

CUBA MAY AID IOWA FARMERS

With a developing relationship between the United States and Cuba, Iowa farmers can benefit with new trade opportunities.



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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack was among a group of American officials who accompanied President Obama on his historic visit to Cuba on Monday, and Iowa farmers are seeing dollar signs.

Vilsack met with Cuban minister of Agriculture Gustavo Rodriguez Rollero “to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes a framework for sharing ideas and research between the two countries,” said a statement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture released Monday.

The joint research activities proposed by Vilsack include nutritional research and guidance, plate-waste studies that determine “what kids eat and what they discard,” and nutritional studies aimed at improving health and lowering disease, according to the statement.

Iowa food producers see this proposed research-sharing as a sign of future trade expansion with Cuba, which they say will benefit Iowans especially.

“They tend to import a vast majority of their food and agricultural prod-

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LEFT: TOM VILSACK, U.S. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
RIGHT: RAUL CASTRO, PRESIDENT OF CUBA



IC man arrested in 1985 case

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The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, while working in cooperation with the Coralville police, has arrested a man in the 1985 slaying of Lance DeWoody.

On Aug. 13, 1985, police discovered the body of DeWoody, 22, on the floor of a picnic shelter at the University of Iowa Oakdale Campus.

An autopsy was performed, and officials determined cause of death was two gunshot wounds to the head and face. The case was ruled a homicide.

Authorities arrested Anthony Burtch, 57, of Iowa City on Thursday and charged him with first-degree murder.

During the investigation, authorities determined DeWoody was dating the wife of Burtch, with whom he spent the evening of Aug. 12, 1985. Afterwards, Burtch's wife returned home, and Burtch left for approximately an hour and a half. Investigators believe Burtch killed DeWoody during this time.

In the time leading up to the homicide, witnesses said they heard Burtch stating he was going to kill DeWoody.

According to the criminal complaint, Burtch initially told investigators a trio of men had harassed him and DeWoody for months leading up to the murder. A witness claimed Burtch provided DeWoody a piece of paper with the names of those men. Investigators were able to locate that piece of paper during the investigation and later determined that the men did not exist.

In January, while being interviewed by a DCI agent, Burtch denied having been harassed by the trio of men prior to the night of DeWoody's death. DCI agents were able to obtain a sample of Burtch's DNA to compare with DNA found at the crime scene. It was at this point Burtch agreed he “would get buried on the sci-



Burtch
defendant

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Blum sticks to his guns

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Freshman Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, has a bullseye on his back heading into the election this fall — and he couldn't be happier about it.

“I love it. I love being a target. What are we, third, fourth?” Blum asked one of his staffers, sitting opposite of him in his office on Capitol Hill, just how “at risk” his seat was.

“It goes up and down,” the staffer replied. Blum shook his head.

“I wish I was the No. 1 target.”

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Democrats, both in the Hawkeye State and nationwide, have been gunning for Blum's seat in Iowa's 1st Congressional District for most of his first term. Monica Vernon, a Cedar Rapids city councilor and mayor pro tem, announced her challenge to Blum fewer than two weeks after he took office.

“She knew Rod Blum wasn't going to represent us in Washington, and she rolled up her sleeves and got to work,” said

Michelle Gajewski, Vernon's campaign manager.

At the time, Vernon was coming off of two losses in the 2014 Iowa elections — the first in a 1st Congressional District primary showdown among five other Democrats and the second from her lieutenant-governor spot on the Democratic gubernatorial ticket she shared with state Sen. Jack Hatch.

Iowa state Rep. Pat Murphy, who emerged victorious from the robust Democratic primary in 2014 only to lose the 1st District to Blum, will challenge Vernon once again for the nomination this year.

Both Democratic challengers agree that Blum's victory in 2014 was something of a fluke. Surprisingly, Blum agrees — somewhat.

“It's a Democratic district, that's why,” Blum said. He continued, however, by noting the strong contingency of independent voters in the northeastern Iowa district guaranteed his win.

Voters registered as “no party” made up roughly 40 percent of active voters in the district in March, no more than Democrats or Republicans, according to data from Iowa Secretary of State's Office.



Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, talks with Daily Iowan reporters on March 16. (The Daily Iowan/Stacey Murray)

So how did such a promising Democratic field fail to defeat Rod Blum two years ago, in a district full of purple voters?

Mike McLaughlin, Murphy's campaign manager, called the loss just another casualty in a bad year for Democrats in Iowa.

“We had the lowest turnout since World War II,” he said. “We certainly weren't helped by the Hatch-Vernon ticket being the worst performing Democratic ticket in state history.”

Others attribute Blum's victory to his willingness to go negative — something Democrats weren't willing to do.

“Pat Murphy had a really strong philosophy of not getting down and dirty in the campaign,” said Walt Pregler, the chairman of the Dubuque County Democrats.

Blum wasted little time getting to work in Congress doing the one thing he promised Io-

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Peters aims at moderates

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Coralville surgeon and former Libertarian Party National Committee member Chris Peters vows to bring a positive-minded, moderate Republican fight to Congress if elected this year in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District.

Peters, 55, is a surgeon and the owner of Corridor Surgery and Vein Center. The native of Lawrence, Kansas, is not nearly so well-known as the Democratic incumbent, Rep. Dave Loebsack of Iowa City. He was an independent and libertarian before becoming a registered Republican.

Here are five things to know about Peters:

Independent voters:

Peters will run a campaign focused on appealing to independent-minded voters in the district and those fed up with the two-party (Republican and Democratic) system, he said this week. While ophthalmologist Mariannette Miller-Meeks — who ran against Loebsack three times, most recently in 2014 — was seen as an



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Flowers grow along Jefferson Street on Thursday, as spring slowly makes its way to the Iowa mountains. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

THE ASIDE

It's in the cards



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Why do we all love watching Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright act so damn evil? Is there some deep, dark, and as-of-yet unexplored part of us that we recognize in them, or is there something inherently attractive about their particular brand of bad? After a lackluster third installment of Netflix's pioneering show (really, can we please forget it even happened?) the fourth season of "House of Cards" brought back much of what we loved — and feared — about Frank and Claire Underwood.

son, reminds you to refer to him as such — upset Claire by refusing to focus any of his attention on furthering her career. He, in turn, felt slighted by her, claiming she was unsupportive of him during what ended up being a closely contested re-election.

While it is understandable why the writers chose to further their plot and heighten the show's tension with this marital rift, the failure of the third season can largely be pinned on this decision.

Although it did provide for moments of interesting drama, the simple fact remains that the Underwoods are at their reptilian best when they are a team. There is perhaps no better duo of supervillains on TV, and Netflix made good on its past mistakes by bringing the couple back together in season four.

In addition to the aforementioned election, which serves as the show's narrative backbone, there were substantial aspects of this

season that mirrored some of the most pressing issues recently confronted in reality.

The previous season's undulating crisis with Russia and its Putinesque president (played by a brilliant Lars Mikkelsen, older brother of Mads) comes to a head, there is a scandal involving one of the candidate's father being involved with the KKK, a hostage situation and (spoiler) subsequent decapitation video orchestrated by the Islamic Caliphate Organization, and some more-than-questionable use of third-party surveillance technology by the NSA.

Spacey and Wright are technically impeccable, as usual, and are once again able to conjure up an arcane concoction of evil, ambition, and sex appeal with their performances. This season welcomes back its usual cast of characters. Notably, Michael Kelly returns as Underwood's recovering alcoholic Chief of Staff Doug Stamper, and Elizabeth Marvel makes

another series of appearances as Underwood's boringly righteous opponent in the Democratic primary.

Fresh faces also appear and deliver the show an added kick and some interesting new twists. Claire's mother, Elizabeth Hale (played by the genius Ellen Burstyn) is especially pleasurable to watch as she wishes death upon Frank and enters a fatal battle with cancer.

In terms of the season's many new plot developments, however, no two new characters are more instrumental than Leann Harvey, a political consultant played by the excellent Neve Campbell, and Damian Young, the head of an elite analytics firm that the Underwoods use to gain an upper hand during the election.

For those disheartened by the feeling that the show might've played all of its cards in season three, this new installment in the Underwood legacy puts wind back in the show's sails, and in doing so, rights the ship.

Film focuses on Workshop alum

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Iowa and Hollywood will get a little closer this summer.

In August 2016, an Iowa Writers' Workshop alumnus will costar in a film directed by James Franco.

David Shields explores questions about life and art in his new book and film, *I Think You're Totally Wrong: A Quarrel*.

The book is the script of an argument that Shields had with a former student of his, Caleb Powell. Powell and Shields cowrote the book and costarred in the film based on it, which is directed by James Franco and will come out in this summer.

"It concerns revealing secrets, certain betrayals, and what sacrifices an artist would make for life and vice versa," Powell said. "Would you betray a wife, family, friend, editor, important business acquaintance, if it would help promote your art

and career?"

Shields said the book was in the format of an argument in order to mirror real-life arguments that he and Powell often had.

"Caleb basically drove me nuts," he said. "From the moment I met him, he got under my skin, and I think I got under his skin. I'm a writer, and I'm always looking for friction and tension. I had to either block Caleb from my email and Twitter account, or I had to do something about it."

Shields said the book caught the attention of Franco, who was one of his graduate students in Columbia University's M.F.A. Creative Writing program. "Franco was becoming a director at the time and directing a lot of low-budget movies. Caleb and I shortened the book down to half its length, called it a script, and we went down to LA to try to shoot."

While shooting the movie, Shields, Powell, and Franco strayed from the script and

broke into a real argument.

"David and I, when writing the book, came to agree that some of the secrets we shared should be better left out of the book," said Powells. "But some secrets came out on camera, and this created tension."

Shields said throwing out the original script made the project a better movie.

Powell's refusal to bring real-life secrets into the film perfectly demonstrated the conflict between life and art that the book and movie was about, Shields said. To him, that was the most interesting part of the film.

David Hamilton, a professor emeritus of English and the editor of the *Iowa Review*, said Shields has developed a reputation in the literary field.

"He became somewhat celebrated for preferring fact to fiction, or at least nonfiction to fiction and for being cagey about just how fictive his nonfiction might be," said Hamilton. "And he is a very

industrious, hard-working, productive writer, and often quite funny."

Shields gave up fiction writing and novel writing a long time ago.

"I wrote three novels from my 20s to my mid-30s, and then halfway through my fourth novel I could no longer write the novel," he said. "I spent 20 years trying to figure out why the novel went dead of me."

Now, Shields said, his work is more focused on how art and literature interacts with the modern world.

"I'm trying to argue for a very contemporary boundary-jumping form that captures more what it's like to live in 2016," he said. "I find it an act of bad faith that so many contemporary novelists are still producing a 19th-century novel. A lot of my books are genre-blurring things that are trying to be examples of how contemporary art can make itself new."

CRIME

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ences of this thing." Burtch is being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Coralville Chief of Police Barry Bedford said this case was one Coralville police kept on their radar.

"Over the last 30 years, we've reviewed this case three or four times. We were always trying to get a fresh look at it," Bedford

said. "Technology and new information has really helped us come to this point. Back in 1985, we didn't always have the ability to check for DNA, and even when we did, the results weren't always accurate."

Bedford said even with some additional help, the case was a challenge.

"We periodically go back to old cases. We picked up this one in 2013 and started reviewing it again with help of the primary investigator who was in charge of the case in 1985," he said. "Some of

the challenges we had with this cold case had to do with how old it was. The primary investigator — he retired in 1985, and new guys picking up this case don't know anything about it. It's also difficult to track down people, people move, get sick, die, memories can go bad. All of these things make it tough."

Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said witnesses play a crucial role in investigating cases such as this.

"With any cold case, we really have to keep looking for

witnesses and make sure that we're asking them all the right questions. Being able to get the resources fresh and allowing witnesses to recall what statements are true and what aren't is key to piecing cold cases together," Lyness said. "We do this job because there are victims still out there, and we don't want them to be forgotten."

Lyness said DeWoody's family have expressed their thanks to the Coralville police, DCI, and the Johnson County Attorney's Office for their work on the investigation.

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establishment Republican candidate, Peters said an antiestablishment choice is needed in the district, because a large bloc of no-party voters lives there.

Rand Paul ally:

Peters supported Sen.

Rand Paul, R-Ky., in person and financially in Paul's bid for president during the run-up to the 2016 Iowa caucuses. He said he admires the Kentucky lawmaker and if elected, would want to emulate the work of Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., a libertarian, gun-rights advocate who is known for driving around his home state in a Tesla and supporting bipartisan legislation in the House.

Marijuana supporter:

Peters supports federal marijuana rescheduling and supports states' power to regulate marijuana. Peters said marijuana users should not be incarcerated and suggested small fines should be distributed in cities and states that do not permit marijuana use.

Dove or hawk? Neither:

Peters, who has worked at a military hospital, said he doesn't like being labeled a "dove" or "hawk," two political terms often attached to politicians based on their foreign-policy positions. "Hawks" are those who advocate a firm foreign policy based supported by a strong military. "Doves," on the other hand, try to resolve international conflicts without the threat of military action. Peters was opposed to the

2003 invasion of Iraq that signaled the start of the Iraq War. But he supported the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan that followed the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He was an officer in the U.S. Army medical corps for nine years.

Supreme Court:

Peters is split with much of the Republican Party about the on-going dispute as to whether a new Su-

preme Court justice should be confirmed this year. He says hearings for appointment should not wait until the next president is elected. He criticized U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, for not holding hearings for Judge Merrick Garland, the moderate D.C. Circuit judge President Obama nominated earlier this month. Peters praised Obama for "picking someone who is in the middle of the pack."

CUBA

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ucts," said Chad Hart, a professor of economics at Iowa State University who specializes in crop markets. "So they're a good trade partner in the goods that Iowa produces."

According to data from the World Food Programme, Cuba imports 70 to 80 percent of the food required to feed its 11 million citizens, a demand that Iowa's strong agriculture sector is easily able to fill.

Hart listed the Midwestern United States — along with the Black Sea region and the Amazon plain — as one of the major agriculture powerhouses of the world.

"Those three areas in the world basically help create

the crops that drive the agricultural production that supports everywhere else," he said.

Iowa's advanced agriculture machinery and technology could also be valuable to Cuba, a country that experts say has some catching up to do technologically.

"If you could go back in time 50 years and stop right there, that's where the country of Cuba is agriculturally," said Jerry Mohr, secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Corn Growers Association and owner of farm in Scott County.

During a recent trip to Cuba with the Iowa Economic Development Office, Mohr observed severe scarcity and an agriculture sector that was struggling to keep up.

"They've been looking at ways to increase their pro-

duction," Hart said. "So it won't just be trade with our corn, soybeans, cattle and hogs but also our ag machinery and technology."

But while food and agricultural technology producers consider the research-sharing partnership a good sign, other economists say the research itself will provide little benefit to Cuba.

"These are not the sort of research projects that I would have expected the Cuban scientific community or the Cuban government to see as priorities," said William Messina, a researcher with the University of Florida who has an extensively studied Cuban agriculture.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said although Cuba's relatively small population

will prevent it from becoming a major importer of American agriculture products, the country still has many benefits.

"Cuba will never be a big player that competes with a country of 100 million people," Northey said. "But it will be a mini player that helps build a market."

Despite the relatively sparse population, Cuba has already showed signs of becoming an important buyer for the United States, Messina said.

He said that U.S. agriculture has shipped more than \$5 billion in food and agricultural products to Cuba since the passage of Trade Sanctions Reform and Enhancement Act in 2000, an act that permitted of certain agricultural and

medical commodities.

And as more Americans start to visit Cuba, this number is expected to grow substantially.

"Cuba was Vegas before Vegas was Vegas," Hart joked.

He noted that since the restaurant business typically grows with the onset of tourism, food will continue to increase in demand, which is where Iowa comes in.

"Iowa products — pork, beef, turkey, eggs, chicken, corn — are world-renowned for their quality," Mohr said. "So when the tourism takes off down there, it will be Iowa products feeding those tourists"

But despite Cuba's great potential as an importer of Iowa goods, experts say the country still has a long way

to go before increased trade becomes a reality.

"As long U.S. regulations specify that Cuba pays cash for purchases from the United States, I think U.S. sales are going to continue to be fairly low," Messina said.

And although Northey said ideological disagreements will likely remain a hindrance to trade between the U.S. and Cuba, food is a good way to bring the countries together.

"We may have some real disagreements on some of the internal politics — lack of democracy, the way they handle political prisoners — but some of those have chances to change as we build relationships," Northey said. "Food is, politically, quite safe to be able to start to build some relationships with."

BLUM

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wans on the campaign trail: cleaning up Washington

In just his first week, he managed to cause a stir on the Hill by voting against then-Speaker of the House John Boehner, who had stumped for Blum on the campaign trail just months prior.

"A lot of people thought we were misguided to do that, but at the end of the

day, we're still here, and he's gone," Blum said "And every day that went by validated, in my mind, that the vote was correct."

Blum said he took issue with Boehner's leadership style, which he called vindictive and "top down."

"I think the former speaker had an enemy's list," Blum said, raising his eyebrows suspiciously. "If you didn't toe the line, there was retaliation. They'd yank people off committees and negative-

ly affect fundraising."

Blum's legislative projects also emphasize accountability in government. For example, his first bill stressed the importance of protecting whistleblowers.

Another bill would enact a pay cut for members of Congress for each year the budget isn't balanced; "5 percent the first year, 10 percent every additional year," Blum said, unable to keep a mischievous grin from spilling across his face. "I love it. I just love it."

Recently, he's even gone so far as to suggest that Washington needs a "recession."

In a March 21 tweet, posted a picture of construction taking place on the Wharf — a mile-long waterfront neighborhood in Washington — with a caption that read "Washington, D.C., is booming ... Being built on the backs of US taxpayers. D.C. needs a recession."

Democrats see this as further evidence that Blum needs to go, and

they are much more optimistic about their prospects this year.

"It's a much better environment for Democrats all across the board in 2016," McLaughlin said.

Not only is Blum feeling increased pressure from Democrats, but he is fighting for support from his own party.

"He has not gotten the financial support, and the Republican Congressional Committee has not really helped him," Pregler said.

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Blum, sitting in a substantial leather chair in his impressive office in the Cannon House Office Building, isn't worried. He glances around, shrugs.

"If I don't win, that's OK. I'm not a career politician. Don't believe in it, don't want to be one," he said. "Most people thirst for this power; they love it here and they never want to leave. I'm not one of those people."



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The rise of earned media



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I'd like to paint a picture for you. It is the summer of 2015 and presidential hopefuls are beginning to announce their candidacies. However, in this hypothetical picture, no candidates would be allowed to have Super PACs, which would put them in the same boat as notable contenders Donald Trump and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. Moreover, candidates in this imaginary world can't spend any money whatsoever on advertising.

In this utopia of sorts, the term "political advertisements" is unheard of. No one is debating going positive or negative in the ads because there simply are no such ads to speak of. There isn't a single candidate with an upper hand because they have more money or have advertised better.

Rather, in this world, all media attention comes from "earned media."

As it relates to marketing, "earned media" is the attention a company, or in this case a candidate, receives for actions both positive and negative. For example, when Trump says he will pay the legal fees of individuals who injure protesters at his rallies, CNN covers those statements. CNN's coverage is then broadcast to the world and Trump has successfully gotten his orange noggin on TV sets and laptops across the country without spending a dime. So whether or not you like it, Trump earned that media.

The problem with earned media is that it includes all things positive and negative. If a candidate says something offensive or fails to follow through on a campaign promise, that, too, gets covered. So generally speaking, earned media are important but risky because they may cause more problems than they solve.

In this hypothetical election scenario, Trump would be dominate the election, and it wouldn't even be close. Sound familiar? This scenario is not entirely hypothetical.

The level of earned media (in terms of approximate dollar value) for this election is truly unprecedented. One research firm, mediaQuant, tracks media coverage of a given client, whether that be companies or political candidates, and computes the value of that coverage based on advertising rates. It estimates Trump's earned media accumulation at nearly \$2 billion. Hillary Clinton comes in second with \$746 million in earned media. Sanders has \$321 million, and the rest of the field has never been even remotely close.

Say whatever negative things you will about Trump — and odds are I'll agree with you — but if there is one thing he is unquestionably good at, it is earning attention. Last month alone, according to a *New York Times* article, Trump earned \$400 million of free media, more than John McCain spent on his entire presidential campaign in 2008, according to campaign-finance tracker opensecrets.org.

As infuriating as some of Trump's hateful comments can be, he is changing the landscape of American politics. He has made social media arguably the most important tool in elections; while many will argue President Obama was the first to truly use social media to its full ability, Trump has taken it to a new level. His comments that induce attention-grabbing headlines are exactly the type of thing that succeeds in today's social-media climate.

Earned media is the direction elections are going. Amid debates over the prominence of superdelegates and the seemingly decreased importance of the popular vote, earned media are proving that elections are still about the voice of the people. Even with Super PACs, the candidates with the most earned media are those that are doing the best this cycle.

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EDITORIAL

Can Sanders overcome the challenges facing him?

The primaries on both the Republican and Democratic sides have been, to say the least, interesting. The antiestablishment rhetoric, preached on both ends, have brought would be apolitical non-voters crawling out of the woodwork to pitch their support to whomever has the right message. This has culminated in near historic voter turnout for a presidential primary.

Tuesday's primaries left Vermont Sen. and presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders with Utah and Idaho under his belt and former Secretary of State and Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton snagging Arizona. Business mogul Donald Trump nabbed Arizona and Sen. Ted Cruz, perhaps Trump's only viable contender still running, won Utah.

Though the Arizona primary was significant, Sanders' supporters should not fret. *The Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes that the Sanders campaign came out significantly ahead of Clinton's, both on an ideological level and in sheer number of delegates collected.

After Arizona, Clinton put another 44 notches on her delegate stick. Sanders, however, snagged 73 delegates. There is still a long haul before he can close in on the 2,383 delegates needed to secure the election, and with the steady pace at which Sanders seems to be closing in on Clinton, that possibility is still very much tangible. However, the challenges Sanders faces are significant. Not only does he have to close the "pledged" delegate gap with Clinton, but he also must persuade the party's unbound superdelegates that he is a viable option.

Ideologically, though a win (as it stands) for Clinton, the Arizona primary works to further her image

of, as seen by some and perhaps a bit bluntly stated, as benefiting from shady politics. Cries of voter fraud in Arizona are plaguing social media, culminating in an online petition that has collected an astonishing 75,000 signatures in under 24 hours.

Maricopa County, Arizona, is the epicenter of what has been described as a voting disaster. The county of 4 million people had a 70 percent reduction in polling places from the last primary, leaving a mere 60 stations available to voters, amounting to an embarrassing ratio of one voting place for every 21,000 voters. According to Arizona news station NBC 12, this left people waiting in line up to four or five hours, the last vote being cast as late as 12:19 a.m. Given the turnout seen in the plethora of primaries held across the nation thus far, officials in Arizona are either entirely inept or downright oblivious.

The numbers, as of today, show Clinton as securing 467 superdelegates to Sanders' 26. Superdelegates are elected Democratic Party officials or otherwise distinguished party leaders. This means that the established party has a very steep incline toward the Clinton campaign. To lay claim that the Clinton campaign is guilty of orchestrating voter fraud is far-fetched, but the situation does not look good in her already blemished record (campaign financed by big money, the email scandal, and a general history of simply saying what must be said to remain favorable.)

Though his campaign should probably still be considered a long shot, the fact remains: Sanders appears to be gaining momentum while Clinton continues to attract controversy like dirt on boots.

COLUMN

Lesser-known victims suffer



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"You were Charlie, you were Paris. Will you be Ankara?" said Facebook user James Taylor on the social-media website in response to the recent terrorist attacks in Turkey.

While the world mourns the tragedy that killed at least 30 and injured 230 others in Brussels, I believe it is also important to honor the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Turkey and other parts of the world.

This is not the first time that mainstream media have failed to provide extensive coverage of terrorist attacks around the world. Although both the Belgium and Turkey attacks happened in the span of a week, many major media outlets in the world have failed to draw attention to the latter. And this got me wondering.

Why? If you didn't know yet by now, prior to the Brussels attack, there were two outbreaks in Turkey. One on March 13 in which a car bomb in Ankara killed 36 people and left more than 100 injured nearby. And just days ago, four people were killed by an ISIS-affiliated suicide bomber in a busy area in Istanbul.

So far, I have only heard most students reference

the Paris and Brussels terrorist attacks despite there being several more attacks around the world that have both injured and killed even more civilians than those two countries.

Unlike Paris, Turkey's national flag didn't get the privilege of being made into a photo filter on Facebook for users to show their support and solidarity in times of terror.

People argue that the Paris attacks were bigger, deadlier, more sophisticated, and because it happened in a location that was more immediately accessible for English-language journalists. But don't all those attacks essentially bear the same meaning — death of innocent people?

The disparities in reporting terror attacks in lesser known countries by mainstream media are evident, qualitatively and quantitatively. The obvious cultural bias can be seen through substantive playing down of crises in distant lands and in the failure to report news with the same empathy and humanity they adopt when crises strike areas closer to "home."

Unfortunately, there is also the expectation that there will be attacks in countries such as Syria, Pakistan, and Lebanon. But France and Belgium? No. That's new and seems a little too close to home.

The issue matters because the media structure how people react to world events. News that gets more coverage tends to indirectly shape public interest.

The inadequate coverage also, to some de-

gree, plays down attacks in other regions of the world, subtly sending out a statement that those attacks don't matter.

The media also affect how people ultimately empathize with cities and with victims. For instance, when a Shia neighborhood in Beirut was bombed, it was referred to as a "Hezbollah stronghold" despite its being a civilian area. It almost seems like a justification. In contrast, we'd never reference Brussels as a "NATO stronghold," because that would take the focus off people who were senselessly killed.

I also feel the lack of coverage of terror attacks in lesser known countries clouds the judgment of many individuals who receive their daily information from the media. As a Muslim, uninformed people would not know that terror attacks also happens in predominantly Muslim countries.

There is a misconception that because ISIS perceives its own self as so-called "holy warriors of Islam," innocent and peaceful Muslims such as me are safe and secured from their threats. This perception is a huge fallacy that is not only inaccurate but also blatantly ignorant, because from the 1.6 billion Muslims around the world, many of them are also daily victims of ISIS.

The lack of media attention toward predominantly Muslim countries hit by ISIS fuels the perception that Muslims aren't targets of these monsters. These combined reasons are why

Islamophobia has been steadily on the rise.

"We need to empower law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized," said U.S. presidential candidate and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in a statement Tuesday, as news of the Brussels attack came out.

Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Afghanistan, Turkey, Kuwait, Lebanon, Bangladesh, and most recently Indonesia are all predominantly Muslim countries that have been attacked by terrorists, but information on those attacks have been vaguely publicized.

Why? Was it because it wasn't deadlier? It wasn't sophisticated enough? People don't speak English? Wherever in the world, it is always a sad sight to see parents cling on to their dead children stained with blood because of a terror attack.

Terror victims from smaller and lesser-known countries deserve our sympathy, too, but more crucially, they, too, want our support and prayers.

I felt what many did when terrorist struck both Paris and Brussels. Like many others, I felt pain and anger because those who were killed were civilians just like me — ordinary people.

But my heart also felt deeply for many other less-publicized terror-hit countries, because those same innocent civilians were also depending on people like myself, the media, to spread news of their pain out to the world, but we didn't.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Heiden ready to serve

I support Pat Heiden for Johnson County supervisor.

I have known and worked with Pat for more than 20 years. Pat has the personality, the dedication to community service, and the broad experience to do this job well.

As executive director of Oaknoll Retirement Residence, Pat has demonstrated excellent

management skills, strong fiscal responsibility, and insightful planning. She is a woman of integrity. She knows how to collaborate with others for effective change and has served on the boards of several community organizations over the years. Most importantly, she cares. She cares about people, about quality of life, and about Johnson County. Pat does not avoid difficult

issues or decisions. She works hard at gathering information. She listens well and is respectful of all points of view. She honestly expresses her own ideas. Pat works toward consensus, and if consensus is not possible, she makes the decision being certain to explain the rationale behind her action.

These are the very qualities that would make her an outstanding county supervisor.

Although she has spent her adult life in Iowa City, she was raised on a dairy farm in western Iowa. She understands that Johnson County has many constituencies, and she would represent all of Johnson County.

Please join me in voting for Pat Heiden for Johnson County supervisor in the Democratic primary election on June 7.

Diane Ely

Eyeballing and ranking Big Ten baseball

By **BLAKE DOWSON**
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And just like that, the opening weekend of the Big Ten baseball season is here. The Iowa baseball team will open conference play this weekend with Maryland coming to town.

The *Daily Iowan* staff takes a look at how each team stacks up.

1) Michigan (12-5)

RPI: 65
The Wolverines were picked by both Perfect Game and the Big Ten coaches to finish at the top of the league. Michigan is yet to play a game in Ann Arbor and still boasts an impressive record that includes wins over No. 17 California and No. 22 Oklahoma State.

2) Michigan State (15-3)

RPI: 48
Picked to finish seventh in the conference by Perfect Game, the Spartans have been the surprise of the Big Ten thus far. The toughest part of their schedule is ahead of them, but the Spartans' body of work cannot be ignored.

3) Maryland (10-10)

RPI: 43
The Terrapins got off to a bit of a rocky start, going 5-7 through their first 12 games. The pre-season pick to finish second in the Big Ten is playing good baseball now, though, taking two of three from No. 23 Cal State-Fullerton last weekend.

4) Nebraska (13-7)

RPI: 46
The Cornhuskers have

played eight games versus ranked teams this season, so their 13 wins are pretty impressive; wins against the College of Charleston, Tulane, and Long Beach State have been the highlights. Nebraska has won its last four games and 10 of its last 11.

5) Indiana (10-9)

RPI: 31
Six losses at the beginning of the season at the hands of Middle Tennessee and Cal State Fullerton will put a damper on your record. Indiana has won six of its last seven, though, and it is led by Craig Dedelow, who is hitting .338 with 10 extra-base hits.

6) Ohio State (12-6-1)

RPI: 40
The Buckeyes have won five straight and look good heading in-

to the Big Ten season. Picked to finish eighth in the conference, wins against Coastal Carolina and Seton Hall have the Buckeyes trending upwards.

7) Illinois (8-10)

RPI: 9
Illinois is coming off a historic 50-win season, and the Illini had three pre-season first-team All-Big Ten selections. That is why they are here in the power rankings despite their losing record. The talent is there, and at some point, it will erupt.

8) Iowa (7-11)

RPI: 29
See: Illinois. The Hawkeyes have not performed to what was expected after a 41-win season in 2015, but the schedule has been

tough. Series sweeps at the hands of Dallas Baptist and Missouri State have been disappointing. Gut feeling is telling me the Hawkeyes will turn it around.

9) Minnesota (10-8)

RPI: 149
The 10-8 record may lead people to believe the Gophers should be higher on this list, but they have not played anybody yet. A close loss to Oregon State early in the year is the best competition they have played.

10) Penn State (9-10)

RPI: 167
The Nittany Lions got to take a trip to Cuba this spring to play a few Cuban teams. That will be the most memorable part of their season.

11) Northwestern (5-16)

RPI: 148
The Wildcats have lost five straight and 11 of their last 12, and they are trending in the wrong direction.

12) Purdue (4-14)

RPI: 164
The record speaks for itself, and the Boiler-makers haven't played world-beaters. Purdue traveled to Cal-Berkeley this spring and was outscored 29-5 in three games.

13) Rutgers (8-11)

RPI: 177
Not much to write home about the Scarlet Knights. The Big Ten opener versus Michigan State will be a good gauge to see if they will compete at all in the conference.

BASEBALL

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6-for-9 with a double, triple, 2 runs, and 4 RBIs against Bradley.

Roscetti said that the team's fighting spirit, which it showed off against the Braves after being down 5-1 at one point, could carry the team through conference play.

"We have to have the mentality to fight back," he said. "We have to take it inning by inning. We just have to win each of nine innings. That was our mindset when we were down [to Bradley], and it paid off."

After the team's best season in 25 years in 2015, expectations were

high for the 2016 campaign. With that said, a losing record in nonconference play isn't what the team expected.

But Tyler Peyton, a senior right-hander and first baseman, believes that the record is deceiving. The nonconference schedule for the Hawks has been filled with tough competition.

So the team doesn't care that the Terrapins were picked to finish second in the conference in the pre-season coaches' poll. Peyton and his teammates are no strangers to good teams.

"We've just had some tough unlucky breaks this year," Peyton said. "We've been playing some really great competition. We just have to stick with the approach, just play

our game, and see what the outcome is after nine innings are over."

Heller agreed with the senior, saying the team has run into quite a few hot squads so far this season.

The losses could be viewed as negatives, sure. However, Heller knows that the bumpy nonconference schedule has only made his team stronger for a Big Ten title run.

"We've always given ourselves a chance to win," Heller said. "I really feel like we've continued to go out and try to get better. That's really all a coach can ask."



Iowa shortstop Nick Roscetti slides safely into home plate during the fifth game of the regional NCAA tournament against Oregon at Hammons Field in Springfield, Missouri, on May 31, 2015. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

SOFTBALL

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Aside from stealing more bases this season, Iowa has also improved in runs scored, triples, home runs, and walks.

In the Big Ten, four teams appear (or nearly appear) in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Softball top-25 poll. Michigan is No. 2, and Minnesota sits at No. 22, while Ohio State and Nebraska have received votes.

After a very tough slate in the Big Ten last year, Iowa's schedule lights up a bit this season; the Hawks they skip playing Michigan and Ohio State.

A date with Minnesota at the end of the season will be a good end-of-season test and will be a good gauge to see where the team is.

The Hawkeyes will play four Big Ten series in Iowa City this season, with the first taking place April 1-3 against Purdue. Iowa also will host Wisconsin, Penn State, and Minnesota.

Several nonconference games also show up on the slate; the Hawks will host Drake, Northern Iowa, and Missouri and play at Iowa State.

First pitch against Indiana is slated for 5 p.m. today. Saturday's game will start at noon, and the March 27 contest will begin at 11 a.m.



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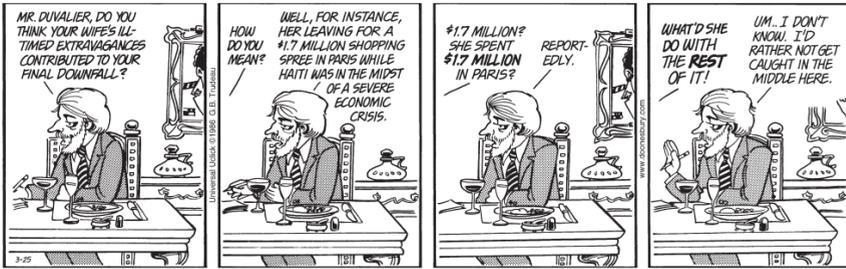
Local Comedian Spotlight: Spencer Loucks

- Pain is just weakness leaving the body. But also sometimes, it's kidney stones.
- Endorsing people's skills on LinkedIn is a great way to turn off your brain but still feel like you're doing something.
- Lots of people can say they've smoked pot out of a Mountain Dew can, but how many people are able to claim they've drunk Mountain Dew out of a bong?
- OKCupid is a website where women don't message me for a date but do message me to say they saw me performing standup while out on an OKCupid date with someone else.
- Always shoot for the moon. Because even if you miss, you'll land among the stars, and the lack of oxygen will bring the sweet relief of a quick death.
- Any girl who thinks she likes me and can then watch me eat an entire sandwich and can then claim her feelings have not changed legitimately likes me.
- I don't need alcohol to have a bad time.

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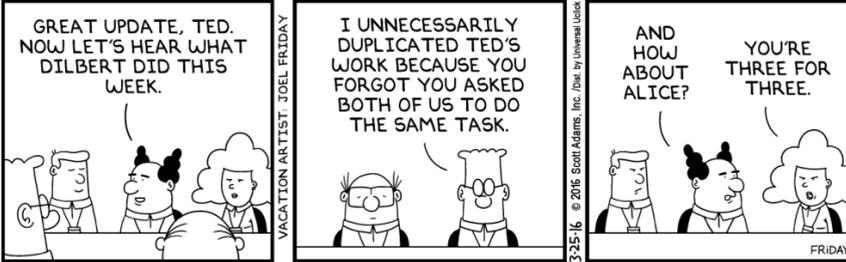
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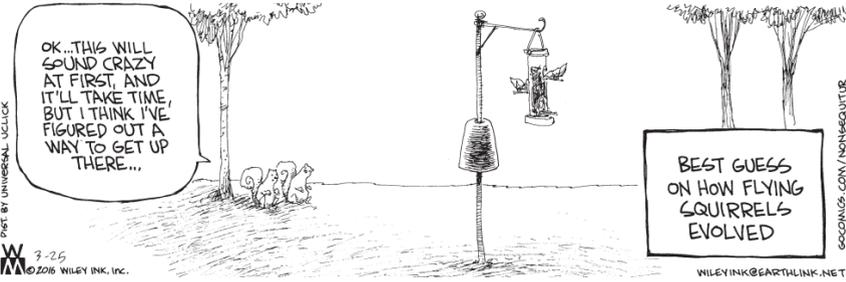
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- **"Live From Prairie Lights,"** Daniel Raeburn, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Alzheimer's Annual Variety Show Fundraiser**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- **An Evening at the Ecopolis**, 7:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Marcelo Boccato/James Dreier & Friends**, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Timothy Ehlen**, piano, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Baltimore**, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theater B
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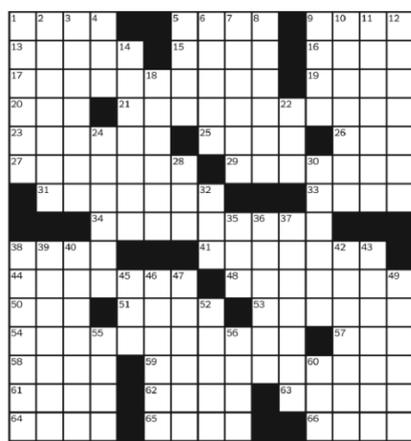
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- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** There's no revenge like success. Don't put your energy into something that will bring you nothing in return. Bring about changes that will lead to a future filled with hope. Positive actions will bring good results.
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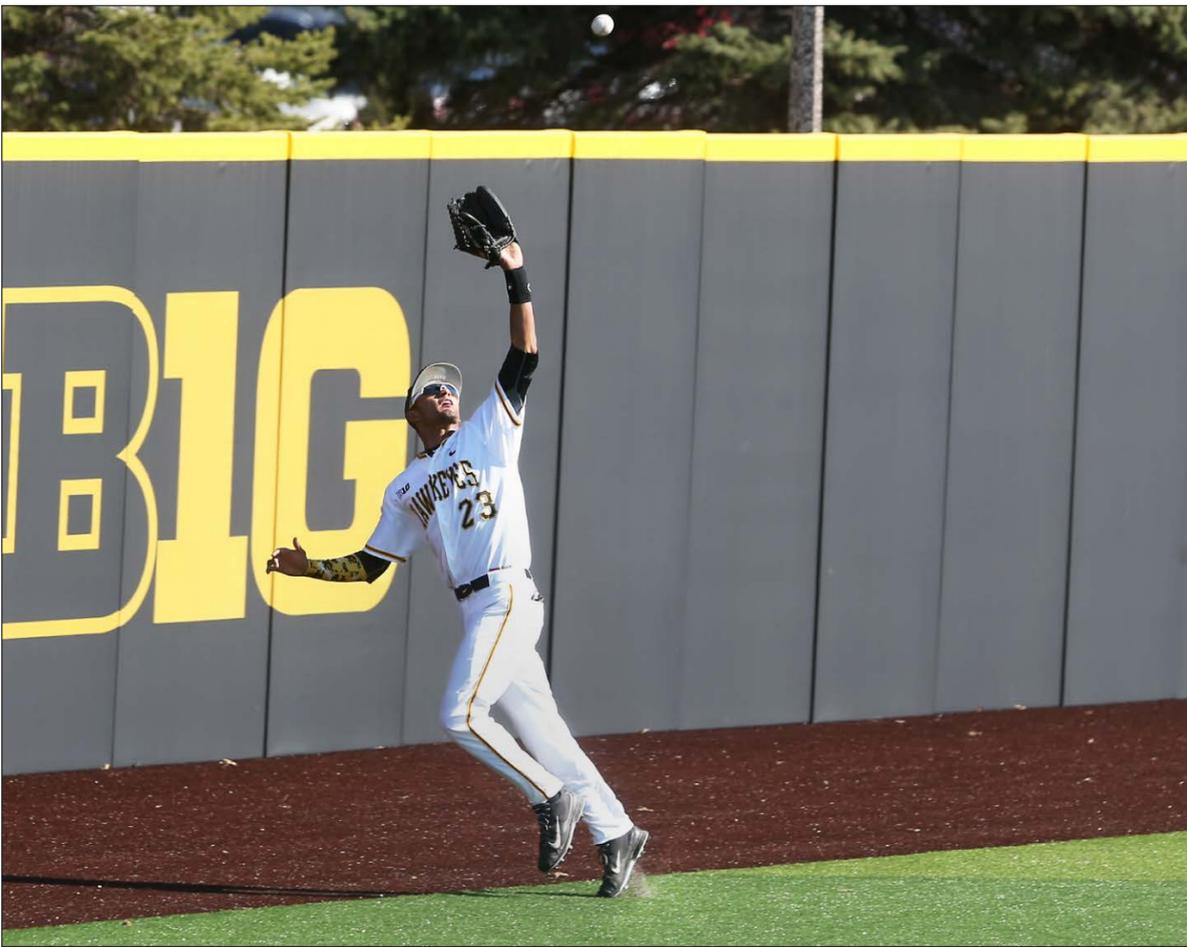
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Iowa right fielder Joel Booker tracks down a fly ball during the Iowa-Grand View game at Banks Field on March 31, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Vikings, 9-2. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Softball opens Big Ten play

By MARIO WILLIAMS
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The start to the Iowa softball team's season probably hasn't been what the players had hoped (8-16). With the start of the Big Ten season today, the team will try to turn things around.

Iowa will head to Bloomington, Indiana, to play the Hoosiers in a three-game series.

While Iowa has lost 16 games, Indiana has won 16 and lost 10. Three Hoosiers are hitting above .300 this season: sophomore Rebecca Bitz (.367), junior Erin Lehman (.308), and sophomore Aimilia McDonough (.306). Freshmen Tara Trainer and Josie Wood each have 8 wins in the circle.



Kilian
freshman

While the Hawkeyes have only been able to capture 8 wins, there has been some success. Five Hawkeyes — freshman Mallory Kilian, sophomore Katy Taylor, senior Haley Hansel, junior Sammi Gyerman, and junior Kaitlyn Mullarkey — are hitting above .300. Kilian leads the team at .359.

Iowa posted a team ERA of 1.21 in its five-game tournament at the Rainbow Wahine Classic, and the Hawks also had success on the bases. Iowa stole 18 bags last season, and it has now swiped 33 bases in 24 contests. The Hawks are 33-of-38 stealing this season; Mullarkey leads with 8.

SEE SOFTBALL, 5

Baseball gears up for Big Ten

By JAKE MOSBACH | jacob-mosbach@uiowa.edu

With 18 nonconference games under its belt, the Hawkeye baseball team will finally begin Big Ten competition this weekend.

Beginning today, the Hawks will welcome Maryland to Banks Field for a three-game series to kick off the conference schedule. First pitch for today's opener is set for 3:05 p.m. Saturday's action is scheduled for 2:05 p.m., and the series finale on March 27 will start at 12:05 p.m.

Iowa (7-11) brings momentum in to the weekend following a dramatic walk-off victory over Bradley on Tuesday night courtesy of senior shortstop Nick Roscetti. The Terrapins (10-10) come to Iowa City riding a three-game winning streak.

On the hill Friday for the Hawks will be sophomore righty C.J. Eldred (1-2, 2.43 ERA) and senior righty Calvin Mathews on March 27 (0-1, 4.82 ERA). Saturday's starter has yet to be announced.

Iowa head coach Rick Heller said after Tuesday's game that the team's success at the plate could dictate how the conference season goes for the Hawkeyes.

"We've had some guys offensively that have really stepped up," Heller said. "Joel Booker and Nick Roscetti have played awesome in this first part of the season."

There's certainly no doubt about that. So far in 2016, senior outfielder Booker is hitting .382, and Roscetti leads the team at .405. The duo went a combined

SEE BASEBALL, 5

Iowa vs. Maryland

When: Today (3:05 p.m.), Saturday (2:05 p.m.),
March 27 (12:05 p.m.)

Where: Banks Field
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Iowa at Indiana

When: Today (5 p.m.), Saturday (noon),
March 27 (11 a.m.)

Where: Bloomington, Indiana
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Tennis teams head into Big Ten play

By SHAFIN KHAN
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The road has not been friendly to the Iowa men's tennis team so far this season; the Hawks are 2-6 away from home.

They will face another tough test in the Big Ten as they head to Madison, Wisconsin, today to take on the Badgers.

The No. 56 Hawkeyes will try to end a five-game losing streak behind sophomore Lefteris Theodorou, who has been the lone bright spot during the team's recent struggles.

Theodorou has played at the No. 1 spot in three of his last five matches and has a 3-1 record at that spot this season.

"I try to go into my matches with a lot of energy so I don't lack intensity or motivation," he said in a release.

During his career as a Hawkeye, Theodorou has built up an impressive 6-1 record at the No. 1 spot.

Defeating the Badgers will be no easy task; they are on a hot streak, winning their past five matches. Wisconsin is coming off a 4-3 win against No. 35 Drake in Des Moines.

"The Badgers have a lot of talent on their team," head coach Ross Wilson said in a release. "They've got a number of juniors and seniors who've played a lot of matches, so they're definitely a very capable team, and this doesn't surprise us at all."

The last time Iowa faced Wisconsin, the Badgers were



Iowa tennis player Lefteris Theodorou prepares to hit a forehand during the Iowa-Marquette match in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 6, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Golden Eagles, 7-0. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

unranked and the Hawkeyes came away with a 4-3 victory. The Badgers have one Big Ten win this season, against Minnesota earlier this month.

Iowa is still in search of its first conference win, although it has played only Big Ten matchups this season, losing to Nebraska, 4-3.

"I had a bad match against Nebraska, and afterwards, I knew I needed to pick myself up and pick up my intensity on the court," Theodorou said in a release.

Four of Iowa's next five matches come against Big Ten opponents: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio State, and Penn State. All of those matches will be on the road for the Hawkeyes except the March 27 match against the Gophers.

On the women's side, the team is set for Big Ten matches against Wisconsin (today) and Minnesota (March 27) at home.

"Two tough teams coming in this weekend and two great opportunities for us," head coach Katie Dougherty

said in a release. "We are improving each week, and our younger players are starting to step up even more."

Iowa is seeking its first Big Ten win this season after starting the season 0-3 in conference play against Nebraska, Indiana, and Maryland.

The Hawks' match against Wisconsin is set to begin at 5 p.m. today, and they will play at 11 a.m. March 27 against Minnesota. The men's team will host Minnesota at 3 p.m. that day, and admission is free.

Swimmers fall a bit short

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The Iowa swimming and diving team ended the first day of the NCAA meet with a disappointing 21st place finish in the 400-medley relay.

The quartet of senior Roman Trussov, redshirt freshman Kenneth Mende, sophomore Jerzy Twarowski, and freshman Jack Smith had the 14th-fastest time in the event heading into the championships at 3:07.83 but failed to qualify for the final of the event after placing outside of the top 16. The Hawkeyes swam the event in 3:10.06.



Trussov
senior

The Hawkeyes had hopes of being crowned All-Americans in the event. Each team that qualifies for finals — the top 16 — earns that honor.

The quartet's NCAA qualifying time of 3:07.83, a school record, would have been good enough to place them 15th.

Three Big Ten teams qualified for the finals in the event.

Indiana was sixth with a time of 3:05.90, Michigan was 12th at 3:07.34, and Ohio State was 15th at 3:07.91.

The same four Hawkeyes will be back in the pool competing in the 200-medley relay, and Trussov will swim in the 100 breaststroke.

The Hawkeye quartet holds the 21st time in the 200-medley relay at 1:25.67. Trussov holds a top-10 time in the 100 breaststroke, setting a personal record at 52.12 that is good for ninth in the country.