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THE GOLDEN TWIRL

Iowa Golden Girl Whitney Seckar-Anderson practices one of her routines in the Field House on Tuesday. Seckar-Anderson competed in the World Championship of baton twirling in Italy, and her team won gold. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

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On a podium in Lignano, Italy, surrounded by her team and a cheering crowd, Whitney Seckar-Anderson finally held the gold trophy she and her team had worked so hard for. The group competed at the World Championship of Twirling and Majorettes, and it was named the best twirling and parade corps in the world. Seckar-Anderson is a communication-studies major at the University of Iowa and is perhaps best known for her role as the Hawkeye Marching Band's Golden Girl. On stage in Italy however, she was the team captain of the Touch of Silver Twirling Corps. Twirling runs in Seckar-Anderson's blood. Her older sister, Lacey Seckar-Anderson,

was the featured twirler at Michigan State, and her mother, Julie Seckar-Anderson has run a dance studio, Julie's Touch of Silver, for 34 years and twirled at the University of Mississippi. Whitney Seckar-Anderson's first dance lessons came when she was 3. "I would let them do whatever they wanted to do, but they seemed to enjoy it, and they stuck around the studio all the time," Julie Seckar-Anderson said. Growing up twirling did lead to some sacrifices for Whitney, her mother said. "When anybody's so completely involved in a sport like this, you have to make choices," she said "I know during middle and high school, she chose not to do a lot of stuff the normal kids were doing." As she grew up, Seckar-Anderson continued to twirl, gathering an impressive

collection of trophies along the way, including first place at the 2012 World Open Solo Championships and third place in the 2012 World Championship in Switzerland. However, she said, her return was not motivated by her previous third-place win. "[Switzerland] was the first time I'd ever competed individually, so I had no idea what to expect," she said. "So getting third was like getting gold." This time however, she won gold, but it wasn't easy. As the Golden Girl, Seckar-Anderson twirls with the Marching Band at all home football games, doing pregame and halftime shows as well as any parades the band does.

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Avian flu threatens Iowa hens

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The meat, eggs, and other products from millions of Iowa poultry infected with the H5N2 avian influenza won't make it to the dinner table, but that's not the only problem two infected farms could create for the state. The H5N2 strain of avian influenza currently has not been found to transfer to humans in any way, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said Monday during a conference call. He said the two Iowa farms that have confirmed cases of the highly pathogenic version of the avian flu could present problems for a variety of people. "There is other financial impact here as well," he said. "Each [egg] layer will eat around one bushel per year of corn, so once these birds are euthanized, they won't be using corn for a while." Northey also referenced veterinarians, soybean producers, and the poultry farmers with the infected population. The infected population includes 27,000 turkeys in Buena Vista County and 3.8 million egg-laying hens in Osceola County. Northey said no other farms are currently under investigation and samples tested from farmers in those areas have all been negative. "We believe this is not going from



Northey
Ag secretary

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Budget still a 2016 issue

By REBECCA MORIN
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Even with the three I's — ISIS, Iran, and immigration — at the forefront of discussions for 2016 contenders, they aren't ignoring one of America's largest issues: the federal budget. Potential and official candidates are being more careful this time around in discussing how to fix the U.S. financial problems. James Thurber, the director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, said all candidates — both Republican and Democrat — will have to address issues related to the federal budget, including tax and spending policies. Conservatives and liberals know the argument on a balanced budget will be on how much taxation there should be and how it should be reformed, Thurber said.



Thurber
director

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A BRIDGE TOO FAR



A bridge crosses a stream on the Mormon Handcart Trail in Iowa City on Tuesday. The trail is located next to the Hawkeye Recreation Fields, and it features a main cement trail and numerous other side trails. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

Council OKs Charter's first test

The Iowa City City Council passed the first consideration of an ordinance amending the Iowa City Charter.

By **BILL COONEY**

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The Iowa City City Charter will soon get an update thanks to the Charter Review Commission and now the first vote by the Iowa City City Council.

The City Council passed, 6-0 with Councilor Terry Dickens absent, the first consideration to amend several sections of the Charter on Tuesday evening.

Changes to the City Charter were proposed by the Charter Review Commission, which is required to go over the Charter every 10 years.

The commission submitted the recommended changes to City Council on March 9. The City Char-

ter requires the council to either pass recommendations or send the recommendations to be voted on by the public.

The commission's recommendations include a new preamble, giving the mayor power to add items to the City Council agenda, validity of petitions, and various other changes to language throughout the charter.

The commission put in a large amount of time engaging the community and gathering public input, Mayor Pro Tem Susan Mims said.

"There was a lot of meetings, a lot of time, and a lot of good discussion on issues that weren't unanimous," she said. "We got some changes out of it, and we'll move forward and do it again in 10 years."

One of the biggest recommended changes also included increasing the number of signatures required for a valid petition. The number will now be

changed to 3,600 signatures; the previous required number was 2,500.

The changes also include allowing anyone eligible to vote to sign petitions instead of only allowing registered voters to sign.

Despite the measure passing, some city councilors weren't 100 percent pleased with the changes.

City Councilor Rick Dobyms said the number of required signatures might not have been raised high enough.

"It's really surprising how low that number is," he said. "It's great that we're one of the only cities in Iowa where petitions can get things done, but the number of registered voters on the petition should be higher."

Some of the new word-

ing in the preamble of the Charter isn't as clear as it could be, City Councilor Jim Throgmorton said.

"The new language rightly emphasizes that Iowa City belongs to all of its residents and all share responsibility for it," he said. "What I do not see is any acknowledgement of nonresident property and business owners. The proposed wording makes it sound as if residents 'own' the city."

Dobyms said he felt the entire commission process could do a better job of changing the City Charter if it became a separate entity that answered only to voters and bypassed the City Council entirely.

"If you remove the City Council from it, then you remove the politics," Dobyms said. "The way it's currently set up is bad for the council. If you take the council out of it, you increase checks and balances, which benefits the council and Iowa City."



Dobyms
city councilor



Mims
Mayor Pro Tem

METRO

AIB closing marches forward

AIB's last athletics season is drawing to a close.

The Des Moines business college is taking an inventory of athletics equipment to figure out what will be sold or donated, according to a press release.

Additionally, the institution will host a tailgate party on April 26 on recently renovated baseball and softball fields, which were first used by AIB and a high school during the spring 2014 season. The college's athletics teams' regular seasons have either ended or will end soon.

AIB will close in June 2016, but its athletics will not continue the next academic year.

Forty-three colleges, including four from the University of Iowa, were in attendance at a college transfer fair Tuesday. According to the release, UI vice president for enrollment management has received inquiries from AIB students, who would be subject to the UI's transfer policies.

The university plans to take over the campus and convert it into a regional regents center, which it would own and operate, while offering space to other institutions interested in offering courses. The plan is still subject to approval by the state Board of Regents.

Existing AIB athletics might be used for club and intramural sports after the campus switches hands.

— by **Chris Higgins**

Local man faces drug charges

Authorities have accused a Coralville man of possessing marijuana and firearms.

Dwain Feijo, 48, was charged with controlled-substance violation and failure to affix a drug stamp on March 30.

According to online court documents, members of the Johnson County Task Force and the Iowa City police acquired a search warrant for Feijo's residence.

During the search, officials reportedly found drug paraphernalia including packaging material, a large amount of currency, and marijuana.

Four more pounds of marijuana, a heat sealer, ammunition, and two shotguns were found in Feijo's bedroom.

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

— by **Alyssa Guzman**

Council extends PA-TV contract

The Iowa City City Council passed a resolution, 6-0 with Councilor Terry Dickens absent, to extend the term of the contract with Public Access Television Inc.

The City's contract with PA-TV for public access and community programming was set to expire on April 30.

This resolution approves an amendment to extend the term of this contract by one month to May 31 in order to allow the City and PA-TV additional times to complete the negotiations for a new contract.

Council sets hearing for ramp work

The City Council set a public hearing of May 5 for plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the Iowa City parking garage maintenance programs.

The project will focus on repairs to concrete beams, floors, stair treads, and waterproofing repairs throughout the Dubuque Street ramp.

Smaller repairs to the Capitol Street ramp, Chauncey Swan ramp, and Tower Place parking ramp will also be made.

The estimated cost of the project is \$402,000 and will be funded with parking revenue proceeds.

Council OKs Dubuque Road rezoning

The council approved, 6-0 with Dickens absent, first consideration for the rezoning of 4.26 acres of property from low-density single family housing to mixed use located at the northeast corner of Dubuque Road and North Dodge Street.

The Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation for the rezoning at their April 2 meeting. The intended purpose of the rezoning is to allow for a medical clinic to be built.

Council OKs Muscatine Avenue rezoning

The City Council approved, 6-0 with Dickens absent, an ordinance to rezone approximately 1.36 acres located at the Northwest corner of Muscatine Avenue and Scott Boulevard from low-density single family to low-density multi-family.

BLOTTER

Jazie Butler, 50, West Branch, was charged March 14 with fourth-degree theft.

Ashley Scharf, 23, 20 Erobi Lane, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Christopher Tangang, 62,

411 Peterson St. Apt. 12, was charged April 8 with abuse.

Brightie Vanle, 27, 307 S. Linn St. Apt. 308, was

charged April 16 with violating a no-contact, domestic-abuse protective order.

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GOLDEN GIRL

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Hawkeye Band Director Kevin Kastens praised her dedication and hard work and said he believes she truly enjoyed creating new twirling routines and performing for the crowd.

In addition to these events, Seckar-Anderson practices with the band two hours a day and by herself for another hour.

She also teaches two-hour dance lessons in the Field House during the week, and somehow, during all of this, Seckar-Anderson squeezes in her homework.

However, to prepare

for the world championship, starting in November, Seckar-Anderson began driving back home to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a four and a half hour drive, every other weekend to practice with her team. In March, a month before the championship, it was every weekend.

This put a lot of pressure on Seckar-Anderson, who said she usually does most of her homework during the weekend.

In Italy, the corps competed in two events — parade corps and twirling corps.

The corps had won gold twice before for parade but had never before competed in the more difficult twirling corps.

Although fairly confident they were going to

win parade, the members expected to lose twirling, Seckar-Anderson said, so when the scores were read, “everybody stood up and started screaming, and clapping, and cheering.”

“They played the national anthem,” she said. “Then as a team we got to go stand on the podium. It was cool to experience because you always see that happening on the Olympics, and you always wonder what those people feel like.”

While Seckar-Anderson can now sit back and enjoy her weekends again, she said it’s hard to feel a sense of closure.

“I definitely feel a sense of accomplishment, but it’s hard to find a place to end,” she said. “Maybe after I finish my fifth year as



Iowa Golden Girl Whitney Seckar-Anderson holds up the U.S. team’s trophy at the World Championship of baton twirling in Italy on April 1. The U.S. took home first place. (Contributed Photo)

the Golden Girl and I’m no longer twirling for school, I’ll feel more of

a sense of closure, but as long as I’m still doing that, I feel I might

as well continue to compete ... But yeah, I don’t know what’s next.”

BUDGET

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

But some think it has to be more explicit than just reforming taxes.

On Tuesday evening at the University of Iowa Tippie College of Business, Nick Troiano, a former independent congressional candidate for Pennsylvania’s 10th district and cofounder of The Can Kicks Back, said possible candidates need to show on the record what their first budget would look like if elected president.

The event, which was cosponsored by the UI Economics Forum, Young Americans for Liberty, and College Republicans, is an initiative to advocate for the importance of the next president’s first budget.

Troiano said slowing the growth of federal health care spending, making social security sustainable and secure, reforming the tax

code, and protecting critical investments, are the points candidates should talk about in terms of the budget.

“If you’re a serious presidential candidate, then you ought to have a plan,” he said. “Our candidates are going after our votes, meaning what we have to say in our electoral process matter.”



Paul senator

Last cycle, several candidates introduced plans that were either improbable — such as former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney’s plan that would have expanded Bush-era tax cuts, then cut an additional 20 percent across the board.

Just in the past couple of months, presidential candidates have outlined some plans to fix the budget.

At the Conservative Political Action Conference

in Maryland earlier this spring, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said he would introduce “the largest tax cut in American history” that would cut taxes for both the rich and poor.

Paul also expanded on other tax changes he would make when he announced his presidential campaign earlier, such as cutting taxes for American companies to bring back jobs to the United States.

“I want to see millions of Americans back at work. In my vision for America, we’ll bring back manufacturing jobs that pay well,” Paul said during his campaign launch.

How candidates will discuss the federal budget will just depend on what state they are visiting, Thurber said.

Though the topics will continue to change between hot-button issues such as education, the Middle East, and trade, Thurber said the budget will be discussed in some ways, whether it be explicitly or by policies and institutions

affected by the budget.

“[Republicans] are going to criticize the president on

immigration. They are going to criticize the president on Obamacare,” Thurber said.

“The general election will not be the budget but things related to the budget.”

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COLUMN

Full-time U.S. patriot



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A mailman landed a gyrocopter on the Capitol lawn.

Doug Hughes had a mission. His mission, done purely through activism to the highest extreme, was a failure. Why it was not successful is due in large part to the words behind his actions reduced to mere whispers among the loud media spectacle surrounding the scene. You don't land a gyrocopter on the lawn of the nation's legislative body and say something more profound than that event which took place — being able to fly an aircraft, undetected, just feet away from where hundreds of lawmakers work.

But this 61-year-old mailman did have something meaningful to say. What he delivered (or tried to deliver before being detained by police) were 535 letters, one for each member of Congress. In those letters were his ideas of campaign-finance reform. It is a worthy cause, given the power of the dollar to influence legislation in politics. Money does play a role in who does (or does not) stay alive in early months after campaign announcements, thereby giving candidates a chance to face off in the political boxing ring.

The amount of money chucked into the brimstone of presidential and congressional elections has soared dramatically over the past decade — doubling from \$3 billion spent in 2000 to more than \$6 billion in 2012. The noble but crass mailman had some harsh words to say about the “corruption” that needs to end in Congress.

It's naïve to believe that Congress is inherently corrupt. But the current campaign-finance system of how money goes in, and from whom it comes from, has created a political atmosphere

that depends wholly on money as a representation of a viable candidate. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2010 that corporate funding of elections cannot be limited, because it is “protected free speech” under the First Amendment. Elections can now be run like a Wall Street trading floor, with congressional candidates as the potentially rising blue-chip stock and independent corporations acting as wealthy investors with one hand on the telephone and another on an expenditure report.

Money doesn't buy an election. Studies have been done to justify this theory. Economist Steve Levitt concluded that even if a candidate doubled (which is highly unlikely) her or his campaign spending, the result would be limited to 1 percent or less of an increase in the popular vote. The United States is still a democracy, where at the end of the day, after all the money is spent and the campaign ads are bought and watched, people still have to go to the voting booths. Elections are still, and will forever be, decided by the people of the United States.

It's what happens after our Congress and president is elected where money is the ultimate influencer, because campaigning never ends. For those elected as U.S. representatives, the turnaround for campaigning against for newly elected congressmen comes as quick as two years. The big question then permeates: Who is going to donate to my next campaign? This is a big issue in the round-the-clock campaign structure that has been taken to further extremes by unlimited spending by campaign contributors.

Hughes' decision to put his life on the line to protest the status quo, although extremely illegal and short-sighted, is, in a lot of ways, extremely patriotic. His support for democratic ideals should be mirrored by more Americans. Campaign finance has needed stricter reform, and it's needed it for a long time — but you can probably hold off on flying a helicopter to D.C. Doug's got it covered.

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EDITORIAL

The return of bipartisanship?

The Senate has reached a compromise on an anti-human-trafficking bill and the confirmation of President Obama's nominee for attorney general, Loretta Lynch. This is some of the most promising news for agreement and progress in Congress in a long time.

The anti-trafficking bill had been filibustered by Senate Democrats because of an anti-abortion clause deep in the bill. Senate Republicans, in response, filibustered the confirmation of Lynch. The gridlock was broken when both sides compromised. The bill no longer has an anti-abortion clause, but the bill can't give victims direct aid for health care, thus avoiding the possibility of the bills use for abortion. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is confident the appointment of Lynch will be dealt with in the following days, according to the *Washington Post*.

It's unfortunate, however, that Lynch's confirmation was tied to the bill at all. The willingness of Senate Republicans to compromise might have been influenced by a recent speech Obama gave, calling the Senate “embarrassing” and “dysfunctional.” Lynch has had to wait on a confirmation longer than the last seven attorney generals combined. Finally, she will be allowed to do her job.

Senate Republicans may have drawn out Lynch's confirmation for an extended time to delay their upcoming session, packed with contentious issues. Executive trade authority, cyber defense, and the Iran nuclear deal are all on the table this session.

But this is a rare example of productive conversation and teamwork that Congress has severely lacked in the past decade. Republicans in Congress are under pressure to prove they can lead and get work done prior to

the 2016 elections. It will be critical that the American people perceive them as capable of constructive work.

Perhaps a new time has come, where the American people can vest trust in their legislative branch. Congressional approval ratings have not exceeded 20 percent in five years. Last year, Congress ended the year with a 15 percent approval rating, up from 14 percent the year before, according to a Gallup poll. That remains the lowest approval rating ever recorded. Interestingly, Democrats and Republicans both shared the 15 percent approval rating. The disdain for an unproductive Congress may be the first step in building bridges and starting conversations.

If this progress on issues really can be attributed to the attempt by the Republican leadership to patch up their image in the eyes of the American people, it is interesting to note that Democrats are not indulging in the incessant road blocking they faced when they held a majority in the Senate. Whether this will be acknowledged, or even remembered, during the 2016 election cycle has yet to be seen.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board is pleased to see such useful compromise happen on Capitol Hill. It seems the entirety of the United States is absolutely tired of a disappointing and stagnant Congress. The new conversations across the aisle are undoubtedly a bid from Republicans to prove they can lead, but at least that's getting somewhere.

This back and forth, give and take, is what politics have to be about. Should only one opinion reign, the results are dangerous. Single-party systems quickly become powerful to the point of tyranny. Seeing the two parties work together, even briefly, is a major sign of progress.

COLUMN

Blinded by the past, not learning



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The once frigid relations shared between Cuba and the United States has warmed considerably with conversations between President Obama and Cuban leader Raul Castro, joint medical research, and removal of Cuba from the list of states that sponsor terrorism.

The U.S. relationship with Cuba has been precarious since the Cold War, but the Cold War has been over for a long time. We are no longer racing to the sky against the Soviets. We have already made it there, and we are currently sharing a space station with the Russians. Given the ever-chang-

ing nature of global relations, taking a moment to re-examine our relationship with Cuba was a long time coming. It is not to say that the United States' tumultuous history with Cuba should be forgotten. It is only to say that relationships can change and should be given the opportunity to change for the better. As important as it is to take history into account, it is just as important to consider how the future can deviate from unpleasant histories through actions in the present.

History will always have a firmly rooted place in diplomatic relations, but it should merely inform, not dictate, decisions. Knowledge of history allows us to learn from and perpetuate mistakes from the past. The world as it is in the present is a direct result of our predecessors' actions. It is through our understand-

ing of these actions that we figure out our place in the world in relation to one another, and where we learn distrust and hatred. When the fate of international relationships is at stake there comes a point in which leaders must be willing to look past what has been written in stone and instead look towards the infinite possibilities of the future.

That is not to say our world leaders should be naïve or too forgiving. There is a difference between being too forgiving and being open to the possibility of change. The global political landscape has seen an unprecedented evolution in terms of ease of communication and travel. Not only is it ill-advised to try to restrict the interactions among people all over the world, it is nearly impossible. There comes a point where nations must be willing to turn over a new

leaf. Given how small and intertwined the world has become, that point is always fast approaching.

A strong adherence to national history can be source of strength and a way of bolstering the citizen's connection to the nation. However, this can also foster a habit for hatred and a generally close-minded mentality toward bridging relationships burned in the past. The way things were done does not have to be the way they are currently.

Room for improvement is not housed solely within geographical boundaries. It extends to the intangible manner in which countries coexist and interact with each other. The goal of modern diplomatic relationships should be a holistic focus on understanding history and how that knowledge can better the future instead of attempting to bind the future to mistakes from the past.

COLUMN

Private water, public crises



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The California water crises has been saturating the news recently with Gov. Jerry Brown mandating a 25 percent urban water cutback statewide. This ordeal has prompted scrutiny of California's water-consuming industries.

Brown received criticism of not imposing any water restriction on California's agricultural business, which, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, consumes approximately 40 percent of the state's water.

The drought has also brought to light certain practices used by the water-bottling company Nestlé, sparking protest and online petitions calling for the immediate stop to its California operations,

currently sitting at about 150,000 signatures. The California company has apparently been harvesting water from some of California's driest areas on expired permits. According to a *Desert Sun* investigation, the company has been pumping from an operation at Strawberry Creek in the San Bernardino National Forest, just 60 miles from Las Angeles, on an permit expired since 1987.

In a time of California water crises brought by another crippling drought to the most populous state, the company has been dishonestly harvesting the precious resource, bottling it, exporting it, and selling it elsewhere.

Though Nestlé's water industry may be a drop in the bucket in comparison to the state's agriculture industry, it is essentially taking a precious resource that should belong to the greater California population and selling it at a ridiculous markup from the cost at source. Its business model for its bottled-water

industry, at its bedrock, is to exploit a public resource. Not only is that perhaps a morally compromising business practice, it also takes about three liters of water to produce a single liter of bottled water, according to a 2006 study by the Pacific Institute. The logic just isn't there.

In a recent article anticipating the “worst drought in 1,000 years,” *National Geographic* projects a “megadrought” to hit the Southwestern United States by the end of the century. Such practices could be detrimental to the area, bringing over-blown drought driven dystopian caricatures of society such as seen in *Tank Girl* to an unfortunate reality.

In a recent op-ed article addressing this issue, President and CEO Tim Brown wrote, “The reality is that our California operations are providing people water for consumption, not wasting a precious natural resource.” Perhaps he doesn't understand selling public resource for private gain in

the midst of another water crisis may not sit well with Californians.

The core of this issue is not exactly a waste of water, though Nestlé is, because the three liters consumed to produce the single liter of bottled water could just remain three liters of uncompromised California water. The issue is private allocation of California public resource, to be sold outside of California in the midst of a crisis that is particularly affecting the state.

But, with the bottled water industry unfortunately bringing in about \$13 billion and a growth of about 6.1 percent from 2013, according to the International Bottled Water Association, maybe there's not much of a moral incentive for companies such as Nestlé to function in sync with their environment. Perhaps the responsibility lies with us as the consumer, so for Earth Day why not go out and buy an aluminum bottle for your hydration needs?

Experts split on community IDs

Experts criticize municipal IDs on their effectiveness of improving the lives of undocumented immigrants.

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To cheers and whistles, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to create a Johnson County community-ID program two weeks ago.

With the vote, the county joined a small handful of other communities around the nation — including San Francisco and more recently New York — that have created similar programs, which offer a legal form of identification without requiring proof of citizenship or immigration status.

Lack of proof of citizenship has caused the most controversy surrounding the cards.

“We should be making it difficult to be in the country illegally, not easier,” said Ira Mehlam, the media director for the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

By making it easier and safer for undocumented people to access services, Mehlam argued, it makes it easier for them to go undetected by the authorities.

Without a state-issued ID like a driver's license, people often can't open a bank account, rent an apartment, report a crime to the police, cash a check, or pick their children up from school, Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan said.

Often these activities, such as picking a child up from school, have to happen, Sullivan said. So in order to do it without an ID, a parent may break

the law, perhaps by sneaking into the school or getting a false ID.

Instead, Sullivan said, these unnecessarily dangerous actions can be avoided by simply using a community ID.

“Whether you think someone should be here or not, that's federal policy,” Sullivan said. “All we want to know is, if they're going to be here, can we figure out who they are?”

Mehlman said he doesn't see the benefit of giving undocumented immigrants access to these services.

“One of the arguments is it makes it easier for them to open bank accounts so they can cash paychecks,” he said, “Well, federal law says it's illegal for them to be working in the United States, and the reason it's illegal for them to be work-

“All we want to know is, if they're going to be here, can we figure out who they are?”

— Rod Sullivan, Johnson County supervisor

ing is someone else might be looking for that job.”

However, what exactly the long-term benefits of the IDs are however, or if they even have any, are uncertain.

Alex Nowrasteh, immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute said while there are many anecdotes about the card's benefits, he cannot say whether the cards are indeed beneficial or not because of a lack of research on the subject.

“There are lots of anecdotes but no statistical data,” he said.

Muzaffar Chishti, the director of the Migration

Policy Institute's office at New York University, said he is also unaware of any data surrounding any of the municipal ID cards nationally, and many of the card's benefits can't be reliably be measured.

New Haven, Connecticut, issued the first municipal ID cards in the country in 2007, but an employee at New Haven Vital Statistics said they did not track any data having to do with the impact of the cards.

“Local ID programs are things that sound nice and let a lot of unauthorized immigrants know the local government won't cooperate with feds in enforcing immigration laws,” Nowrasteh said. “But besides that I don't think it will have much of an impact in any way.”

In addition to not carrying any major benefits besides a welcoming message, Nowrasteh said he believes there are many other ways to send that same message while costing less money.

Since 1979, he said, Los Angeles has had a policy prohibiting police officers from asking about immigration status, which he said has helped the police cooperate with undocumented immigrants — one of the main goals of the cards — but much less expensively.

The estimated cost to create the ID program in Johnson County is around \$20,000.

Both Chishti and Nowrasteh agreed allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain state driver's licenses would have a much

larger beneficial effect on their lives but acknowledged that was a state, rather than county, issue.

“Driver's licenses are huge,” Chishti said, “They are very important, because it not only affects your ability to drive, but it affects your ability to take certain jobs.”

On Jan. 1, in a highly anticipated move, California became the 10th state to

provide licenses to undocumented immigrants.

Chisti said the other state changes, which would majorly affect the lives of the undocumented, would be allowing them to qualify for in-state college tuition.

Given the lack of political will or resources, Chisti said, it is unlikely the large number of un-

documented immigrants in the United States — 12 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau — will be removed.

“If we are not removing them then, and they are residents of a community for a large number of years, then it makes sense to have them integrated in basic functions of society,” he said.

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FORMER IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRWOMAN

Iowa's female narrative

History hasn't typically been on the side of female candidates in Iowa. And while experts and former candidates say it would be nice to have Hillary Clinton win the 2016 Iowa caucuses, gender won't be a deciding factor.



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In Iowa politics, it was the narrative that just would not go away.

When reporters around the country etched the epitaph for Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign or returned to it earlier in 2014, that narrative reappeared in stories time and time again: In 168 years, Iowa had not sent a woman to Congress or elected one as governor.

The election of Joni Ernst to the U.S. Senate rendered half of the above fact moot, but finally sending a woman to Washington is just one of a number of circumstances that has changed since Clinton's third-place finish in the Iowa caucuses seven years ago.

"[The failure to elect a woman to Washington] was something that was irksome to us as Democrats for many, many years," former Iowa Democratic Party Chairwoman Sue Dvorsky said. "That said, it's done ... we don't have the first woman federally elected as the Holy Grail."

In both parties, female candidates have vied for nominations in Iowa and in a few cases, such as Ernst's, they won. But trying to predict what environment Clinton will encounter becomes a complicated process. Just as Iowa surges in one area, it regresses in another. What is clear in interviews with candidates, activists, and experts is that a woman could win the Iowa caucuses, but gender will be far from the deciding factor.

"We did not mention being a woman," former state Sen. Swati Dandekar, D-Marion, said about her failed primary effort in 2014. "Iowans are very, very intelligent. They talked to me about the issues I was representing."

Dandekar's primary campaign was a fraction of the wave of women who contested congressional seats during the midterm last year. The seat left vacant by Rep. Bruce Braley — who ran for a Senate seat — had three women trying to make history by moving one step closer to the general election. Ultimately, none of the women succeeded, which in Dandekar's mind came down to a simple calculation for voters — one that was independent of gender.

"They really liked my ideas, they just thought because [former state Speaker Pat] Murphy was in the Iowa House for a long time, he had more experience to take to Washington, D.C.," she said.

Dianne Bystrom studies candidates such as Dandekar and Ernst at the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University. While the increase in primary candidates is a positive sign, the overall picture in Iowa is more clouded.

"It's kind of a mixed bag," said Bystrom, the director of the center. "There's really not a lot of progress in electing women to the state Legislature. Women have really lost seats."

Iowa has slipped four spots since 2008 in the Center for American Women in Politics' annual ranking of women in state legislatures.

Nestled in the data, though, is a possible point to the Iowa Democratic Party's future. Since Clinton spoke at Hotel Fort Des Moines after the 2008 Democratic caucuses, women went up 15 percent in their share of the state House Democratic caucus and now make up almost half of it.

Longtime statewide Democratic strategist John Hedgecoth points to these candidates and leaders as a signal for Iowa's future.

"The [House] is the entry level into the Legislature, and certainly a number of those women will bubble up," he said, speaking in this instance of Democratic women. "Some will run for the Senate, some will run for statewide races. I would not be surprised if a future governor is in the midst."

In Hedgecoth's estimation, such a jump "would not have been possible 20 years ago."

Besides Ernst, Republicans have nominated Mariannette Miller-Meeks, the former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, three times to run for Congress. Rep. Linda Upmeyer, R-Clear Lake, became the first female House majority leader in 2010. Former state Sen. Kim Reynolds became the state's third female lieutenant governor in 2011 and has held the position ever since.

Like Democrats, Iowa GOP state central committee member Judy Davidson says Republicans are looking beyond a candidate's gender. Such a motive could become even more important if former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina officially enters the 2016 race.

"Joni Ernst was not elected because she was a woman but because she was a better candidate than Bruce Braley," said Davidson, who is also the head of the Scott County Republicans. "If there was a John Ernst and he was as good of a candidate as Joni, he would have been elected as well. If there is a woman that will declare [her candidacy for president], Iowans won't vote specifically on gender but on who will do the best job."

Cedar Rapids Mayor Pro Tem Monica Vernon, who is running again for the 1st Congressional District seat, said she is basing her candidacy on more than just gender.

"I'm not running like a woman, and I don't think Hillary will run like a woman," Vernon said. "That being said, wouldn't that be interesting if Iowa launched the first female president."

BY THE NUMBERS

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Iowa has only elected one woman to the U.S. Congress. That number was 0 up until November 2014, when Iowans elected Republican Joni Ernst to the U.S. Senate.



U.S. Sen.-elect Joni Ernst smiles as she gives a celebratory speech at the West Des Moines Marriott on Nov. 4, 2014. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

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Since it started in the 1970s, only one woman has won the Straw Poll: former Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann. She won the Straw Poll in 2011 before finishing near the bottom in the Iowa caucuses.



Then-Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann signs Sue Fitzgibbon's coffee cup at the Bluebird Diner on July 2, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

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No woman has ever won the Iowa caucuses. Iowa Democrats believe candidate Hillary Clinton could likely be the first to do so.



Then-Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., talks about the Iowa caucuses and the importance of participating during a visit to Cedar Rapids on Dec. 2, 2007. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

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Five women ran in 2014 to represent Iowa in the U.S. House. Former state Sen. Staci Appel ran for the 3rd Congressional District seat, and former Public Health Department Director Mariannette Miller-Meeks ran in the 2nd Congressional District. Three women ran in the 1st Congressional District primary: Monica Vernon, Swati Dandekar, and Anesa Kajtavovic.



Monica Vernon speaks at the Clinton Social Club about climate change on Feb. 12. Vernon is a candidate in the 1st Congressional District. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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Broadband bill passes Iowa House

Iowa House leaders offered their official go-ahead Tuesday on a bill calling for the expansion of broadband Internet service across the state, setting in motion one of Gov. Terry Branstad's first promises on the 2014 campaign trail.

The House of Representatives approved House File 641 by an 89-5 measure.

"We began calling for broadband legislation last year because our administration understands that if we are to continue to grow jobs and increase incomes, we must ensure that every acre of Iowa is connected with high-speed



Branstad
governor

broadband," Branstad, 68, said in a prepared statement.

Internet expansion has been pushed to the forefront in a number of other states, including Minnesota, Oregon, and South Carolina.

Should a broadband bill be signed into law by Branstad this session, schools could use equipment-levy money to bolster speeds and fiber-optic connectivity in classrooms, legislators have said.

But aside from using the broad topic as political rhetoric on the campaign trail and the Condition of the State address, Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds have introduced little concrete plans for broadband growth in Iowa, including costs and targeted



Reynolds
lieutenant governor

cities for rollout.

"It's clear from today's vote that the Iowa House of Representatives shares our view that high-speed broadband will connect agriculture and equipment through rural fiber, schools to online resources, and businesses to the global marketplace," Reynolds said in a prepared statement.

Supporters of broadband expansion have also seen a shortage of available funding, when \$5 million in state funding was stripped away. In recent weeks, some lawmakers have started to turn to U.S. Agriculture Secretary and former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack to help recoup the funding loss, sources close to such discussions have previously told *The Daily Iowan*.

A similar bill is being considered in the Senate, but aides and insiders say those lawmakers aren't interested in moving it forward this session.

— by Quentin Misiag

Penalty phase opens in Boston bombing trial

By DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

BOSTON — First, the jury was shown large, vibrant pictures of the four people killed in the Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath. Then prosecutors pulled out the photo they saved for last: Dzhokhar Tsarnaev giving the finger to the security camera in his jail cell.

"This is Dzhokhar Tsarnaev — unconcerned, unrepentant, and unchanged," federal prosecutor Nadine Pellegrini told the jury that will decide whether the 21-year-old former college student should be executed.

The penalty phase in the Boston Marathon bomber's trial opened in dramatic fashion Tuesday, with prosecutors portraying Tsarnaev as a cold-blooded killer and "America's worst nightmare."

The government then began trying to drive home the horror of the attack by calling to the stand witnesses who lost legs or loved ones in the April 15, 2013, bombing.

"I remember hearing just bloodcurdling screams. I just remember looking around, just seeing blood everywhere, sort of like debris falling from the sky," said Celeste Corcoran, who made her way to the stand on two artificial limbs.

Several jurors shed tears as the father of Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager killed in the bombing, described how he called his daughter "princess."

"Krystle was the light of my life," William Campbell Jr. said, "every father's dream."

He wiped away tears with a handkerchief, his

voice growing hoarse as he described how she "wasn't really a girly-girl" and preferred baseball over other activities.

Campbell described a heartbreaking mix-up that led his family to believe that Krystle had survived the bombing and was undergoing surgery. One of the doctors asked Campbell to take a walk with him to go see Krystle in her room.

"It wasn't Krystle; I passed out on the floor," Campbell said. "I couldn't remember anything after that until I woke up about five minutes later, and I realized that Krystle was gone and they made a mistake."

Earlier Tuesday, prosecutors showed the jury a photo of a wounded Krystle writhing in agony on the ground, her mouth agape.

Gillian Reny told the



In this courtroom sketch, prosecutor Nadine Pellegrini makes opening arguments during the first day of the penalty phase in the trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, seated at right, on Tuesday in Boston. (Associated Press/Jane Flavell Collins)

jury she was an 18-year-old high-school senior when she went to watch her sister run her first marathon. She said the first blast knocked her to the ground, and when

she looked down, she could see her legs were covered in blood, and a bone that had snapped in half was sticking out.

"Muscle was everywhere. It was the most

horrifying image I could even imagine ... and to see that on my own body was terrifying," she said, breaking down in tears. Doctors managed to save both legs.

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Hubble turns robust 25

By **MARCIA DUNN**
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — One of NASA's crowning glories, the Hubble Space Telescope, marks its 25th anniversary this week.

With 1 million-plus observations, including those of some of the farthest and oldest galaxies ever beheld by humanity, no man-made satellite has touched as many minds or hearts as Hubble.

NASA will celebrate Friday's anniversary with ceremonies this week at the Smithsonian Institution and Newseum in Washington.

"Hubble has become part of our culture — very much," said NASA's science mission chief, John Grunsfeld, a former astronaut who flew on the final three Hubble repair missions.

A look at Hubble's quarter-century in orbit about 350 miles above Earth:

A BLURRY START

A full decade in the making, Hubble rocketed into orbit on April 24, 1990, aboard space shuttle Discovery.

NASA wanted an observatory free of the atmosphere's distortion and, in some cases, absorption of light. Stars, for example, do not appear to

twinkle when seen from space. The telescope was named for American astronomer Edwin Hubble, who in the 1920s determined that the universe is expanding.

Sky-high excitement turned into bottomless agony when it quickly became apparent that the telescope's primary mirror had been botched during manufacturing, resulting in blurry eyesight. Three years later, with NASA's reputation and entire future on the line, a team of astronauts managed to restore Hubble's promised vision with replacement parts.

OVERHAULS AND TUNEUPS

Shuttle astronauts visited Hubble five times, from 1993 to 2009, to make improvements and repairs to the 43-foot-long observatory, about the size of a school bus. That last mission almost didn't happen: NASA canceled it for safety reasons in the wake of the 2003 shuttle Columbia disaster. But public uproar and changing NASA administration, along with detailed crew-rescue plans just in case, led to the flight's reinstatement. By the time Atlantis blasted off on the last servicing mission, NASA put the investment in Hubble at \$10 billion.

Three-time Hubble mechanic Grunsfeld was the last person to lay hands on the orbiting observatory. He recalls giving Hubble "a little pat and a salute," and telling it, "Good travels, Hubble."

IMPRESSIVE STATS
Hubble has traveled 3.4 billion miles, circling Earth nearly 137,000 times and making more than 1.2 million observations of more than 38,000 celestial objects, according to the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. The most distant objects spotted by Hubble — primitive galaxies — are some 13 billion light-years away and date to within 400 million or so years of the universe's origin, known as the Big Bang.

Hubble provides an average of 829 gigabytes of archival data every month, according to the institute. Altogether, Hubble has produced more than 100 terabytes of data.

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farm to farm," he said. "We do not believe this is spreading in a way that is likely to create other problems on other farms."

While avian flu has made its mark in Wisconsin and Minnesota, John Clifford, chief veterinary officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said the H5N2's appearance is not normal.

"What we're seeing occur here in the U.S. with high-path avian influenza is unusual in the sense it's moving through wild waterfowl," he said.

He said while the exact breach of biosecurity in the infections isn't clear, officials do know the cause has come from wild waterfowl, such as ducks and geese, likely through numerous breaches of biosecurity in the farms.

The simple solution to eradicating further cases of H5N2 in Iowa, Clifford said, was a bump in Mother Nature's thermostat.

"Hopefully, through the summer, which is when we expect to stop seeing these cases and have them drop off because of the heat," he said.

He said temperatures in the high 60s and low 70s for a consistent week could leave the virus in a tough spot, but it could return this fall and next spring when temperatures are lower again.

For now, the two poultry producers involved with infected populations have fully cooperated, Northey said, with the state and federal organizations involved in investigating the outbreak.

Part of the cooperation will lead to 4 million egg-laying hens and the 27,000 turkeys being killed by depopulation methods such as water-based foam, which creates blanket layer of foam over the birds and blocks their airways, according to a study on the material from the University of Delaware, and exposure to high levels of carbon dioxide, which causes respiratory acidosis.

In regards to economic concerns for the two farms, there will be an indemnity given to the two farmers for the value of their birds and cost of cleanup, but a preliminary amount has not been discussed, Northey said.

"It's a complicated process. It probably won't pay for everything," he said. "It's

going to be a significant loss for the farmer at the end of the day."

Randy Olson, the executive director of the Iowa Poultry Association, said despite the killing of almost 4 million of the 60 million egg-laying hens in Iowa, the market might not be heavily changed.

Olson said officials are currently working through potential consequences of the loss of millions of egg-laying hens, and from preliminary conversations, other egg producers are seen as if they will step up production.

"It's a large and complex egg market," he said. "Iowa is the nation's leading state, but we're certainly not the only state."

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Bike trails coming to Iowa City

By **CARLY MATTHEW**
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Within the next several years, cyclists may be able to bike from Iowa City to Cedar Falls on bike trails.

One major step in the works is a trail from Solon to Ely on Seven Sisters Road. The trail is currently in the engineering and design phase, said Brad Freidhoff, Johnson County Conservation program manager.

"It's something we've wanted to do for quite some time," Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan said. He said officials are interested in these projects to promote health and wellness while offering another attraction in eastern Iowa.

"It's exciting because it's not only recreation; it's transportation," Freidhoff said.

The new segment would link Solon with the Hoover Trail, which runs from Ely to Cedar Rapids.

Over the next several months during the design phase, officials will determine the cost, where bridges will need to be built, and where parts of the trail are too steep and need to be graded.

The Seven Sisters Road project is tied with a road-improvement project to help save money.

"I intend to have that project completed within four years, barring any delays or complications," Freidhoff said.

Currently, it is possible to bike from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids, but it requires hopping on roads where trails aren't yet available.

"For years, these other segments have been done," Freidhoff said.

Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said he anticipates that, after the trails are better connected, they will attract tourists looking to go on lengthier rides, some over numerous days, and therefore boost the local economy.

Of Iowa's estimated 150,000 recreational riders who use trails in the state one to six times per week, 63 percent reported taking overnight trips to other Iowa communities, according to a study by the University of Northern Iowa's Sustainable Tourism and Environment Program.

Ninety-eight percent rode for recreational purposes.

"I think trails are proven in Iowa as something people use," Anne Duggan, Think Bicycles Johnson County president, said, referring to the network of trails in the Des Moines area.

For example, she said,

in towns the linked trails passed through, such as Ankeny received an economic boom with businesses popping up near the trails.

Another necessary project in connecting Iowa City and Cedar Rapids is a trail running from North Liberty to the Mehaffey Bridge.

"We want this to become a destination in eastern Iowa," Freidhoff said.

State funding, however, has not been readily available for trail-connectivity projects.

"These things are time consuming and costly," Freidhoff said.

Neuzil said the county has a "full speed ahead" attitude toward linking trail segments.

He said though the supervisors continue to advocate for state funding and grants, the governor and state Legislature haven't provided funding.

"We're not stopping for the Legislature," Neuzil said. "We're aggressively pursuing this with or without state funding."

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said receiving state funding for trails is highly competitive. He said there is

only around \$3 million available for the year but \$30 million worth of requests.

"It's a competitive process where people from all over the state apply for funding," Bolkcom said.

He said proposals are scored on several criteria and those ranking the highest receive funding.

Neuzil said the supervisors are pushing to complete these projects in order to provide an additional recreational opportunity, which could receive interest from locals and tourists alike.

They are promoting it to state Legislature as an economic-development initiative, he said, because it has potential to bring in more than enough money to cover its initial cost.

Sources of funding for these and other trail connectivity projects, Neuzil said, include state grants, federal funding designated for constructing trails, and Johnson County conservation board initiative funding approved.

Freidhoff said several "sizeable" donations have already been made toward Seven Sisters Road trail from Solon to Ely and he anticipates more people to be interested in donating after the planning stage is complete.

In the meantime, Freidhoff said the focus is on acquiring the private land and easements needed to build trails in these areas.



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BASEBALL

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There's also Frankos, who has battled injuries, but has seen more action as the season has continued, often entering as a pinch hitter later in games for Moriel. Frankos has played in 23 games so far this season and started 13.

The depth at catcher has helped foster a pitching staff that owns the fourth lowest Big Ten ERA and has given up the least hits of any team in the conference.

Again, a rich man's problem. If there's any gripe for the Hawkeye catchers, it's that they lead the Big Ten in passed balls with 18. Iowa catchers have thrown out 9 of 23 stolen-base attempts, and while that looks alarming at first, Iowa is last in the Big Ten in steal attempts against at 23.

The Huskies are coming

Northern Illinois is 14-24 this season and could provide Iowa a chance to get a tick in the W col-



Iowa pitcher Nick Allgeyer warms up pitching to Iowa catcher Daniel Aaron Moriel during the open practice of the baseball media day in the Indoor Practice Facility on Feb. 3. Moriel has played in 17 games, started in 13, and emerged as Iowa's primary catcher. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

umn that will offset the loss in the second game of Saturday's double-header against Northwestern.

"We should've [taken] advantage from the get-go," Moriel said. "Sometimes, they slip away, you don't take advantage, but you have to learn from them."

The upcoming learning experience came as a result of a 4-1 loss to the Wildcats that Iowa hopes to avenge against Northern Illinois.

In another sense, the Northwestern loss, which knocked Iowa to a half game back in the Big Ten, was a missed

chance to keep pace with Big Ten leader Illinois.

"It's an opportunity we lost," senior Eric Toole said. "We just have to forget about it and keep moving forward."

The key for a rebound performance after what is the equivalent to Iowa's second Sunday loss of the

season, as it has been in the past, will be getting the bats going again.

The approach to Northern Illinois, head coach Rick Heller said, won't be any different than other midweek games this season.

"I like to get some different guys in the game

which I think is important," he said. "It can help you out down the stretch."

"You want to get a lot out of it, but on the other side, you want to win the game."

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SOFTBALL

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ther Blank, who is on an 11-game hitting streak, or center-fielder Sammi Gyerman, who has reached base in 14-straight games.

The two have combined for 52 of Iowa's 106 extra-base hits and 68 of the teams 188 RBIs.

"Every game we play, we have to put the ball in play and make plays on us, whether their track record is that they're solid defensively or not so solid," Blank said. "That's our job, and if we do that, hopefully, things will fall our way."

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Iowa outfielder Sammi Gyerman is congratulated after making it to first during the Iowa-Nebraska game at Pearl Field on March 25. Nebraska won, 16-7. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

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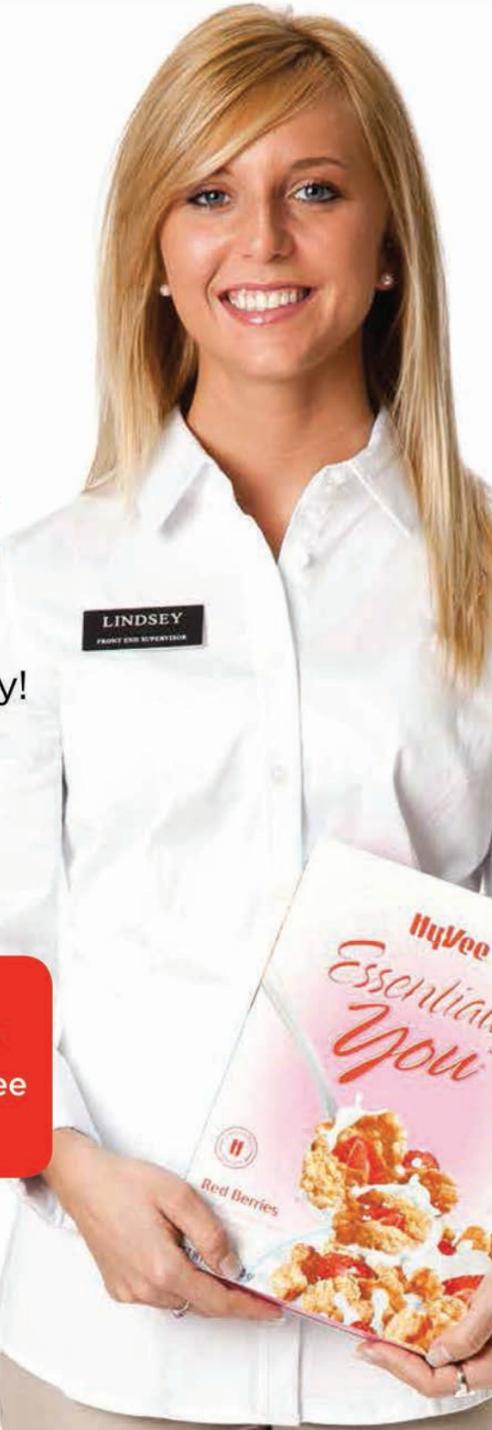
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COMMENTARY

Tennis Hawks have work to do



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Despite a wealth of seniors, including players at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots, the Iowa women's tennis team ended the year at just 2-9 in conference play and will have to make do next year with a younger, less-experienced team.

The four seniors — Shelby Talcott, Morven McCulloch, Katie Zordani, and Ellen Silver — combined to start 66 singles matches for the Hawkeyes this year but managed only 34 wins.

For a team that is graduating its top two players, was 0-9 against ranked opponents, went 1-7 on the road, and only won two dual-matches in the Big Ten, the build-up to next season is going to have to contain leaps of improvement from every player on the roster.

Barring any transfer students, Iowa will have only one senior next year, Annette Dohanics, who finished this season with a 7-11 record. She was 3-5 at No. 4 but fell to 1-6 when she moved up to No. 3.

If Dohanics is the lone senior for the Hawkeyes, she's going to have to improve on that 1-6 record; she will likely be playing at either No. 2 or No. 3 next season.

Just three other returning players saw action this season — sophomore Aimee Tarun and a pair of freshmen, Anastasia Reimchen and Zoe Douglas. The returning players finished the year with a combined record of 20-31 (.392).

Iowa hasn't had a winning record in the Big Ten since 2010, head coach Katie Dougherty's first season, when it went 6-4 against conference opponents.

When Dougherty came in, she posted the best regular-season record by a first-year head coach in program history and the best record Iowa had as a

team since 2006. She had the Hawkeyes as high as No. 18 in the country that year, and they ended the season at No. 26.

After Dougherty's first season at Iowa, however, the Hawkeyes haven't had nearly as much success, failing to break the .500 mark in conference play.

Talcott and McCulloch — members of the first exclusively Dougherty-recruited class of players Iowa has had — played at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots for the majority of the season. Talcott's injury after the Drake match on March 25 left her sidelined from singles for the season's last seven matches.

However, with both Talcott and McCulloch graduating, Reimchen may find herself at the No. 1 spot next year as a sophomore. Talcott played at No. 1 in just two duals before her final year; she had plenty of time to work her way into it. Reimchen may not have that luxury.

Iowa is going to need to rapidly develop the

young talent it has in Tarun, Reimchen, Douglas, and freshman Montana Crawford if it wants to have success in the Big Ten next season. Aside from Reimchen, who played at No. 2 and No. 3 all season, winning only one singles match, the younger players are considerably inexperienced.

Tarun competed in three matches this season at the No. 6 position. Crawford didn't see any playing time, and Douglas came onto the scene late, playing as high as No. 4 and finishing with an overall singles record of 6-4.

For a team that was chock full of seniors, it's a bit of an understatement to say only winning two dual-matches in the Big Ten and going 1-7 on the road was a disappointing season.

The Hawkeyes are going to have their work cut out for them next year, and success in the conference is going to depend on how quickly Dougherty can mature her players.

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Per Sunday tradition, Hawkeye track and field distance coach Layne Anderson sent out an email blast to all of his athletes. This week's opened with a mountainous landscape captioned, "The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."

"Hopefully, it opens their mind up to a different level of thinking," Anderson said. "I always tell them that my hope is that it stimulates thought."

Each message sent out contains some type of inspirational quote paired with pictures, a short anecdote, a longer article, or a video that relates to that week's "motivation."

Freshman Marta Bote Gonzalez recalled her favorite email being one that contained a video with a poem about escaping comfort zones in order to improve as an athlete. The message stuck with her so much that she even printed it and put it up on her dorm-room wall.

The content of the emails may contain anything from pictures, videos, anecdotes, or entire articles and changes from week to week, but Anderson always makes sure to include one thing: that week's workout.

Anderson took over the coaching duties of men's distance this year, in addition to coaching women's distance runners. Before Anderson, former Director of Track and Field Larry Wieczorek handled the duties of training the men. Each day, Wieczorek wrote on a piece of notebook paper in pencil what the workout would be and pass it around to his athletes.

Although seniors Kevin Lewis and Ben Witt did not dislike Wieczorek's approach, they agreed that they do like Anderson's digital way better because they like to see what the workouts will be each day with more than a couple of minutes' notice.

However, that is not to say they take in all of the information Anderson sends out.

"I would say more often than not, I do not read all of the email, but occasionally if it's concise and to the point, I'll read it," Lewis said. "Pictures go a lot further with us. We're simple men."

Anderson's emails do get read in their entirety by some of his athletes. A majority of the women's side of the team make sure to take the time to

read what their coach sent out to them.

"I think they're great, because when you're reading your workout and at the same time you have a story that tells you that if you take a small step every day you'll reach your goals,

then that is excellent motivation," Bote Gonzalez said. "It helps you start the week thinking about what you want to do."

While the context of the emails tend to have a serious underlying message, the athletes still

like to have some fun with Anderson for some of the cheesy messages he throws in sometimes.

"We like to parody some of the stories during warm-ups and cool downs," Witt said. "All in good fun, though, of course."

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Iowa's Aaron Mallett jumps over hurdles during practice in the Recreation Building on Tuesday. Mallet will compete in the World University Games on July 3-14. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Mallett headed for world stage

Iowa's Aaron Mallett will compete in the men's 110-meter hurdles at the World University Games this summer.

By **MARIO WILLIAMS**
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While in high school, Iowa hurdler and sprinter Aaron Mallett got a passport in hopes of competing at the U.S. Junior World Championships.

He never got to use the passport — until now. On July 3-14, he'll be able to use it for the first time, as he will compete in the 110-meter hurdles at the World University Games.

Based on Mallett's performance this track and field season, the United States had room on its roster and wanted to see if Mallett was interested before selections were made. Without hesitation, Mallett, accepted the offer and was chosen by a selection committee.

Mallett is honored that he'll be able to showcase his talents on a world stage by representing not only the Hawkeyes, but also the United States.

"This is just a great opportunity because I've been putting in a lot of work," he said. "This year it's actually starting to show all the stuff we do in training and on the field."

"Just everything that I put into this sport, everything my coaches put in, and what my teammates put in. It's all starting to show."

Mallett said the opportunity to compete in South Korea is a reward for how he's competed in his sophomore year for the Hawkeyes.

Reward is the right word to describe all the things Mallett has done not only for himself, but also for his team this season.

The St. Louis native is fourth in the nation in the 110-meter hurdles, first in the Big Ten, and ranks second in Iowa history. He landed those spots when he set a personal best at the Florida Relays with a groundbreaking time of 13.60.

In addition to that, Mallett was crowned Big Ten Athlete of the Week and his sixth-place performance at indoor nationals snagged him an All-American honor.

Mallett will be the first Hawkeye to compete at the world games since All-American Justin Austin did in 2013. His coach — Director of Track and Field Joey Woody — competed in the 1997 games.

With his experience in the games, Woody plans on showing the ropes to Mallett before he heads to South Korea.

"Being on that USA team is such a big deal," Woody said. "You're a part of a team of college athletes that are coming together, so everyone has been through the collegiate system."

In the World University Games, Mallett will be surrounded by a number of fierce athletes not only from the country but from around the world.

That in mind, he's looking forward to taking advice from the pros that he's hoping to bring back to his team.

"Just watching the pros warm up, watching them race, and watch what they do to keep themselves calm is going to be a great thing," Mallett said. "I can bring all these aspects back to my teammates next season, and we can work to be a better team."

Although he wants to bring that advice back next season to help his team, his teammates already believe he's fulfilling that task now through his work on and off the field.

One of those teammates, Brendan Thompson, who competes on the 4x100-meter relay squad with Mallett, has no worries when it comes to his leadership.

"It's inspiring seeing his hard work pay off and encouraging for the future seeing he is only a sophomore," Thompson said. "I can't think of a more deserving person to have this type of opportunity."

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Softball hopes to show 'em

Iowa softball will take on No. 20 Tigers in the Show Me State.

By **JORDAN HANSEN**
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A year after shockingly sweeping then-No. 13 Missouri, the Iowa softball team will again try to pull off an upset tonight in Columbia, Missouri.

Missouri (31-10, 11-7 SEC) is ranked No. 20 this season and will be defending its home turf while in the midst of a thermonuclear-hot streak that has seen it win by run-rule in its last four games.

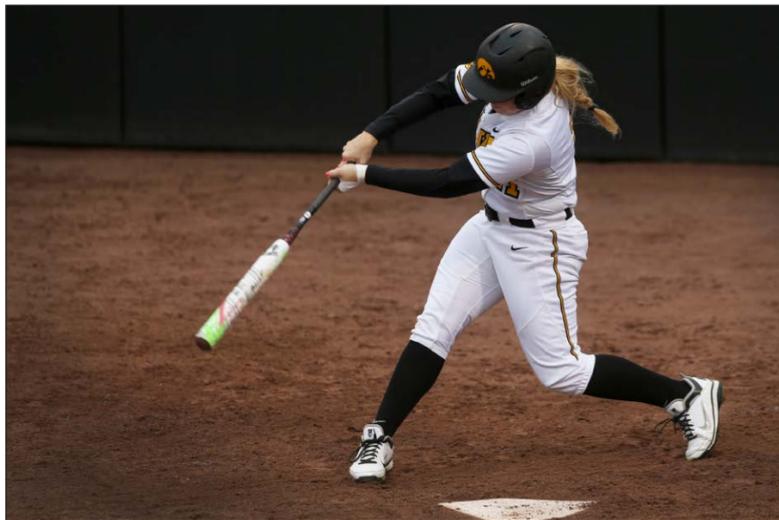
The Tigers are on a stretch where they have won seven of eight and put up 70 runs while allowing just 18.

"We've got to take care of the little things," Iowa head coach Marla Looper said. "We have to control what we can, and the outcome will be whatever it is, but we have to give ourselves a chance."

Iowa has been better recently, winning back-to-back Big Ten series, but it has struggled in midweek games this season. The Hawks are 1-7 in games not played on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, a trend they'd like to buck.

"We have to approach the game the same no matter whom we're playing, no matter when we're playing, no matter where we're playing," short-stop Megan Blank said. "I think that just because we might have lost some of our midweek games early in the season, that shouldn't have an effect on how we approach this one."

However, doing that against a team that is top-half of a tough SEC in batting average and ERA won't be easy. Missouri bats .323 as a team and boasts seven players with averages above .300. As a comparison, Iowa has just three.



Iowa outfielder Sammi Gyerman hits during the Iowa-Nebraska game at Pearl Field on March 25. The Hawkeyes will face No. 15 Missouri today. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

As far as pitching goes, Iowa will likely see either Tori Finucane (17-6, 2.89 ERA) or Paige Lowary (13-3, 3.21 ERA) in the circle. Finucane has pitched 20 more innings than Lowary, but either pitcher will be a matchup headache for the Hawkeye's batters.

If there is a real weakness for Missouri, it's fielding — the Tigers rank near the bottom of the SEC in fielding percentage and have committed 49 errors.

"If they have a little chink in their armor, that might be exactly what it is," Looper said. "They're really good in the circle and really good offensively, and they can sometimes get

by without being quite as good [on defense], but that's going to be our challenge — to try to expose that little chink in their armor."

If there's one Iowa hitter who could expose that, it'll likely be ei-

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Hawkeyes rich in catchers

By **IAN MURPHY**
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While last season's primary catcher, Jimmy Frankos, is slowly getting more playing time, the role of behind the plate has been passed between freshman Austin Guzzo and junior Daniel Aaron Moriel.

Each of Iowa's top-three catchers has seen playing time this season, a good problem to have for the Hawkeyes.

Early on, it appeared to be Guzzo's job; he has appeared in 22 games and started 13, most of them coming as the catcher when Iowa played weekend games in early season tournaments.

Moriel has played in 17 games, started 13, and emerged as Iowa's primary catcher recently, starting



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