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Regents mull using sports funds for academics

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At the state Board of Regents meeting on Thursday at the Iowa School for the Deaf, the members discussed shifting funding from athletics to support academic and research enterprises at the three state public universities.

"Given the dramatic increases in all the media rights, licensing, fan tickets, and all the rest, are we at a stage where we might take that to the next level and actually

have athletics support, on an ongoing basis, to a portion of the academic side of the institution?" said University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld.

The Daily Iowan previously reported in an April 15 interview that Harreld said he has put forth the idea that Hawkeye sports programs could con-



Harreld
UI president

tribute to the academic budget. "I'd like to see it happen relatively soon. I'd like to stand up and be one of the first major institutions in the United States that says, 'Hey, it's moving the other way,'" he said, referring to developments initiated in 2007 that cut off state tax dollars to Hawkeye athletics programs.

The UI is not the only school considering the shift. Iowa State University President Steven Leath said he would love to see athletics at ISU provide finan-

cial support to academics. However, he was not optimistic

about this occurring anytime soon. "We are facing a number of very large, comprehensive serious lawsuits related to athletics," Leath said. "So before we would change our budget structure and put money in-



Leath
ISU president

get past some of these immediate lawsuits."

In order to support academics, the regents considered other methods of gaining more funding, including increasing tuition for the 2016-17 school year.

Harreld said he was dissatisfied by the amount of money the UI received from the state government.

"We didn't get the money that you wanted from the Legislature and the governor, nor

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Rastetter retains spot



Regent President Bruce Rastetter announces the appointment of Bruce Harreld as the new UI president during a meeting in the IMU on Sept. 3, 2015. Harreld became the 21st UI president. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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Bruce Rastetter will remain in his leadership position on the state Board of Regents. During the regents' meeting on Thursday at the Iowa School for the Deaf, they decided to re-elect Rastetter as President and Katie Mulholland as president pro tem from

May 1 to April 20, 2018.

Regent Sherry Bates nominated Rastetter as president, and Regent Larry McKibben nominated Mulholland.

No one else was nominated for the positions, and little discussion took place before the unanimous decision to re-elect Rastetter and Mulholland.

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UI works on going green

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Numerous events hosted by dozens of organizations make up Earth Day at the University of Iowa, but how eco-friendly is the university?

In terms of energy use, waste diversion, and transportation, officials say the UI is doing well. However, in terms of sustainability-related education, the school still has room for improvement.

In 2010, the UI began an initiative to meet seven sustainability goals by 2020. The Office of Sustainability compiled a midterm report on these goals, which shows the university is well on its way to achieving them.

Some of these goals include achieving a net-negative energy growth, decreasing the production of waste at the university, and reducing carbon impact from transportations.

Despite adding 10 new buildings in the past five years, the UI's overall energy demand is down 4 percent.



Christiansen
director

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Regents discuss the IMU's prayer rooms

By ANNA ONSTAD-HARGRAVE
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Controversy over the recently established Muslim prayer space on campus seeped into the state Board of Regents' discussion on Thursday at the Iowa School for the Deaf, and officials said they would review policies for clarification.

Regent Subhash Sahai questioned University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld about the prayer spaces' constitutionality.

"The specific law in our Constitution says that we cannot stop anyone from praying to their specific religion and as long as provide that space, we're fine," Harreld said in response.

"How many people of different faith go there?" Sahai said.

"I can tell you that at least one Christian has prayed there," Harreld said.

"One Christian group, or one Christian?" Sahai said.

"I haven't looked at the data, but I can assure you that one Christian has prayed there," Harreld said. "Me."

He then deferred questions to Aimee Claeys, the associate counsel for the regents.

"I do believe there has been some misinformation in the press about the specific rooms being provided on campus," Claeys said. "It is an incorrect statement that the rooms are being segregated by gender. They are open for any student for any purpose."

Claeys acknowledged that Muslim students were segregating the genders.

"There is an agreement

for the Muslim students that they will segregate the genders, but the university will not be keeping individuals of opposite gender or opposite faith out of the room," she said.

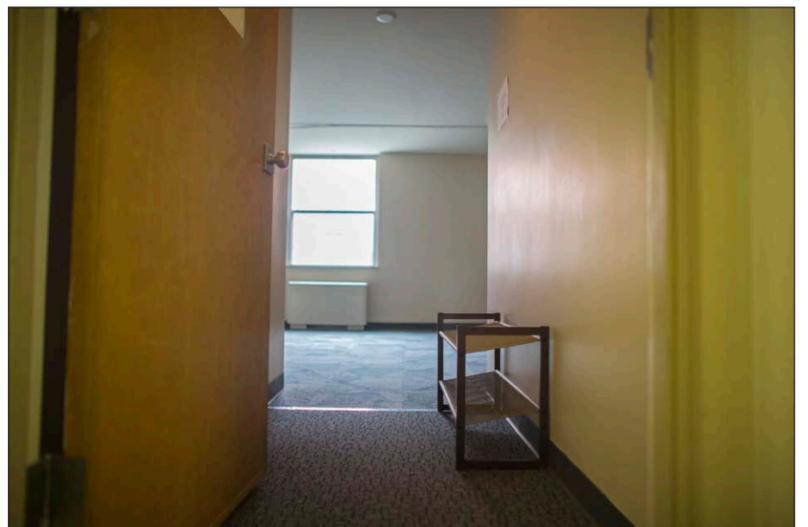
Claeys also said that the prayer rooms were constitutional as long as they were neutral.

"They are prayer and meditation rooms, and they are neutral spaces," she said. "To put it simply, providing these spaces, which may be used for religious purposes, is not a violation of the Constitution."

Harreld also spoke about the UI's 2016-21 Strategic Plan. He highlighted the budgeting process that the UI is going through.

"We didn't get the money

SEE SPACE, 2



The Muslim prayer space is seen in the IMU on Feb. 4. After seeking a permanent prayer space last year, Students from the Muslim Student Association and UI staff found a space. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

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IN THE ARTS



Deborah Stratman presents her work on Thursday. Deborah Stratman is a Chicago artist and filmmaker who visited Iowa City to show her work. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

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did our other universities," Harreld said. "It's obviously going to be more challenging. We're probably going to have to stretch it out a couple of years and we'll have to prioritize certain colleges."

Harreld referred to the decision lawmakers made earlier this week. The regents had requested \$20.4 million more for the three state universities. Under this funding proposal, ISU would have received \$8.2 million, UNI would have received \$7.7 million, and the UI would have received \$4.5 million.

However, state lawmakers only allocated

\$6.3 million more for the three universities, \$2.2 million for ISU, \$2.78 million for UNI, and \$1.3 million for the UI.

Regent President Bruce Rastetter said the regents were disappointed with the decision, too.

However, he acknowledged that the state economy has suffered and education consumes a significant portion of

the state budget. He advised that the universities suggest more than simply raising tuition.

"We have asked universities to not just look at raising tuition this year but to look longer-term at what makes sense for the universities in the competitive world," he said. "I think it would be inappropriate for us to say we are going to consistently raise tuition."

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"That's absolute energy use. It's not normalized based on square footage or campus population," Sustainability Director Liz Christiansen said. "It's the bill at the end of the month, and it's lower despite everything that has happened."

One feature that has had the largest impact on this progress is the Energy Control Center, which gathers energy data from buildings across campus, Christiansen said. The Energy Management Team analyzes this information to find and fix energy inefficiencies.

Rick Ney, the associate director of Facilities Management Utilities Distribution, said the system has saved the UI \$7 million and brought \$3 million in rebates from MidAmerican Energy since it was built in 2010.

"Our center has been something of a model to other universities, so similar centers have been built in Illinois and Nebraska," Ney said. "It has been widely praised and received awards."

In addition to reducing energy use, the UI aims to decrease its use of coal and generate 40 percent of its energy from renewable, locally grown biomass fuel.

The midyear report showed that the UI is only generating 14.4 percent energy from renewable fuel, but Christiansen said this number could be as high as 30 percent by the end of the year.

Waste diversion is another area that has made significant improvements. The 2020 goal is to divert 60 percent of waste at the UI from the landfill, and that rate is at 42 percent.

Waste is diverted in the form of recycling, composting, and repurposing materials. "One thing that has given us a good bump in our diver-

sion rate is through increased composting of food waste from Burge and Hillcrest to the pulper," UI Sustainability communications specialist George McCrory said.

Christiansen said the two dining halls eliminated trays, which she said has decreased the amount of food students leave behind and saved thousands of dollars in food orders.

In order to reach the 60 percent diversion goal, Christiansen said, officials will continue to dive deeper into the waste stream to find new sources of diversion.

"When it's made convenient, when we build in recycling and composting into our systems, it can have a pretty dramatic impact," she said.

The UI has already exceeded its goal to reduce fossil-fuel use by 10 percent. The current rate is over 14 percent.

"Cambus has done a great job in driving up mileage and efficiency,

plus the campus remains walkable, and we're encouraging people to bike and bolster bike services," Christiansen said.

The final three goals involve increasing sustainability education, research, and partnerships.

Christiansen said officials hope to do more to increase the number of sustainability-related courses available to students, and she said UI President Bruce Harreld has also made this a priority.

Christiansen said UI's current undergraduate sustainability certificate is strong and popular.

"It's among the most popular certificate programs on campus," she said. "We've seen people graduate with that certificate and work in sustainability areas, and we're always looking for opportunities for students to get practical application opportunities."

SPACE
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that we wanted from the Legislature and the governor, nor did our other universities," Harreld said.

Harreld said it would be more challenging to address faculty pay without more funding.

"It's obviously going to

be more challenging. We're probably going to have to stretch it out over a couple of years, and we'll have to prioritize certain colleges," Harreld said. "Resource allocation is job one."

The UI Strategic Plan Development Group will lead seven open forums to discuss and develop the UI's 2016-21 Strategic Plan, Harreld said.

"Over the last 20 years,

development processes for the UI's strategic plans have taken up to 18 months, while only hosting two to four open forums for broader community input," said a UI news release. "The current development process will take less than six months and will include seven open forums."

Newly re-elected Regent President Bruce Rastetter praised Harreld for includ-

ing larger groups of constituents in planning.

"One of the interests the board had when you became president is your commitment to collaboration, inclusiveness, to broadening the group rather than top-down approach," Rastetter said.

The university has announced that it will post the plan on its website in the summer.

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The regents are appointed by the governor and are confirmed by the Iowa Senate. Presidents and presidents pro tem are elected for two-year terms.

Rastetter and Mulholland were appointed in 2011.

The resignation of Rastetter and Mulholland has been called for by members

of the University of Iowa community in the past.

The Daily Iowan previously reported the potential re-election of Rastetter and Mulholland was frequently cited as a cause for concern by attendees of an April 16 regent transparency hearing.

Attendees cited the secrecy of the presidential-search process that appointed Bruce Harreld as UI president in September 2015 as a reason not to re-elect Rastetter.

"You have a chance to

make a new start by selecting someone who was not involved with all the secret meetings and behind-the-scenes manipulation that led to the hiring of Bruce Harreld as UI president," said UI English Professor Judith Pascoe at the hearing. "I strongly recommend that you choose from the regents who were not involved in that process. Please don't retain Mr. Rastetter as president or Ms. Mulholland as president pro tem."

The tension is not new.

In September 2015, UI Faculty Senate unanimously approved a motion of no confidence in the regents and called for the resignation of the regents or dismissal by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad.

And in October 2015, protesters organized by Iowans Defending Our Universities interrupted a regents' meeting, petitioned for Harreld's dismissal, and chanted for the regents to resign.

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Men's golf braces for stiff competition

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The men's golf team will begin postseason play today through April 24 in Newburgh, Indiana, for the Big Ten Championships.

The 54-hole tournament will be played at the Victoria National Golf Club.

The field includes four conferences schools ranked in the top 50 of the Golf-Week/Sagarin rankings. Last year's Big Ten Tournament champion and second-ranked Illinois will be the favorite. Other top-50 Big Ten schools are Penn State (30), Purdue (31), and Michigan State (46). All 14 members of the Big Ten will compete.

"The Big Ten is good this year with Illinois, Purdue, and Penn State," senior Nate 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."

Illinois is arguably the toughest team the Hawkeyes will face all season, and head coach Tyler Stith is excited about the challenge.

"Illinois is having a great season. Coach [Mike] Small is doing a great job," Stith said. "They're extremely deep. We competed with them a year ago, and I know our guys are looking forward to the challenge."

To contend with the best, the Hawkeyes need to manage their mistakes. At last season's Big Ten Tournament the Hawkeyes were able to do just that and finish second.

"We want to put ourselves in contention like we did a year ago," Stith said. "Last year, we got off to a good start. [This year], we need to have a good practice round, get ourselves off to a good start, and get in contention on Sunday."

In order to be in a winning position, the Hawkeyes will count on veterans Yankovich, Carson Schaake, and Raymond Knoll.

Schaake led the Hawkeyes in last year's event, finishing tied for first. The junior is coming off a 10th-place finish at the April 16-Sunday Hawkeye Invitational.

Knoll has been Iowa's top finisher twice this season, and the Naperville, Illinois,

native's play has been improving as the season has progressed. He finished 13th at the Hawkeye Invitational last weekend.

It has sparked Knoll's confidence, but he knows he needs to avoid as many mistakes 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."

Yankovich has produced three top-10 finishes this season after only having two in the previous three seasons combined.

The Blacklick, Ohio, native has been on fire lately; he had a career-best third place at the Hawkeye Invitational. He also averages 71.96 strokes per round this year, which leads the team.

This will be Yankovich's last Big Ten tournament. He appreciates the memories of conference play, but he recognizes a solid finish will help the Hawkeyes' chances of qualifying for NCAA regional.

"I'm really grateful for the opportunity to play in

the Big Ten Conference," he said. "It's very exciting to play in the conference event, and then, hopefully, we can qualify for regionals to continue post-season play."



Iowa senior Nate Yankovich drives the ball toward the greens during the Hawkeye Invitational at Finkbine on Sunday. Yankovich placed third. (The Daily Iowan/Alex Kroeze)

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Women's golf confident

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With the regular season coming to an end, the Iowa women's golf team will try to maintain its focus as it heads to Indianapolis to compete in the Big Ten Championships.

The Hawkeyes will try to leave an impression; they currently sit outside the top 25 in the NCAA rankings (Northwestern being the only Big Ten member ranked in the top 25).

Despite the low ranking, head coach Megan Menzel is not worried about the competition Iowa will face.

"Golf is funny because you can't constantly be keeping an eye out on what other people are doing," she said. "Obviously, we are going out to play the Fort Golf Resort course, and that's where our competition lies. We want to beat [every team], so that is kind of our mentality, to just come together and execute."

Last year the Hawkeyes did not fare well in the conference championship, placing 10th and carding a three-round plus-46 910.

However, this year things are different. The vibe on the course is very positive, and the Hawkeyes believe that they can square up against anyone.

"We have definitely improved a lot; we have all progressed as a team, and we have beaten a lot of our records," junior Jessie Sindlinger said. "Just having



Iowa golfer Jessie Sindlinger celebrates after a putt at the Diane Thomason Invitational at Finkbine on Oct. 5, 2014. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

everyone being able to put up a score that all of us can score is exciting. It is exciting just knowing we can compete against anybody."

Sindlinger will try to improve from last year's Big Ten match, in which she carded a plus-10 226, which put her at 32nd.

Luckily for the junior, she will not go into Indianapolis alone.

The Hawkeyes boast a talented squad that includes standout Amy Ihm.

The senior from Peosta, Iowa, will try to maintain momentum rolling; she had a day to remember last weekend at the Lady Buckeye Invitational. Ihm walked out of Columbus, Ohio, carding an even-par 72 on the final 18 holes to finish with a plus-4 220, good for her sixth top-10 finish this season.

"I think I just have to stay confident," Ihm said. "I am hitting the ball really well,

so just working on some putting and cleaning some stuff up, but I'm excited about getting going. Also, two top-10 finishes the past two weeks give me a lot of confidence heading into this week."

There is plenty at stake for the Hawks as they prepare for championship play. With an impressive performance in Indianapolis, the Hawkeyes have a chance to not only leave a mark among the Big Ten but also creep up in the NCAA rankings.

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COLUMN

Economy or environment?



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The Mississippi, Des Moines, Maquoketa, Cedar/Iowa, and Raccoon rivers, the veins of Iowa, splay out like ribbons to flutter through a landscape that would be significantly less astounding without them.

They are a critical source of drinking water to the 3.1 million people who live in the state and a linchpin to the megalithic agriculture industry that dominates the banks, offices, and consciousness of Iowa. The protection of the two is a priority for residents on all sides of the political spectrum, but it's important to remember how engrained agriculture is to the environment. Agriculture is a product of humanity working with nature, not against it.

High concentrations of nitrates in a supply of water will, at a point usually sooner rather than later, become a problem. Nitrates are typically used by plants as their source of nitrogen, and when rivers or lakes are flooded with unusual levels of nitrates from things such as agricultural runoff (nitrates being a key component of most fertilizers), this can cause rapid and excessive growths of algae and other plants, which works to strip the water of oxygen.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, recent studies have shown that high nitrate concentrations have been connected to cancer. More definitively, when a nitrate concentration exceeds 10 milligrams per liter in drinking water, it can lead to a syndrome called "blue-baby syndrome" in infants.

In short, too much nitrogen in our water is bad. This has led the Des Moines Water Works to file a lawsuit against Sac, Buena Vista, and Calhoun Counties, contending that they are responsible for funneling

high concentrations of nitrates into the Raccoon River, a source of drinking water for a half-million central Iowa residents.

According to the *Des Moines Register*, "Lawyers for Sac, Buena Vista, and Calhoun Counties, responding to records requests from the *Register*, released heavily redacted checks, billing statements, and other documents to keep private the names of those who have paid nearly 90 percent of the counties' legal fees so far."

They are not legally obligated to release this information, but given the high-profile nature of the lawsuit and the health of 500,000 residents affected by the outcome, withholding such information seems petty or dishonest.

Given the shady nature of redacted documents, it is not far-fetched to speculate that these counties are accepting massive donations from agricultural corporations, stubborn or apathetic about changing their business practices. Perhaps they also do not feel responsible for the complexities of water drainage, but the fact remains: They make a profit while the residents of central Iowa suffer the consequences.

But the lawsuit is not just about the drinking water. If the Des Moines Water Works were to win the lawsuit, the verdict would deem Iowa farmers liable to federal-pollutant regulation. Avoiding this is worth a lot more than \$934,000 to those who dominate the multibillion-dollar agriculture industry.

The attempt to obscure the identities of the defense fund's secret donors is an attempt to maintain the image that the agriculture giants of Iowa work in conjunction with the environment. This is a false image. They have no interest in preserving what is left of the Iowa environment and seem willing to tarnish the rivers crucial to our identity and the health of our residents as long as they can operate as few obstacles as possible.

When the economy is reliant on the environment, which one is worth preserving: water or profits?

EDITORIAL

Academic pursuit, \$ pursuit

Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of globalization is the ability for students from all around the world to experience cultures and environments different from the one they are accustomed to.

At the University of Iowa, this can definitely be said, given the variation among students, and ideally, a balance is struck in which the benefits for students are not overshadowed by the institution and vice versa. In the fall semester of last year, the UI enrolled 4,540 international students from more than 100 countries, which has ultimately served to cultivate a more diverse student body.

The UI is in the top 50 for international-student enrollment among 1,485 institutions of higher learning in the 2014-15 year, and this is a number to be proud of. Across the country, the number of international students has increased — in the last year, by 10 percent to a record high of 974,926, according to statistics from the Open Door Report.

As beneficial as the recruitment of international students can be, there is a more lucrative component that provides an incentive for unethical practices. International students pay out-of-state tuition, which provides a clear monetary benefit for the institutions of higher learning. At the same time, the goal of international-student recruitment should always be to provide the best possible educational experience to students who have made the decision to go abroad to further their education.

In the United States, recruitment agencies paid on commission for the number of students enrolled is pro-

hibited. Given the potential for profit to overshadow what should be the purpose of college recruiting, which is pairing students with the institution best-suited for their needs, it is clear to see why such a restriction is in place. These rules do not apply to international recruitment and can result in the targeting of students who may not be in a position to succeed in the institution of higher learning they are being advertised.

This practice is unethical and does a disservice to both the prospective student and the institution, which then must provide the additional accommodations necessary to ensure success.

Currently, the UI does not employ such recruitment agencies and in no way compromises the admission standards expected of all prospective students. It is not to say that there is not a place for the use of recruitment agencies. They can reach out to pools of students who would otherwise be inaccessible and stand to benefit from the resources available at the UI.

Enrolling international students adds a valued difference in perspective for not only the students coming from abroad but for domestic students, who are then exposed to cultures and practices with which they were previously unacquainted. However, the boon of diversity should not come at the cost of the students' experience or the integrity of the institution of higher learning. When it comes to seeking out prospective students from outside of the U.S., it is imperative for institutions of higher learning not to lose sight of their position as pillars of academic pursuit.

COLUMN

Social-media movements



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The power of social media is undeniable. Using that power to promote positivity and acceptance is ideal in a world increasingly involved with technology. Many have heard of #DamnDaniel, #BlackLivesMatter, and #MarriageEquality. These social-media campaigns have transformed the landscape of today's culture from sharing a love of someone's look to fighting injustices all over the nation. It is undeniable the power of a skillfully placed hashtag, and one sorority on campus is throwing its hat into the ring.

The Epsilon Theta chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority held an event that was aptly titled Melan-

inRich in early March. The name of the event is a small precursor to what it entailed. The word "melanin" has become synonymous today with the praising of the non-Eurocentric features that African and African-American people commonly possess. A simple search of melanin on Twitter will graciously generate a beautiful array of melanin-rich individuals.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority's event was a two-day affair. The first day featured an interactive photo session in the efforts to engage this image-driven society. The purpose of the session was to uplift the black community in a time when we are incredibly scrutinized. The messages varied and cohesively stated that black is, in fact, beautiful and that inferiority is a construct.

The second day of the event featured Shonda Monette, a UI instructor and laboratory specialist in the Chemistry Depart-

ment, who held a discussion and started the ever-present conversation of breaking down the Eurocentric norms. The conversation unearthed the commonly learned conceptions present in black beauty standards, identity, and being confident about skin tone. Following the photo session with a discussion was vital to its concretization. The ephemeral quality of this society and the sheer amount of media we consume has rendered pictures one of the first things to be forgotten but can also last the longest.

Howard University held a comparable campaign on its campus. Howard's campaign was called #HUEs, a student push for body positivity and an exploration of the many beautiful shades of blackness. The image is an 8-by-8 grid square that features a different topless individual in each of the smaller squares along with varying colors, connecting it back to the project title.

Baylor University also had an unofficial campaign started by the black community on campus. They spoke out on what they have experienced. Parsing the #BUrememberwhen page on Twitter only returns many outraged students because of the lack of diversity present on campus. On April 14, the Baylor chapter of the NAACP reported that its funding has been doubled because of the staggering response to this campaign.

Social-media movements can be hard to start and difficult to follow because of their expansive and all-encompassing nature. All that can be said is you should be vigilant and speak up about things that you are unhappy with. Many students and teachers you may know are speaking out about injustices on our campus. We can only support these people in their endeavors to make waves in these still ponds we exist in.

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GUEST OPINION

Time is right for third party

With the never-ending political candidates' name-calling and the dysfunctional gridlock in Washington, D.C., the first U.S. president got it right. In George Washington's farewell address, noted as the most visionary document ever written by a president, he warned of the "continual mischiefs of the spirit of party" making it the "interest and duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it." In other words, he alerted us about the dangers of political parties.

Whether you look at the divisiveness of the political system in which nearly all state and federally elected legislators are puppets, voting the party line and their special-interest supporters, and in which bipartisanship is a foreign concept, maybe it's time for a sensible third party.

Let's face it, a lifeboat is being sought by the 74 percent of Republicans who vote a straight ticket, especially when they have to pick a president from the likes of Donald Trump,

Sen. Ted Cruz, or Gov. John Kasich. A similar lifeline is needed for 78 percent of the straight-ticket voting Democrats as their options are either Hillary Clinton or Sen. Bernie Sanders.

According to a recent Gallup Poll, approximately half of the registered Republicans and Democrats say a third political party is needed because the current two-party system does "such a poor job" of representing the people. Logically, 71 percent of the no-party independents, which represent the largest bloc of U.S. voters, want a third party.

For the disheartened Republicans, Democrats, and independents, I'd name the new group the Common Sense Party.

While I'm not a political wonk, it's common sense to be fiscally responsible, pro-business, environmentally responsible, and tolerant of women, men, LGBT, impaired, disabled, handicapped, and 4,200 different religions.

All Americans understand the purpose of our government is to protect

the individual rights of its citizens, including strong foreign affairs, sensible gun ownership, and background checks, defense against terrorism, and enforcement of civil rights.

I'm confident mature citizens would agree the multitude of entitlement programs and layers of government regulation need tweaking.

It's logical to embrace public campaign financing while extending, not restricting, voting privileges to all eligible voters.

For our long-term survival, it's pragmatic to properly fund the National Institutes of Health, improve our public educational system, embark on criminal-justice reform, improve our health-care system, embrace a strong military, create jobs, have sensible immigration reform, and eliminate our \$19 trillion federal debt.

Every city in the U.S. has infrastructure needs. The 1935 Works Progress Administration, in which millions of the unemployed carried out desperately needed public-works

projects, was a godsend. An updated 2016 WPA Act would permit our unemployed and underemployed to work on public buildings, bridges, roads, tunnels, sewers, electrical grids, telecommunication network, public parks, and airports.

Common sense says taxation reform, water-quality protection, energy independence, and continued Social Security and Medicare funding is required.

Washington would be proud if we put the interests of the country ahead of our 21st century "after me, you come first" political parties and politicians' behavior. It's prudent that "We the people" take control of our dysfunctional political-party system.

No-party independents are already primed for a third political party. And with 47-48 percent of their Republican and Democrat neighbors wanting a third choice, let's get this party started.

Steve Corbin
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Hawkeye runners hope to dazzle home fans

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For the first time in a while, the Hawkeyes don't have to pack up their running cleats and hit the road this weekend.

However, they will still be in competition at the Musco Twilight meet, the only home outdoor track and field competition Iowa has this year.

As the Hawkeye progress in the Big Ten standings week by week, Director of Track and Field Joey Woody is eager for the home crowd to see the team's improvement and recent success.

"This women's team is ranked high right now in a

lot of different events, and I want to show people that we are making a big push to be one of the best programs in the conference and, hopefully, the country by the end of the season," he said. "We got some great stars and a lot of talent on our team, and we just want to showcase that."

Drake, Iowa Central, Iowa State, and Northern Iowa will compete against Iowa. Although this isn't the toughest competition the Hawkeyes have faced this season, Woody still believes Hawkeye fans will have plenty to cheer about.

"It will be good competition," he said. "Iowa Central always has good athletes, and Northern Iowa will

have a good team, and Iowa State has some good athletes as well."

Not only will the Saturday event contain exciting rivalries, but it's a chance for the Hawkeyes to compete where they're comfortable.

"It's just fun to be at home, and it's good for our athletes to be on our track and not have to travel," Woody said.

Although each team will present a challenge, Iowa will be the favorites to come out on top in most of the events.

Last year, Hawk junior Brittany Brown won the 100 meters, and senior Lake Kwaza claimed the 200 meters.

The sprint squad has been one of the highlights

this season, and the relay teams have dominated, too.

In the 400-meter relay, the tandem of Kwaza, junior Alexis Guster, freshman Briana Guillory, and junior Alexis Hernandez claimed the first school record of the season at the March 19 Baldy Castillo Invitational.

Records continued to fall as Guster, Guillory, senior Montayla Holder, and Hernandez most recently broke the women's 1,600-meter relay school record at the April 16 Texas Invitational, clocking a winning time of 3:32.63.

Saturday's meet will also be a chance to honor Holder and graduate student Khanishah Williams in their last home event of their Hawk-



Iowa runner Brittany Brown celebrates after the women's 4-by-100-meter relay at Drake Stadium on April 26, 2014. Iowa took first place. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

eye careers.

"For seniors, it's always tough because you'd love to have them for another year," Woody said. "For

them, it will be an emotional day I'm sure, but it will be a lot of fun because they are both ready to put up some exciting marks."

FOOTBALL

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Backup backs

If history is any indication, Iowa will need more than three running backs this year.

LeShun Daniels and

Akrum Wadley will both see plenty of carries this year and if Derrick Mitchell Jr. gets healthy, he's probably the third-down back. After Mitchell, things get interesting. Marcel Joly seems to be ahead of Eric Graham for the third-string spot.

"We have two younger guys right now," Io-

wa running-back coach Chris White said about the two younger running backs. "They are just trying to figure stuff out right now. Right now, Marcel Joly is a redshirt sophomore who has really had a good spring, and the past couple days, he's really shown some flash-

es of his athletic ability."

There is also a battle at fullback. Drake Kulick is leading the fight at the moment, but Brady Ross and Austin Kelly have both had their names thrown around.

"There are several guys there we feel comfortable with," Davis said. "We'll come out with a good fullback."

Kicker competition

Miguel Recinos and Mick Ellis are neck-in-neck for the starting kicker position.

White, who also coaches the special teams units, admitted they've struggled at times, and the Hawkeyes will miss Marshall Koehn.

"[The kicking battle] is going to go probably till game day, I would think, unless someone just really emerges right now," White said. "But it's neck-and-neck right now. One guy has a good day, the other guy has a good day. We've just got to be more consistent."

BASEBALL

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said. "With that being said, every series is a big one, but

this is probably the biggest one to this point."

If Iowa hopes to grab a couple wins against Michigan, it will need to get a big contribution from senior shortstop Nick Roscetti, who was just

named to the Brooks Wallace Award Watch List, handed out annually to the nation's best shortstop.

Roscetti has slumped at the plate since his team opened up Big Ten play,

but a move down in the order against Indiana may have started him in the right direction.

Even if the hits don't come for Roscetti, he plans to do everything necessary to get

Iowa into the win column.

"I'm just trying to stick with my approach and with what Coach Heller and what Coach Marty [Sutherland] have been telling me," Roscetti said.

"Hopefully, it comes back to me like it did at the beginning of the year, but the overall goal is just to get wins, and whatever I can do to help the team is what I'll do."

SOFTBALL

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.300. Senior Macy Jones paces the team with a .409 average (No. 4 in the Big Ten), and Shelby

Miller, Lexi Knief, Alyssa VanDerveer, Tori Dubois, Erin Pond, and Shannon Good are all within fewer than 100 points of her.

If Iowa wants to compete with Penn State, it will have to start cranking out some hits, espe-

cially with runners on base. Holly Hoffman is the only Hawkeye with more than three at-bats who is hitting above .300, and just four others are hitting at or above .300 with runners on base.

Marlaina Laubach leads

Penn State in pitching with a 2.84 ERA and a 9-8 record. The Northampton, Pennsylvania, native has pitched 125.2 innings for the Nittany Lions, logging 78 strikeouts.

While many of the Nittany Lions have their fair

share of experience in the Big Ten, the team is fairly spread out between upper- and lowerclassmen. Six underclassmen have started or played in at least half of Penn State's games, rather

similar to the Hawks. The Hawkeyes also have six underclassmen who have started or played in at least half of the games.

First pitch will take place at 6 p.m. with games on Saturday and April 24.

TRACK

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up there [in front], but it was a pretty clean race," Lilly said. "I didn't have to worry about bumping around with other people."

It was a recipe for success, which Lilly wants to build upon.

Junior Aaron Mallett would also like to continue a streak. He enters the weekend undefeated in the 110-meter hurdles at Musco, following a 14.08 finish his freshman year and a 13.69 finish last season.

Although he is one of the top hurdlers in the country, Saturday's task will

not be easy, Woody said.

"I think it'll be a good atmosphere," he said. "We have some great teams coming in — a lot of great athletes. It should be some good competition."

Iowa's 400-meter hurdlers will also have a chance to shine at Musco, led by Mitch Wolff and Noah Larrison.

At Texas, Wolff won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 51.23. On April 9 at the Jim Click in Tucson, Arizona, the junior finished at 50.96, a personal best. It also moved him to ninth all-time at Iowa.

Larrison has kept pace with Wolff, running with him in every race this season. Wolff and Larrison

finished first and second at the Jim Click.

Freshman DeJuan Frye is another Hawkeye to keep an eye on.

The Lacey, Washington, native will try to add to a breakout start in his outdoor career.

In the 400 meters at Texas, Frye recorded the sixth-fastest time in Hawkeye history. This performance came on the heels of the Jim Click, where he ran the seventh-best 400 and was also a member of a solid 4x100 relay.

"DeJuan ran great [at Texas]," Woody said. "He's just getting better every meet."

In the field, Hawkeye Reno Tuufuli leads the way,

this time with some extra fuel for his competitive fire.

"A friend of mine just threw farther than me in discus, and before the season, I told him that he wasn't going to beat me," Tuufuli said. "I will have that extra motivation in the back of my head."

A friendly rivalry aside, Tuufuli stands as the country's best freshman discus thrower. His leading mark of 60.71 meters came at the Florida Relays.

Even though many athletes started the outdoor season on good notes, there is work to be done.

"We need to improve in every area," Woody said. "We're still not where we need to be."

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• Every six months, jump forward six months so your car stereo always displays the right time.

• Showing H.G. Wells one of the many mediocre film adaptations of his work.

• Calling Babe Ruth's home run and Lou Gehrig's disease.

• Travel past the unsurvivable part of the rebirth of the universe. Now there really is no escape from immortality, Idiot.

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• Being able to tell every creationist "Why, yes?" when they ask "Were you there?"

• Buying throwback jerseys at throwback prices.

• Writing science fiction that's COMPLETELY SPOT ON, but juxtaposing the names to just to mess with everyone in the future.

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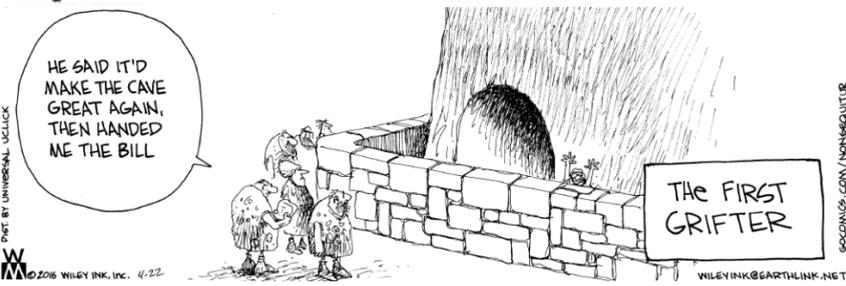
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- **Cristina Bates**, flute, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Emily Roane**, percussion, 6 p.m., 150 Music West
- **Korean Art Songs**, 6:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **UI Trans Alliance Week of Action**, Community Discussion on Trans Action, 5:30 p.m., Public Library Meeting Room A

- **Community Potluck**, 6:30 p.m., WRAC
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Margaret Ross & Sara Deniz Akant, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Aurora DePaul**, soprano, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Comedian Amy Schumer**, 8 p.m., Carver
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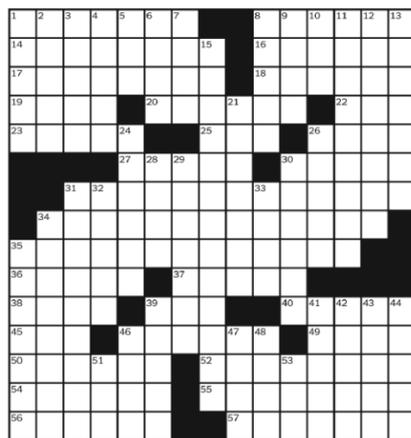
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 - 37 Sir William so-called "Father of Modern Medicine"
 - 38 Runs off at the mouth
 - 39 Guitar-making wood
 - 40 Post-tragedy comment
 - 45 Common question after a name is dropped
 - 46 Salad base
 - 49 ___ war

- DOWN**
- 1 Op art pattern
 - 2 It flows for nearly 2,000 miles in Asia
 - 3 Big mushroom producer, in brief
 - 4 "___ war": F.D.R.
 - 5 Frame from a drawer
 - 6 "Jake and ___" (comedy web series)
 - 7 Give a dynamite finish?
 - 8 Form of civil disobedience
 - 9 It's a lift
 - 10 Bled
 - 11 Kings' supporters
 - 12 Dropped like a jaw
 - 13 Book before Daniel
 - 15 Office drones
 - 21 Amoeba feature
 - 24 Gives a lift
 - 50 Like some warfare
 - 52 Decision debated for decades
 - 54 Worrisome engine sound
 - 55 Fret about
 - 56 Corsairs and Rangers of the 1950s
 - 57 Things in keys



- PUZZLE BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG**
- 26 Lubitsch of old Hollywood
 - 28 State
 - 29 Denoting the style in which one might consider this clue to be written
 - 30 Sympathetic sorts
 - 31 Gets from A to B instantly
 - 32 Says one can make it, say
 - 33 Well
 - 34 Be in store
 - 35 Means of obtaining private information
 - 39 Name in many van Gogh titles
 - 41 "Incredible!"
 - 42 Italian wine
 - 43 Guitar-making wood
 - 44 Ones preparing Easter eggs
 - 46 Presumption
 - 47 "___ problem"
 - 48 In public
 - 51 Ending with Manhattan
 - 53 Bugs on the road

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horoscopes Friday, April 22, 2016 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Activity, travel, and personal changes will highlight your day and improve your life. Believe in who you are and what you do, and so will the people you encounter. Put a little romance into your day.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Let people know what you are thinking and how you plan to go about getting what you want. Your vision will be well-received, and help will be offered from someone you least expect. Keep an open mind and something good will transpire.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Helping others will lead to a meaningful connection. Your ability to follow through and deliver what you promise will help you disprove anyone who doubts you. A reward is in order. Treat yourself to something nice.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get involved in something that will bring you in contact with people you have worked with in the past, or who have something to offer you now. A partnership will allow you to raise your standard of living.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Make changes that will help you alleviate the problem you face at home or at work. Protect your reputation, and engage in events that will allow you to show what you have to offer instead of just talking about it.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Avoid bickering with someone who is taking advantage of you. Look for enlightenment from experts, and do your homework to find out what your options are. Take control instead of being controlled, and you will find a way to make personal improvements.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get involved in activities that will bring you closer to the people you love. Taking off for a mini-vacation will improve your disposition and your relationship with someone special.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Follow your dreams, and let your imagination find ways to turn any negative situation you encounter into a positive one. Emotions will surface, and discussions will help you resolve any pressing issues. Alter your living space to suit your needs.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Gravitate to where the action is, and you'll fit in just fine. A physical challenge will exhilarate you and fire up a relationship with someone who is just as adventurous as you. Strive to live a healthier lifestyle.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Use an emotional plea to grab attention. Once you identify your audience, you'll be able to persuade others to help you bring about positive changes to your home and lifestyle. Shoot for the ultimate family game room.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be mindful of others, but don't give in to someone who is using emotional manipulation. Consider repurposing an old idea, and you won't have to spend too much money or effort in order to accomplish your goal.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** An unexpected offer will be made. Consider ways to use extra cash to improve your standard of living. Investing in something that will help you subsidize your income looks promising. An old friend or colleague will make you an offer.

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SPRING FOOTBALL



Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard evades Wisconsin linebackers at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison on Oct. 3, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 10-6. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

GETTING IN SYNC

There are several story lines worth watching as the Hawkeyes hold their annual spring game on Saturday.

By **JORDAN HANSEN** | jordan-hansen@uiowa.edu

Getting quarterbacks and receivers in the same area is one of the big advantages of having a spring-football season.

Under the watchful eye of their coaches, they can create the timing and chemistry they hope carries over to the regular season. While some of the same things will likely be worked on over the summer privately, this is time for Iowa's coaches to get a solid handle on what the passing attack is going to look like.

During Iowa's final spring practice, 1 p.m. Saturday in Kinnick, how quarterback C.J. Beathard and his targets look should be one of the major takeaways.

If offensive coordinator Greg Davis is to be believed, there should be optimism because it sounds as if Beathard is looking exactly the way a senior captain should.

"C.J. has had a heck of a spring. You can tell he's totally in charge in terms of what's going on, decisions that he has to make," Davis said. "We've opened some things up to give him even more flexibility at

the line of scrimmage."

Very little of the downfield attack was displayed at the West Des Moines Valley practice on April 8. Cold and fierce winds kept Beathard from doing a whole lot then, which will hopefully not be the case this weekend.

Outside of the current starting three wide receivers — Matt VandeBerg, Riley McCarron, and Jerminic Smith — expect tight end George Kittle to also see plenty of targets.

Wide receivers Jay Scheel and Jonathan Parker have been talked up quite a bit by their coaches during this period. Scheel, a highly touted recruit, redshirted in 2014 and battled an injury last season.

"It's really the first spring we've seen him where he knew what to do and he was well," Davis said. "So he's come a long way. And you can just see that when he goes out there now, his head is not spinning. He's more relaxed and comfortable."

SEE FOOTBALL, 5

Baseball squares up for Wolverines

By **BLAKE DOWSON**
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Although the Iowa baseball team (17-17, 6-6 Big Ten) is one loss away from tying its total from a year ago, the panic meter has not started to tick.

After dropping two of three at Indiana from April 15-Sunday, the Hawkeyes have already surpassed their number of losses in conference play in 2015.

"I don't think the pressure starts to mount at all," head coach Rick Heller said. "I think we came back from Indiana feeling pretty good about ourselves, being able to come back on Sunday and get a win on the road against a team that was playing really well against us."

Now, for the first time since March, Iowa will square off against a ranked opponent with No. 18 Michigan traveling to Banks Field this weekend.

Michigan (26-9, 6-2 Big Ten) is riding a five-game winning streak, having swept Nebraska a week ago and taking a midweek game from Toledo on Wednesday.

"They're a talented team," Heller said. "They have a lot of good players back, lot of good new players. They played really well early, then hit a little down period once conference started for them. But they picked it back up this past weekend with Nebraska."

Iowa will see a handful of left-handers on the mound for Michigan, the same



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

three hurlers who faced off against the Hawkeyes in Ann Arbor last year.

All three Wolverine starters — Brett Adcock, Oliver Jaskie, and Evan Hill — have 4 or more wins and ERAs of 2.86 or lower.

Adcock, tonight's starter, has been on the Hawkeyes' radar all week.

"We talk about the Friday-night pitcher pretty early on in the week and prepare for him in practice," senior catcher Jimmy Frankos said. "And then, we usually get our scouting reports either Wednesday or Thursday."

The Hawkeyes took two of three from the Wolverine starters a year ago, and they will try to do the same this year, at a time when they desperately need something to jump-start them into the final portion of the schedule.

Sitting at 6-6 and sixth place in the Big Ten, the Hawkeyes would like to climb in the standings to better their position in the Big Ten Tournament.

With a ranked Michigan team sitting ahead of them in the standings coming to town, the implications of this series are clear.

"Each [series] is obviously going to be the biggest with us trying to make a jump ahead of .500 and, hopefully, take that momentum into the conference tournament," Heller

SEE BASEBALL, 5

Iowa vs. Michigan

When: 6:05 p.m. today, 3:05 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. April 24

Where: Banks Field

Hawks hope to knit Lions

By **COURTNEY BAUMANN**
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The Iowa softball team will attempt to upset the No. 3 team in the Big Ten, Penn State, when the Nittany Lions travel to Pearl Field for a three-game series starting tonight.

The Hawkeyes, 12-30, 2-12 in the Big Ten, are last in the Big Ten standings, and they will need a couple of wins over the weekend to keep their conference-tournament hopes alive.

"The biggest thing is controlling what we can — our attitude and our approach offensively, in the circle, and defensively. When we get away from that, we struggle a little bit," Iowa head coach Marla Looper said. "We need to not worry about the win but worry about the process and the approach to the game."



Looper
head coach

Getting those wins might be easier said than done. After starting its season 9-13, Penn State has gotten red hot and won 15 of its last 19 games. It is on a five-game winning streak with two over Bucknell and three over Maryland.

This puts Penn State at its best conference start in program history. Additionally, the team has completed three series sweeps so far, the most it has ever done.

The wins could come from the hitting performance Penn State has put on so far. As a whole, the team is batting .326, which puts the Nittany Lions behind only Michigan in Big Ten statistics. Michigan is ranked No. 2 in the country.

Seven Lions are batting at or above

SEE SOFTBALL, 5

Iowa vs. Penn State

When: 6 p.m. today, 2 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. April 24

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Tracksters happy at home

By **ADAM HENSLEY**
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Saturday will mark the 17th Musco Twilight meet at the Cretzmeyer Track, and for the Hawkeyes, this will be their only chance in the outdoor season to dazzle the home fans.

"We're getting really close to the Big Ten meet, so we need to continue to step up," Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody said. "Hopefully, we'll see some surprises in some of the events."



Woody
director

On April 16, Iowa competed in the Texas Invitational, in which the Hawkeyes placed third behind Texas and Nebraska while making some strides in the record books.

"[Texas] was good, outside of the weather," Woody said. "Our athletes still came out and put up some impressive marks."

One Hawkeye who wrote his name on the school's all-time list, sophomore Carter Lilly, finished second in the 800 meters at 1:47.32 and jumped to second at Iowa.

"There were one or two other guys

SEE TRACK, 5

Musco Twilight

When: Noon Saturday

Where: Cretzmeyer Track