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Present what you have to offer. The moves you make will help you get your way. A partner will show greater interest and contribute to something that means a lot to you. A competitive challenge will end up in your favor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't take your eye off the ball. As soon as you let down your guard, someone will step in and take over. You have to use your imagination and stay ahead of any competition you face. Don't give in to pressure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do something to update your image or to make what you have to offer more appealing. Use your insight, knowledge, and skills to get what you want. A self-confident attitude will lead to victory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotions will surface, putting you in an awkward position. Look at the big picture, and you'll get a better idea what to do next. Love is highlighted, and making a romantic gesture will improve your personal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be tempted to take a risk or to get involved in something that will cause problems at home. Think before you take a leap of faith and follow someone who is offering something that sounds too good to be true.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A challenge will get you heading in a new direction. Consider ways that you can use your skills and talent to bring in extra cash. A partnership with someone with a lot to offer will result in greater cash flow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take on whatever comes your way. Your ability to challenge and compete with anyone who tries to match what you have to offer will lead you to the winner's circle. Changes at home will be in your best interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your money in a safe place. Build your assets, and protect your possessions. Focus on self- and home improvements, not on trying to change others. Stick close to home, and be conservative in your approach to helping others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a look back, attend a reunion, or just get together with someone you haven't seen for a long time. Your memories will be a reminder of what you wanted to aspire to. It's never too late to begin something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on learning, sharing information, and visiting people who can help you get ahead. Refrain from taking on too much or offering to help someone else when you should try to make your own dreams come true. Invest in your future.

We must use time as a tool, not as a couch.

— John F. Kennedy

NOTEBOOK
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"It's like *Field of Dreams*," Long said. "People don't know this is here." The meet went off without much of a hitch,

and the reviews of the facilities were generally positive. The meet was sold out roughly six weeks in advance, and that attendance was palatable all weekend.

Boschult places 10th on the 10 meter

Junior Addison Boschult finished second in the consolation finals, and 10th overall, in the platform diving on March 28.

Boschult, a former walk-on, had never been on a platform prior to coming to Iowa. He gar-

nered honorable mention All-American honors in the event. Boschult, however, had higher expectations; he believes he is talented enough to be diving at night for All-American status.

"It feels really good to score points for the team, but just the experience was awesome," he said. "I wish I could be in the final, and I feel that I have the ability to be there. That's kind of rough, but I guess I can use that as motivation for next year."

Texas wins number 11

Head coach Eddie Reese, who has coached the Longhorns to all of their national title, won't have to worry about what to do now that he has run out of fingers.

"I've got 10 rings from winning 10 championships. I have no clue where they are," Reese said. "My grandchildren

know where they are because they play with them or used to."

Reese credited the number of titles he has won to his age, not to any secret as a coach.

"The number of titles just means I'm old," he said.

There may be one secret the coach isn't sharing, however. The Longhorns dominated the 100 butterfly at the meet, placing six swimmers in the championship final of the event.

Texas swimmers finished first, second, third, fourth, sixth, and eighth in the event to score 92 points, almost the full points difference between the Longhorns and the second-place California.

Cordes four-peats in 100 breaststroke

Arizona senior Kevin Cordes, the American record holder in the event, won his fourth-consec-

utive 100 breaststroke title, making him just the third swimmer ever to four-peat in the event. He joins Brendan Hansen of Texas and Steve Lundquist of Southern Methodist in doing so.

"I went out and raced, did what I had to do to-night," Cordes said. "I knew it was going to be difficult. I knew I was going to have to give it my best and just go out there and race and compete."

Cordes touched out in 50.25 to win the title. Nic Fink of Georgia was second in 51.08. Cordes later lost to Will Licon of Texas in the 200 breaststroke. Had he won the 200, Cordes would have completed his NCAA breaststroke career undefeated in title races.

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Members of the Longhorn swimming team hold up Hook 'em Horns signs after winning the NCAA Championships in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on March 28. Texas won the meet with a score of 528 points. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

BASEBALL
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Should the Hawks manage to get the bats moving more consistently in addition to the great pitching they've had, it would put the Hawks in the upper-echelon of legitimate Big Ten contenders.

Fielding Percentage: .983 in 2015, .972 in 2014

An Iowa infield that lost a quality defensive shortstop in Jake Yacinich after last season has not missed a beat so far this season.

In addition to fielding percentage, the Hawks have the fewest errors committed (15) in the Big

Ten, and they have been dominant at preventing base runners from advancing after they reach first.

Tied with Michigan for fewest stolen bases against (10), the Hawkeyes have really limited the easy runs they give up.

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BETULIUS
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His rise continued with a ninth-place finish and honorable-mention All American honors in the 100 backstroke his sophomore year.

Betulius' junior and senior seasons may not have gone according to plan, but his focus was never individual.

Scoring points for his team was all that mattered. "He's the kind of swimmer you model a program after," former teammate Gianni Sesto said.

"I'm not going to sum this season up with someone who's a couple tenths off here or there. That's ridiculous," Long said. "Grant's been such a huge part of our program as we've gotten better and better."

The Hawkeyes sent five athletes to the NCAA Championship meet this season, which Long said was the largest number of Hawkeye swimmers since Glenn Patton, the Iowa swimming coach with the most wins, was at the helm of the program.

Two of those athletes owe their NCAA Championship bids, at least in part, to Betulius.

Sophomore Jackson Halsmer and freshman Jerzy Twarowski both went to the NCAA Championships on the 200- and 400-medley relays. At least once during the season, both of those relays saw Betulius post backstroke splits that were competitive nationally.

He believed he could claim Big Ten and NCAA titles in the 100 backstroke. Those titles were

not out of the question for a swimmer with his skills.

Although those hopes weren't met, he rewrote the Hawkeye record book numerous times over the course of his career and over the course of this season.

He might not have finished the job, but he plans to continue training for a chance to make the Olympic Trials in 2016.

"It's disappointing, but I don't think I'm done swimming," Betulius said.

He was more than just a step in the right direction for a program that is moving toward relevance again. His career was a stride that left Iowa much better than it was five seasons ago.

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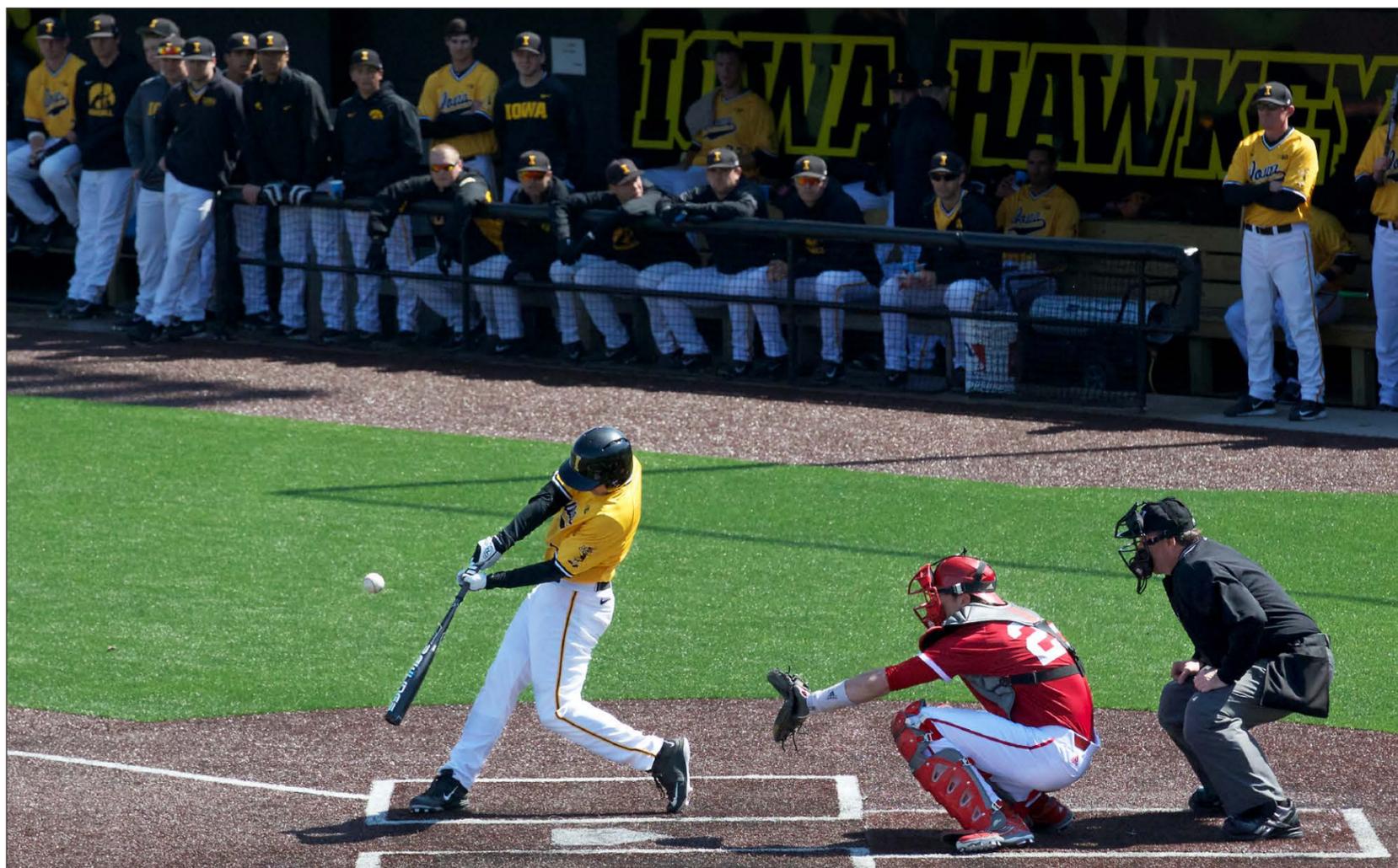
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Iowa center fielder Eric Toole hits against Indiana at Banks Field on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Hoosiers, 10-6, to sweep the three-game series. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Baseball winning arms race

What is behind the Iowa baseball team's historic season? The numbers provide a closer look.

By **RYAN RODRIGUEZ**
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The Iowa baseball team is rolling along nicely, fresh off of a three-game sweep of conference big shot Indiana at Banks Field.

And with the season less than halfway over, the Hawkeyes are on pace for 37 wins, which would eclipse their 30 wins last season.

Should the Hawks hit that projected 37-win plateau, it would be the most wins for an Iowa team since Duane Banks' 1990 squad finished first in the Big Ten with 38 wins.

So what has changed through 26 games for this year's squad and the team that had such a breakout season in 2014?

Team Batting: .271 in 2015, .296 in 2014

While the Hawks have enough offensive firepower to get the job done on most days, their team batting average (.271), team slugging percentage (.359), and team on-base percentage (.355) are all down significantly from a year ago.

It's a surprising trend, given some of the gaudy run totals the team has put on the board through its first 25 games. However, it's one that many around the team expect to pick up soon enough.

For the most part, many of the games the Hawks have played this year have been outside in conditions not exactly conducive to hitting.

Once the season moves later into the spring, warm weather and quality playing conditions should help boost an Iowa offense that has looked to find consistent footing so far.

A team with great plate discipline, the Hawkeyes also have the second-lowest strikeout total (134) of any team in the conference.

Team ERA: 2.34 in 2015, 4.34 in 2014

If these numbers don't make it obvious, then nothing will. The Hawks have cut their ERA nearly in half and are at or near the top in almost every pitching category imaginable.

So the short answer to the question "How has Iowa managed to win so many games this year?" is simple: Pitching.

Second in ERA, second in opposing batting average (.225), and lowest in hits allowed (170), Iowa's pitching staff has seen dramatic turnaround from a year ago, when the offense carried the day while the pitching struggled near the bottom of the conference.

A year's difference

The Iowa baseball team is off to a historic start this year after sweeping Indiana in Iowa City. Statistics provide a look at the improving team.

2014		2015
.296	Team Batting	.271
4.34	Team ERA	2.34
.972	Fielding Percentage	.983

Note: The 2014 statistics represent the average for last season while the 2015 statistics are the average for this season's games through Sunday.

Kristen East/The Daily Iowan

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COMMENTARY

A legacy in the Hawkeye waters

Iowa swimmer Grant Betulius was a step in the right direction for the Iowa swimming and diving program.



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Someone in the media area at the NCAA Championships this past weekend joked that the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Natatorium should be called "The House Paul Gordon Built."

Gordon was a member of the 200- and 400-freestyle relays that won Iowa's last Big Ten titles, in 2012. If Gordon built the Rec Center pool, he only laid the foundation.

Although it didn't meet his expectations, Grant Betulius put up at least one wall to Iowa's program. His senior season, which began with much promise, did not end the way he had hoped.

He held the No. 2 time in the nation in the 100 backstroke through the conference-meet season. However, Betulius did not end the way he had hoped. He held the No. 2 time in the nation in the 100 backstroke through the conference-meet season. However, Betulius did not end the way he had hoped.

But through a five-year career at Iowa that saw the Hawkeyes host two Big Ten Championship meets and the men's NCAA Championships this sea-



Iowa senior Grant Betulius competes in the 100 backstroke in the 2014 Black and Gold Intrasquad meet on Oct. 11, 2014, in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Betulius came in first with a time of 49.81 seconds. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

son, the graduating Betulius has left his mark on the program.

Records in the 100 and 200 backstrokes, and a member of record-setting 200- and 400-medley relays, are only part of the legacy he leaves.

But part of the legacy he leaves after blooming late in his high-school

career to win an Illinois state title in the 100 backstroke.

"When he came on his recruiting trip, we were in the Field House," head coach Marc Long said. "We couldn't even talk about things that were happening here."

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NOTEBOOK

Around the swimming NCAAs

The men's NCAA Championships wrapped up on March 28 at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Natatorium.

By **IAN MURPHY**
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Texas won its 11th men's NCAA swimming title on March 28 in dominant fashion, but there were several other story lines from the meet.

On hosting the meet

Iowa head coach Marc Long said the NCAA Championships marked an excellent chance to showcase Iowa City and the pool at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, which opened in 2010. He said he hopes the meet broke people's stereotypes of Iowa and Iowa City.

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