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By TOM ACKERMAN | thomas-ackerman@uiowa.edu

Instead of being locked in a cell, some area drug offenders are being offered counseling, support, and eventually, cake.

When there's a graduation in the Johnson County drug court diversion group, everyone goes out for cake, including Judge Fae Hoover-Grinde.

The 8-year-old drug-diversion program offers guidance to those facing addictions and mental-health problems by offering drug users treatment and support rather than incarceration.

Despite success in helping community members with need, the group has recently lost a coordinator and is in constant need of resources.

"Seeing that there are these revolving doors is devastating," said Rob Metzger, a treatment services manager. "Drug users are not getting the help they need and are getting sent to prison when there are better options out there."

The previous program coordinator was transferred to another department, group officials said, and offered communication between courts in Johnson and Linn Counties.

Metzger said funding has been a concern because aside

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INMATES IN PRISON

Suspect found after alert

The University of Iowa police have located the person of interest in connection with Tuesday's Hawk Alert, which was sent out following a complaint that a person videotaped a female in a restroom.

UI police responded to Burge Monday night following a complaint of a person videotaping a female showering in the bathroom. The female student confronted the male who allegedly placed the camera; no physical contact was made.

A male fled from UI police Monday night after an officer attempted to make an arrest following complaints the student videotaped a female in the restroom.

A police officer received information of "suspicious activity" in a bathroom. The officer then reportedly found the male hiding in a stall. The two reportedly engaged in a fight, and the suspect fled. Officers searched the neighborhood; it does not appear the male has been caught, but UI officials say there is no immediate threat to the campus or community.

UI Housing and Dining officials will change all locks on shower doors in Burge immediately. A Hawk Alert was issued Tuesday, and UI officials asked for the public's assistance in locating the individual. He was located sometime after the alert on Tuesday.

Panel mulls housing

By KAYLYNN HARRIS
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The discussion about affordable housing revolves around low-income families, but many may not realize it also affects the whole community.

According to the Johnson County Affordable Homes Coalition, more than 35 percent of renters pay more than 50 percent of their income on housing.

With recent actions aiming to prohibit excluding tenants with Housing Choice Vouchers and the ongoing push for inclusionary zoning at the Riverfront Crossings development, affordable housing conversations continue.

On Tuesday, the University of Iowa Obermann Center hosted an event addressing the issue of affordable housing in Johnson County. Around two dozen people attended the panel discussion,



Scott
head of coalition

which focused on the health, economic, and social implications of housing.

Sally Scott, the head of the coalition, said there is a stigma many people have concerning affordable housing.

"In our society, racial discrimination is illegal, but economic segregation is not. There are a lot of barriers, some being attitudes and some being legal structures, that prevent progress within affordable housing," she said.

"When people hear the term affordable housing, they see this image of public and barracks housing and people different from themselves, which is an unfortunate reality," she said. "We must change these attitudes with education, confronting stereotypes, showing accurate examples of affordable housing, and doing so across multiple platforms."

Barbara Baquero, a UI community and behavioral health assistant professor, believes housing plays a vital role in public health.

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UI studies film success

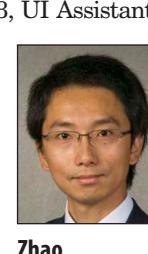
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Hollywood investors may need to start paying more attention to University of Iowa research.

Since the summer of 2013, UI Assistant Professor of business Kang Zhao and UI graduate student Michael Lash have tried to find a reliable way to predict the profitability of film releases. Their shared interests in movies and big data inspired them to develop a unique way for determining box-office success.

Nothing like this has been studied before; no one has tried to predict the profitability of movies, and most studies try to predict the success of a film very late in production, when there is little an investor can do, Zhao said.

"What we're trying to do, from a research perspective, is predict the profitability of movies at a very early stage," he said.



Zhao
UI prof

The patterns in the data revealed the biggest factor in movie profitability is pairing actors and directors who have a history of making successful films together.

"The previous profitability record of actors certainly matters, but it's not as important as the team perspective," Zhao said.

The second most important factor is the director's ability to bring revenue to a movie.

"So you say JJ Abrams or you say Steven Spielberg, and I think that has a large effect on the crowd that's going to see a movie," Lash said.

Zhao and Lash defined a profitable movie as one that makes more than \$7.3 million in profit. They found that segmenting a movie's audience, such as through age restrictions, is the biggest way to hurt profitability. Drama, war, and foreign films are less likely to turn a profit, and rating is also a factor.

"An R-rating is limiting in the sense that not everyone can go see it, and maybe not everybody wants to go see that," Lash said.

The researchers have predicted what

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UP THEIR ALLEY



Three people walk through an alley near the Pedestrian Mall on Tuesday. There are more than six events occurring this week at the Public Library. (The Daily Iowan/Jordan Gale)

ARTS & CULTURE

Music to fuse sounds

Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet will take the Englert stage tonight.

By GRACEY MURPHY

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One woman. Four strings. Endless melodies.

Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet will perform at 8 p.m. today at the Englert, 221 E. Washington St. The program will focus on fusing contemporary and traditional Chinese music to make beautiful sounds.

Man knew the Shanghai Quartet as young schoolmates, long before they partnered professionally.

"For me, it's like an old friends reunion making music together," Man said.

Man has played with many different groups from various countries and cultures; last week, she played with the Kronos Quartet in San Francisco. She's played with Western music timber groups, African musicians, Egyptian musicians, among others.

With all of these artists, Man plays the pipa, a pear-shaped instrument that sounds similar to a lute. It has four strings played by plucking with the fingers.

"It's a unique and cool sound of an instrument, though it's very hard to play," Man said.

Man has been playing the pipa since the age of 9. Her parents are huge supporters of traditional music and wanted her to learn to play music with a cultural background.

"Because my instrument is one of the oldest instruments to exist in China and is about 2,000 years old, it represents Chinese music and culture and my parents are very into that," Man said. "Basically my parents made the decision for me to play this instrument."

In addition to playing the pipa, Man is also a founding member of the Silk Road Project with Yo-Yo Ma. The project has been going on for 16 years and is about finding musicians willing to take their own traditions and cultures and create new musical languages, Man said. The program has a lot of educational components and includes dedicated musicians from places like India, China, America and many others.



Contributed

After playing others' compositions for so many years, Man decided to try her hand at composition. Man wants the songs she played to tell her personal experience.

"I've been playing the instrument for so long, it's sort of a like a part of me, so naturally I wanted to speak my own language," Man said. "I wanted to express myself, so I started composing."

In Man's hands, the pipa is multifaceted. It produces an accumulation of memorable tunes that will pair off with the music of the Shanghai Quartet tonight.

"Pipa can produce all kinds of sounds," Man said. "It can be very beautiful, quiet, and elegant but can be very dramatic. That's what I love about it."

MUSIC

Wu Man and the Shanghai Quartet

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Englert, 221 E. Washington
Admission: \$10-\$33.50

with a strong majority.

— by Beau Bowman

City Council again backs equal housing

The Iowa City City Council voted 7-0 to unanimously approve second consideration of an amendment to Iowa City's Human Rights Ordinance that is intended to reduce discrimination of those with Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.

The resolution amends the definition of Public Assistance Source of Income in the Human Rights Ordinance to include the Housing Choice Voucher subsidy and other rental subsidies as well.

If approved a third time, this amendment would make it unlawful for landlords to refuse rent to and discriminate against those with a Section 8 Housing Voucher.

This amendment, if approved a third and final time, would go into effect on June 1. Residents claiming to be treated unfairly or discriminated against by landlords or property managers would be able to file a complaint with the Iowa City Human Rights Commission, which would be in charge of investigating these complaints.

— by Gage Miskimen

METRO

Mayor talks state of the city

Iowa City Mayor Jim Throgmorton gave the Iowa City state of the city Speech at the City Council meeting on Tuesday.

In the speech, Throgmorton said Iowa City is a strong, healthy city with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, at 2.2 percent.

Throgmorton said the accolades Iowa City receives don't tell the entire story of the city. He said while the city is a great place to live, it's not such a good place for all its residents.

Throgmorton shared that 27 percent of Iowa City residents live below the federal poverty line and 1 out of 3 of the School District's students participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

Throgmorton also discussed upon the city's affordable housing issues. He said 65 percent of renters pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing in Iowa City.

As Iowa City has become more diverse, Throgmorton said, the city has also become more segregated. He noted some residents do not feel welcome because of their race, ethnicity, or faith and the city has seen disproportionality in race-related traffic stops and arrests.

Throgmorton said the city

has priorities which include developing a strong and resilient local economy, fostering healthy neighborhoods throughout the city, enhancing community engagement and advancing social justice and racial equity.

— by Gage Miskimen

Harrel sets town hall

Months after the initial announcement, the time and place of a town hall forum involving University of Iowa President Bruce Harrel have been set.

The UI Office of Strategic Communication announced the meeting will be held on Feb. 23 in C20 Pomerantz Center from 4 to 6 p.m.

The graduate student union, COGS, and the organization Iowans Defending Our Universities have continually called for a public forum with Harrel in recent months.

The release said UI community members "are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and share their ideas for improvement."

According to the press release, Harrel will lead the town hall. Rod Lehnertz, the interim senior vice president for Finance and Operations, and Provost Barry Butler will also attend.

Lehnertz is the head of the UI Operations Team, which studies and recommends actions on

institutional initiatives with timelines of zero to 18 months. Butler is the chair of the Strategy Implementation team, which prioritizes and recommends actions on institutional initiatives generally with timelines of one to five years.

Both teams were created after Harrel became president, and they will use the town hall to "continue the dialogue with campus," according to the release.

Tom Rocklin, the UI vice president for Student Life, will also discuss student housing.

— by Cindy Garcia

UISG welcomes newcomers

Several newcomers assumed office in the University of Iowa Student Government on Tuesday.

The new senators filled the 11 vacancies in the Senate.

The new senators include Sean Finn, Emma Stier, Mingfeng Huang, Meng Qi, Bertha Mahama, Chris Blythe, Anthony Yang, Lilian Sanchez Garcia, Linsey Rayner, Andrew Han, and Lyric Harris.

After the senators were sworn in, Sen. Titus Hou presented several bills that would change UISG's bylaws. Both bills would make it easier for the Senate to amend the bylaws and the UISG Constitution in the future. Both bills passed

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PRISON

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from grant money, the group shares a budget with parole in the state, rather than the prison budget itself.

Despite funds saved in jail costs, the program is not seeing necessary funding in return.

The costs for treatment total an average of \$1.88 a day compared to an average of \$54.02 for inmates in prison, according to the group's website. It is also estimated that drug diversion has saved the state \$234,838.56 since the page was posted.

The clients are also required to participate in community-based projects and work as a team to become more acclimated with society.

According to vera.org,

an organization working to make justice systems fair, Iowa spent \$265.4 million on prisons in 2010, costing taxpayers \$32,925 per inmate per year, making a dent in the state's budget, which has grown tight in recent years.

The average in-state University of Iowa student pays \$21,840 to attend the school.

Johnson County's drug-diversion program keeps clients out of jail who shouldn't be there in the first place, Metzger said.

"It's really about looking at if there are still resources we can find in the community and whether there are viable options," he said.

The program welcomes users of harder drugs and also those who may abuse

alcohol, but there is a separate group designated for marijuana charges. The group is very selective on choosing candidates, as limited resources are available.

Johnson County was the last county in the state to

achieve sobriety.

"People go to jail or prison and come back with the same friends, doing the same things that got them in jail in the first place," Metzger said. "There's tons of consequences [for using],

the clients along with prosecutors, probation officers, an alternative jail service coordinator, and others.

When legislators are invited to the graduations, Hoover-Grinde said, they are pleasantly surprised. The last graduation was held in December.

"It's a big deal when there is a graduation," she said. "When they see [the program], they have the same reactions as us."

Cora Dixon, a probation officer in the group, said she has had to shift focus away from clients because the coordinator between Linn and Johnson Counties was let go, noting that it was difficult for the coordinator to leave the position.

She noted that there is

a definite mental-health aspect to the program and addiction as a whole.

"I think we live in a culture or environment right now where mental health services and drug treatment services are being blended," she said. "I think people will recognize these efforts are in the forefront of helping rehabilitation."

Hoover-Grinde has a warm and personal relationship with clients, and Dixon said the judge protects the community by participating in the program.

After the hearing, Hoover-Grinde spoke closely with the group, listened to each client talk about her or his week, and offered the courtroom Girl Scout cookies. "There is a national push for criminal-justice reform — this kind of thinking out of the box," she said. "I hope to see more of this."

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— Cora Dixon, probation officer

adopt such an initiative. The first was Des Moines, which started its program around 20 years ago.

At a hearing on Tuesday, one client was brought into the program and another client was revoked for violations. Metzger said the program is often challenging for clients because it takes people away from loved ones in order to

but people continue to do it. It's not something you can choose your way out of."

Metzger said the funding issues can also become political. This may occur when people think incarceration is the only option for a crime.

The drug-diversion group lasts a minimum of 18 months for clients, said Hoover-Grinde, who advises

FILM

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movies will be successful in 2016. Their top pick is the upcoming Disney release *Zootopia*, which the algorithm says has a greater than 50 percent chance of being profitable.

"We looked at the 'what's hot' each year sort of factor," Lash said. "The

animation genre has been hot lately with *Frozen* and stuff like that."

Nick Street, the head of the Tippie College of Business Management Sciences Department, said Zhao and Lash's study represents what their researchers are able to do.

"This is a nice example of data-mining computer science," he said, "People working on specific business-related problems in a

way other people don't know how to predict."

Because manually copying and pasting data from thousands of movies would be impossible, Lash had to create a code that would automatically collect statistics.

"I built what's called a web scraper to scrape lots of data from a site called Box Office Mojo, and later augmented that to scrape additional information from IMDB," he said. "We now have, I think,

more than 16,000 or 17,000 movies in our data base."

The researchers said they used an algorithm called "random forest" to predict profitability.

"We outsourced this prediction job to tens of thousands of prediction trees, and had them decide what is the best outcome," Zhao said.

So far, they've found their algorithm to be pretty accurate with movies that have been released in 2016.

"I looked at the freely-available information that the internet had circulated on movies that had already come out, and I was like, OK, it looks like we're doing pretty good," Lash said.

The researchers said a

few firms in Hollywood have already taken an interest in their findings.

"It does have potential to be used for purposes other than research," Zhao said. "We're just trying to do it for fun. We have more information than we could use."

HOUSING

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"When people think of what public health is, they think about issues like disease, infections and obesity. However, housing has a huge influence on personal health," she said.

Baquero said low-income housing is commonly found near environmental hazards. Major health issues, such as low birth rates, cardiovascular disease, and mental illness, cor-

relate with neighborhoods lacking resources.

"This just demonstrates bigger-picture issues surrounding adequate housing," Baquero said.

She also stressed the importance of widespread collaboration and open dialogues to aid in finding solutions.

"Sometimes, especially here in Iowa City, the low-income areas are hidden, and we need a change in policy so that these individuals can have more leverage to stand up for themselves," Baquero said.

Maryann Dennis, executive director of the Housing Fellowship, believes having affordable housing creates a better community.

"If people can afford their rent, utilities, and insurance without struggling, they stay. They stay for years, which creates a stable home, a stable family, and ultimately, a stable community," she said.

Dennis said the Housing Fellowship currently owns 171 homes scattered throughout North Liberty, Iowa City, and Coralville. The homes are rented to

low-income families.

"A majority of our renters work full-time," she said. "They cut our hair, bag our groceries, and take care of our disabled and our elderly. They deserve an affordable place to live in."

The Obermann Center plans on continuing affordable-housing conversations in the following months with other events.

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On the heels of Beyoncé's performance at the Super Bowl, where she referenced the Black Panthers, I'm reminded of a speech delivered by Huey Newton on the liberation of women's and gay movements. Newton, along with Bobby Seale, founded the Black Panthers.

This speech was given in 1970, a year after the Stonewall riots in New York City. In the speech, Newton showed his intellectual prowess in breaking down the animosity harbored for women and gay men. This speech helps to quash the sense of oppression among an oppressed people. I think that this speech is as cogent today as it was back then.

The main message that the Black Panthers had was to promote real equality among race, gender, and class. In the rules for members of the Black Panther party, there are many that can still apply to today. Rules like not committing crimes against black people or stealing or taking from them. This information does not just apply to members of the group but nonmembers as well. People of different ethnic groups could borrow and filter the message to make it applicable to them.

Violence is a phenomenon that affects not only the people involved but their children. It permeates in the relationships that the children have throughout their lives. Four in 10 couples have reported some type of relationship violence, according to the CDC.

In a study done by the National Coalition of Anti-violence programs on hate violence within the LGBTQ+ community, in

2014 gay survivors and victims represented almost 50 percent of the total reports. This number is down from last year, but there also has been a rise in violence against transgender persons.

As an African-American male who belongs to the LGBTQ+ community, these numbers make me feel very uncomfortable. I should not have to worry about being victimized by anyone. Sadly, in the world that we live in today, this is something that never escapes my mind. There are more innocent young African-American males getting killed and violently assaulted by men and women abusing their power. This speech being unearthed and presented in this generation is a necessity.

In the African-American community, being an LGBTQ+ identifying person immediately means that you have to fear for your life. There is so much built up animosity which may stem from insecurities within or the fear that they themselves are LGBTQ+ identifying. Women are also being demeaned in popular culture and reduced to mere stereotypes in the public eye. This causes any feminine voice that strives for equality and upward mobility to be silenced or ridiculed. This is not the way that it should be. If we want equality in one respect, we have to rectify the others. We revere Beyoncé for her Super Bowl performance, but we also should listen to the history behind it.

Huey Newton simply wanted men and women alike to join forces. To discriminate based on gender and sexuality is an archaic way of thinking, and it only halts progress. We are all fighting for the same end goal, equality for everyone. This message not only applies to African Americans, as stated in the speech. the content transcends race boundaries, and it is important to understand.

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An astronaut's view of a 'fragile, precarious Earth'

Scott Kelly is a bona fide American hero. He is an American astronaut who has spent more than 500 days in space across six missions. Most recently, he just passed 320-consecutive days on the Space Station as part of a yearlong study.

The study compares the impacts of space and zero-gravity on physical and mental conditions with Kelly's twin, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, who is undergoing similar tests on Earth. (Incidentally, he is the husband of former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot in the head in 2011, attracting national attention.)

As Scott Kelly surpassed his 320th day in space last week, he was interviewed by neurosurgeon Sanjay Gupta of CNN. Gupta asked Kelly a lot of questions about his unique perspective on the world and his unique situation.

Kelly talked about space travel in the public sector (he hoped that the next president would increase and continue to support funding for NASA) and in the private sector (saying that he views it as an amazing opportunity). But perhaps the most important statement Kelly made was about the apparent "health" of Earth from his one-of-a-kind view.

Specifically, Kelly told Gupta, according to CNN, that "when you look at the ... atmosphere on the limb of the Earth, I wouldn't say it looks unhealthy, but it definitely looks very, very fragile and just kind of like this thin film, so it looks like something that we definitely need to take care of."

Given Kelly's statements, the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes even more confident about the existence of global climate change and the need for substantial action. The unique perspective that Kelly provides may not drastically alter the course of environmental policy, but it provides a focal point to bring the vast, compli-

cated issue of climate change into a simple frame. And, furthermore, Kelly's opinions and views on the climate change and the sustainability problem provide insights that we've never seen before; some pressure will fall on him to stress the importance of change.

Kelly noted that from his perspective, there are areas in Asia and Central America that you must look at through a haze of pollution and that there are weather systems appearing in unusual places on Earth.

While it isn't necessarily Kelly's place as an astronaut to say humans are causing climate change or to specifically state what must be done to solve the issues the world is facing, he plays an important role in addressing the world issues.

Kelly will return to Earth in a matter of weeks and bring with him incredible data and information that may prove invaluable as government agencies and private organizations work toward putting humans on Mars.

This past year has been filled with progress for those who believe climate change is a human-caused issue. Candidates have made climate change and energy an important issue in debates and the latest Conference of the Parties marked the greatest leap forward in climate-change international policies in history.

The world is on the brink of making real, sustainable, and effective change to a world that appears to need it (according to scientists including Scott Kelly). Any information or ideas from qualified experts that can further shed light on how to handle environmental issues cannot be ignored. So although Kelly is an astronaut and not an environmental scientist, his comments, based on his vantage point from an orbiting satellite, give us a tangible sense of just how precarious Earth's situation has become.

GUEST OPINION

Yellow journalism strikes

In the Feb. 8, DI, the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board's decided to back "Obama's proposal" as prudent, "targeting the No. 1 national-security threat ... Russia."

This is Yellow Journalism.

Another Vietnam in the making?

"In February 2014, Russia invaded Crimea, which was then part of Ukraine — Crimea was annexed into the Russian Federation and set off a civil war."

Mark Mazzetti's report Oct. 15, 2014, *New York Times*: "CIA study Says arming rebels seldom works." The CIA has run guns to insurrections across the world during its 67-year history, from Angola to Nicaragua to Cuba. The CIA effort to train Syrian rebels is just the latest example of many American presidents' folly at using the spy agency to covertly arm and train rebel groups. An internal CIA study found that it rarely works.

In April 2013, President Obama authorized the CIA to begin a program to arm the rebels based in Jordan and expand the training mission with parallel Pentagon programs in Saudi Arabia training "vetted" rebels to battle ISIS, with the aim of training approximately 5,000 rebel troops per year.

Mark Thompson in "The U.S. War Against ISIS Is Going Nowhere," *Time*, Oct. 5, 2015: The first batch of specially trained moderate Syrian rebels deployed in late

July. "This group deemed adequately trained," says a spokesman for U.S. Centcom, responsible for the program.

"The American effort has failed in form and function," says a recently retired U.S. four-star general. "It will need to be completely reworked or dropped as a failure."

The war could be going even worse than it appears. U.S. intelligence analysts at Centcom have alleged that their military superiors [as in Vietnam] have been spinning the war to make it appear the ISIS campaign is going better than it actually is.

There are few good options available for the U.S. military in Syria. President Bashar al-Assad is fighting for his life, politically and otherwise, against all rebel factions, including ISIS. Rebel groups fighting among themselves, Kurdish forces fighting ISIS with U.S. aid, NATO ally Turkey is fighting the Kurds, complicating alliances. The chaos triggered the biggest refugee crisis in Europe since the end of World War II.

Republican presidential candidates believe "boots on the ground" is the answer. Over the past 15 years, the U.S. has tried several military strategies in this part of the world: in Iraq, massive ground-force invasion; Afghanistan, smaller ground-force invasion; Libya, overt air war supporting local forces on the ground; Yemen, drone campaign.

None have succeeded. Maybe there is no military solution to Syria and perhaps no solution at all.

The great distraction: Ukraine

Ukraine covers the entire southwestern frontier of Russia, and from the Russian point of view, it is the key to Russian national security.

Lothrop Stoddard and Glenn Frank in *Stakes of the War* (1918), "Ukraine Territories: Historical Background": the Ukrainians (also known as Little Russians and Ruthenians) was once the center of Russian life. The modern Great Russians (the people generally spoken of as Russians today) are really the descendants of colonists from the original Ukrainian center who migrated to the great forest regions of north Russia and there mingled their blood with Finnish tribes, becoming thereby a different stock.

They speculate what would become of Ukrainia (the original name) at the 1919 Peace Conference. An independent Ukrainia would certainly include both Russian and Austrian Ukrainians. Such a solution would satisfy Ukrainian nationalist aspirations, is unlikely.

Russia would not want to release her direct hold on the valuable economic resources of this area, nor lose direct access to the Black Sea.

Containment was the American strategy.

expand NATO unless sooner or later the West wanted NATO to be in a position to strike.

The turning point in relations between the United States and Russia came in 2004, when riots in Ukraine persuaded the Russians that the United States intended to destroy or tightly control them.

The Orange Revolution

The Orange Revolution rather than being a popular uprising was a carefully orchestrated coup, sponsored by the CIA and British MI6. Western money in Ukraine managed elections, but from the American point of view, there was nothing covert or menacing. Self-delusion, the U.S. was simply building democracy.

Containment was the American strategy.

The enemy of my enemy is also my enemy

After 9/11, the Russian cooperated with the United States in two ways. First providing access to the Northern Alliance. Second, Russia used its influence to obtain air and ground bases in the three countries — Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan — Russia also granted flight privileges over its territory.

Russia's understanding was that these bases were temporary, but after three years, the Americans showed no signs of leaving.

Mary Gravitt

With NATO on its doorstep, the Russians understandably became alarmed. Russia saw no reason for the West to

LETTERS

By the people, for the people

The fly in the ointment of our republican form of government is a Republican-controlled Congress that thwarts government of the people, by the people, and for the people at the behest of the hoarders of the world's and nation's wealth. This capacity to thwart the

conduct of the important business of we the people comes of things of Congress that need be changed.

To wit: (1) the power of established wealth via massive campaign propaganda needs to be ended by the public finance of elections, which the public already funds but has the power stripped away via resources run off into the greedy hands of the few that own the Republican Party and the

best politicians their money can buy. gerrymandering; (2) gerrymandering of House districts needs to be ended and members of that body either elected statewide or from districts apportioned in disregard to stacking the deck in favor of a minority; (3) the filibuster in the Senate needs to be eliminated, which currently allows a small vested interest to block the people's business with nothing more than a threat. The fact is that the powers of the executive and judiciary have been thwarted by a Congress that keeps anything of national importance from getting done because doing so favors those that control the shadow government of them, by them, and for them in disregard and thwart of the purpose to which the nation's founders set governance.

Sam Osborne

SWIM

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events.

The Hawkeye 200-medley relay of senior Allie Orvis, Sougstad, McNamara, and Kabacinski has the third-fastest time in the conference.

In the diving well, junior Lydia Lehnert will try to improve her sixth-place finish on the platform at the 2015 meet, in which she scored 292.40.

Kabacinski said the team feels confident heading to Ann Arbor and thinks the Hawks can make some noise in the pool before the week is over. She also said the championships will be a good opportunity for the senior class to give it one

more go in the pool.

"With this being my last Big Tens, I have the mindset of having as much fun as possible and really giving it my all every single race," Kabacinski said. "I'm excited to support my teammates at this meet. I think we could score more points than ever this year."

Competition will get started today with the 200-medley relay and 800-freestyle relays.

Thursday will hold preliminaries in the morning for the 500 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, and 1-meter diving. Thursday night will be devoted to the finals of the four events, as well as the 200-freestyle relay.

Friday morning pre-

liminaries will include the 400 individual medley, 100 fly, 200 free, 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke, and 3-meter diving. Continuing with the same format, finals for all six events will be held Friday night, along with the 400-medley relay.

The championships will wrap up on Saturday, with the preliminaries and finals of the 200 back, 100 free, 200 breast, 200 fly, 1,650 free, 400-free relay, and platform diving.

"It'll be a fun week with a great group of very talented girls," Sougstad said. "I think exciting things will happen for us in Ann Arbor."

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Iowa's Lydia Lehnert dives in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center during the Hawkeye Invitational on Dec. 5, 2014. The Iowa women's team won the meet with a score of 1,015.5. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

MBB

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shoot it better. You play with a little more confidence. You play a little bit better defense."

Whatever the reason for Penn State's relative success at home, the Hawkeye do have a win over the Nittany Lions.

Senior Jarrod Uthoff

led the Hawkeyes with 15 points in their 73-49 rout of Penn State on Feb. 3.

Clemmons and junior Peter Jok each added 12. But the Nittany Lions also bounced to the Hawkeyes from the Big



Uthoff

senior

Ten Tournament in Chicago as the No. 13 seed a season ago, so no one is looking past Penn State.

"I don't know to be honest; part of it is the way they play," senior Mike Gesell said.

Dom Uhl, Nicholas Baer, and Ahmad Wagner each had 8 points, although the bench saw extended minutes in the second half. The Hawkeyes never trailed,

and Penn State missed 19 of 20 3-point attempts.

McCaffery quickly dismissed the Nittany Lions' poor shooting as a fluke.

"They had some open looks for them that didn't go in ... They're not a team that's going to go 1 for 20 again," he said. "It's just one of those nights, and you hope it doesn't happen to you."

Still, Penn State seems to have more of those nights than most;

the Nittany Lions are just 12-13 on the year, 3-9 in the Big Ten.

The three wins are over Minnesota, Northwestern, and Indiana.



McCaffery

ana.

But the Hawkeyes were quick to point out the record is a non-issue and not something they are keen to look at. Especially in the Big Ten.

"You can't pay attention to the records, because once you do, that's when you slip up," Clemmons said. "In this league, everyone is able to compete."

WRESTLING

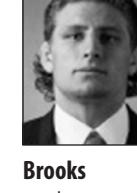
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trip to face Montana State-Northern, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics school.

The Hawkeyes won 51-0 against the Northern Lights, though the team was in Montana for more

than just a meet. It was an opportunity for the Hawks to promote themselves and also gave the team some time to rest. **Brooks**

"We kind of got a chance to do what we



Brooks

wanted, and it was a good bonding experience," Iowa 149-pounder Brandon Sorenson said. "Had a little down time, and it was just a really good time."

Rankings updates

Iowa 184-pounder Sam Brooks was the lone Hawkeye wrestler to make a move in the latest

Intermat rankings.

Brooks is up two spots, from No. 12 to No. 10. Iowa now has seven wrestlers in its starting lineup ranked in the top 10.

Thomas Gilman (125) and Sorenson are again ranked No. 2 at their weights. Cory Clark (133) remains at No. 3, while 197-pounder Nathan Burak rounds out the Iowa wrestlers in the top-5

staying at No. 4.

Alex Meyer (174) stays at No. 10, while Stoll came in at No. 7. Cooper also remained in the rankings at No. 18.

North Carolina State is also the Hawkeyes' final chance to improve their seeding in the Big Ten and NCAA Tournaments. It's a big deal — better seeds mean an easier path to the championship, and Iowa

needs every point it can get in those events.

"It's absolutely all about positioning yourself to win and to be dominant and successful toward the end of the season," Cooper said. "This is just another step toward that account."

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POLITICS

The evangelicals will **rise** again

AFTER IOWA, SOUTH CAROLINA PROVIDES ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR REPUBLICANS TO APPEAL TO EVANGELICAL VOTERS.

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Launching into his Iowa caucus night victory speech on Feb. 1, the eighth word that came out of the first-ever Latino to win a presidential caucus — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz — was God. Not a surprise for a candidate who frequently invokes the religious journey of his father, Pastor Rafael Cruz, but a hint at one of the coalitions that was key to his success.

Self-described evangelicals have long played a history in Iowa's Republican caucuses, and despite the eccentricities of some of the candidates, 2016 proved to be the same. Such results could foreshadow what might occur in the first-in-the-South primary in South Carolina.

"While people in the rest of the country seem to be going to church less ... South Carolina is still the buckle of the Bible Belt," said Gibbs Knotts professor and the head of political science at the College of Charleston.

The Palmetto State hews to the evangelical demographic of the Iowa caucuses much more closely than New Hampshire's primary. The Granite state is the second most secular state in the nation, but South Carolina is in the top five most religious, according to a Gallup Poll. But it should be noted the study places Iowa further down — 21 to be exact according to most recent poll conducted in 2014.

Support among these faith-centered voters powered televangelist Pat Robertson to a second place finish in 1988 and in recent years pushed former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum to unexpected victories in Iowa. And while the fervor of anger has been one of the main stories on both sides, Cruz's win is not surprising to someone like Christopher Budzisz, director of the Loras College Poll.

"Yet again, evangelicals largely coalesced around one candidate," Budzisz said.

Such a shift would seem to favor a hopeful like Cruz who has made very public efforts to organize pastors in Iowa and has followed the same setup in South Carolina.

But based on recent public-opinion polls and interviews with political experts, the first primary south of the Mason-Dixon line is Trump's to lose.

In fact, recent surveys of the state show white born-again evangelical support is too close to call between Cruz and Trump.

The union between a twice-divorced, brash, billionaire businessman and reality-TV star and evangelical conservatives may appear odd to say the least, said Dan Mathewson, a religion professor at Wofford College in Spartanburg. But Mathewson's research into the class divide among Southern evangelicals might explain Trump's following.

"What is happening is this class division and fault line that has always been has been coming more salient," said Mathewson who is an expert on American evangelism and has focused on upstate South Carolina, one of the state's hotbeds for the cohort. "They are attracted to Trump's message of outsider anger that resonates with their experience about being the outsider."

Asked why such a divide did not appear as noticeable on Feb. 1,

Budzisz pointed out that the caucuses tend to attract more affluent and higher educated voters.

The feeling of poor white Southerners being forgotten is rooted in pre-Civil War America, Mathewson said. But the chasm was only widened by Reconstruction and in recent decades exacerbated by rapid pace of globalization that continued the movement away from textile mill towns to multinational corporations.

But then there are Trump's flubs at professing his faith.

This summer in Ames, Trump said he had never asked God for forgiveness — something that appears foreign to believers who openly profess that they ask almost daily. At Liberty University, a private Christian college founded by televangelist Jerry Falwell in the 1970s, Trump elicited laughter and corrections from students when he called second Corinthians "two Corinthians." These examples say nothing of the New Yorker's proclivity to hurl vulgarity and insults at his fellow Republican hopefuls and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

But, Mathewson said, those examples are not nearly as important.

"The fact that he does not speak language of evangelicalism all that convincingly is secondary," Mathewson said of his appeal among poor white Southerners.

While overshadowed by his public doubting of Sen. John McCain as a war hero, Trump's comments about faith over the summer led to audible hushes and far more subdued crowd — to say nothing of the setting, which was an annual event for the Family Leader, an Iowa social-conservative-centric nonprofit founded by Bob Vander Plaats, a 2010 primary opponent to then-former Gov. Terry Branstad. A leading voice in the uproar after the state Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage, Vander Plaats eventually backed Cruz.

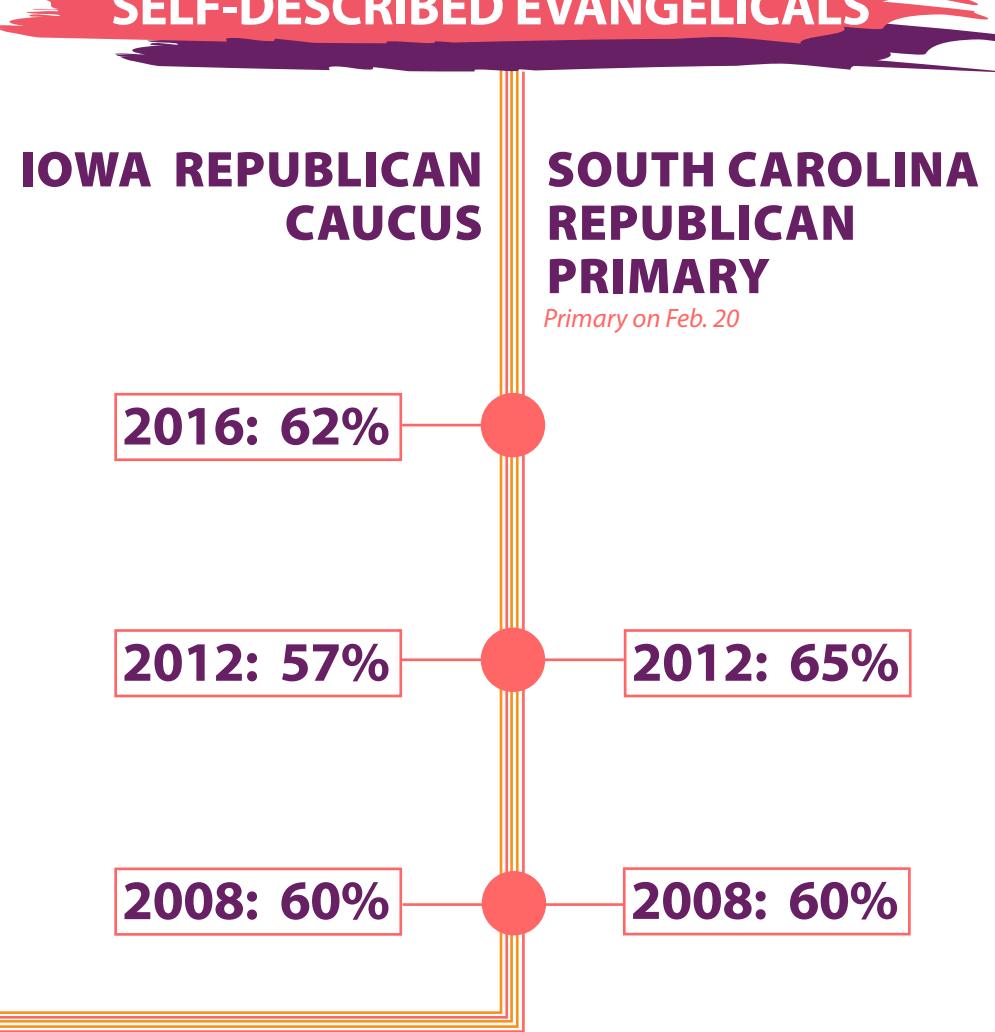
Beyond just demographics, Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses have long winnowed large fields of candidates. But as locals look to results in South Carolina this Saturday they will be curious if more establishment type Republicans can wiggle their way back into the conversation.

"From the beginning, it's been a three-man race," said Will Rogers, chairman of the Polk County GOP.

Rogers said maybe after the weekend, establishment Republicans will have their answer on if the alternative to Cruz and Trump is Sen. Marco Rubio, former Ohio Gov. John Kasich or former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

"...This in many ways is the last chance to emerge as one of the viable candidates," said Charles Bierbauer, dean and professor of the University of South Carolina's College of Information and Communications and a former CNN political correspondent.

And as for evangelicals, the efforts to curry their support are unlikely to fade anytime soon. Super Tuesday is less than a month away and for the first time features the "SEC primary," a collection of Southern states including: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Half of those states are in the top-10 most religious states in the entire country.



Source: New York Times entrance and exit polls

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Grassley mum on Supreme Court nominee hearing

When it comes to filling the open Supreme Court justice seat, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, has yet to say whether he will hold a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing for a nominee submitted by President Obama.



On Tuesday, he said he would like to wait until a presidential nominee is picked before making any decision on who should fill the justice seat.

Grassley
senator

— by Rebecca Morin

"In other words, take it a step at a time," the 82-year-old said, according to Radio Iowa. "This is a very serious position to fill, and it should be filled and debated during the campaign and filled by either Hillary Clinton, Sen. Sanders or whoever's nominated by the Republicans."

Justice Antonin Scalia, who had served on the Supreme Court since 1986, died on Feb. 13.

Obama also made a statement Tuesday during a news conference in California shortly after Grassley's announcement.

"There's no unwritten law that says that [Supreme Court nominations] can only be done on off years," the president said.

Obama has not said when he is going to nominate a justice, but said he will do it in due time.

— by Rebecca Morin

The University of Iowa Iowa Electronic Market is a small-scale futures market that uses real money that can lead to a payoff depending on economic and political events — including the 2016 Presidential Election. The stocks are based on \$1.

Here are the bids for the 2016 Presidential Vote Share Market, which is similar to a poll that will determine which party a voter will choose.

The number of votes Democrats could get has gone up, but the number of votes Republicans could get has gone unchanged. According to the latest bid, Democrats will lead with the number of votes, compared with Republicans.

	BID	ASK	LAST
DEMOCRAT	0.483	0.594	0.598
REPUBLICAN	0.426	0.483	0.466

Here are the bids for the 2016 Winner-Take-All Market, in which the prices in the graph are the probability of that party being chosen. According to the latest bid, the probability Democrats will win has gone down from about 63 percent to 61 percent. The probability for Republicans has remained unchanged.

	BID	ASK	LAST
DEMOCRAT	0.615	0.625	0.612
REPUBLICAN	0.377	0.400	0.407

WORLD

University of Iowa aids int'l settling in

For international students, a move to the U.S. can bring significant levels of stress — and the University of Iowa is trying to help.

By BEN POSS

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College life can be a huge adjustment for students, especially when home is more than 1,000 miles away.

The struggle international students face in making an easy transition to life in the United States isn't always smooth, but there are many programs on campus that can help students better make the adjustment.

According to a 2015 Profile of International Student and Scholar Statistics, there are 4,120 enrolled international students at the University of Iowa.

Because of social norms learned in their native country, sometimes international students may hesitate to get mental-health help.

"One of the issues we

face is the concept of mental-health counseling not being the norm in the countries that these students are from," said Lee Seedorff, senior associate director for International Student and Scholar Services. "The value of having a counselor and talking about an issue can be alien to students."

One of the ways the UI tries to combat this issue is by presenting international students with mental health services during Orientation.

"That's when we start to help people learn what it is so they can start getting help right away if they need it because of adjustment and culture shock,"



Liu
staff psychologist

Seedorff said.

One place available for international students to discuss adjustment challenges is in the international student conversation group. Run through University Counseling Services, the group has helped many students realize they aren't the only one experiencing these struggles.

Staff psychologist Scott Liu is the coordinator for the conversation group.

"It's a program for students to get together in a supporting environment to discuss academic learning and processing, get to know American culture, and get to know cultural practices in the United States," he said.

Some students face adjustment challenges such as: trouble sleeping, headaches, anxiety, stress, feeling isolated, drinking, and drug use.

ACCORDING TO A 2015 PROFILE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR STATISTICS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 4,120 ENROLLED STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The group is run non-clinically, with meetings once a week in a casual setting.

"It allows them to know that they're not the only one struggling," Liu said. "Talking about shared experience helps them realize this. Having their peers around them. They all can learn and share about their own process of adjustment."

Another focus of the group is to assist students in learning English, because this is often a barrier many must overcome.

A common misconception about some international students, Chinese in particular, is that they don't want to make any American friends and prefer to stay in their niche, said Caroline Liu, the president of the Heart Workshop.

"I think the domestic students sometimes stereotype Chinese students," she said. "They think we prefer to stay with other Chinese students. Actually, that's not true. Most of us still want to get involved in American culture. That's

why we came to the U.S." The Heart Workshop is a student organization on campus that works to breed communication between domestic and Chinese students, holding a variety of events and socials. It also promotes mental-health awareness and provide professional resources.

"We provide a place where people can come talk about their stress," Caroline Liu said. "Most of them feel really strange and alone. We provide a place where people can come talk about that."

Friending beyond borders

One University of Iowa program brings both international and domestic students together to forge friendships.

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A program on campus that works to connect international students with American students has proven to be successful in its second year.

The University of Iowa Friends Without Borders, which is put on through the International Student and Scholar Services, pairs international and American students to help the international student feels at home at the UI.

"We try to cultivate international students' connections with American students that have showed interest in befriending international students," said Kevin Roseland, an International Student and Scholar adviser.

Roseland said the program is in its second year. Last year the program had 40 pairs, and this year it had around 30.

"There's a lot more interest than we are able to accommodate," he



Roseland
advisor

said. "Pairing students up and finding events takes some labor. We have seven people in our office and over 4,000 students to serve."

The program begins with an event at the beginning of the year in which students are paired up and exchange contact information.

Students can win prizes, including gift cards and tickets to sporting events. This gives them more chances to spend time together.

Two such students in the program are Paige Noble, a UI sophomore from Sioux City, and Yihui Wang, a UI freshman from China. Both

spoke positively about their experience.

"I was on Google trying to find ways to connect with international students," Noble said. "I moved around a lot as a kid, and I know what it's like being new and not

knowing a lot of people." Wang said she heard about the program during Orientation Week.

"I just wanted to make friends with local students, so I thought it was a good opportunity," she said.

The pair said they

have shared many new cultural experiences together.

"She taught me how to make sushi and bubble tea," Noble said. "She tried a Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte and Pancho's for the first time."

The pair said they also attended a few basketball games, made cupcakes, and went to a few Chinese events.

"It's not really a mentor relationship," Roseland said. "It's just a way to get connected and to help a new arrival make some American

connections."

Wang said her friendship with Noble has made her feel more comfortable in America.

"When I talk to my parents, they are more relaxed," she said. "It makes me feel at home

to have a friend."

The program is a great way to integrate the students, Roseland said.

"They're tempted to hang around with the people they know from the same area as them," he said. "This

helps them to make a new friend outside of the people they know."

Both Noble and Wang said they want to remain friends after the school year is done.

"I want to travel to Beijing to visit," Noble said.

Roseland said the goal of the program is to create a positive friendship within the students.

"It's an asset to the community to have that kind of positive connection," he said. "Even if out of the 30 pairs, only half of them develop into a friendship, that's worth the time to put the program together."

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— Kevin Roseland, International student and Scholar advisor

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Hawkeye baseball seeks to stay hot

By JAKE MOSBACH
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After its best seasons in more than two decades, the Iowa baseball team will attempt to keep the hot streak going in 2016 — a task that certainly won't be easy.

The Hawkeyes' 41-18 record and NCAA Tournament regional appearance last season made headlines, but now the team will try to find its identity in a college sport dominated by schools from the South and West Coast in recent years.

Iowa head coach Rick Heller isn't too concerned with the challenge of continuing last season's suc-

cess. At the team's media day last week, Heller said there was no stress about succeeding again.

"I don't think there's any pressure," he said. "This year's team is differ-

'I hope this next group of leaders steps up and manages from within ... that's our culture and how we handle our business.'

— Rick Heller, head coach

ent. It's a different group of guys and a different group of leaders, but the foundation was laid by the guys who left last year."

This year's team will face a college-baseball landscape that remains largely unchanged from

last year. Twenty-one of the top-25 ranked teams in the most recent National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association poll were located in Southern

dominated the sport for decades. They have no problems recruiting the best players in the nation.

But for the Hawkeyes, success has hard to come by, and top-level recruits have been difficult to lure.

Heller said the state of the program would be determined by how this group will handle the loss of certain leaders. He doesn't expect the the squad to compete with the baseball blue bloods right now, but he's definitely confident that the Hawkeyes will put up a fight.

"When you lose guys like we did, there's going to be time in between," Heller said. "You just have to hope that your culture

is good enough and your players are tough enough to overachieve."

With a relatively obscure team before last year's booming success, it's no secret that the baseball culture around the Hawkeye program hasn't been very well-known.

Certainly, it's nowhere near the annual powerhouses. It'll take a few more years of success to build up a culture that monumental. However, Heller thinks that this team could be on its way to start-

ing something like that.

"I hope this next group of leaders steps up and manages from within ... that's our culture and how we handle our business," he said.

So when the Hawks take the field for the first time this weekend in Dallas, they'll do so knowing that, at the moment, they aren't a part of an annual college powerhouse.

They'll know that they aren't from the South or the West Coast, that they aren't ranked in the top 25 to begin the new season.

But after recent success, internal leadership that rivals that of last season, and the confidence of Heller, they could be well on their way.



Heller
head coach

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A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend

- Before judging the shabby way I dress, I think it's important to take note of the fact that all of my outfits are rescues.

- Probably my greatest strength is my ability to stop the conversation cold with a joke that goes too far; then punctuate that silence with most awkward "anyhoo" possible.

- Jessica Rabbit, Holli Wood, and Betty Boop? Never found them very sexy. Lola Bunny and Gadget Hackwrench? Was always totally into it. But I also dug hard on Debbie Thornberry, so I think everyone can agree I'm perfectly sane and normal.

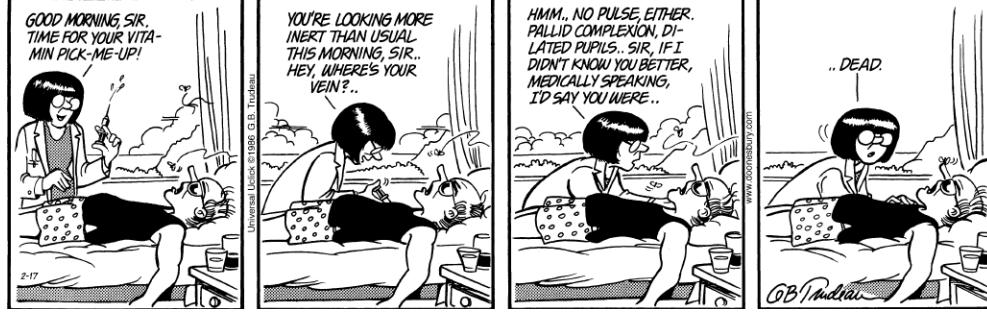
- I will never ask you to bleach your anus, and thanks to an unfortunate drunken night in dorms when I ran out of Easy Cheese but had a surfeit of Colgate Optic White toothpaste, you'll never need ask me to bleach mine.

- If a television show doesn't have lyrics that go along with its opening credits, I will create some very simple ones. (Example: Maaad Men, Maaad Men, Maaad Men, Maaad Men, Maaad Men, Dom-ald Dra-per falliiiiiiiiing.) For this reason, we should probably not watch "Game of Thrones" together.

- In the Book of My Life, I am an unreliable narrator.

Andrew R. Juhl will tell you even more at tonight's Bar Exam at Micky's from 10 p.m.-midnight.

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• **Chief Diversity Office Weekly Conversations**, noon, University Capitol Center Diversity Center Multi-purpose Room

• **Graduate Student Support Group**, noon, University Counseling Service, S3223 Westlawn

• **Hawk Leader Session: Conflict Negotiation/Listening**, noon, 337 IMU

• **Anatomy/Cell Biology Seminar**, Zhao Sun & Daniel Kelpsch, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen

• **Iowa Hispanic Institute Summer Program Info Session**, 5 p.m., 313 Phillips

• **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Korby Lenker, fiction, 7 p.m., 15 S. Dubuque

• **Artist Talk: Eliza Au**, ceramics, 7:30 p.m., 116 Art Building West

• **Symphony Orchestra**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

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Wednesday, February 17, 2016

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Change can be good if you think things through instead of jumping from one place to another without a plan. You will be granted favors and be given options if you ask. Romance and personal improvements should be a priority.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Lighten up, collaborate, and compromise. How you deal with people will be the difference between getting what you want and being denied. Aim to finish what you start, and try to do so congenitally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Express your feelings and thoughts about self-improvement, philosophy, or a new direction you want to pursue. You will get enough feedback to make a suitable choice. Beware of anyone who is trying to persuade you to be extravagant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider a challenge to be a learning experience, and face it head-on. You can gain ground if you are open-minded and willing to take action in support of your goals and beliefs. Make positive changes to an important relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Start conversations that will help a partnership grow. Making positive suggestions and giving others the chance to participate will bring you closer together and help you achieve a bright future. Romance will change your life for the better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan for the future. Accept any changes that come your way, but don't invite risk into your life. Protect your assets, and avoid joint ventures involving money or legal matters. Take on a physical challenge that will help ease your stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll charm and entice those you come in contact with today. Don't be afraid to use your intelligence and persuasiveness to bring about the changes you would like to see happen. If you want something, ask for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stick close to home, and do the things that allow you to use your skills in a creative way. Don't let what others say get to you or interfere with your plans. Avoid disputes, and do your best to improve your environment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your unpredictable nature will cost you. Be careful, or someone will misinterpret what you are trying to say. It's important to stick to projects that promise to bring about positive change. Someone from your past will want to reunite.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look over contracts, and make changes to ensure you get what you want. Taking a strong position when negotiating will work in your favor. Don't let what someone else does affect a decision you have to make. Take care of business your own way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Children will brighten your day. Do something that gives you the incentive to look and be your best. You'll attract attention and good fortune if you are true to yourself and the ones you love. Make your surroundings more convenient and comfortable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have trouble figuring things out. Don't fool yourself into thinking that everyone is being honest, loyal, or looking out for your best interests. Do your research before you sign up for something that requires time or money.

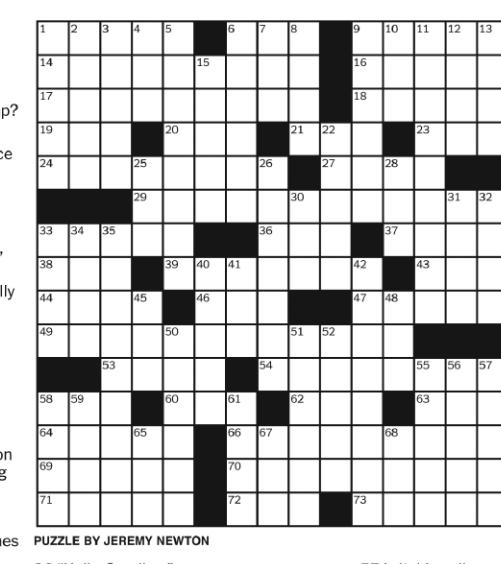


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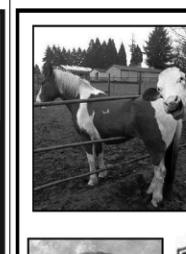
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HAWKS WARY OF LION 'TRAP'

By IAN MURPHY | ian-murphy@uiowa.edu

The Iowa men's basketball team blew out Penn State at home in the teams' first matchup of the season.

The second matchup, at 5:30 p.m. today in Happy Valley, comes on the heels of the Hawks' surprisingly close game against Minnesota.

On paper, the No. 4 Hawkeyes, at 20-5 on the year, 11-2 in the Big Ten, should run the Nittany Lions out of their own gym. However, the Hawkeyes seem to be playing a bit sluggishly recently, and tonight has a classic "trap game" feel to it.

Penn State beat Indiana — one of two Big Ten teams to beat the Hawkeyes this season — 70-64 in University Park on Feb. 6.

While the marquee wins don't come often for Penn State in the Bryce Jordan Center, but when they do, they make a splash.

"I think they're going to be ready for us, and we're going to be ready for them," senior Anthony Clemmons said.

Clemmons said he couldn't explain why he and his teammates find Penn State a hard place to play, just that it is.

Head coach Fran McCaffery, however, said it's obvious a team will play better at home.

"I'd be surprised if the numbers were any different. The home team wins 75 percent of the time across the board," he said. "Teams

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THE BOX SCORE

All kinds of rebounding needed

By JAKE MOSBACH
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Monday night in Minneapolis, the Hawkeye women's basketball team was dealt another gut-wrenching blow in the form of a Rachel Banham buzzer-beating 3-pointer, giving the Gophers a 78-76 win.

Now sitting at 15-11 overall, 5-9 in the Big Ten, the Hawks have some work to do if a run at the NCAA Tournament is going to be a possibility.

Up next for Iowa is Purdue, a team that beat the Hawkeyes, 90-73, in West Lafayette on Jan. 24. Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder is confident her squad can exact revenge on the Boilermakers Thursday night in Carver-Hawkeye.

Purdue's record in the last nine games — 2-7

The Boilermakers started off Big Ten play in impressive fashion, winning their first five conference games. The next stretch, however, hasn't been too kind to Purdue. Playing a slew of ranked teams, the team has slumped to 7-7 in Big Ten play, 16-9 overall.

This is a team that, after a hot start, appears vulnerable. The Hawks have a chance to finish the conference season strong and improve their seeding heading

in to the Big Ten Tournament, and it must start on Thursday.

A win against the Boilermakers could greatly improve team morale, a pick-me-up that Bluder's Hawks desperately need.

Gustafson average rebounds over the last six games — 12.2

The freshman forward from Port Wing, Wisconsin, has been a double-double fiend recently, corralling a career-high 19 boards against Minnesota on Monday night. That's the most rebounds for a Hawkeye since Sam Logic had 17 in a game in 2013.

Out-rebounding their opponents has been a staple for the Hawks this season, and while the wins haven't come recently, Iowa's efforts on the offensive and defensive glass will only help at this point in the season.

Iowa free-throw percentage against Minnesota — 100 (16-for-16)

Like Gustafson's impressive rebounding number, there were other positives to Monday night's loss. One came in the form of a perfect



Gustafson
freshman



Iowa's Christina Buttenham dribbles down court in the Carver-Hawkeye on Feb 11. The Hawkeyes lost to the Buckeyes, 98-81. (The Daily Iowan/Karley Finkel)

free-throw percentage.

The Hawks are shooting 73.1 percent from the line this season, good enough for sixth place in the Big Ten. Purdue sits fourth in the conference, shooting 74.2 percent from the line.

The free-throw battle will be hotly contested in Carver-Hawkeye on Thursday night. If the Hawks can shoot anywhere close to the 100 percent they did against Minnesota, revenge against the Boilermakers is possible.

Purdue steals per game — 9.2

The Boilermakers enter Thursday night second in the conference in steals per

game. This won't bode well for a Hawkeye squad prone to turnovers — they're averaging 16.1 per-game.

Sometimes appearing out of control, Bluder's offense needs to remain even-keeled throughout Thursday's game if a win is in the cards. The speedy, active hands of Purdue might rattle the young Iowa team at times, but this is where the true maturity — or lack thereof — will show.

Tip-off for Thursday night's game against Purdue is set for 7 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye.

Follow **@RealJakeMosbach** on Twitter for Iowa women's basketball news, updates, and analysis.

NOTEBOOK

Wrestlers primed for Wolfpack

By JORDAN HANSEN
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For the second time this season, the Iowa wrestling team will meet No. 4 North Carolina State on the mat.

The Feb. 22 contest, part of the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals, will be the first dual meet between the two this season. The Wolfpack competed in the Midland Championships earlier this season, finishing fourth.

Five Hawkeye wrestlers faced North Carolina State opponents during the tournament, winning three matches and losing two.

"Their kid beat me at Midlands, so it's time to step it up and narrow my focus down," Iowa 157-pounder Edwin Cooper Jr. said. "We're looking forward to seeing them."

Cooper dropped a match to No. 4 Tommy Gant, and Iowa heavyweight Sam Stoll lost to No. 1 Nick Gwiadowski. Neither Wolfpack wrestler has lost a match this season.

In fact, Gwiadowski has won 81 matches in a row, including back-to-back national championships. A tall task, for sure, but also a huge opportunity that could give Stoll plenty of momentum heading into the rest of championship season.

Regardless of the results of the heavyweight bout, the entire dual promises to be exciting. The teams combine to have 11 wrestlers ranked in the top 10 of their weight classes and seven of them in the top five.

"We have to be ready to wrestle our matches," head coach Tom Brands said. "You look at how the matchups look on paper, and we're excited for all of them."

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Iowa returned on Sunday from a

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Swimmers head to Big Ten meet

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The eyes of the Big Ten swimming community will look toward Ann Arbor as the Iowa women's swimming and diving team, along with the rest of the conference, heads to Michigan's campus for the Big Ten Championships today through Saturday.

The Iowa women ended the Big Ten regular season with a 2-3 record, with wins coming against Michigan State and Illinois. The Hawkeyes finished the season 8-4 in dual meets.

The Hawkeyes will try to improve upon their performance at last season's Big Tens, in which they placed eighth with 223 points.

However, with that eighth-place finish also came 10 school records and one in the diving well, something to strive for again this season.



Sougstad
junior

Junior Emma Sougstad finished better than eighth in eight events at last year's Big Tens, and she will try to be Iowa's second individual champion in the last 15 years. Then-senior Becky Stoughton won the 1,650 freestyle last year, the first title for the Hawkeyes since 2001.

"It would mean so much to me to be a Big Ten champion, but I'm not going to lose sleep over it," Sougstad said. "I love to represent my program, my teammates, and my God, so it'll be a fun week to see what can happen."

Iowa has four swimmers with top-10 times in the Big Ten in different events, including sophomore Meghan Lavelle in the 100 backstroke, senior Olivia Kabacinski in the 50 freestyle, freshman Kelly McNamara in the 100 butterfly, and Sougstad in four

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