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Court details Shao murder

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New details from the investigation of Tong Shao's murder case revealed that Xiangnan Li's motive for murder was Shao's wish to date another individual, which Li overheard during a phone call, Iowa authorities said Monday.

The court in China debated whether the murder was premeditated and it was concluded it was.

An assistant Johnson County county attorney and two investigators traveled to China on March 23, where they observed the

trial. The trip marks one of the first cases in which U.S. prosecutors and law enforcement were invited to collaborate with the Chinese government.

Officials said Shao, 20, was last seen alive on Sept. 6, 2014, and was reported missing after she had said she was visiting friends in a Sept. 8 text early in the morning, but did not return home.



Shao
victim

The Iowa City police said Li's motive for murder was Shao's wish to date another individual, which Li overheard during a phone call that Shao had on Sept. 3. On Sept. 5, Li and Shao checked into a hotel called the Budget Inn. That same day, Li purchased a one-way ticket to China.

Li took a yellow cab from Iowa City to the Eastern Iowa Airport after the slaying at 2:52 a.m. Officials said his Sept. 8 flight to Beijing was delayed, causing Li to leave on a flight to Los Angeles. He left for Bei-

jing from LA and arrived in China on Sept. 9.

Li had also purchased hand weights, officials said, which they believe he planned to sink the suitcase into the Skunk River, but water had receded at the time. Police followed Li's route from Ames to Iowa City via cell-phone technology.

Shao was likely killed by suffocation on Sept. 7, authorities said.

"My only concern is to hold Mr. Li responsible," said David Gonzalez, an investigator who attended the trip. "Whether that happened in a U.S.

court or in a China court at this point doesn't make a difference to me. We believe that Ms. Shao and her family deserve that justice."

Shao was found in a suitcase in the trunk of her 1997 Toyota Camry, which Li often drove, officials said. Her body was found outside the Dolphin Lake Point Enclave apartments, 2401 Highway 6 E., on Sept. 26, 2014.

The trial took place in Wenzhou, China. The U.S. Embassy had provided an interpreter and guide for the trip, who helped explain the context of the

trial after it occurred for the officials.

Elizabeth Dupuich, an assistant county attorney, said Li and his prosecutor attempted to contest documents and evidence provided by the Iowa City police and other U.S. groups, but the judge decided to hear arguments on the murder itself.

"Our interpretation of that ruling was the judge was saying, 'Look, we're going to accept these documents; you need to move on,'" Dupuich said.

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VP HOPEFULS SQUARE OFF



BLOC vice-presidential candidate Lauren Freeman talks in the IMU on Monday. Each candidates talked about sexual assault, freedom of speech, and working with University of Iowa President Bruce Herral. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

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The vice-presidential candidates in this year's University of Iowa Student Government election went head to head in a debate on Monday, in which one emphasized her experience and the other his potential for freshness.

Lauren Freeman, the vice-presidential candidate for the BLOC Party, and Elliott Smith, the vice-presidential Yes Party candidate, participated. Rachel Zuckerman, BLOC, and Jon Langel, Yes Party, are the presidential candidates.

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UISG Election

BLOC Party

Presidential Candidate: Rachel Zuckerman
Vice Presidential candidate: Laura Freeman

Yes Party

Presidential Candidate: Jon Langel
Vice Presidential candidate: Elliott Smith

Elections:

March 30 at 8:00 a.m. to March 31 5:00 p.m.

A terrible thing to waste

University of Iowa students are carrying their trash to raise awareness on waste diversion.

By KATELYN WEISBROD

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University of Iowa students are taking responsibility for what they are putting in the landfill by collecting their trash and carrying it with them throughout the week.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans produce, on average, 4.40 pounds of non-recyclable waste per person per day.

The demonstration will conclude RecycleMania — an eight-week effort to increase waste-diversion rates on campus. During this time, the UI diverted nearly 50 percent of its waste from landfills in the form of recycling and composting.

"You are physically carrying your trash from Monday to Friday, and in that time you're encouraged to recycle and compost because you want to have nothing in your bag," participant Maya Nevels said. "And it's not just about recycling, it's about reducing consumption in general."

The participants have recruited people from various student groups, including the UI Student Government and the UI Environmental Coalition, to take part in the demonstration and raise awareness through grass-roots efforts.

"This week will be successful if we have a lot of conversations with people," participant Elana Becker said. "We want to break down this idea that it takes a lot of effort to be environmentally conscious, but once you make it a priority, it's not a great addition on your routine

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EMBRACING DANCE



Ashley Kostelnik and Benton Happel rehearse their performance for the dance "Rhythm Unbound" on Monday. Graduate student Tallis Strub choreographed the dance as her thesis. (The Daily Iowan/Tawny Schmit)

ARTS & CULTURE

Keeping native languages alive

Yolanda Pushetonequa, a diligent preserver of the Meskwaki language, will give a Q&A after a screening of *Rising Voices*.

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Countless things are swept away in the marching of time. Objects get lost, stories forgotten, traditions placed by the wayside. History books and museums make an effort to preserve the past, but those cannot capture intangible things. They can't capture the smell and taste of an authentic cultural dish.

Or what a language sounded like. At 6 p.m. Thursday, the Native American Student Association will host a screening of *Rising Voices/Hót a i pi* in W401 Pappajohn Business Building. *Rising Voices* is a documentary on language loss with Native American groups and modern revitalization efforts to give back a part of their fading culture. It focuses on the Lakota people, part of the Sioux tribes that live on the Great Planes.

After the documentary, Yolanda Pushetonequa, who holds a Master of Arts in linguistics from the University of Minnesota, will participate in a Q&A session. Her studies have centered on measures taken to restore her ancestral language — the Meskwaki language — and finding more efficient ways of teaching it.

When Native Americans lost their land as the U.S. expanded, their way of life and languages were lost, leaving many culturally stranded. The time to revitalize is limited, as languages may be permanently lost.

"Native Americans were forced into boarding schools where they had to learn English and were punished for speaking their native language," said Haley Henscheid, the president of the Native American Student Association at the University of Iowa.

As a result, many languages became endangered or died out entirely. Revitalizing movements, like the one featured in the documentary, have been slowly bringing the languages back into use through study and providing education the youth of affected communities.

Statistics vary, but the Rosetta Project suggests one language dies every two weeks to three months; death, in this case, is defined as having no native speakers remaining. The Linguistics Society estimates half of the roughly 7,000 languages spoken today are endangered and will fade out entirely over the next century.

The damage began with colonialism, where the language of the dominating powers served as the language of the economy and success. Additionally, whatever education provided to the indigenous people was in the ruling power's language.

"Social and economic forces push out other languages and make English dominant," said Tyrone Peterson, member of Native American Student Association. "When you lose your language, you lose your cultural identity."

There is a scientific theory backing this notion, called Linguistic Determinism. This theory holds that since individuals think in the language in which they speak, thought processes are limited to words and concepts within that language. If a word for a concept doesn't exist in that language, it cannot be thought. Because language is the cornerstone of thinking and culture, as the languages around the world die out, ways of thinking become restricted.

"[Language preservation] is a global issue that we need to advocate," Peterson said.

BLOC aims for UI changes

By SAVANNAH GUYER
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Some student leaders on campus are hoping to bring change to the University of Iowa Student Government.

With the UISG elections just around the corner, the Bettering Lives On Campus Party, more commonly known as BLOC, is excited about the voting to start on March 30.

BLOC will be headed by presidential candidate Rachel Zuckerman, and vice-presidential hopeful Lauren Freeman.

UI junior Freeman said BLOC has spent a lot of time preparing for the ballots to be cast.

"Generally, we have six focus points: student life, diversity, safety, academics, sustainability, and accessibility," she said. "We took a lot of time to get these platforms established and to propose initiatives for them."

Freeman said she is really excited for the party's protection policy and the projects BLOC pushed forward for it.

Part of that policy includes the Speak Out survey, which was sent out to students by BLOC a few months ago. The survey has prompted students to talk about safety on campus.

With results from the survey arriving sometime

in April, Freeman said, she hopes to gain new ideas about increasing security on campus based off of the responses.

"Another thing we plan on doing to make Iowa safer is holding administration responsible for the six point plan that was started by Sally Mason," Freeman said. "We haven't heard an update on the plan in over a year, and we want to start combatting against sexual assault and abuse as soon as possible."

Freeman said she's also highly anticipating the diversity and inclusivity plans of the group.

"The four cultural-resource buildings on the West Side of campus are in bad shape," she said. "They have leaking roofs and poor hours — generally they're just not well kept. We want to restore these buildings and make it more accessible to students so they can have a great place to turn to."

Mariah Prendergast, a nominee for one of the UISG senator positions, said she contributed a lot to student affordability, because it is one of BLOC's main goals to help with student costs.

"I also gave ideas for more options for meal plans, and I proposed having longer hours for the on-campus dining facilities," Prendergast said. "I



BLOC members listen to vice-presidential candidates speaking in the IMU on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

pushed forward initiatives to improve Cambuses to have a more time sensitive schedule, as well as improve bus routes to get people where they need to go more efficiently."

Prendergast said BLOC would work together to improve policies as a whole.

"One of our major issues is mental health," she said. "We have a lot of different platform ideas to help erase the stigma of mental health and having more effective treatments across campus, which can range from having more therapy dogs on campus and more outdoor yoga to having more counselors available."

Akash Bhalerao is also running for a senate position on behalf of the BLOC Party. Working to make

campus more sustainable, as well as targeting mental health issues, Bhalerao said, he believes student involvement is the most important aspect to making student government work.

"I feel like BLOC can really make a difference in the student government, and that's why it's so important that people vote," he said. "We are really influenced by students' needs and wants, so it's essential that they communicate with us. There's a lot of funding that goes into student government, as well as a lot of thought, and I think students would really appreciate seeing all of the hard work and energy student government puts into their projects pay off."

[Editor's note: The Yes Party declined to be profiled by the Daily Iowan.]

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and it leads to greater mindfulness.”

The group also wants to make people more aware of composting on campus. UI Office of Sustainability intern Tara Slade said anyone can bring compostable things to the IMU for disposal.

“If you have a biodegradable thing like a banana peel, you can put it in the grass, that’s better than putting it in the landfill if you can’t compost,” Slade said. “The way that it interacts with other materials in the landfill cre-

ates methane, which is a harmful gas.”

Slade said she has learned a lot from the experience of carrying her own trash so far.

“No matter how aware you think you are, you become more mindful when you’re forced to carry it,” Slade said. “At the end of the day you look at what you’re wasting and realize you don’t have to waste all of that, and you can change your habits.”

Nevels said she realized most of her personal waste is in the form of paper and cotton — not all of which can be recycled or composted.

“Some of it is getting recycled, but the ener-

gy that goes into making that to new paper is huge,” Nevels said. “Also you can’t recycle paper towels, or makeup remover wipes and cotton pads. I found the biggest things are little things that are part of your daily routine.”

Nevels said she hopes this demonstration can encourage people to prioritize waste diversion in their daily lives.

“There’s such a stereotype of what an environmentalist is,” Nevels said. “That you make all these crazy life decisions, but actually it’s just about making a choice and following through. It’s not difficult.”



RecycleMania intern Elana Becker kicks off Earth Month in the Office of Sustainability on Monday. She is encouraging students to carry their trash bags over their backs around campus this week as a way to raise awareness of how much trash a single person can produce. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

SHAO

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She said a death sentence is unlikely, but Li may face 20 years up to life for the crime, which will be determined within six months.

“Unlike in the United States, where it doesn’t matter whether you turn yourself in, over there, that’s a big consideration in the court,” Dupuich said. “The fact that he was willing to offer a confession, cooperate, and ultimately turn himself in those are facts that

might be considered by the judge.”

Officials said the criminal-justice process in China was strikingly different from the ways in which the U.S. handles such crimes. Officials said the judge reviewed the evidence and documents prior to the trial, which is not something

done in the U.S.

Among those involved in the investigation were the Iowa City police, Ames police, the Story County Sheriff’s Office, the Division of Criminal Investigations, and the FBI.

County Attorney Janet Lyness said she felt relieved to see the case

being pursued by the Chinese government. She said an extradition treaty does not exist between the U.S. and China, and the Chinese government did not have to cooperate with the U.S. or its laws.

“They spent a lot of time and effort on the case, and it really speaks

well about the collaboration and cooperation between the U.S. and China,” Lyness said. “It’s a very unique experience and we’re really glad that they’re not just going to let people flee back to China to avoid responsibility for actions done in the United States.”

UISG

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Freeman referred to her party’s platform several times throughout the debate and said she understood the bureaucracy of UISG.

According to the party’s platform, BLOC aims to create an undergraduate housing task force. It also proposes increased meal-plan options.

Freeman, a junior, indicated that being president of the UI Democrats and participating

in Hawk the Caucus have prepared her to take on the vice-presidential role. While she acknowledged it can be a vague position, she said, it could be advantageous by enabling a focus on specific issues.

“While our opponents will spend months figuring out how UISG works, Rachel and I can hit the ground running on Day 1 and work to enact the platform we set forth,” she said.

UI junior Smith said previous leadership positions that have prepared him for a vice-presidential

role are being the founder and president of the Iowa Wrestling Club and Moneythink Iowa chapter.

Smith also said he felt “in some ways, personally attacked” for wanting to advocate on behalf of students during his closing statements.

“I feel like getting up here, what we have to say, is being shot down at its face value because our résumés don’t stack up, and that bothers me,” he said.

As part of a notion Smith called “servant leadership,” Smith and Langel have both both pledged to

forgo the salaries allocated to UISG presidents and vice presidents.

According to the UISG website, the UISG 2015-16 salaries for president and vice president were both \$8,377.50. If these figures continued next year, Langel and Smith would pass up on \$16,755.

“We have a philosophy that if we bring our hard work, determination, efficiency, and above all, just a positive and great attitude, we can make a great impact on any organization we set our mind to,” he said.

Both parties indicated

an interest in holding external office hours to hear the voices of students on campus.

Freeman said BLOC wants to offer coffee on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway every month. Meanwhile, Smith said, the Yes candidates would institute coffeeshop listening posts, where Smith said 10 to 20 external office hours would be held.

While BLOC has 36 senatorial candidates, Yes has none.

Evan McCarthy, the UISG chief of staff, said if Yes wins the election, which takes place

Wednesday and Thursday, all the BLOC senatorial candidates would basically have guaranteed spots on UISG.

“If there were a situation where the Yes Party executive team were elected, they would have the BLOC Party Senate team and whatever independent senators might get a seat to work with,” he said.

McCarthy said the current situation is unprecedented.

“This hasn’t happened before,” he said. “They usually have two separate competing Senate teams, so it’s been new for us.”

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Hell, & us, & a handbasket



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So the world is going to hell in a handbasket, and the only thing we can do is figure out is whether Donald Trump is right (China has devalued the yuan in order to swamp us with several metric tons of Chinese handbaskets) or, as Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Moons of Uranus, contends, President Obama has imported several metric tons of illegal immigrants from the surface of Venus to work in the White House basement and produce the required metric tons of handbaskets containing hell.

Well, the Venusians probably got the temperature right.

Such goes our presidential campaign. As an aged comedian (Plato?) once said, take our presidential campaign. Please.

Take, for instance, Trump going all kissy-kissy with Mussolini and the Cruz campaign asking Sen. Joe McCarthy, self-avowed communist hunter, for the last waltz.

(For the record, O!Joe didn't find 100 communists in the State Department; turns out, they were all bespectacled accountants from Toledo. Why Toledo? you ask. Well, if you lived in Toledo and had the chance to join the State Department, wouldn't you race to D.C. in a heartbeat?)

The first good thing about Cruz, at least for Republicans, is that he's not Trump. The second good thing is he's not Trump.

The main thing about Cruz and the so-called Republican establishment is that the senator from Texas has been the proverbial thorn in the side to said establishment in his brief senatorial career. No word yet on why establishment types expose their sides to thorns.

Of course, he was born

in Canada, whose motto is Land of Thorns. There's a TV series or something about it.

Trump used that same birther argument against President Obama in 2012, to no avail. It's so hard to find good avail these days. You noticed? Maybe the Co-op has some local avail on odd days. On even days, you have to park on the other side of avail.)

Ah, yes, the Trumpster. He will run this country like the enormously successful businessman he is, which apparently means insulting people of Mexican ancestry as being criminals and rapists, then hiring them. (What? Rapists aren't criminals? That'll go over well with most women.) Also, business success apparently includes having your companies declare bankruptcy four times, not to mention your very rich father, temporarily, saving your casino by buying \$3 million in chips, then never using them. Hmm, that was a deal that the New Jersey gaming commission considered to be shady. If a commission in New Jersey says something might be "shady," you should raise your eyebrows, perk up your ears, or generate some other cliché.

I mean, in the Garden State, it's apparently OK to shut down access to a major bridge, creating huge traffic jams, and say, You didn't really want to go to New York, anyway. That's Sin City.

Meanwhile, Trump and Cruz delve into very important policy matters by battling over my girl's prettier than yours.

After the whole melee about the size of Trump's hands, you would've thought that the GOP race couldn't get any more junior high, but as soon as you think that, they find a dumber junior high. Apparently, America has no dearth of those.

Besides, it's the size of men's feet, not hands. All women know this.

Not to join junior high again or anything.

Speaking of going to hell in a handbasket. Apparently, Houston, the handbasket has landed.

EDITORIAL

Going easy on minimum wage

Income inequality and the minimum wage have become central issues in the Democrats' campaign rhetoric this election cycle. Presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who recently picked up five states in the Democratic Party's primaries, says in a statement on his website that the current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour is "starvation pay."

But one state is prepared to take a massive step in on the issue, at least for workers who receive hourly wages.

California made headlines Monday when Gov. Jerry Brown announced a deal that would eventually raise the minimum wage to \$15 in the state. The deal, involving top lawmakers in the California Legislature, would gradually increase the state's current \$10 minimum wage, first by 50 cents per year and eventually \$1, eventually resulting in a \$15 wage that will become tied to inflation in 2022.

On the surface, this seems like an extremely positive development. A higher minimum wage will unequivocally benefit many workers who are struggling to get by (in what is estimated by *USA Today* to be the sixth-most expensive state to live in the United States). And tying the wage to inflation is also a smart idea: According to Pew Research, the federal minimum wage peaked in 1968 at \$8.54 (with dollar amounts adjusted for inflation in 2014), and it has stagnated ever since.

However, some economists, such as Michael Reich, a professor of economics at University of California-Berkeley, note that such a drastic increase in the

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Loving the skin you are in



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As ambitious as I claim to be, there are some things that I fail to complete, one being my New Year's resolution. My New Year's resolution was to return to my diet and hold myself more accountable regarding weight loss. *Time* reported that one of the most commonly broken New Year's resolutions is to lose weight and get fit. That was my exact resolution, and at this point, I can proudly say that I have not acted upon it.

The University of Scranton compiled statistics on New Year's resolutions in

2015, and the results are as you would expect. Approximately 50 percent of the Americans surveyed usually made resolutions and achieved little to no success. I am glad to say that I am a part of the almost 50 percent. I have always liked the way that my body has looked and have no problem with it. It is the media's representation of the skinny body as ideal that is causing many of us to want to get smaller.

There are various crazy fads out there that are unhealthy and delivering negative and unattainable body images to the general public. The tides are turning; *Sports Illustrated* has made history by putting its first plus-size model on the cover of the Swimsuit Issue. Ashley Graham, the cover star, took to her Instagram to say, "This cover is for every woman who felt like she

wasn't beautiful enough because of her size."

This is the image that we have to see portrayed more in media. I have younger family members, and I do not want them to be blind-sided by the tricks of the media.

The body positivity keeps coming. IMG models have embraced this idea of body positivity and size diversity. The new division of the organization is called Brawn, and it tries to keep the title plus-size from its description. It has one such model under its wing, Zach Miko. It shows and proves to the people of the world that body positivity needs to go beyond women and spill off on men as well. This message is needed for men such as me who are comfortable in the skin they are in and those who are on the other end of the spectrum.

New Year's resolutions are not necessary. You do not need the New Year to make a change. If you really want to make a change, you can find the motivation to make it happen. But if you fail, and look at the deeper reasons you want to make that change, you may realize that you are doing it for all the wrong reasons.

I am very proud and glad that society can finally recognize people from every walk of life. This message is amazingly inclusive and necessary because diversity is important for the younger generations, which are becoming more responsive as the media become more invasive. I stand by these media heavyweights providing and giving access to body positive images that are needed in contemporary society.

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GUEST OPINION

Trans Alliance, Spectrum endorse BLOC for USIG

The University of Iowa Trans Alliance and Spectrum UI have dedicated their time on campus to ensuring queer and trans students feel safe and have a sense of belonging at our university. During the last few student-government elections, Spectrum has endorsed tickets and candidates who have presented platform initiatives that directly affect the lives of queer and trans students on campus. This year, there is only one ticket running for USIG that fits the bill: the BLOC Party.

The Yes Party has said it wants to provide leadership to improve the inclusion of "queer folk," but BLOC candidates are the ones with real experience in addressing the concerns of queer and trans students at the UI.

BLOC presidential candidate Rachel Zuckerman has personally advocated for gender-neutral housing at the UI. She has served on the Committee for Gender Inclusive Policies and Practices, a collaborative committee with representation from Spectrum,

Trans Alliance, WRAC, resident assistants, Delta Lambda Phi, and more. Zuckerman worked with this committee to advocate for more training for RAs on queer and trans identities, improved assignment processes for trans and non-binary students in housing, and transition health-insurance coverage, among others.

BLOC is running on a platform with a strong emphasis on diversity and inclusion, and in that are several initiatives directed at improving campus for trans and non-binary individuals. BLOC backs the changes being made to UI record-keeping, which will ensure that all students' pronouns and preferred name will be reflected in the record system, and officials plan to ensure this change is carried out in a timely and thorough manner.

The UI has made great progress in recent years with the addition of gender-neutral restrooms in places such as the IMU and Petersen Residence Hall. BLOC wants to build on the progress that is underway to create more

safe restroom spaces on campus. An all-campus restroom audit is underway, and the results will help identify single-use restrooms that can be converted to gender-neutral restrooms. During the next USIG term, BLOC plans to make significant progress toward the goal of having at least one gender-neutral restroom in every major campus building.

Another platform initiative is to advocate for trans-inclusive health insurance. Current student-health-insurance plans do not cover hormones or surgeries that are medically necessary for many transgender people. When this treatment is inaccessible, studies show that these individuals experience higher rates of mental-health and substance-abuse issues. This trend ends up actually costing health-insurance companies more than if they provided the initial transition coverage. BLOC will work with UI officials to expand health-insurance coverage for all transition needs.

BLOC executives and

senators have done background research and developed the base necessary to make these visions a reality. They have had conversations, made critical connections, and garnered significant support for these changes. This foundation is irreplaceable and essential to the completion of these initiatives.

Finally, BLOC is committed to listening to students' concerns and finding new ways to support the queer and trans students at the UI. Zuckerman and running mate Lauren Freeman are devoted to learning about our communities and the ways we can be better supported on campus. As new problems or solutions arise, we are confident that they will take action to make meaningful change.

Therefore, Trans Alliance and Spectrum voice their full support for BLOC and encourage students to vote for them Wednesday and Thursday.

Sean Finn and
Jeremy Fogel
UI Trans Alliance

April showers for babies

By GAGE MISKIMEN
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The arrival of April means the arrival of the Johnson County Crisis Center's "shower the crisis center" event.

Starting April 1, the Crisis Center will organize its annual baby drives to gather supplies for infants and families in need.

Jay Capron, the communications coordinator for the Crisis Center, said the center normally provides a number of services such as a food bank and crisis hotlines for



Capron
coordinator

residents in need.

The center's food bank is also the largest in Johnson County, distributing around 1.2 million pounds of food a year, but in April, its focus shifts to the youngest members of the community.

"The month of April is a month we set aside to 'shower the crisis center,'" he said. "Throughout the entire month, we have people set up baby drives to give diapers and other baby supplies."

Capron said the Crisis Center has specific items they are looking to be donated at the drives, while there are other things the center can't accept.

"We're looking for formula, diapers, baby food, baby shampoo, lotion, powder,

diaper rash cream, and unopened bottles and pacifiers," he said. "We do not accept clothing, blankets or toys."

Last year, the Crisis Center collected 1,802 pounds of baby products. Capron said members of the center are hoping the whole community will be willing to help out and get involved.

"We're seeing more growth so we are seeing more need for this event," he said. "The cost of raising a child is becoming more expensive as years go on. We're looking for businesses and other organizations who want to host sites for drops off. Our website has printable signs and other resources on how to organize these drives."

Jessica Morris, the food-bank coordinator at the Cri-

sis Center, said the event is a really important drive for the center.

"We had around 162 families each week last year requesting baby items," she said. "It's important because unfortunately, there isn't really a good resource for diapers and formula in the community."

Morris said these items can be costly for some young families.

"They're expensive items to buy, especially if someone is living paycheck to paycheck," she said. "We don't want people to have to choose if they are going to be able to get food for themselves or diapers for their babies. We want to have these items available for our community. This drive is so wonderful be-

cause it gives us the chance to provide these items."

Childhood poverty in Johnson County has seen a 25.5 percent increase since the year 2000. One in 10 children in the county live beneath the poverty line according to the Kids Count report released at the beginning of this year.

Lynette Jacoby, the social services director of Johnson County, said events such as "the shower" are crucial because not only do they receive items for babies, the events also raise awareness of poverty in Johnson County.

"Johnson County is often seen as a community that is well off and that we offer a high quality of living, but there's a high disparity between those who have re-

sources and those who don't," she said. "The children in poverty are sometimes invisible to the community. Having these drives not only help these families, but it helps build awareness. These families have important needs that aren't being met."

Jacoby said items being offered as these drives are also items people can't receive through benefit programs or food stamps. She said any support anyone can provide to families with young children is absolutely critical.

"When kids experience poverty, they grow up less prepared to start school and maneuver the difficulties in life," she said. "There are too many high-risk factors that come with poverty."

Finding solidarity in differences

By BILL COONEY
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The world continues to diversify, and in order to live in a healthy, democratic society together, people are needed to recognize, and bridge, the gaps between those who hold different religious beliefs, said one interfaith expert.

Eboo Patel, the founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core — a national nonprofit working to make interfaith cooperation a social norm — spoke in the IMU on Monday, saying there is a need to study the relationships among religious identities and how these affect decisions in people's everyday lives.

Patel, who was a mem-

ber of President Obama's Inaugural Faith Council, said real diversity was not what he called "eggroll and samosa diversity."

"Eggrolls and samosas, bring them on, they're all good," Patel said. "But diversity isn't about differences in each other we like; it's about differences we don't like. What do you do when you live in a diverse democracy when the person next to you has different convictions than you do? When they're allowed to freely express those convictions, what do you do?"

In order to build a healthy, religiously diverse democracy, Patel said, people have to agree to disagree.

"People have to be able to disagree on some of the fundamental things and work together on other fundamental things to

at his job as a physician working with high-risk pregnancies at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

"If we don't focus on how faith is relevant to world views, we're missing out on how to interact with these peoples of other

they won't accept a blood transfusion or anything like that, so if you need to perform a serious surgery on someone who identifies as a Jehovah's Witness, you have to tailor your strategy to make sure your respecting that person's beliefs while still providing the best care possible," Santillian said.

UI student Chris Thomas, who attended the event, said he thought Patel's message was something people needed to hear.

"Religion is really diverse, and we can't keep ourselves isolated from it," Thomas said. "We

need to learn interfaith skills in order to make our world work."

Patel ended by saying how excited he was to be witnessing what he believed to be the birth of a new academic field of study.

"A hundred years ago, you didn't have environmentalists; until you got a group of people together that decided the environment was worth studying, now you have a whole field," he said. "That's what we need to do for interfaith studies. We need to set the groundwork now in order to produce the critical mass of interfaith leaders we'll need in the future in order to live in a healthy, religiously diverse democracy."

But diversity isn't about differences in each other we like; it's about differences we don't like.

— Eboo Patel, founder of Interfaith Youth Core

build something beautiful in spite of their differences," he said.

Mark Santillian, who went to high school with Patel, said he dealt with issues everyday related to individual's beliefs

faiths," he said.

Santillian said each instance is different, and issues related to religious beliefs of patients must be handled individually.

"For example, if you have a Jehovah's Witness,

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Local Comedian Spotlight: Megan Gogerty

• I was a feminist before I became a working parent, but I was a feminist in the same way I was a Sagittarius. It didn't really mean anything.

• Parenting is not a job, it's a lifelong experience that hopefully you chose for yourself and will define you for the rest of your life. Like a face tattoo.

• I think it's interesting that when you eat a whole bag of Good 'n' Plenty, both of those things become false.

• I recently ordered a shower curtain with an inspirational saying on it, so I'll be basically unstoppable pretty soon now.

• There are two kinds of people in the world: people who are dumb, people with their own chicken fryer, and a third kind who make bad analogies.

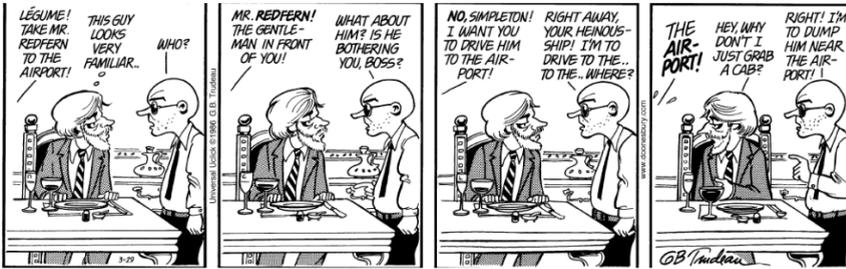
• Guess who's got two thumbs and also two other thumbs and HOLY HELL WHERE ARE ALL THESE THUMBS COMING FROM?

• All I want in life is money, power, and a magic sword whose scabbard is the stretched, cured intestines of my enemies. I don't see why that's so hard.

Andrew R. Juhl suggests you follow Megan Gogerty on Twitter, @megangogerty.

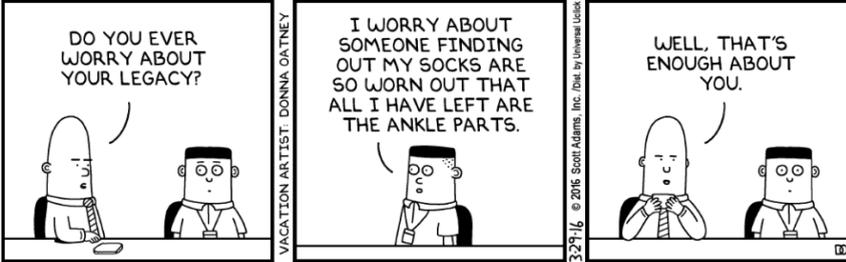
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- **Visiting Seminar**, Lee Graves, 10:30 a.m., 1459 Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon Program**, Craig Just, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Marie Migaud, 12:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **#readforjustice Pop-Up Reading Group**, 3 p.m., Main Library Learning Commons Group Area D
- **"From Constantinople to Moscow: Geopolitical landscapes of capital cities in medieval Eastern Europe,"** Jelena Bogdanović, 5 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **Powernomix: Demonstrating the Power of Black Business**, 6 p.m., W10 Pappajohn
- **"Live From Prairie Lights,"** Sawako Nakayasu, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Exhibition Lecture**, Rachel Williams, 7:30 p.m., 116 Art Building West

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- 8 A.M.-9 THE MORNING
 - 9 NEWS AT NINE
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- It's often said with a smile
- Madrid-to-Lisbon dir.
- Black & Decker competitor
- Medium for Michelangelo
- Characters on a wanted poster
- Bone parallel to the radius
- Remove from practice
- Loved, as archaeological work?
- Forbidden
- "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" blonde
- Word with cream or cutie
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- Beijing's river basin
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- Skiing event with gates
- Dulles airport designer Saarinen
- Goes in up to one's knees, say
- Hide in the shadows
- Fights, as war
- Direction opposite nord
- Problem with lifting?
- Belly button type
- With 51-Down, description of the shaded answers?
- Enthusiastic
- Sam- (Seuss character)
- Passport certification
- Golfer Palmer, informally
- Another nickname for the Ocean State
- Big name in luxury bags

PUZZLE BY ELIZABETH C. GORSKI

- Bunglings
- H.M.O. doctor designations
- Southwest Indian
- Virgil described its eruption in the "Aeneid"
- Tiny storage unit
- Drop heavily
- "The Metamorphosis" protagonist
- Slap handcuffs on
- "Can't do it"
- See 13-Down
- Came (Mexican restaurant order)
- Black flower in a Dumas title
- "Let me repeat ..."
- In paratus (ready for anything)
- Muscles above the abs
- Part of DOS: Abbr.
- Magnon man
- Suffix with north
- Nutmeg-topped drink
- Summer on the Seine

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horoscopes

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Share what you have to offer and you will find a way to turn an idea into a moneymaking venture. Problems with institutions and government agencies will surface if you have neglected to take care of your personal finances.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Be the driving force behind an idea. Take action—an opportunity will not last forever. A personal relationship is best handled with care. Offer love and affection, but don't feel the need to overspend to hold someone's interest.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A constructive approach to getting things done is a better option than getting into an argument with someone. Uncertainty will result in a make-or-break standoff that is best dealt with honestly. A subtle change is favored.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Take care of your interests and avoid worrying about what everyone else is doing. You can make headway if you stay focused and use your resources to bring about the changes you want to see happen at work or at home.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Travel, communication and bringing attention to the things you want to see happen will lean in your favor. Choose your course of action instead of following someone who makes questionable offers. Personal change will be gratifying.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll have lots of options, so wait and see what transpires and choose what works best for you. Not everyone will agree with you, but for now it's best to look out for yourself. Be cautious regarding partnerships.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Change will give you a new lease on life. A day trip or reconnecting with old friends will open your eyes to a personal situation you are facing. Explore your options and prepare to take a leap of faith.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Believe in your ability to see through what others do and say. Your insight will help you make superior choices when it comes to both helping others and reaching your own goals. Romance will bring you joy and greater stability.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Home is the best place to be. Bring about the changes that will make your life more convenient. Travel is best kept to a minimum for now. Avoid daring or risky adventures. Protect against insult and injury.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look for opportunities that suit you, and try not to get involved in ventures that deal with people you cannot trust or count on to do their part. Someone from your past will tamper with your emotions if you aren't careful. You can't buy love.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** An investment or job prospect looks inviting. Bring about a change that will free up enough time to get involved in something that entices you. Good fortune can be yours if you are willing to put in the time.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Problems will surface with people in authoritative positions or those from a different cultural background. Clear up any confusion that arises before things escalate. Honesty and a concise explanation along with compassion and understanding will help you maintain your integrity.

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors. — Plato

HITTING

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this week after hitting .467 in the last 10 games.

“Robert’s getting hot, and that’s a good thing for us,” Heller said. “We need some guys up and down the order that can spread things out for us ... he gave us a nice boost and helped us out big time.”

Against Maryland, a bulk of the Hawkeye runs came with two outs. Booker says the never-quit attitude at the plate is a staple on the team.

But at the same time, he said, it doesn’t matter what the situation is for the Hawkeye hitters; when they see a good pitch, they attack it.

“Two-out hitting is definitely an approach,” Booker said. “But great hitting philosophy is

getting your best swing off, looking for your pitch, and taking advantage of it.”

Now with a 9-12 record as they square off against Northern Illinois today and Minnesota in a three-game series this weekend, Booker says the team is in good shape if the hot-hitting continues.

“As long as we take care of business in the Big Ten and these midweek games, I think we’ll be fine,” he said.

TRACK

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While being the best 60-meter hurdler in school history, he believes that the best is yet to come.

“I think that I’m a better 110-meter hurdler than I am a 60-meter hurdler, so all my efforts are geared toward the NCAA hurdle title,” he said. “My team and I believe we can take a lot of events to the NCAA Championships in Eugene [Oregon], so my goal is to help out as much as I can and have as many All-Americans as possible.”

Even more important than individual honors are team placings, Mallett noted.

“We have a really good team this year, and I truly believe we have a shot at winning [the Big Ten title],” he said.

Last season, Iowa finished third in the conference meet behind Illinois and Nebraska.

Mallett claimed the 110-meter hurdle title in that meet and set the school record of 13.43 seconds.

Leading the pack

The distance squad did not compete often during the indoor season, but the outdoor season brings many more opportunities.

Sophomore Michael Melchert hopes to be one of the leaders in a young distance crew. Known by his coaches as an athlete who leads by example rather than his words,

the Monticello, Iowa, native thinks that his actions will speak.

“Showing up to practice every day, ready to put in good, solid work will ultimately make my group follow the same pattern,” he said.

Last outdoor season, Melchert battled an injury, a stress reaction in his shin.

He views that performance-hindering injury as a chip on his shoulder. “That injury gave me some much-needed rest and motivation to get back to the grind,” he said.

While Melchert’s coaches limited him in the 2016 indoor season, his presence on the track could be felt by many.

He led the team in the mile and also ran the fourth-best 3,000-meters and 5,000 meters in school history.

BASEBALL

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the series win against Maryland, which was picked to finish second in the Big Ten, will give the Hawkeyes confidence moving forward.

“We made some big strides [against Maryland],” Heller said. “Up and down the lineup, guys are swinging the bats better and with more confidence. When you’re getting hits throughout the lineup, it gives you a good chance to score some runs.”

McDonald, who entered his freshman season as a top-500 prospect nationally by Perfect Game, has made four appearances (three starts) in 2016. Before the season, he hadn’t started a game on the mound since his junior year of high school.

Now, he has found a

role as a reliable mid-week starter. The team’s Friday starter, redshirt sophomore right-hander C.J. Eldred, had some advice for the young hurler before his fourth start of the season.

“Getting ahead [in the count] is one of our goals,” Eldred said. “To get ahead of as many hitters as possible ... it’s a lot easier to pitch when you’re ahead in the count. It keeps hitters on their toes, and you can pretty much throw whatever you want.”

The Hawkeyes have seen improved offensive production in recent weeks. Scoring slightly more than 5 runs per game over the last 10, Iowa will try to rack up runs against the Huskies.

A main offensive weapon in recent games has been senior outfielder Eric Schenck-Joblinske.

Schenck-Joblinske, who is hitting .244, cranked

a home run to right field against Maryland in the series finale Sunday, the only run for the Hawks.

The Dike native said the recent success, as well as the loss in the series finale, should motivate the Hawks to recreate the successes of last year’s NCAA regional squad.

“The Maryland series was a steppingstone for us,” Schenck-Joblinske said. “Going forward, we’ll get some good ball going, get some quality swings in, and play well.”

Now, as the Hawks and Huskies go toe-to-toe on the turf at Banks Field, Heller said it’s about keeping a level head and getting the job done, even when things don’t go as planned.

“Just keep with the plan ... stick with the plan,” he said. “Don’t get caught up in things you can’t control, and the game will come to you.”

FOOTBALL

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Matt VandeBerg (65 catches, 703 yards) back.

VandeBerg and tight end George Kittle (20 catches, 290 yards) combined for 10 touchdowns, and they will probably be the bulk of Beathard’s targets next season.

Replacing 49 percent

of the receiving yardage production, however, won’t be easy. Wideout Tevaun Smith and tight end Henry Krieger Coble were solid hands and came up clutch far more often than they did not.

Split end Jerminic Smith flashed in his freshman season, though he remains an unproven commodity. Riley McCarron is penciled in near the top of the depth chart at wide

receiver as well, but he has not shown a whole lot during his career and could simply be there because he’s a senior.

Even with the turnover, the Iowa passing offense should be in a decent, if not good place. Beathard doesn’t turn the ball over a lot, and another year of work with his receivers will do wonders for his timing on routes, especially with the younger players.

Big Ten honors Neustrom

The Big Ten announced Monday that Hawkeye outfielder Robert Neustrom has been named the league’s Freshman of the Week.

The honor is Neustrom’s first career accolade. The Sioux City native came to Iowa as a top-500 prospect by Perfect Game and was the Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year in his senior season.

Neustrom hit .500 last week, and he is batting .349 on the season. He collected hits in three of four games last week; he went 5-for-6 in the first two games of the Maryland series, including 3-for-3 in the series’ second game. It was his second 3-hit game of his freshman season.

His .349 batting average is third on the team behind



Neustrom
freshman

Nick Roscetti and Joel Booker. Neustrom has collected 15 hits, including 3 that went for extra-bases in 43 at-bats, as well as knocking in 4 RBIs. He’s appeared in 18 games and has started 11 of them.

Neustrom’s .442 slugging percentage is the fourth-best mark on the team, behind Booker, Roscetti, and Austin Guzzo.

“Robert’s getting hot, and that’s a good thing for us,” Iowa head coach Rick Heller said. “We need some guys up and down the order to spread things out for us ... he gave us a nice boost and really helped us big-time.”

Neustrom and the Hawkeyes will try to continue the hot streak when they face Northern Illinois in Banks Field today for a midweek contest. First pitch is set for 4:05 p.m.

— by Jake Mosbach

SPORTS TRIVIA

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THE TUESDAY COLUMN

Save some time, Simmons will go first

Ben Simmons will go first in the 2016 NBA draft because that's how the NBA works.



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It's March Madness, which means NBA eyes are inching closer and closer to draft time. After potential No. 1 pick Ben Simmons and LSU were left out of the NCAA Tournament all together, we're seeing a familiar scenario play out near the top of draft boards.

Simmons had been the consensus No. 1 pick for most of the year despite playing for a school that hasn't been relevant to basketball since Shaquille O'Neal, for obvious reasons. It was immediately

clear in his Australian high-schooler's game tape that Simmons was an athletic freak, possessing the size of a frontcourt player but the fluidity and ball-handling ability of a top guard.

He averaged 19 points, 12 rebounds, 5 assists, 2 steals, and a block per game on 56 percent shooting from the floor this season at LSU. He was as dominant as could've been reasonably expected, but because he was the leader of a team that fell short of even a low seed in the tournament, there has been criticism.

Somebody always wants to be the smart guy to figure out who's better than "the best."

We've seen it before, and we're seeing it again.

Duke forward Brandon Ingram finished a strong tournament performance with 24 points,

5 rebounds, 3 steals, and a block against Oregon, and now draft pundits are looking for any reason to anoint him better than Simmons.

But this, one, simply isn't true, and two, is a waste of time, and it's provable. We've seen this dynamic at work in the recent past, and we know how it ends.

The 2014 NBA draft was the year of Andrew Wiggins and Jabari Parker, and similarly, the athletically gifted Wiggins was regarded throughout the college season as a consensus top pick until criticisms that he was also too passive became a "legitimate" knock on his NBA potential.

Parker, on the other hand, was a lethal go-to scorer for Duke, shouldering a heavier scoring load and more overall pressure in the confines

of his team and proved to be a substantially more refined scorer both near the basket and away from it. Pundits wondered: Did he impress NBA officials enough to leapfrog Wiggins?

Nonetheless, when it came down to it, the Cavaliers decided the potentially transcendent athlete in Wiggins made him worthy of the top pick.

Teams will always elect to go with the player that most closely resembles what they've never seen before. Wiggins is 6-8, and rumors have it he has a vertical leap in the 44-inch range.

Parker was also 6-8, but slower and slightly less gifted vertically. The choice was simple.

And this wasn't the first time. This dynamic is decades old, and to differentiate top players, teams have continually shown that athleticism is valued more than refined ability. Sometimes, as you could expect, even to a fault.

Greg Oden dominated college hoops in 2007-08, and nobody could resist the idea of a 7-footer who could both bully people in the paint and get off the ground to alter plays above the rim.

All the while, Kevin

Durant used his wiry frame, lesser athleticism, and more refined game to average nearly 30 points per game, 8.5 rebounds, and 5 assists.

Oden went first overall, and his athleticism disappeared along with his career as he battled chronic injury problems. Durant, on the other hand, has won an MVP and is on the short list of best players in the league.

Regardless, teams just can't help themselves.

So, Simmons will be drafted first overall. People telling you otherwise just want you to click on their websites.

Teague free throws help Hawks hold off Bulls, 102-100



Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose drives to the basket against Atlanta Hawks guard Jeff Teague during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago, Monday, March 28, 2016. (AP Photo/David Banks)

By DAVE ROYSE
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jeff Teague scored 26 points, including two free throws with just over six seconds to play, and the surging Atlanta Hawks fought off a furious Chicago rally for a 102-100 win Monday night.

It was the fourth-straight win for the Hawks. Though the Bulls mounted a dramatic late comeback, they continued a late-season swoon, losing their fourth straight.

The Bulls were down as much as 15 in the second half but stormed back in the fourth quarter and were down 3 with the ball with eight seconds to play. Chicago's Mike Dunleavy missed a lay-up, though, and fouled Teague, whose free throws sealed Atlanta's ninth win in 10 games.

Dennis Schroder and Al Horford each added 14 points for Atlanta. Paul Millsap had 11 rebounds, and Horford added 10 for the Hawks, who completed a season

sweep of the Bulls.

Derrick Rose had 20 points for the Bulls. Kyle Korver had 12 points, and Millsap had 11 for Atlanta.

While the Hawks (45-30) are closing in on the playoffs, the loss further dimmed Chicago's hopes of getting the final spot in the Eastern Conference.

With the loss, the Bulls (36-37), fell 2 1/2 games behind Detroit, which currently holds the eighth-place spot, the cutoff for the playoffs.

Pau Gasol scored 19 points and had 11 rebounds, while Aaron Brooks added 16 points and Jimmy Butler had 15 for the Bulls. Taj Gibson had 12 rebounds for Chicago.

The Bulls started the game fast, getting out to an 8-0 lead before Atlanta scored, and Chicago had a 31-22 lead at the end of the first quarter.

But after opening up a 13-point lead early in the second quarter, Chicago went cold, going more than seven minutes without a field goal

during the period.

During that time, the Bulls missed 14-straight shots, including three that were blocked, and the Hawks held a 52-45 half-time lead.

The Hawks added to the lead in the second half, going up by as much as 15 as Chicago shot poorly from the field before its late comeback effort.

TIP-INS

Bulls: Without G E'Twaun Moore for a sixth game because of a left hamstring injury. Coach Fred Hoiberg said he hoped Moore would be able to play by the end of the week.

Hawks: Atlanta's 4-0 record against the Bulls marks its first season sweep of Chicago since 2008-09 and only its second since the team moved to Atlanta before the 1968-69 season.

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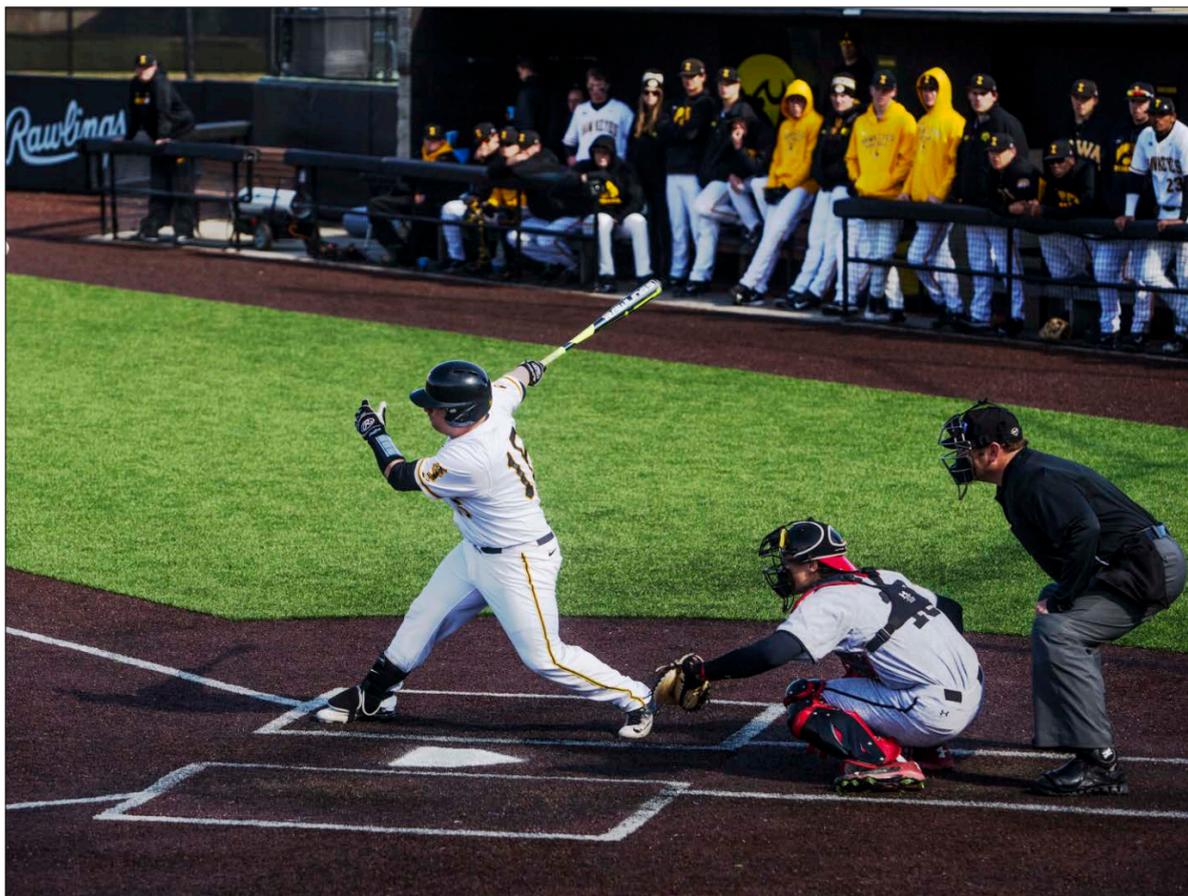
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Iowa catcher Jimmy Frankos hits at Banks Field on March 25. Iowa defeated Maryland, 8-1. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

BASEBALL BACK IN THE GROOVE

By **JAKE MOSBACH**
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The Hawkeye baseball team has struggled in the beginning of the 2016 season, there's no denying that.

Sporting a 7-11 record heading in to the team's first weekend of Big Ten play, the Hawks squared off against Maryland, a team picked to finish second in the league in the preseason coaches' poll. So when Iowa took two of three games from the Terps, it came as a bit of a surprise.

Hawkeye pitching was efficient, no doubt. But the team's offensive output could be cited as the real savior.

"We've just had great at-bats up and down the lineup," senior outfielder Joel Booker said after the March 25 game against Maryland. "We got our pitches, and we got our best swings off."

Booker's .352 batting average is second on the team, behind only shortstop Nick Roscetti, who bats .360. He leads the team in home runs (2) and is tied for the team lead with Roscetti in hits (31) and runs scored (19).

Four Hawkeyes are hitting above .300: Roscetti and Booker,

followed by Robert Neustrom (.349) and Austin Guzzo (.311). While senior outfielder Eric Schenck-Joblinske hasn't eclipsed the .300 plateau yet, the Dike native has been a spark for the lineup recently.

Schenck-Joblinske crushed a home run to right field in the series finale against Maryland on Sunday. He is hitting .233 in 43 at-bats so far this season. After his home run, Schenck-Joblinske said his teammates ahead of him in the lineup have given him useful tips before he steps up to the plate.

"The couple of lefties ahead of me said he was throwing a fastball right down the middle," Schenck-Joblinske said. "So I was just looking for a fastball that I could really get ahold of."

Hawkeye head coach Rick Heller sang the praises of freshman Neustrom after the March 26 victory over Maryland. Neustrom was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week

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Football offense on the beam

By **JORDAN HANSEN**
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Balance was the theme of the Iowa offense last season.

The Hawkeyes rushed for 181.7 yards per game as a team, while quarterback C.J. Beathard averaged a little more than 200 yards throwing the ball. With how well the delicate balance worked for the team last season, it would come as a bit of surprise if head coach Kirk Ferentz deviated far from a script that worked.

Iowa returns 60 percent of its rushing attack, including Beathard (237 yards last season), LeShun Daniels Jr. (646), Akrum Wadley (496), and Derrick Mitchell Jr. (162). In the 12 games the Hawkeyes won on their way to the Big Ten Championship, they were able to establish the running game early and often.

They'll need to do the same this year. Daniels will likely be the Day 1 starter at running back, though the 225-pound brick wall won't tote the load alone. There's injury history with Daniels, but more importantly, running the ball by committee worked well for Iowa last season.

Granted, the carries distribution was affected by injuries, but it also kept defenses on edge. If it was Jordan Canzeri (whose 984 rushing yards and 208 receiving



Iowa running back LeShun Daniels Jr. runs during the Iowa-North Texas game in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 26, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Mean Green, 62-16. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

yards will be missed) in the backfield, Ferentz and offensive coordinator Greg Davis had the option to get him the ball via short pass or simply hand the ball on a running play.

Iowa will miss Canzeri, but his skills can be found a bit in Wadley and Mitchell's game. Wadley averaged 15.7 yards per catch, and Mitchell hauled in 15 passes for 141 yards.

Wadley will probably see

the field earlier for a couple reasons. First, Mitchell is expected to miss much of spring practice with lingering injuries from the 2015 season. Second, Wadley just looks the part.

During his best game — a 204-yard outburst Oct. 17 at Northwestern — Wadley showed tremendous vision and a knack for exploding through holes, two things that led to the all-important "big play."

Canzeri had 22 runs go for longer than 10 yards last season. Daniels and Wadley combined for 30, but with how many carries they'll likely be getting, that number should rise.

While Iowa's running attack was its calling card, the passing game kept it alive. Beathard took huge steps in his development last season and gets leading receiver

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Which notable Hawkeye and former MLB All Star went to high school in Norway, Iowa, the location of the movie "The Final Season?"

Go to page 5 for the answer.

Brissett keeps aim high

By **ADAM HENSLEY**
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Hawkeye freshman Christian Brissett aims to continue his top Big Ten performance this weekend.

The Wyncote, Pennsylvania, native earned Big Ten Track Athlete of the week following his times in the 400-meter relay, 200 meters, and 100 meters during the Baldy Castillo on March 18-19 in Tempe, Arizona, the Hawkeyes' first outdoor meet of the season.

Besides leading the conference in all three races, Brissett's times put him in the top-10 nationally in each event (10th in the 100, seventh in the 200, and second in the 4x100).

The honor came on the heels of his first outdoor meet with Iowa.



Brissett
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"It was good; I was surprised," he said. "It was the opening meet, I was pretty excited. It was a big accomplishment and a big honor."

While starting off the season atop the conference and ranking among the nation's best, Brissett knows there is plenty of work remaining.

"Hopefully [I get] 20.60 [in the 200] and 10.30, 10.20 [in the 100]," he said.

Mallett seeks to keep the hot streak burning

First-team All-American hurdler Aaron Mallett wrapped up the indoor season in style.

He broke the school record for the 60-meter hurdles in his first-place finish in the conference championship and finished third in the national meet.

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Hawks seek to build on victories

By **JAKE MOSBACH**
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After taking two of three games against Maryland in a weekend series to begin Big Ten play, the Hawkeye baseball team will square off with Northern Illinois today at Banks Field for a nonconference midweek contest.

The game was originally set for Wednesday, but the 80 percent chance of rain forced team officials to reschedule.

The Hawks (9-12, 2-1 Big Ten) dropped the series finale to Maryland after taking the first two. Northern Illinois (6-17) enters the game after taking two of three games from Ohio this past weekend.

Cole McDonald will get the nod on the hill for Iowa. The freshman right-hander has had decent success in his first year with a 2-1 record and a 4.26 ERA. Northern Illinois will counter with redshirt senior righty Joey Ceja (0-2, 15.19 ERA).

Iowa head coach Rick Heller said



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