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Kids get UI tumor care



Eight-year old-Caleb Shannon plays with a beach ball before his appointment with doctors in the Radiation Brian Cancer center at the UIHC on April 15. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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On the third Friday of every month, young patients who have had or are currently battling brain tumors can come take part in a clinic at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital that is like no other in the state.

Traditionally, the side effects of brain tumors could require a child to need a variety of different consulting sessions with neurologists, endocrinologists, psychologists, and more. But with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Clinic, the burden of scheduling multiple appointments is eliminated and most families only have to travel to the hospital once every few months.

On clinic days an array of pediatric doctors specializing in different areas who normally wouldn't get to collaborate so closely, gather together to help the child with whatever is medically recommended.

The clinic allows them to meet in one room and have a roundtable discussion to strategize the best plan for helping the patient recover.

The clinic started in February 2015 by Mariko Sato, a clinical professor of pediatrics at UI Hospitals and the only trained neuro-oncologist in Iowa.

"Patients can just come here once and have four different visits," Sato said. "It's special because we [doctors] already committed to be here."

Sato said she has overseen about 70 patients in the first year of the clinic. Many of the children she works with have gone through surgery and no longer have brain tumors but still require comprehensive care.

Slow growth development, mental-health disorders, and muscle weakness are just some of the complications that can arise from tumors or their treatment.

SEE CLINIC, 3

“Even though we cure the cancer, that's not the end of it.”
— Maricko Sato, UI clinical professor of pediatrics

1st ever Trans Week kicks off

By MADELINE MURPHY SMITH
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The first-ever Trans Alliance Week of Action kicks off this week.

The week is dedicated to raising awareness about trans issues and educating students on how to take action and become allies to the trans community said Sean Finn, the president of the University of Iowa Trans Alliance.

"The week of action is to educate people on what they can do to improve the rights and culture for the trans community," he said.

Finn said it's important to have a week dedicated to raising awareness about trans issues because most people will meet a transgender person in their lifetime and having the education and tools to respectfully treat a transgender person is an important conversation to be having on campus.

Jeremy Vogel, the webmaster and future head of Spectrum UI, said it works closely with Trans Alliance on LGBTQ issues on campus and that it's



A student observes a display to raise awareness for Trans Alliance Week of Action. This is the UI's first-ever Trans Alliance Week. (The Daily Iowan/Ting Xuan)

especially important to have a week of action with the current political climate regarding transgender issues.

Laws passed recently in Mississippi, North Carolina, and a number of other states have been called discriminatory by LGBTQ activists.

"Even though you may not be transgender, there's probably some part of your identity someone

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UI TRANS ALLIANCE WEEK OF ACTION

Today: Beginner Trans Educational
Where: 337 IMU
When: 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Trans Action & Allyship Workshop
Where: 181 IMU
When: 4 p.m.

Wednesday: Non-Discrimination Letter Writing Campaign
Where: Main Library Group Areas C&D
When: 7 p.m.

Thursday: Trans in Greek Life Panel
Where: 346 IMU
When: 7 p.m.

Friday: Community Discussion on Trans Action
Where: Public Library Meeting Room A
When: 5:30 p.m.

Friday: Community Potluck
Where: WRAC
When: 6:30 p.m.

ARTS & CULTURE

Daya finally gets to IC

By ALEX KRAMER
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April is the new February for everyone who bought tickets to see Daya in Iowa City.

After canceling her Feb. 25 performance for health reasons, Daya will bring her enticing pop voice and catchy hit song "Hide Away" to Blue Moose, 211 Iowa Ave., at 8 p.m. today.

When an agent approached SCOPE talent buyer Sydney Linden, all of the buzz generated from Daya's hit single made booking her an obvious decision, Linden said.

"There's a lot of upcoming popularity with that song, a lot of radio play, and I thought it would be perfect to book her for this very small, intimate club show," she said. "I thought it would be really good for Iowa City to get a good, fun pop artist to come here."

Daya, now a pop musician, studied classical and jazz piano as a child. She also plays guitar, ukulele, saxophone, and flute.



Daya
singer

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FOR THE FLORA



Brian Hester waters the plants on the Pentacrest on Monday. Hester works for the UI Landscape Services. (The Daily Iowan/Tawny Schmit)

New library system coming to UI

By **KENDREW PANYANOUVONG**

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The current University of Iowa Libraries search interfaces will receive a major facelift after 16 years.

UI Libraries will switch to a new library resource management system that will go live in July, consolidating existing features of InfoLink, Smart Search, and InfoHawk, making it the newest system since 2000.

InfoHawk+ will be the new main public interface and online search tool for UI Libraries that will combine all components of current interfaces into one, which primarily aims to support university research, instruction, and learning.

“The library is investing in a new software, and to accompany it will change to a new search system. InfoHawk+ is a new way to search and unfold,” said Jennifer Masada, the UI Libraries strategic-commu-

nications manager. “It was just time for an upgrade. The new system has lots of capabilities that the library needs to handle.”

She said the UI Libraries will upgrade its current integrated library system to a management service called Alma, which is created by the ExLibris Group — the current company the university affiliates with regarding library automation solutions.

With the investment of the new system, InfoHawk+ is able to provide intuitive, dependable and comprehensive access to all information. The new system provides a more clear and precise search option for users. Holdings include books, recordings, videos, journals, music, and a wide set of digital preservations. Sue Julich, the head

of Library Information Technologies, said the current library software Aleph, which is also provided by ExLibris Group, is outdated and in need of an upgrade. InfoHawk+ will make it much easier for patrons and users to access information and resources directly, she said.

“It’s the next generation library software system,” Julich said. “The old software isn’t meeting the needs we have now, especially with digital items and the different types of records we have.”

The UI is classified as a research-1 institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, a list of 115 universities across the United States that conduct the highest research activity.

Masada said the installation of this new library system software is helping keep the university up to date with other peer research institutions, and furthering UI’s credibility as a research intensive and

focused school.

“Libraries have to be up to certain speed and offer ways to find, publish and exchange with other researchers,” Masada said. “This would help students find information that they need and also help students discover information that would look for.”

InfoHawk+ features different ways to search, explore, and discover not only all UI Libraries holdings and collections, but also additional informational resources like Iowa Research Online and the Iowa Digital Collections.

The search options of InfoHawk+ will include single-resource searches, broader and advanced searches, and filtered searches all using the new library catalogue interface.

“I think it’s a great implementation because it’ll keep me from using unscholarly sources,” said UI sophomore Sophia De Waard. “It will make it easier to find and utilize academic material.”



Masada
communication manager

UI groups eye landlords

UISG plans to create a task force to prevent landlord abuse.

By **JAKE MARKOWITZ**

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Possible unfair housing practices have caught the eye of several organizations on campus.

University of Iowa Student Government President-elect Rachel Zuckerman said she believes there are some landlords who have been manipulating international students looking for off-campus housing.

“It’s not only landlords, but there are a variety of people in the Iowa City area who have seen international students as a group of people to target and exploit,” Zuckerman said. “There’s obviously a language barrier and a lack of comfort people sometimes take advantage of.”

Zuckerman said she plans to address the issue by working with Student Legal Services, the College of Law, and International Students & Scholars Services to raise awareness

and expand on resources these organizations already provide, as well as implementing new ones.

“One of our initiatives is an undergraduate housing task force,” she said. “Part of that is going to be looking at where there might be landlord corruption already in the area and looking at what we can do as a university and government representatives to work with the city and landlords to reduce the taking advantage of students.”

Christopher Malloy, a supervising attorney for Student Legal Services, said he’s aware of the problem international students face and will be more than happy to work with UISG to fix the issue.

“The language barrier and the lack of familiarity with the country and the legal system can present greater challenges,” Malloy said. “I think it’s a big issue, and I hope we can work with the student government, student body, and

the local community to just increase awareness.”

Beyond raising awareness, Malloy said, he believes strengthening student’s familiarity with Student Legal Services is a crucial step in solving the problem, because it can address these issues on a case-by-case basis.

Although domestic students don’t face a language barrier, complications with landlords is something the entire UI student body has in common, Malloy said.

“For landlord and tenant issues generally, the students we see are very representative of the University of Iowa student body,” he said. “I think we have approximately 4,000 to 5,000 international students out of the entire student body and roughly the same percentage of the students we see are international students.”

Lee Seedorff, the senior associate director of In-

ternational Students & Scholars Services, said she believes inter-student communication could play a more vital role in successfully raising awareness.

“We can advertise it numerous times and in numerous ways, but it doesn’t mean students will go read it. They’re bombarded by all sorts of information before and shortly after arrival on campus and can quickly get overwhelmed,” Seedorff said. “Sometimes, students are more inclined to follow through when something comes from other students vs. the university.”

Zuckerman said she is determined to address this issue.

“Every student during their time at Iowa is going to experience living off campus, more than likely,” she said. “Therefore, it affects almost all undergraduate students. If we can provide that voice, we can hopefully make progress that can benefit all students.”

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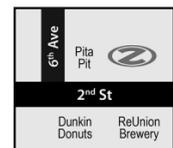
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“Even though we cure the cancer, that’s not the end of it,” she said.

Brain tumors are the second most common cancer in children, and Sato said about 70 percent of children survive the disease. For her, it’s an exciting field because it is moving rapidly as genetic causes are increasingly found and less radiation on the brain is required.

“In more recent years they’ve moved towards more focused treatment to protect cognitive function,” she said. For Sato, her job isn’t only about helping the kids.

“We treat children but we’re working with families,” she said. “The patient’s family gives us the energy to keep going.”

One of her patients is

8-year-old Caleb Shannon from Mason City, Iowa. In 2011, Caleb’s mother Jackie saw that her son was getting headaches and having trouble walking. When they went to the hospital, doctors discovered that a stage-2 tumor bigger than a baseball needed to be prevented from attaching to Caleb’s brainstem.

Since then, the tumor has been removed, but he’s had to visit the hospital every three months for the past four years. More recently, Caleb’s only had to come in every six months.

Jackie said she loves how the schedule is coordinated on clinic days.

“They do everything to make it easy. We get to see everybody in a day,” she said.

Caleb, who loves sports, was grinning and tossing around an inflatable beach ball in one of the examination rooms.

“He’s my absolute pride and joy,” Jackie said, glancing over at her son as he played.

Caleb said he wants to be a scientist to “cure cancer and migraines.”

For Amanda Grafft, another specialist on the clinic team, the energy of kids like Caleb means there’s always something entertaining going on at the children’s hospital.

“They’re still doing arts and crafts and shooting Nerf darts down the hallway,” she said.

A clinical psychologist who performs neuro-psych tests on the brain tumor patients, Grafft screens for brain behavior issues and makes sure the children’s memory, language, and decision-making skills are functioning properly.

She also studies the mental health of patients to ensure they aren’t at

risk of depression. Grafft said she enjoys following the children from diagnosis to treatment to recovery.

“It’s amazing to be around these kids,” she said. “I still get goose bumps when families tell me about support from community and friends.”

Liuska Pesce a pediatric endocrinologist with the clinic, also loves seeing patients develop from the time they are babies to the time they are in college.

However, she specifically helps kids by giving them the hormones they need to grow. She said a tumor near the hypothalamus or pituitary gland can cause endocrine problems for a child that can affect their entire body.

“It’s very rewarding because I can offer special treatment and see the patient as a whole,” she said.

Pesce can replace sex



Eight-year-old Caleb Shannon wears funny glasses before his appointment with doctors in the Radiation Brian Cancer center at the UIHC on April 15. Caleb has astrocytoma brain cancer, which can appear in various parts of the brain and nervous system. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

hormones as needed so the patients can experience puberty alongside the rest of their friends.

“It helps them to grow tall and get as close as possible to their genetic potential,” she said.

For Pesce, it can be hard to keep emotions in check when patients are found to have new tumors.

“You always wonder why a child gets cancer,” she said.

Pesce says the specialists work together to find this out on stressful but rewarding clinic days.

“The resilience of the patients amazes me,” she said. “They smile, and they’re happy, and they are kids, so it’s very special.”

WEEK

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somewhere has looked down on at one point,” Vogel said. “We need to be in a position where we’re building allies with as many people as we can, so we can live in a world where we can be who we are without any judgment.”

Kendra Malone, the UI Trans Alliance adviser, said the Alliance is open to all gender iden-

tities and its main focus is to build a community around what it means to have a diverse gender identity on campus.

“There are a variety of ways people experience their identities,” she said. “As an institution that strives to celebrate diverse identities and

pull upon how those identities contribute to a productive, working, learning, and research

on campus as our mission to be supportive and inclusive to everyone.”

Malone said she hopes

celebrating unique identities.

“It’s our role as those who identify as cisgender to be active allies in making our campus inclusive for transgender and gender non-conforming communities,” she said.

Cisgender is the term for people who identify with the gender they

were assigned at birth.

Malone said the UI has had a lot of strides within the transgender community with initiatives such as students being able to disclose their gender identity and sexual orientation as LGBTQ on the admission form, and having conversations about creating more gender inclusive restrooms on campus.

“There are a lot of strengths at the University of Iowa, but like any institution across the nation, there’s always room for improvement,” she said.

It’s our role as those who identify as cisgender to be active allies in making our campus inclusive for transgender and gender non-conforming communities.

— Kendra Malone, Trans Alliance adviser

BURGER

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the company.

“We’re hopeful we can develop a fan base in Iowa City,” he said. “Outside of the zombie theme we have, our food is all made fresh. We also have sales, vegetarian patties, and other options for vegans. I hope the university crowd enjoys a great shake, because those will be on the menu as well.”

Adam Bartelt, the marketing director for Orchestrate Hospitality, said he agrees with Rotenberg and thinks opening up new locations in a college environment such as Iowa City will be a great opportunity.

“I think the college environment will be more beneficial,” he said. “I envision the downtown location specifically hav-

ing a close tie with the college community.”

Bartelt said the Coral Ridge location was made possible because of the good relationship they have with the company that owns both Coral Ridge and Jordan Creek. Zombie Burger’s only other current location outside of downtown Des Moines is in the food court of Jordan Creek.

Nate Kaeding, the retail development director of the Iowa City Downtown District, said the district is excited to welcome Zombie Burger to the community.

“Zombie Burger is incredibly popular in the Des Moines area and a great Iowa success story,” he said. “We are excited to welcome them to downtown this summer, and they are a unique and welcome addition to our already vibrant culinary and entertainment scene.”

Kaeding said that when the district posted on

Facebook, announcing a downtown Zombie Burger location, it was one of the most shared and viewed Facebook posts in the history of the Downtown District’s organization.

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DAYA

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University of Iowa senior and singer/songwriter Abby Sevcik will open for the rising teen performer.

“Daya’s an awesome singer,” Sevcik said. “I’ve listened to more of her music than just ‘Hide Away,’ and she’s got a really good vibe going on.”

Sevcik said she looks forward to performing her “indie-pop hybrid” sound with a full band.

“I’m used to doing more coffee-shop gigs, so something of this scale ... I’m really excited to do it,” she said.

Intimate gigs such as this, Linden said, always turn out great, fill up fast, and allow SCOPE members to step back and enjoy the show.

“I’m excited [because] it’s our first club show,” she said. “SCOPE committee members don’t actually have to do any kind of production. I mean, there’s a few who help out, but not the entire SCOPE team has to do it; so, we can just go there and enjoy the show instead of working it. I’m pretty excited just to hang out and enjoy the show myself.”

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Oh, dear me, the mammoth coal company Peabody has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. I mean, I'm as broken-hearted as a country song. I am currently crying my tears into my pool of crocodiles.

(Please don't tell PETA I have a crocodile pool. It's what I have instead of an NCAA basketball pool, because I have just as good chance of winning. Maybe better, better. I mean, I happen to have a croc named Villanova.)

As the great American philosopher John Prine tried to tell us many years ago, using a song called "Paradise":

"And daddy, won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County/Down by the Green River where Paradise lay/Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking/Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away."

The coal biz can get down and dirty at times — I mean, the stuff's underground — and burning it as a fuel can be worse. We all know that, but we burn it anyway (including right in the middle of Iowa City; hmm), because long ago we married electricity and gadgets and it's just too painful to contemplate divorce.

I suppose they could be something worse to burn than coal, but I'm not sure what it would be. Maybe dung, maybe not. I'm no expert. We could ask an expert, say, Donald Trump, who seems to know a whole lot about dung or at least flinging it.

Speaking of flinging stuff, there is Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas (we're tempted to say no new Texans, but some of you won't get the allusion

— allusion alert, sports-writers) who, as solicitor general defended Texas' attempted ban of dildoes.

No, really.

Well, OK, Texas was actually attempting to ban the sale and advertising of dildoes and other ilk. But you have to wonder: What is it about far right-wingers that they don't want government in people's lives, except when it comes to sex?

I mean, what is it about other people's sex lives, which should be private and their own concern (unless a nonconsensual crime is committed) that so engages right-wingers' attention? They don't have any sex lives, so nobody else should, either?

Anyway, I've noticed that Cruz in his presidential campaign has not emphasized this aspect of his colorful career; in fact, he has not mentioned it, to my knowledge.

Perhaps the great anti-dildo grass-roots revolution wasn't quite such a grand movement as it was banged up to be. (So many bad jokes here, so little time.)

And speaking of flinging stuff, Trump recently went on a rampage about U.S. military funding for Saudi Arabia, Japan, Germany, and South Korea. It's not so interesting as courageously fighting dildoes, but it is wrong.

According to the folks at FactCheck, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Germany, and South Korea don't receive any U.S. military-aid spending, though Saudi Arabia got \$10,000 for military education in 2014. Overall, U.S. military-aid spending in 2014 accounted for 0.16 percent of the U.S. budget. So if you're contending at the U.S. is broke and needs to cut back, that hardly seems to be the place to start.

Oh, well, I think I'll go visit my crocodile pool and see how they're betting on the AL East race. I hope they don't make me cry.

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EDITORIAL

Our infrastructure needs attention now, if not sooner

The Arlington Memorial Bridge is an iconic landmark of Washington, D.C. The bridge itself, while beautiful, is literally falling apart. Inches of what should be concrete have turned to gravel. Last month, the National Park Service announced the bridge would be closed in five years unless major repairs were made.

The deadline to apply for the necessary grants was nearly missed by the Park Service. The grand pronouncements of impending doom from the agency, coupled with its near inability to apply for the necessary grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation, have highlighted the difficulties and inefficiencies within the systems dedicated to upholding the infrastructure of the U.S.

This comes at a time in which that infrastructure is under intense scrutiny. According to a report by the *New York Times* in 2015, deficient bridges and roads have caused more than 77 deaths and more than 1,400 injuries in the U.S. Many disasters, including the Flint water crisis, have garnered national attention about the need of infrastructure reform. The United States was once home to an enviable system of roads, bridges, pipelines, and assorted infrastructure that is now significantly lacking.

Not only is a deficient infrastructure dangerous, it hurts economic activity. Roads and waterways are essential to the movement of goods through the nation, while the constant patching of roads and failure of infrastructure costs individuals and businesses billions in lost time and productivity, according to a study by the National Economic Council in 2014.

Most infrastructure spending comes from state governments, making the condition of U.S. infrastructure highly variable. In 2015, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave Iowa a C-plus or lower for every aspect of infrastructure but solid waste, in which Iowa scored a respectable B-plus. Aside from plumbing, the majority of Iowa's infrastructure, including levees, dams and bridges, are dangerously underfunded. The engineers'

society found that one in five bridges in Iowa is structurally deficient, making it the third-worst in the nation. While the removal of defunct bridges has become a priority for cities and counties in Iowa, the progress is not occurring fast enough.

Iowa is not alone in its weak infrastructure. An increase in federal spending could lead to more resources at the state level to reform and reconstruct infrastructure. The Park Service has inadvertently revealed a perhaps equally important need at the federal level — a simplification of the grant process. Increasing spending alone may not be sufficient to solve the infrastructure problems facing our states. Without an effective method of allocating funds, billions of dollars will continue to be squandered on short-term fixes and wasted productivity.

Keeping Iowa's coffers full is also an essential part of the process of renewal. Iowa Republicans have previously considered the idea of lowering or removing the income tax, similar to the moves taken in Kansas. The Kansas tax experiment proved to be, at least in the short term, an absolute disaster. Still, Iowa Republicans contend that the income tax is stifling economic activity. The income tax directly funds Iowa's education and infrastructure budgets, to name just two of the vast networks of important functions paid for by the income tax.

The United States faces an infrastructure crisis. The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board sees a few reasonable measures as necessary in order to avoid internal collapse. Simplification of the federal grant system coupled with a large increase in infrastructure spending is essential to keep monumental architecture and small-town bridges intact. Further, state funding must continue to be allocated, and state funding is made possible through the income tax. Supporting the income tax is supporting Iowa schools, roads, dams, water systems, levees, and the list continues. There isn't an Iowan who doesn't come into contact with these systems, and they are vital for the economic well-being and longevity of the state and the nation.

COLUMN

Overcoming Islamophobia



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The acknowledgement of fear in itself presents little harm. If anything, it is a natural response to stimuli intended to keep us out of harm's way. At the same time, while fear can assist in our decision-making, it should not dictate it.

This is directly applicable to the story of 26-year-old Khairuldeen Makhzoomi, who was removed from a Southwest Airlines flight after speaking Arabic on the phone with his uncle, who lives in Baghdad. Makhzoomi is a student at the University of California-Berkeley and an Iraqi refugee who had just attended an event in which he was able to speak to U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

Before the flight from Los Angeles International Airport to Oakland could take off, Makhzoomi found himself being escorted off the plane because a fellow passenger overheard the conversation he was having with his uncle in Arabic. Interpreting the conversation to contain "potentially threatening comments," the other passenger alerted flight staff, who promptly removed Makhzoomi from the flight. Upon returning to the airport terminal, he was publicly searched by FBI agents called by the airport staff.

Unfortunately, Islamophobia has rooted itself deeply in the mind of the average American post-9/11 and the prominence of terrorism abroad. In our daily lives, we often do not find ourselves in situations in which we must make judgment calls like the other passenger made upon hearing Makhzoomi's phone

conversation. It is easy to take comfort in the idea that if one were in a similar situation, there would be a different outcome. It's easy to believe that one would be able to apply the same attitude of trust and understanding present in the other 99.99 percent of situations. However, this is where fear comes into play.

Islamophobia does not to be practiced consistently to be harmful and perpetuate a culture of prejudice. The majority of us wake up and go to bed every day without having that "what if?" moment, the moment in which logic and an ordinarily trusting nature is overshadowed by looming doubt.

It is in this moment that suspicion, ordinarily buried under the mundane and innocuous, can take hold. Makhzoomi told the *New York Times* that he felt as though he was spoken to "like I was an animal" by the airline employee who removed

him, and the truth of the matter is that he may have very well been seen as just that in the moment.

The "what if?" moment makes animals out of rational individuals and skews their perception to see the world as full of animals as well. It boils down to fear that doesn't have to be based on any tangible threat. Once reasoning has been surrendered to doubt, all that remains is dormant suspicion bolstered by the prejudice and misconceptions we encounter regularly whether conscious of them or not. The only way to truly combat Islamophobia is to be prepared to engage with it not only when it is comfortable and detached but also in those moments when the cause for fear appears to be imminent. It is our ability to think beyond that fear and base our decisions on more than knee-jerk reactions that separate us from the animals.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The future of the GOP

Over the past 30 years, the most conservative minded members of the Republican Party have turned it into a haven for people who consider change a sinful thing — so much so that progressively inclined party members have been treated as RINO heretics to be driven unwelcome from the GOP — a Grand Old Party because it was once that of two forward-moving visionaries that were so outstanding that they are affixed looking out on posterity from atop Mount Rushmore: Presidents Abe Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt.

Those establishment members of the Republican Party that most flavor and control it in these

2016-pre-convention times have till now shown little grasp of the fact that the process of history is cumulative and irreversible. In accord with an understanding of this, past Americans having a respect for in place of a fear of change have joined together in great eras of pioneering and reorganization — as with the people of FDR's rendezvous with destiny.

Which way might a Republican Party leap or lurch in a contested convention year? Would it be forward into brighter recognition of a need to seek and make progress beyond their party just surviving? Or, will those ever annoyed and insistent on politics and everything else being neat, simple, and black-and-white keep the party

captive to supposedly great and immutable values etched in stone and fit to be worn around necks as sacred amulets of self-evidence beyond need of explanation?

If the latter holds fast, the party has likely noosed itself with a loadstone bound so tightly around necks that in a blackout of all thought the whole body politic is headed for Davey Jones's locker.

Of those entrenched on the political left, George Santayana said, they redouble their effort when they have forgotten their aim. Santayana might have had in mind establishment members of my Democratic Party of today that seem willing to continue the party's slide into conservatism via Hillary Clinton's commitment to ignore the

nation's pressing problems in favor of sticking us with what she insists is "practical." Her assurance of little disturbing the status quo convincing enough to some conservative Republicans that they contend they will vote for her if their party nominates Donald Trump.

Thus I find myself faced with what I consider the evil of two lesser — damned by me if I do or damned by some of my party's faithful if I do as I will on Election Day and write in on my ballot the name of Bernie Sanders. Well I will, unless that other party might come up with an alternative that at all appears destined to be a Lincoln or a Roosevelt (the likes of either of the past Roosevelts would do).

Sam Osborne

COLUMN

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Within the last generation, let's call it the Michael Jordan generation, basketball became an indubitably guard-first game. But when a young guard with a broken jumper named Derrick Rose can win the 2011 MVP, it's important to note that it had been a driving-guard-first game. Now, however, the evolution has reached the point where basket-

ball is about tempo and shooting. Steph Curry's Warriors just became the greatest regular-season team of all-time because they can shoot the ball better than ever imagined to be possible.

The Western Conference has led this evolution, to the extreme degree that it's not even worth discussing who in the East could win a title. It probably won't be the Cavs, and if it's not them, it won't be anybody.

So let's just look at the West. Even there, there's a handful of teams who

can play modern basketball, and others who can't. And as it turns out, if you can't play the modern game, you may as well not show up at all.

The NBA playoffs began last week, and the top four seeds in the West may not have even noticed. The Warriors beat Houston by 26. The Spurs beat Memphis by 32. Oklahoma City beat Dallas by 38, and even the fourth-seeded Clippers beat the fifth-seed Blazers by 20.

While we're here, let's note that in the

Final Four, North Carolina beat Syracuse by 17, and Villanova beat Oklahoma by 44. In fact, the eventual champion Wildcats won their six tournament games by an average of 21 points, shooting 58 percent from the field.

At the highest level of competition, those aren't even games. And somehow, especially in the NBA, maybe we should've seen it coming. Between the top-four seeds in the West and the next four, there was a nine-win difference

between even the fourth and fifth seeds. So what's the secret?

I already told you. It's shooting and tempo. Golden State and San Antonio were the leaders in 3-point percentage, the Clippers fourth, and Oklahoma City has the most potent scoring punch in the league with Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. Unsurprisingly, the four made up the top of the list in field-goal percentage to boot.

So the lesson is this: in basketball nowadays, a team has to shoot the

ball, and it has to shoot it well. Some teams have accepted this and ran with it. Those teams will be embarrassing the other "good" teams for the next week or so.

There are four teams and four teams only that can even compete with one another, but don't confuse this reality with a nightmare. This is neither good nor bad for basketball; it simply is. Sports evolve, and teams evolve accordingly.

Just right now, some teams are substantially further along the curve.

TRACK

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Woody said. "Running the second-best time behind a guy who's made three world championship teams, that's a good indicator on where he's at."

Something else worth noting — the race in Texas was only Lilly's second competition this outdoor season. Lilly's success should not come as a shock; his productive

indoor campaign was a sign of things to come.

He ran the second-fastest indoor 600 meters in program history (1:17.34) and the fourth-fastest indoor 800 meters (1:49.09), and he was a part of the third-fastest indoor 1,600-meter relay (3:07.24).

Bill Frazier had commanded the second-best time in school history for 54 years until Lilly leaped over him on April 16.

Once he toppled Frazier's

time, Lilly was ecstatic.

"I was looking up at the leaderboard because they didn't put the times up right away, and then I saw my time and was super excited," he said. "It was crazy."

Eyes on Musco

This weekend, the Hawkeyes will compete in their only home meet of the outdoor season, the Musco Twilight.

"Anytime we get an opportunity to compete

at home, especially for our seniors, it's definitely a great atmosphere," Woody said.

Last year, the Musco Twilight was one of Iowa's bright spots.

Combined, the men's and women's teams took home seven event titles while recording 12 personal-best performances.

At the meet, Iowa's Vinnie Saucer Jr, Aaron Mallett, and James Harrington were on one of the fastest 400-meter relays

in school history, clocking a time of 39.66 seconds.

Lilly was on the 1,600-meter relay that won in 3:10.66. Current Hawkeyes Nicholas Aly and Jared Ganschow were also on that relay.

Hawkeyes, others fall in rankings

In the national rankings, Iowa dropped two slots, from 33rd to 35th in this week's update.

Iowa's output at Texas

was a solid outing but did not do too much to affect its ranking.

The Hawkeyes' slip could have been much worse, as was the case for other teams.

Only one team in the top 10 varied from the past rankings; Texas Tech moved into the 10th spot, while South Carolina dropped to 11th.

At the top, Texas A&M, Florida, and Oregon command the leading slots.

SOFTBALL

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gers roll around, the Hawks can have their plans set because it won't be an easy fight.

Missouri has a solid record of 29-12, 6-9 in

SEC play. Five Tigers are hitting above .330: Sami Fagan (.430), Taylor Gadbois (.419), Emily Crane (.397), Regan Nash (.368), and Chloe Rathburn (.352).

Danielle Baumgartner leads the team with a 2.05 ERA and has a 12-3 record in the circle.

"These next games are really big for us, especially if we want to make it to the Big Ten Tournament," Starkenburg said. "We just need to have that in the back of our heads. We still have plenty of games ahead of us, so hopefully, we can get more wins."



Iowa third baseman Sarah Kurtz catches an infield pop-up during the Iowa-Wisconsin game at Pearl Field on Sunday. The Hawkeyes lost to the Badgers, 3-1. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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25 Bad Safewords and Phrases

1. Jar-Jar, Jar-Jar, Jar-Jar
2. Fail trumpet
3. Whoomp (There It Is)
4. Choose life
5. Moist nugs
6. STAGE FIVE DOO-DOO ALERT
7. The cake is a lie
8. Trump Steaks
9. Mott the Hoople
10. Gurglecurds
11. Shenanigans
12. Yahtzee
13. Antidiseestablishmentarianism
14. Yumbutter squirts a no-no
15. Klaatuu barada nikto
16. Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger
17. Juicy frogsacks
18. Emergency family meeting
19. Grandmom's gooey honeycakes
20. The Lannisters send their regards.
21. Flavorsome ointment
22. Garfield is funny AND relevant
23. Actually . . .
24. SMILE You're on Candid Camera
25. Jeezy Stinkpickles

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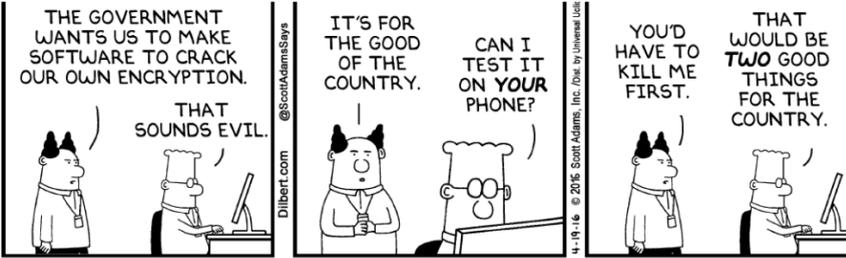
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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by Scott Adams



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today's events

- **DIY Mini Plant Jars**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., IMU Hawkeye Room
- **UI BIO Plant Sale**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., T. Anne Cleary Walkway
- **European Studies Group Lecture**, French Cinema, noon, 315 Phillips
- **Student Discussion with Robert Bullard**, 2:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **#readforjustice Pop-Up Reading Group**, 3-5 p.m., Main Library Learning Commons Group Area D
- **WorldCanvass**, "Big Data: Big Brother or Big Sister?," 5 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Keegan Hockett**, bassoon, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **UI Trans Alliance Week of Action**, 6 p.m., 337 IMU
- **Iowa Trombone Choir**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Robert Bullard Lecture**, The Wrong Complexion for Protection: Flint Water Crisis, 7:30 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **Kelsey Platt**, violin, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall

SUDOKU

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE 4/19/16

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8	1	3	4	9	6	5	7	2
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- TUESDAY**
- 8 A.M.-9 THE MORNING
 - 9 NEWS AT NINE
 - 9:30-11 DJ TRAINING
 - 11-12 P.M. MICHAEL MINUS
 - 12 P.M. NEWS AT NOON
 - 1-2 SPORTS SQUAWK
 - 2-3 FACE OFF
 - 5-6 NEWS AT FIVE
 - 6-8 HAPPY HOUR WITH ETHAN & JOE
 - 8-10 PUNKCORN
 - 10-12 A.M. LOCAL TUNES

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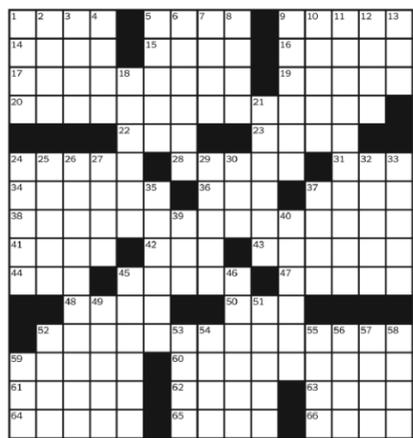
OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0315

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tori who sang "Cornflake Girl"
 - 5 Inspiring part of the body?
 - 9 Shot the bull
 - 14 Handed-down tales
 - 15 Bibliographic abbr.
 - 16 As a friend, in France
 - 17 Nut from Hawaii
 - 19 Certain nonviolent protest
 - 20 Elements' various forms
 - 22 Wanna- (copycats)
 - 23 Have on
 - 24 Ottoman bigwig
 - 28 Tapioca or taro root
 - 31 "Eternally nameless" Chinese concept
 - 34 Places where knots are tied
 - 36 ___ chi
 - 37 "The Magic Mountain" novelist Thomas
 - 38 Places to do figure eights
 - 41 One preparing for an upcoming flood
 - 42 Sports org. with a five-ring logo
 - 43 Rudely interrupt, as a comedian
 - 44 "Cheers" bartender
 - 45 Like mud, in an idiom
 - 47 Under siege
 - 48 Lacking adornment
 - 50 Mil. mail center
 - 52 Three main 20-Across ... with examples included in 38-Across and 11- and 26-Down

- DOWN**
- 1 Help for the poor
 - 2 Ring around a castle
 - 3 Toothed whale
 - 4 Ticket specification
 - 5 Alternative to buy
 - 6 Nth degree
 - 7 Babe in the woods
 - 8 Early rock genre for David Bowie
 - 9 Court entertainer
 - 10 ___ Bath (prank call name)
 - 11 Large containers often found atop buildings
 - 12 Abu Dhabi dignitary
 - 13 Loud noise
 - 18 Go down the gangplank
 - 21 Just free of the sea bottom
 - 24 Annoying sorts
 - 25 Giant in lightweight metals
 - 26 Some Mississippi River traffic
 - 59 Parts of combination locks
 - 60 Bursting with joy
 - 61 Leading the pack
 - 62 Middle's middle?
 - 63 Sell
 - 64 Like much chili
 - 65 Greased auto part
 - 66 Just manages, with "out"



- PUZZLE BY GORDON JOHNSON**
- 27 This-and-that dish
 - 29 City on the Erie Canal
 - 30 The U.N.'s ___ Ki-moon
 - 32 Site for a parolee tracking device
 - 33 Get-go
 - 35 Went by sloop, say
 - 37 Computer alternatives to touchpads
 - 39 "Piggy"
 - 40 Bring to 212° again
 - 45 Fried chicken option
 - 46 Welch of "Myra Breckinridge"
 - 49 Divvy up
 - 51 A vital sign
 - 52 It's 1 for 90°
 - 53 Mother of Helen of Troy
 - 54 Alpine goat
 - 55 Run-down tavern
 - 56 Show one's nerdy side, with "out"
 - 57 Youngest Brontë
 - 58 Yardsticks: Abbr.
 - 59 Qty. at a bakery

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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horoscopes Tuesday, April 19, 2016 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Stay on top of what you want to accomplish. An industrious attitude will put you in the running for advancement. Spend wisely on items or information that will help you get ahead and be your best.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Put your heart into everything you do. Focus on your reputation and dealing with situations that include children or socializing. If you mix business with pleasure, you will achieve more. Your focus should be on quality, not quantity.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do something active that combines exercise and conversation with others. Romance is in the stars and will unfold unexpectedly. Your tireless efforts will leave a lasting impression and set the stage for a promising future.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Take note of what is going on around you. Showing interest in others will help keep the peace and put you in a favorable position when you want something in return. For now, relationships will face stress if you complain or make a fuss.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Mingle with people who can offer you information or help you gain popularity or a chance to advance. Boost your energy by getting involved in an exhilarating challenge with a friend or loved one. Romance is on the rise.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Share your ideas, and you'll receive valuable suggestions from your allies. Step up your game when it comes to long-range planning. Don't pass up a chance to get ahead because someone is putting unreasonable domestic demands on you.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Emotional sensitivity will surface if someone tries to control you or introduces last-minute changes. Try to maintain your balance, and make plans to do what suits you best. Getting upset will only make matters worse.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Broaden the possibilities by discussing your plans with someone who can contribute. Joining forces with others will make any project you pursue engaging and entertaining. Think outside the box, play to win, and enjoy the outcome.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Consider a new hobby, but don't go overboard spending on accessories until you are sure you are passionate about your pursuit. Making alterations to your domestic situation will give your love life a boost and encourage greater stability.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Listen carefully so you fully understand the implications being made before you retaliate. Protect your reputation, assets, and possessions before you make anyone aware of your next move. Be smart, and you'll have no regrets.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Being hospitable will ensure that you receive the backing required to achieve your objectives. Work at putting together a routine that is ironclad and geared toward success. Immaculate organization will be key.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Open up conversations with the intent of forming partnerships with well-established individuals whom you can trust to do their share. Don't be put off by concerns or questions. Offer possible solutions, and you'll get positive feedback.

The weak in courage is strong in cunning.

— William Blake

WORLD

Orientation change may not fly

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International students and their counterparts at the University of Iowa currently attend separate orientations, but maybe not for long.

The BLOC Party is aiming to integrate international- and domestic-student orientations when it takes over the student government in the next academic year, despite some school officials claiming it is impossible.

The group, who won this year's UI Student Government elections, listed integrating international- and domestic-student orientation programs as part of its platform during the campaign.

However some school officials, including Lee Seedorff, the senior associate director of the International Students & Scholar Services, have said they're skeptical about the proposal.

"It's always a good thing to get student input on something like this, but I will add that we've already looked at that along with the main orientation services, and unfortunately, there are just reasons it won't work to combine the two groups," Seedorff said. "Domestic students almost entirely are coming in for the summer, while international students are coming in a week before the semester starts."

Seedorff said the scholars' office is pushing for more international students to be involved with the OnIowa program as a way to merge them with their domestic peers.

"That [OnIowa] is really the perfect opportunity for students to get involved and mixing in with domestic students, and for domestic students, too, to get a chance to meet the international students as well, so that is the main focus that we have right now," she said. "And certainly we would like to hear from other student groups."

Rachel Zuckerman, the UISG president-elect, said she knows the logistical difficulties that come with the party's platform.

"Realistically, there's just no way we can have them perfectly integrated because domestic students have orientation all throughout the summer and international students can't just fly by for a week and fly home," she said. "So what it's going to look like is international-student orientation is going to be like how it is, which is before school

those are two things we [BLOC] hope to work on."

Tina Arthur, the director of Orientation Services, said her staff recognizes that orientation can help integrate students from different backgrounds.

Complexities with orientation timing, such as international student's arrival on campus, makes the integration of both the orientations of local and domestic students more difficult, she said.

"Certainly it is a problem that [International Students & Scholars] and Orientation Services has identified and are working to address. We want to integrate these populations, certainly it's something we are working towards," she said. "I certainly want to work with however we can work with to help address the problem, but orientation can't be the only thing we do because



Then-UISG vice-presidential candidate Lauren Freeman of the BLOC Party talks in the IMU on March 28. Candidates talked about sexual assault, freedom of speech, and working with University of Iowa President Bruce Herrald. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

The American schooling system is pretty different from other schooling systems, and honestly, coming from a French system I had no clue how it worked...

— Astrid Montuclard, UI junior

starts, and we [BLOC] are asking ourselves how can we bring domestic students into that."

Among the ideas she said are being discussed is to have a student-leadership panel where domestic students will be able to share their experiences with their international counterparts.

Additionally, Zuckerman said, a plan that is already in motion is to have domestic students give their international peers campus tours.

"It's just a really informal way of getting people to know each other, walking around together while getting to know campus," she said. "So

it's not realistic from the timing of when the inter-

national students arrive."

UI junior Astrid Montuclard said international students are at a disadvantage when it comes to their orientation because international students register a week before the start of classes, unlike their American counterparts, who register over the summer and fill up

the most-wanted spots, before international students get a chance.

"The freshman semester is hard, and I believe international students could be given more information before they get to Iowa overall," she said. "The American schooling system is pretty different

from other schooling systems, and honestly, coming from a French system I had no clue how it worked, I just knew I had to choose classes, but I could not understand why I had to wait until mid-August to do it, and no one told me that most classes would be filled up at that point."

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Men's golf rides momentum

By **CONNOR SINDBERG**
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After finishing second place at the April 16 - Sunday Hawk-eye-Great River Invitational, the Hawkeyes will move forward to postseason play at the Big Ten Championships, which start Friday.

The Hawk golfers have seen their play improve week-by-week after a slow start to the spring. Finishing outside the top five in their first three competitions, the team has improved immensely, finishing fifth and second in their last two tournaments. Head coach Tyler Stith realizes the team's

second-place finish at the Hawkeye Invitational will create momentum heading.

"It's good preparation," Stith said. "We're going to face really strong teams next week, so it was good to be able to host in order to get ourselves ready for the Big Ten Championships."

Preparation is crucial, because the team has little practice time this week before it travels to Newburgh, Indiana, on Wednesday. With little practice time, Stith is hoping for minor adjustments.

He isn't worried about the quick turnaround. He expects the team to continue its current hot streak.

"We are playing extremely well, and I'm glad that we have a quick turnaround, because I'm anxious to get the team back on the course," he said.

The Hawkeyes finding their stride before postseason play has been a theme in recent years. Last season, the team finished third at the Hawkeye Invitational, which carried over to a second-place finish at the 2015 Big Ten Championships.

Even with the good karma from last season, the Hawkeyes will have to be at their best, because of the talented field in the Big Ten — including No. 2 Illinois and both Purdue and Penn State ranking just outside the top 25.

Recent third-place finisher at the Hawkeye Invitational and senior leader Nate Yankovich knows challenges are ahead.

"The Big Ten is good this year with Illinois, Purdue, and Penn State," Yankovich said. "Illinois has some of the top-ranked players in the country. I'm excited to get a piece of them, because we haven't seen them all year."

Teammate Raymond Knoll also knows the challenges of Big Ten play, but he is excited about where the team is at right now after a solid showing at the Hawkeye Invitational.

"For our team, it puts a good taste in our mouths,"



Iowa golfer Aaron DeNucci practices his swing during practice at Finkbine on Sept. 17, 2015. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

he said. "It builds some momentum going into next weekend. We might not have played that great all year, but the past three tournaments we've put together some really good team scores."

Knoll knows the team will have to avoid as many mis-

takes as possible because of the stiffer competition.

"As a team, just limiting bogeys and mistakes will be crucial," he said. "I only had one double-bogey [at Hawkeye Invitational], which is better than I've done this whole spring season."

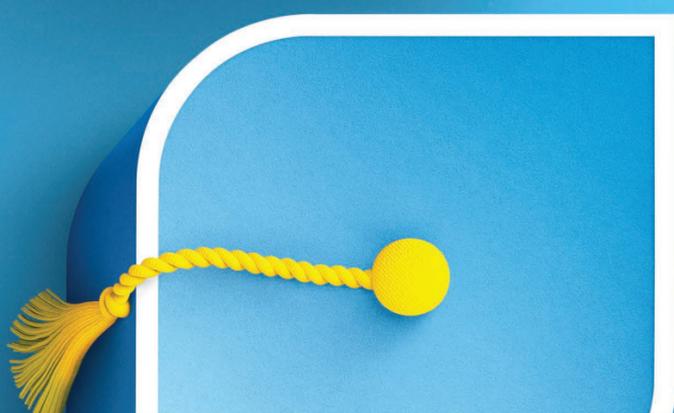
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BASEBALL HOPES TO RECAPTURE SUCCESS

Iowa's Cole McDonald pitches at Banks Field on April 13. Mason McCoy hit for the cycle in the Hawkeyes' win over the Falcons 22-2. (The Daily Iowan/Alex Kroeze)

By **BLAKE DOWSON**
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The Iowa baseball team wants to get to where it was last year, a top-three finish in the Big Ten and an appearance in an NCAA regional.

The team from a year ago benefited from a lineup with four regulars who hit better than .290 and a pitching staff that included a seventh-round round MLB draft pick in Blake Hickman.

Each season is different, especially at a university in which players graduate and transfer each year.

2016 team batting average: .266

The 2016 Hawkeyes have been so-so at the plate, with two regulars hitting above .300. Seniors Joel Booker and Nick Roscetti have carried the load on offense much of the season, although Roscetti has slumped a bit since Big Ten season started. Senior Tyler Peyton, after hitting .337 in 2015, is hitting more than 50 points lower this season, .282.

However, even without the production the team expected from Peyton, the 2016 team is only hitting 2 points lower than the 2015 team, which hit .268.

2016 road game winning percentage: 20 percent

The Hawkeyes have not played well on the road this season. Iowa was swept by the likes of Dallas Baptist and Missouri State, both of which were No. 1 seeds in NCAA regionals a year ago.

Iowa has also been through a pair of tough Big Ten road series this season, losing two-of-three at both Minnesota and Minnesota. The 2015 Hawkeyes won 14 of 26 road games, good enough for a .538 winning percentage.

The formula for a good season has always been to take care of business at home and stick around .500 on the road. The 2016 Hawkeyes have done a good job at home, but they need to pick things up elsewhere.

2016 team earned run average: 3.98

Although the 2016 squad's ERA is more than a whole run better than its opponents (5.04), the mark is good for only seventh in the Big Ten.

Sophomore C.J. Eldred has led the Iowa pitching staff in 2016 after transferring from Indiana. Eldred has a 2.70 ERA to this point in the season, but he has not enjoyed the best run sup-

port, leading to a 2-4 record as the Friday-night starter.

Peyton has struggled on the mound this season for Iowa. The senior has pitched through arm soreness much of the year and has not been able to duplicate his season from a year ago. His ERA has jumped from 3.03 in 2015 to 7.25 in 2016.

2016 total losses: 17

This year's team has shown flashes of what it was a year ago. Series wins over Maryland and Illinois have been encouraging for head coach Rick Heller and the rest of the coaching staff.

But Big Ten series losses to Minnesota and Indiana have already outnumbered the number of Big Ten series losses from 2015, and this year's Hawkeyes are one loss away from equaling the total regular-season losses from a year ago.

Iowa still has series left against Michigan State, Michigan, and Penn State, three of the top-four teams in the Big Ten.

Thinking the 2016 Hawkeyes will repeat what they did a year ago is obviously foolish. Getting through their final 20 games at 19-1 would be next to impossible. But there is still plenty of time to get hot before the NCAA selection committee chooses the NCAA regionals.

SPORTS TRIVIA

What was Iowa baseball's record last year when entering the eighth inning tied?

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THE TUESDAY COLUMN

Parity shoots a brick

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Parity is what makes, and keeps, sports interesting. Parity ensures that anything can happen and anyone can win. It functions to keep players and fans engaged and protects the integrity of competition.

Basketball, however, could use some parity training.

Basketball is at an evolutionary pivot point, and what we are seeing is some teams that have realized and adapted to the changing game, and others that have not. As a result, the sport as a whole is becoming top-heavy, and we are seeing absolute slaughters where we previously expected showcases of the best the sport has to offer.

College basketball has traditionally been a bit more lopsided, simply because by the nature of recruiting; good programs create better programs while struggling programs become less and less attractive to players and coaches who would improve them. In the last few years, however, even the NBA has begun to see a steep decline in its top-to-bottom competitiveness.

SEE COLUMN, 5

Softball eyes Tigers burning bright

By **MARIO WILLIAMS**
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After failing to win the rubber match against Wisconsin on Sunday at Pearl Field (3-1), the softball Hawkeyes will have a chance to get the bad taste out of their mouths right away.

The team will welcome Missouri into Iowa City today in a double-header.

The Hawkeyes, (12-28, 2-11 Big Ten) were coming off a two-straight wins last week but couldn't get things going for the most part against the Badgers.

Before the Tigers come into town, though, the Hawks should focus on improving their defense.

Iowa won the second game of the series against the Badgers but lost the first and last. Pitcher Shayla Starkenburg had a solid game in the circle for the Hawkeyes, but the defense behind her couldn't follow through.

Starkenburg pitched the entire contest for the Hawks, allowing 4 hits and 3 runs, 2 earned. The redshirt junior struck out 4 and walked 2. In fact, she had a no-hitter heading into the fifth inning. However a double down the third base line from Wisconsin's Samantha Arenths stopped that.

Aside from the redshirt junior's success, the team defense wasn't up to par. Iowa committed 3 errors, two in the first inning and



Iowa's Elizabeth Wiegand pitches to Wisconsin second baseman Macy Oswald during the Iowa-Wisconsin game at Pearl Field on April 16. The Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers 5-2. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

1 in the sixth. As a result, Wisconsin enjoyed success on the Hawks' last error, which led to the game-winning run.

Thus far in conference play Iowa has committed 15 errors, tied for sixth with Purdue.

Redshirt senior Holy Hoffman noted after the game that Iowa head coach Marla Looper always emphasizes on not "doing too much." Hoffman believes

"doing too much" leads to lackluster defense.

"Our intensity just dropped off at the end, and we couldn't get it back," she said. "If you try to do too much, that's where you're going to fail. I think some people just did too much, and I think we got caught up in that."

In order for Iowa to have success on defense, Looper noted after the game, the Hawks need to have two

out of three parts of the game going for them.

"We just have to take advantage of the opportunities we have," Looper said.

Hopefully, when the Ti-

SEE SOFTBALL, 5

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NOTEBOOK

Lilly runs with the best

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Carter Lilly lost his first race of the outdoor track and field season by 0.15 seconds at the Texas Invitational on April 16.

Running neck-and-neck down the home stretch of the 800 meters, the sophomore kept pace with Mississippi's Craig Engels.

Engels, a 2015 All-SEC second-team member in the outdoor season and an All-SEC first-team member in the indoor season, inched his way across the finish line a flicker before Lilly.

"I was focused on staying relaxed," Lilly said. "We had a rabbit — he said he was going to go through in 51 (seconds) — I [told myself] to stay with him and then make sure to push once he steps off."

Second place is not bad at all, especially in a race with some of the best athletes in the country. But even his second-place finish was overshadowed by something else.

The Sioux City native's time of 1:47.32 skyrocketed in Iowa's all-time leaderboards, climbing up to second place behind Erik Sovinski's 1:45.90 set in 2012.

"The 800 was awesome," said Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey



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