After Iowa City attack, 'Why' rings loudly

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"Don't touch my brother" was the last thing Marcus Owens said he heard before he was punched in the eye, then the mouth, which brought him down to the ground. He was then kicked, punched, and beaten.

Owens, the victim of a reported hate crime, gave his account of his assault in an exclusive interview with *The Daily Iowan*. Currently, the Iowa City police are investigating the assault as

a hate crime, but no suspects have yet been named.

Prior to his attack on April 30 between 10 and 11 p.m., Owens said he stepped out of Eden Lounge, 217 Iowa Ave., to make a phone call. Owens, a University of Iowa freshman, said he was wearing a suit and was just out for a night on the town.

While making the phone call, he heard someone yell racial slurs. He said he looked around but did not see anyone. He then heard a racial slur a second time and then saw a "man aggressively approaching" him.

The man took a swing at Owens, which he dodged. Owens said he was defending himself when he heard a second person say "Don't touch my brother" before being punched and brought down.

"And that's when I was viciously beaten, and that's when

they really went ham on my body," the 19-year-old said. "They started kicking me, they started punching me viciously, and thank god someone yelled 'hey' to stop the fight."

Owens said he proceeded to go back to his dorm and clean the blood off himself. Then he went to the emergency room. Owens received 12 stitches on his lip and had two chipped front teeth.

Despite rumors, Owens said there was no fight prior to his attack and that he does not believe the attack was fraternity-related.

"Greek life had no part in this in my opinion," he said. "I think it was just individuals making a bad decision."

UI student Nate Robinson, a member of the Black Hawkeyes organization, said he heard rumors there was a frat brawl prior to the attack, but believes the attack was part of a hate crime.

"If you call somebody the N-word and then proceed to beat him after you called him that more than once, then I view that as a hate crime," Robinson said. "Regardless, it should not have happened and it's wrong."

When asked if Owens knew what his attackers looked like and if there were any descriptors, he only said the police are conducting an investigation.

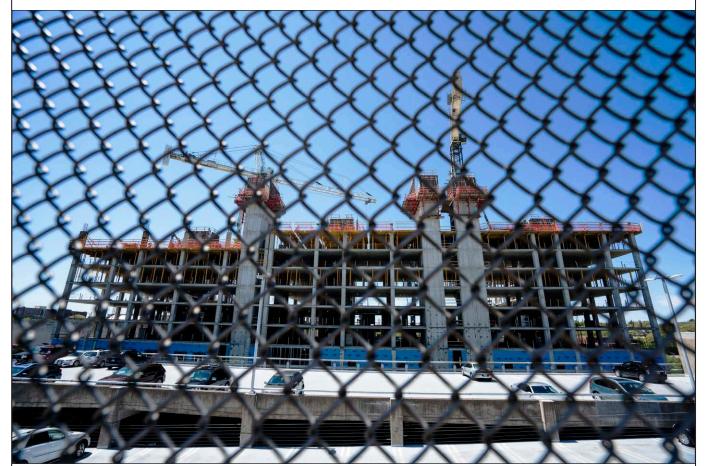
Following the news of his attack, students have pushed the



lowa freshman Marcus Owens sits in the Hampton Inn on Thursday. Owens is the victim of an alleged hate crime that occurred outside Eden Lounge on April 30. Local law enforcement is currently investigating the incident. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

university for answers, using #ExplainIowa on Twitter, which prompted a response from the UI at about 1 a.m. Wednesday. A Hawk Alert was not issued when the attack first occurred.

UI HOUSING TO **BURST AT SEAMS**



Construction of a new East Side dorm is seen on Thursday. The construction is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2017. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

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he official enrollment numbers for next year's incoming class have yet to be completed, but one thing is certain — on-campus housing will be stretched to its maximum capacity and almost 300 first-year students will be placed in "expanded" housing.

University of Iowa Housing & Dining officials say they are busy preparing for the largest incoming class in the school's history.

"Obviously, we have a record number of housing applications this time around, so we're anticipating that we're going to be tight for space," said Von Stange, the UI assistant vice president for Student Life. "We've anticipated that through more triple rooms in residence halls, we leased another property for returning students, and we plan on placing a lot of students in 'expanded' housing."

Along with record enrollment numbers, the on-campus housing shortage is due to the scheduled demolishment of Quadrangle in a few weeks, which will result in the loss of 358 beds. The construction of the new Madison Street dorm will not be finished until the 2017-18 academic year.

For next year, almost 300 first-year students will be placed in expanded housing in Daum, Stanley, Slater, and Rienow, said Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, the assistant director for assignments and contracts.

Expanded housing consists of study lounges that are converted into large bedrooms, where eight or fewer students will be placed.

The Daily Iowan previously reported that in 2015, over 130 students were in expanded housing. In 2014, there were

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Robinson to retire from UI

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One of the greatest living novelists in the country has announced her retirement from the University of Iowa.

Marilynne Robinson, the F. Wendell Mills Professor of Creative Writing at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, has announced that Friday will mark her last class at the UI.

Robinson has worked at the Work-

shop, which has been consistently ranked as the nation's No. 1 creative-writing program, for 25 years. She has taught graduate fiction workshops as well as seminars on Shakespeare, Faulkner, the Bible, and Melville.



Robinson

professor Robinson is the author of the critically acclaimed novels Housekeeping, Gilead, Home, and Lila.

Robinson has been announced the winner of the 2016 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction.

Winning awards is nothing new for Robinson. She was also awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2005 and she received the National Humanities Medal from U.S. President Obama in 2012.

"Marilynne has had a profound impact on both the fiction writers and poets who have studied at the Writers' Workshop during her tenure and also an impact, in a broader sense, on American arts and letters through her service at the University of Iowa," said Lan Samantha Chang, an acclaimed author and the director of the Writers' Workshop.

Chang said she was a former student of Robinson's.

"She always contributed generously to the program while her increasing fame pulled her in different directions," she said.

Chang said the retirement does not mark the end of Robinson's writing.

"She's not going to stop writing. She wants to write more," she said. "That's good news for everyone." Jake Andrews, a UI adjunct assistant

professor and a colleague of Robinson's, said Robinson's work appeals to people on a multitude of levels.

"She's not just writing really good

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Kara Dhingra, Chris Hellmann, and Elena Voisin play Ping-Pong on the Pedestrian Mall on Thursday. Open Washington brings lowa City a full free week of playing Ping-Pong outdoors. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

The mists of neon

Neon Indian will perform a DJ set Saturday night as part of the FlyOver Fashion Fest.

By GIRINDRA SELLECK

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This year's inaugural Flyover Fashion Festival, will which run Friday and Saturday, will see the convergence of fashion, music, and innovation. While a slate of DJs, rappers, and couturiers are set to make appearances at a variety of venues, perhaps the most anticipated — and somewhat confusing — is that of Neon Indian's Alan Palomo.

"They reached out to us, and it was such an unusual request in terms of time, intention and place, so I immediately was like

'F— yeah,' " Palomo said. Neon Indian — the stage name of Palomo's one-man avant-synthpop outfit has been touring the country in support of his new album, Vega Intl. Night School. He'll forgo the microphone in favor of a turntable for his DJ set at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

"There's always a misconception when you see a band on a DJ bill," Palomo said. "People think they're just going to show up and play a couple of songs off an iPod before

packing up, which isn't the case for me."

Palomo's long history with DJing dates back to his days as a college student in his home state of Texas.

"I had a [DJ] residency in Texas with my drummer long before Neon Indian," he said. "We played every Wednesday and would always be voraciously collecting new records. It's how I started developing a sense of what music I wanted to make."

DJing plays an instrumental role in his creative process, Palomo said, noting that he tends to prefer a balance between giving conventional performances and curating DJ sets.

"Before deciding to play another live show, I really felt like I just had to come back to DJing," he said. "It's where I grow the most as a musician."

As expected, in the lead-up to the release of his most recent album, Palomo had to take some time off the road and cut back on his DJ sets-of which he performs an estimated 40 to 50 in an average year.

"When I wrote the re-



cord I had stopped playing live for a while, but it's a very necessary part of the process, where I'm just inhaling music for the fun of it, figuring out what fits best in a dancefloor context," he said.

In the past, Palomo's DJ sets have proven formative in the development of his own music: they can act as a microcosm of sorts in which the stylistic elements of his future projects can be viewed.

Acknowledging the challenges of playing a canned set to a live playing crowd, Palomo speculated on what the differences might be between his previous DJ performances and his upcoming set at the Mill.

"There's a very different set that you'll deliver if you're DJing at a basement in Bushwick, or if you're doing an event where you have to play to the crowd and see what makes sense and what they're going to connect with," he said.

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Neon Indian DJ set When: 10:30 p.m. Saturday Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington Admission: \$15

UI REACH reaches out for support from the community

By MADELINE MURPHY

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After a grant to provide scholarships for students with numerous intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities ran out, a University of Iowa program has reached out to the Iowa City community for support.

The University of Iowa REACH program held its first annual Golf Outing and Fashion Show fundraiser from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward REACH scholarships for future students, said REACH Director Pam Ries.

UI REACH, established in 2008, is a twoyear program intended for students around the country with multiple intellectual, cognitive, and learning disabilities. The program provides students with an authentic college experience while providing assistance to help them become independent and active members of the community.

"We're having fundraiser this for friend-raising as well as fundraising," Ries said "We want to make sure people in the community are aware of the REACH program, and there's also a growing need for scholarships so more students can attend

gram." Before this year, REACH was vide schol-

able pro-

arships through grant,

but it has since run out. Ries said this year 21 of 52 REACH students received scholarships averaging \$6,738 each. The fundraiser is a way for the program to continue to provide much-needed scholarships for students who want to come to college.

Ries

'We had some scholarship funds when the program started, but

we've been dwindling those down so now we need to start rebuilding that scholarship fund," she said. "For some of these students a scholarship means being able to come to a program like this or not."

Michael Petkewec, educational support services assistant at REACH, said in the circle of special needs education the program is well-known nationally, but in the Iowa City community, it's not widely known.

"The program is 8 years old now, it's highly ranked nationally, and it's time to have friends within the community and raise money," he

There's no financial aid available for REACH students such as federally insured loans, which means there's a great need for a scholarship fund for REACH families because otherwise they would have to pay out of pocket, Petkewec said.

"There are students who can't even think about applying to college so through scholarships, we may be able to reach out to students who would not be able to come otherwise," he said.

Petkewec said the goal for the fundraiser is anywhere between \$10,000 to \$25,000 through sponsorships within the Iowa City community and various in-kind donations.

For some, this fundraiser is about showcasing the potential of REACH students after they leave the program.

Jeff Ulfert, whose son Joshua graduated from REACH three years ago, has seen firsthand how the program helped his son gain more self-confidence and the ability to advocate for himself.

"It's important to understand although these kids have disabilities it does not mean they can't be productive employees. All they need is the chance in a program like UI REACH," he said. "Be willing to take a chance on these kids, and you won't be sorry.'

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'Bike boulevard' will appear in Iowa City

By KATELYN WEISBROD

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A temporary bike lane could make Iowa City even more bike-friendly.

A class in the University of Iowa College of Public Health collaborated with Iowa City and community organizations to put together a bike boulevard.

The temporary bike boulevard will be set up on College Street on May 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. The route

will begin at City High and end at the Iowa City Farmers' Market at Chauncey Swan Park. Along the route will be a few different types of bike lanes, some more protected than others.

The project was put in place by four graduate students in the College of Public Health as part of a communications campaign class. The bike boulevard is a part of a larger campaign the group has put together called Join the Movement.

Emily Hejna, a student in the class, said the goal of the larger campaign is to get people to push for a more bike-friendly Iowa City, and to educate the community on

"It's just joining the movement of travel in the road, whether it's biking, walking, or driving," Heina said. "Iowa City is pushing for higher standards in bike friendly initiative, so we're just encouraging the community to join that discussion."

The city currently holds a silver rating as a bicycle friendly community, but Iowa City sustainability coordinator Brenda Nations said the new city council is interested in moving up a rating, and this initiative may help.

"Education and outreach are part of that rating," Nations said. "This group is mainly focused on bike safety and awareness."

At either end of the bike lane, the group will have educational materials to inform

people about bike safety and how to use the bike lanes.

Erin Arneson, a student in the class, said local bike shop World of Bikes will be there to offer bike safety checks, and the Bike Library will help people find the safest commute to work.

"We've had several great partners letting us utilize their services," Arneson said. "We want people to be encouraged by this experience and maybe host a boulevard in their neighborhood, this is the epitome of our entire class.'

Although the bike lane is only temporary, Arneson said she hopes the project will have a lasting effect on the community and bike safety.

"We mainly want to educate motorists about bike safety and we want to encourage community members to ride the boulevard to know how it helps them," Arneson said. "We want to make biking more apparent in the city."

HOUSING

"At this point in time, we plan on using every expanded housing space that we

have," Stange said. Ibrahim-Olin said some incoming freshmen have actually requested to live in expanded housing.

"I think students are interested in it for a couple of reasons," she said. "One, because of the cost, two, because they may have submitted their housing application later, and they want to try to live with some friends in expanded housing if they can."

Ibrahim-Olin said incoming freshmen who submitted their housing applications by the January deadline will get to choose their rooms just as in previous years.

She said students selecting their housing can expect to have more triple options available in Daum, Stanley, and Burge, which have larger rooms.

"Over the years, we've been able to just use two people, but for next year, those buildings are being returned to their original state, so there will be three in a room," she said.

To create more space for

the large freshman class, Housing & Dining has been sending emails to current students who are planning on returning to on-campus housing next year. The emails offer students a chance to opt out of their room contracts with no fees or penalties.

For the past three years, Stange said, these emails have been sent to students with housing agreements so they don't feel bound by their contracts.

"It's one of the easy strategies for us to create more space for first-year students," he said.

Ibrahim-Olin said there were more than 450 current students on the waiting list to return to the residence halls next year, but many left for off-campus housing upon hearing they were waitlisted or finding out the residence hall they wanted was full.

"We were able to offer rooms to nearly 400, the extra students pulled themselves off the waitlist before we started offering rooms," she said. "One hundred thirty students wound up accepting the offer to return to the halls."

Initially, Stange said, Housing and Dining was planning on capping the number of returning students at 1.100, but because of the completion of the waiting list, the numbers of returning students will be able to drop below the limit.

"Fortunately we've gone through the entire waiting list now, which is the reason we're offering more students the chance to move off-campus," he said.

While housing officials say they are committed to giving students the best first-year experience they can, concerns remain about what will happen when those students move off-campus.

Iowa City City Counselor John Thomas said continuing to increase student enrollments will exacerbate the housing shortage in Iowa City.

Thomas wrote in an email to The Daily Iowan that the city has budgeted for a housing-market analysis to gain a better understanding of supply and demand and is exploring additional student housing types, such as micro-housing and congregate housing to prepare for increased housing demand in the future.

"As rents near campus go up, students will choose to move farther out in search of lower rents," he said. "This already occurs, and may be occurring more frequently and over a larger area."

ROBINSON CONTINUED FROM FRONT

fiction in a technical sense

but also fiction that engages with notions such as the soul and religion as it shows up in American history," he said. "Her work — fictional and nonfictional alike

takes very seriously that the American project is one that is deeply considered and deeply spiritual."

Makayla Steiner, a doctoral candidate at the UI and former student of Robinson, said the author's work is noticeable because of its tone.

"For a lot of contemporary authors and critics, irony and a certain kind of cynical skepticism is a first approach," she said. "Robinson, on the other hand, has created a collection of fiction in which her characters are almost completely

earnest. She makes a serious effort to highlight the complexities of trying to live well, without resorting to simplistic and didactic methods."

OWENS

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

A crime alert was issued Wednesday before noon after students expressed concerns.

Students, including the Black Hawkeyes, held a closed meeting Wednesday evening to discuss plans for their next step as a community.

Robinson, who attended the meetings, said some proposals from the meeting include introducing cultural-competency classes to students, apologies from both UI police and Iowa City police, and changing the Hawk-Alert system.

Owens said he appreciates the support he is receiving from fellow students, in addition to the help and care he has received from UI President Bruce Harreld and the university administration.

"I'm not really in this alone," Owens said. "I have a good support group. I've had people that have reached out to me, and I can really talk to a lot of people about what's going on."

Despite the support Owens

receives from the university now, officials previously released a statement on UI police directing Owens to Iowa City police because the attack occurred off campus, calling it a "failure in protocol."

Robinson said he was disheartened by the event that occurred, and was displeased with how the UI police and Iowa City police handled the assault.

"I just think about myself, and it could have been me,' Robinson said. "I was just disheartened by it, confused as to why this would happen, why is there so much hate in this world still just for some body's skin color.

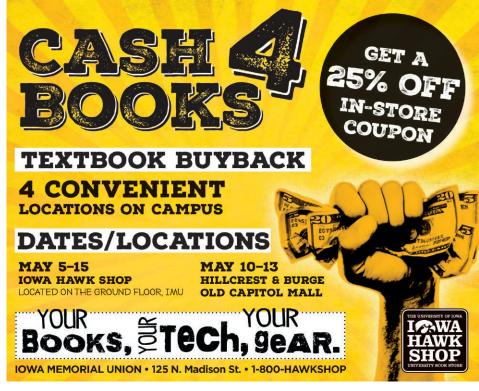
The lingering question Owens has from his assault is: "why did this hap-

"It's 2016; this should

not be happening," he said. We are all made each equally and in different ways. We're all unique in each and every way so for something like this to happen is just no acceptable and I hope these guys get brought to justice."

Daily Iowan TV reporter Elona Neal contributed to this article.







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COLUMN

UI needs to raise its wages



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On Sunday, the minimum wage in Johnson County was raised to \$9.15 per hour, as part of the plan to have it up to \$10.10 by Jan. 1, 2017. However, the University of Iowa has decided that it is exempt from the ordinance, claiming that because it is a state agency, it does not need to abide. This means that approximately 2,700 University of Iowa employees have not received a raise from the previous minimum wage.

This decision was made last week at a state Board of Regents meeting, in which Rob Lehnertz, the UI senior vice president for Finance and Operations, said "We do not and are not following the Johnson County [minimum wage] but rather our own market needs to fill any position on campus related to the minimum wage," as quoted in an Iowa City Press-Citizen article. This quote seems a bit convoluted and muddled to me, but I get the sense from the word "market" that Lehnertz is viewing the university as a business, not as a place for higher education. If that's not so, and if Lehnertz is merely commenting on wanting to be able to make sure the minimum-wage jobs on campus are filled, then it seems like keeping the minimum wage at the statewide \$7.25 seems a sure way to not do this. Fewer people will jump at the bit for these types of jobs, and the ones who will work those jobs surely won't be as satisfied as they could be.

Jeneane Beck, the UI assistant vice president for External Relations, was quoted in the same article saying that all but 39 of the employees who won't receive a pay raise are students. The overarching mentality may be that because the major-

ity of these employees are students, it doesn't matter, and that the money they are making from these jobs is just extra booze money.

In fact, that seems to be the underlying argument against raising the minimum wage across the country; it's just young adults making minimum wage, and therefore it doesn't matter that if they work minimum-wage jobs full-time and don't receive any outside support from anyone else or need to support anyone besides themselves. They still just barely skirt above the Iowa poverty line.

However, according to a recent study done by Economic Policy Institute, the average age of those working minimum-wage jobs is 36, and 89 percent are 20 or older; 37 percent are 40 or older, 56 percent are women, 28 percent have children, 57 percent work full-time, and on average, minimum-wage workers earn more than half of their family's total income.

Obviously, these statistics do not apply to the situation here at the university, as those employed through the university are overwhelmingly students. However, the same mentality of not jumping to conclusions about the population that receives minimum wage should still apply. It may be that some of these students working minimum-wage jobs through the university are just using the money they earn as extra spending money. But it may also be true that these students are working to pay their tuition, or their rent, or buy their groceries. Just because some students may be using their paychecks for extra, unneeded amenities, doesn't mean that all of

And with this in mind, let's return to the statement by Lehnertz. The UI should cultivate student employment, so as to keep the academia as full circle as possible. But how does it plan to do that when its minimum-wage employees can easily get a different job in Iowa City that pays a higher wage?

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EDITORIAL

Iowa needs to be more proactive against drunk driving

In late March, two Des Moines police officers were transferring an inmate near Waukee. And then tragedy struck. A drunk driver hurtled at more than 100 mph on the wrong side of the Interstate. When the smoke had cleared, the driver, officers, and inmate were dead. And in the month since, the blood-alcohol level of the driver has been released. He was driving with an astonishing 0.221. Drunk driving is on the rise in Iowa, and the scene that played out in March is part of a much larger trend.

The Iowa Department of Transportation has the statistics on OWI, and they are disheartening. The average blood-alcohol content of motorists pulled over while impaired has risen four years in a row to a level twice the legal limit. Subsequently, deaths involving intoxicated drivers have increased. OWI took 123 lives in 2015; this is especially discouraging, because the overall number of deaths in motor-vehicle accidents has decreased.

Unfortunately, Iowa's trend is not unique. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that while the number of overall deaths because of automobile accidents has declined, the number of deaths from impaired drivers is unchanged. There is little the federal government can do at the national level, because, obviously, traffic laws are the domain of state governments. The problem facing the Iowa Legislature is worse than the national problem: The death toll is on the rise.

What baffles the mind is the number of Iowa license revocations because of OWI charges. The Iowa DOT reports that the number of licenses revoked for OWI has dropped steadily since 2008, and of those revoked, Polk,

Johnson, and Linn Counties rack up the most infractions and subsequent suspensions. While the numbers may be cause for some concern in these counties, it is important to remember the population density in these three counties compared with Iowa's other 96 counties.

Many think changes have to be made at the state level, such as an increase in the penalties of an OWI or a lowering of the legal blood-alcohol content. The Legislature has refused to move on the subject, consistently voting down propositions that would bring such moves into reality. Again, Iowa is not unique in this regard, either. No state government has lowered its legal blood-alcohol-content levels, while across the Atlantic, European countries have made the change.

There is a larger global movement to lower the blood-alcohol limit and increase the penalties for OWI. The shift in culture has not occurred in the United States, but it needs to happen.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes it is imperative that the state of Iowa reduce the number of drunk drivers on the road. Iowa's current condition is one in which deaths from intoxicated drivers make up a large percentage of automobile deaths, especially compared with other states in the nation. To reduce the number of tragic car accidents, the Legislature needs to increase the penalties for OWI, because too many people have lost their lives because of intoxicated motorists. New laws might not be enough to make change happen quickly, and the state should invest in more public-health campaigns and alcohol education to reduce the number of deaths caused by drunk driving.

OLUMN

Give climate change respect



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Last year, President Obama said that "no challenge poses a greater threat to our future and future generations than a change in climate." The United States and China make up 40 percent of global emissions in the world. It would only make sense that leaders in these two countries would be at the front of the race to fight global warming. Unfortunately, this is not totally the case.

In a statement released by the White House in early March, "the presidents [U.S. and China] recognize that the Paris Agreement marks a global commitment to tackling climate change and a strong signal of the need for a swift transition to low-carbon, climate-resilient economies."

And on April 22, 172 global leaders, including Obama, signed the Paris Agreement. This is a landmark deal in the fight against global warming, but with the election coming in November, there is no assurance that the next president will keep the momentum going.

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We are still having debates regarding the importance of global climate change. It's difficult when serious figures in today's society continue to devalue its importance and try to disregard the subject. When influential people are trying to ignore global climate change, it makes it harder to get people to take it seriously.

The GOP candidates that were (or are) run-

ning for president all have different opinions about global warming, but none of them admit to the significance of it or agree to make plans to do something about it.

During a recent foreign-policy speech, Donald Trump said, "Our military is depleted, and we're asking our generals and military leaders to worry about global warming." Saying things such as this insinuates that we have to worry about one issue and not others.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton has said in a recent speech, "We Democrats agree that climate change is an urgent threat. And it requires an aggressive response that can make America the clean-energy superpower of the 21st century."

I don't think global climate change should be considered an issue that both parties automatically have to disagree on. The argument usually begins when individuals contend that other issues are more important but fail to say that climate change is important. I think this is the problem. We get nothing done when we continue to argue over which issues are more important; this just leads to a standstill.

Instead, we should acknowledge that issues can be of equal importance, and we do not have to ignore key factors, like global warming. Global climate change is an issue that's not only extremely important in our country but in the entire world too.

Arguably, it is hard to keep everything equally important, but if our current president can understand the significance of climate change and treat it with the respect it deserves, we should be able to expect the same with any future president.

GUEST OPINION

What Putin can teach Rastetter

Regent President
Bruce Rastetter appears
to need some mentoring
regarding the democratic dialogue between the
state Board of Regents
and the stakeholders of
Iowa's state universities
— namely, all Iowans.

It might be too much of a shock to start with examples from the world's great democracies, such as the British House of Commons Question Time, or President Obama's "We the People Petitions." That would be like Rastetter running naked from a Finnish sauna and jumping into a frigid snow bank. No, it's best he begin with baby steps.

Perhaps he should start by studying the "formerly communist" countries.

Russian President Vladimir Putin spent his 20s and 30s with the KGB. Rastetter could begin by aspiring to achieve Putin's style of democratic dialogue.

So how does this major country's leader, this Donald Trump enthusiast

since December 2015, the fellow whose attack jets flew at 500 mph near sea level and within feet of a U.S. Navy destroyer April 11 and 12, how did he go about a dialogue with his people two days later?

As the *New York Times* reported, Putin's "live callin show [ran] three hours and 40 minutes ... [Q] uestions poured in about high prices, unpaid wages, rising utility bills, and the closing of schools and hospitals. In all, around 3 million questions ..."

From the opening question, this was no nine-inning softball game. Putin acknowledged how many questions dealt with poor roads. Indeed, the first questioner showed a video of traffic on her roads, complained about the abundance of potholes and even got in some licks about the lack of sidewalks and bicycle paths.

As for Putin's responsiveness, Rastetter might want to note the *Times* report that "after the first

caller [from Omsk] complained about the poor state of the roads there, the city posted on Twitter pictures of new asphalt being laid down before Mr. Putin was off the air."

There are a couple other things Rastetter might discuss with President Putin.

One is the tuition-free university education Russia provides its students and how Iowa might join this expanding group of progressive states and nations. (Russia has the highest percentage of college-educated citizens in the world.)

The other is how Putin gained a firmer grasp of American politics than Rastetter — who put his money (literally and figuratively) on New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. In December, President Putin had perceived Trump (whom he's praised) as the candidate most likely to win the Republi-

can nomination.
In summary, both Putin and Rastetter take

questions from constituents. But there the similarity ends.

Putin takes the questions of greatest concern to Russians and answers or otherwise responds to them. Iowans get no responses; it's not clear the regents even watch their video comments.

Putin gave the exchange nearly four hours, on nationwide television, during convenient times for viewers, in which he was an active participant. Rastetter devotes one hour, during times least likely to encourage participation, in which no regent participates.

Putin receives 3 million questions from 143 million people. A comparable goal for Rastetter, based on Iowa's population, would be 60,000 inquiries from Iowans.

Hopefully, of course, he will soon be able to far exceed these minimalist communist standards.

Nicholas Johnson

Grading the Hawkeye tracksters

By ADAM HENSLEY adam-hensley@uiowa.edu

During the indoor track and field season, the men's program earned various grades. Now, with the outdoor regular season reaching its conclusion, it's time to grade the team again.

Hurdles — A (previous grade: A-plus)

During the indoor season, Aaron Mallett dominated en route to breaking the school record in the 60-meter hurdles. His foot has not left the gas pedal. Chris Douglas quietly improves with each meet but has not made as much noise as he did in the indoor season.

The main reason the hurdles group stayed in the A-range is the emergence of the 400-hurdlers. Mitch Wolff and Noah Larrison burst onto the scene early on in the outdoor season, and Larrison recently claimed second in the event at the Drake Relays.

There is not a better group of hurdlers in the Big Ten than Iowa's.

Sprints — B-plus (previous grade: B):

Senior James Harrington's effect on this group is pretty notable, considering he did not compete in the indoor season. He's won numerous races this year, but he has nursed a minor injury that kept him out of the Drake Relays last weekend.

Christian Brissett earned Big Ten Track Athlete of the Week in Iowa's first meet of the season, the Baldy Castillo Invitational. Since then, he's been a threat in both the 100 and 200.

Vinnie Saucer Jr. followed up his victory in the 60-meter dash in the indoor conference championships by stepping up at Drake. He finished the preliminaries with the second-fastest time in the 100, then placed third in the finals. He and Brissett were also on the sprint medley team that gave the Hawkeyes their only flag at the relays.

Freshmen Mar'yea Harris and DeJuan Frye command the 400 meters and keep the Hawkeyes relevant.

Overall, this group has improved but could be great; the key is for everyone to be healthy at the same time.

Middle Distance — A-minus (previous grade: A):

This group was one of the best in the conference in the indoor season. Why has its grade fallen?

Will Teubel was one of Iowa's two athletes to compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships (Saucer was the other), but he is redshirting for the outdoor season.

In his absence, Carter Lilly has stepped up and not looked back. The sophomore propelled himself to the second-best 800-meter time in school history and also anchored Iowa's first-place sprint medley team at Drake.

Aside from Lilly, the middle-distance group has settled down following the indoor season, but that could change.

Long Distance — C-plus (previous grade: B-minus):

Just as in the indoor season Michael Melchert has been the leader. The runners have not been major factors for the Hawkeyes, but just like the middle-distance group, they could be in contention for success come championship season. Layne Anderson's distance crew has been inconsistent at times but has also flashed fast times. It's just a matter of running together.

Relays — A (previous grade: A):

When it comes down to it, Iowa's relays have been its best group this season, and the scoring shows it. The 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400 relays have broken records and (when all runners are healthy) showed that they can contend for a conference title.

Iowa possesses one of the fastest group of athletes it has had in a while. Aside from watching Mallett compete in the hurdles, all eyes should be on the relays.

Field Events — B (previous grade: C-plus):



event at Cretzmeyer Track on April 23. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

One athlete is responsible for Iowa's improvement in this area: Reno Tuufuli. The redshirt freshman proved he is Iowa's top thrower and one of the best discus throwers in the country. He exploded onto the scene at the Florida Relays, where he tossed his name into the national rankings.

Other than Tuufuli, Avery Meyers has been consistent in the throws but not at the level of his teammate.

The long jump, high jump, and pole vault

have been non-factors to this point.

Overall team grade — A-minus:

Iowa entered rankings last week, coming in at No. 22, then fell out following a subpar performance at Drake. However, the Hawkeyes improved in many areas since the middle of the indoor season. Hawkeyes can make their mark in the championship season, starting May 13 with the Big Ten championship.

BASEBALL

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Heller was happy to see the Hawkeyes bounce back before they travel to Ohio State.

We just wanted to go out, and have fun, and see if we could get hot and get things rolling before we head to Ohio State, and get some confidence going," Heller said. "The guys did a good job

Sophomore C.J. Eldred will make another Friday night start for Iowa. Eldred has been the best pitchers on the Hawkeye staff much of the year, although his numbers do not necessarily show that. He is 2-6 on the season but has a 2.92 ERA.

The Buckeyes will counter with lefty Tanner Tully, who is 5-3with a 2.60 ERA. Tully presents a challenge for the Hawkeyes, who have struggled against left-handed pitching most of the year.

Senior Tyler Peyton will be back in the rotation this weekend, making a Saturday start for Iowa. Peyton had taken a leave of absence from the mound

after receiving 12 stitches in his throwing arm after a game against Michigan.

John Havird will start for Ohio State, another lefty with a 5-1 record and 2.78 ERA.

Heller has not declared a starter for the May 8 matchup. Senior Calvin Mathews and sophomore Nick Gallagher have shared that duty this season. Mathews has struggled recently, but Heller has liked Gallagher coming out of the bullpen.

Whichever starter Heller chooses, he and the rest of the Iowa staff will face a Buckeye team hitting .266 as a team.

Sergakis Nick Ronnie Dawson lead the charge for Ohio State; the two are hitting .372 and .306 and have combined for 68 RBIs.

Iowa senior Nick Roscetti said after Iowa's win against Western Illinois that the Hawks cannot afford to get ahead of themselves, and they will keep that in mind against Ohio State. "You have to take it one

game at a time," Roscetti said. "This series this weekend against Ohio State is obviously really big for us. We need to be prepared for it."

GOLF CONTINUED FROM 8

ter each and every week. The guys are playing with a lot of confidence right now, and I know they're excited to get back out and compete again," Stith said in a release.

The Hawkeyes slated as the No. 10 seed in the Albuquerque Regional. In order to advance to the next round they'll need to finish in the top five. If they do

advance, the next stop is the NCAA Finals, at the Eugene Country Club in Eugene, Oregon, on May 27-June 1.

Senior leader Nate Yankovich is excited about the postseason opportunity.

'This marks our eighth-straight regional appearance and what an honor that is," he said in a release. "It's really exciting, and we're all looking forward to getting down to New Mexico and putting together three solid rounds of golf."

Yankovich hopes to lead the team to its fourth NCAA Championship Finals berth in the last eight years and 16th appearance in program history.

Last year, Iowa failed to make it to the NCAA Finals, placing sixth at the NCAA Yale Regional, 1 stroke behind eventual national champion LSU. The last time the Hawkeyes qualified for the NCAA Finals was in

An NCAA Finals appearance will be a tough task for the Hawks; their regional is full of quality competition.

teams ranked in the top 25 of the Golf Coaches As-

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sociation of America poll: USC (4), Arizona State (9), South Florida (15), San Diego State (22). The rest of the field includes Texas A&M, North Car-

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we're all focused on that." In order to get those wins for the seniors, Iowa has to get back to the basics.

Hoffman said the mechanics are all there for have to figure out how to put them all together and get something going.

Looper also noted the team needs to "stick to the plan."

"We start struggling when we're trying too hard; we tighten up and really limit what we can do," she said. "We have to relax and allow our-

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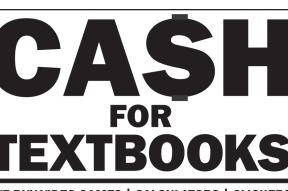
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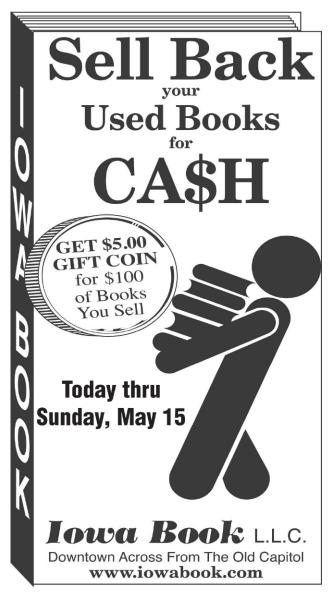
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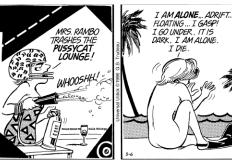
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- Writing your own vows is the absolute best way to inform the person you love more than anything else in the world that you're an unskilled and uninventive writer.
- The earlier you start withholding emotions from your children when they're young, the more powerful and life-altering those heart-to-heart talks will be when they're in their 40s and you finally let them know that, yes, you ARE proud of them.
- If you're like almost everyone I've ever met. then it's honestly probably better for you, all things considered, that life isn't fair.
- "Just be yourself" is only good advice insofar that it lets you know the advicegiver thinks you're beyond the point where any actual or practical advice might be useful.
- Before reading any article in any format, always ask yourself: "Will this knowledge help me feel superior to others if I am able to work it into polite conversation?" If not, then DO NOT READ THAT ARTICLE.

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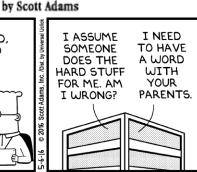






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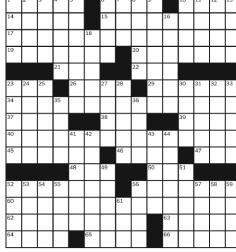
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take on a new project, and live life the way you want to. Be brave, and show off your talents; recognition and advancement are within reach. Personal and professional changes will bring you greater happiness and confidence. Romance is encouraged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep plugging away until you reach your destination. Don't let someone sidetrack you and slow down your ability to get things done. Sidestep anyone who tries to take advantage of your helpful attitude. Do your own thing, and avoid debates based on hearsay. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use past and present connections to help you reach your goals. Share thoughts, and offer favors if it will help you get ahead. Use your insights to persuade others to do things your way. Romance will brighten your day.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take hold of whatever situation you face. Control the outcome using intelligence, charm, and a little friendly persuasion. A chance to do something with family members will help bring you closer together. Travel plans can be made.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get in the fast lane, and bring about change that will influence the way you live. It's time to shake things up and get things done. Good fortune will result if you do what's best for you. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Form new partnerships, or resurrect old ties with someone you find inspirational and easy to work with. Make relationships a priority, and offer incentives to gain approval of your plans.

Don't settle for less when you want more. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep an open mind when discussing business propositions, but be sure to ask questions if the information borders on the impossible. A conservative approach is your best bet. Personal changes can be made.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Tie up loose ends, and make plans to do something to improve your home and family life. Family discussions will bring good results for everyone. Home renovations, updating your entertainment center, or hosting an event are favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stay focused. Someone will distract or

decisions based on your findings. Don't let an incident with a friend or

relative escalate. Let the dust settle. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a walk down memory lane. Attend a reunion or make a point to reconnect with someone you have worked with in the past or lost touch with because of circumstances beyond your

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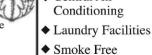
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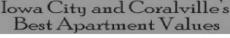
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lowa outfielder Robert Neustrom stretches for first base at Banks Field on April 29. lowa lost to Kansas State, 3-2. (The Daily lowan/Peter Kim)

Baseball faces pivotal weekend

If Iowa wants to end up in the eight-team Big Ten tournament, they'll have to pick up some wins, starting with this weekend.

By BLAKE DOWSON | blake-dowson@uiowa.edu

he stakes have not been higher all year. For the Iowa baseball team (21-21, 7-8 Big Ten), this weekend is

With three conference series left this season, the Hawkeyes sit in a tie for ninth place in the Big Ten standings

Iowa head coach Rick Heller said he believes it will take 12 conference wins to get a berth in the conference tournament. With series left against Penn State and Ohio State, teams currently seventh and eighth in the Big Ten, the Hawkeyes control their destiny.

If Iowa wants to be one of the eight teams to qualify for the tournament in Omaha, they need to take care of business against Ohio State (29-15-1, 8-7 Big Ten) this weekend or be in danger of falling out of the race.

Even with the stakes so high, the Hawkeyes want to treat their road trip to Columbus just as any other they have had

"We have to treat it like just another series," freshman Robert Neustrom said. "We're going to do us, and they'll do them. Hopefully, ours is better than theirs, and we'll come out on top."

Neustrom and Company will be in for the biggest test they have seen all year. The Hawkeyes have only three true road wins this season — one each versus Illinois State, Minnesota,

On the other side of the equation, Ohio State is 15-3 at home, with two Big Ten home series wins against Northwestern and Rutgers.

After a lackluster performance against Kansas State last weekend, Iowa got back on track in its midweek matchup against Western Illinois, winning 10-4.

SEE BASEBALL,5

Iowa vs. Ohio State

When: Today (5:35 p.m.), Saturday (2:05 p.m.), May 8 (noon) Where: Columbus, Ohio Watch: BTN+

Bittersweet weekend for softball

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The next three games at home will more likely than not be the Iowa softball team's last of the season.

Minnesota will travel to Pearl Field to wrap up the Big Ten regular season with a three-game series, starting tonight, and the 13-36 Hawkeyes (3-17 Big Ten) will take on the No. 23 Gophers (35-12, 16-3 Big Ten) over the weekend.

"I think we have a pretty good opportunity, facing Minnesota. They're top of the conference, but we've had success against them in the past," head coach Marla Looper said. "They're not going to want to come in here and put up too much of a fight, but I'd like to give them a fight and make them walk out of here a little battle-worn."

For five Hawks, it will be the last few times they lace up their cleats in college.

Holly Hoffman, Whitney Repole, Erin Erickson, Jillian Navarrete, and Haley Hansel have all reached the end of their eligibility.

It's bittersweet for Hoffman. "I'm always excited to get out here and play on the field. Even at practice, we're kind of feeling it, she said. "It's the last time we'll lace up our shoes, but it's been a journey; it's been great."

In a disappointing season, Iowa has had its fair share



lowa catcher Holly Hoffman hits during the lowa-Wisconsin game at Pearl Field on April 16. Hoffman had 2 RBIs, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 5-2. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

of struggles, especially recently. During a road trip to Illinois on April 29 and Sunday the Hawkeyes hoped to keep their Big Ten dreams alive, but three losses all but shuttered that.

In order to even have a chance of making the tournament, Iowa must win all three games against the topof-the-conference Gophers, and Michigan State must lose all three of its games when the Spartans travel to Ohio State.

Even then, the No. 12

seed in the tournament would come down to a tiebreaker, because the two teams would be tied.

Now, though, Hawkeyes are more focused on playing for the seniors and making sure to end their season on a good note. They would like to get a couple wins on their home field before the season is up.

"All of us want to get our last win on our field for our seniors and our team," junior Kaitlyn Mullarkey said. "It's unfortunate that this year we don't really have a chance to make the tournament, but I don't think that is really a thought in anyone's mind right now. We have the series in front of us now, and I think

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 5

Iowa vs. Minnesota

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Men's golf heads to regional

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By CONNOR SINDBERG

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The Hawkeye men's golf team has been selected to play in the NCAA Albuquerque Regional, the eighth-consecutive NCAA appearance for the squad.

The regional will be hosted by New Mexico and held at the Championship Course in Albuquerque on May 16-18.

Iowa head coach Tyler Stith hopes to use his experience to prepare the golfers to be at their best.

"We're happy about the selection," he said in a release. "I've been to this golf course three times, and I think it suits us really well. I know the guys are going to really enjoy it, and we're all really looking forward to the opportunity."



Stith

The postseason opportunity comes at a good time for the Hawkeyes; they've finished in the top five in the last three tournaments.

At the April 2-3 Arizona State Thunderbird the Hawkeyes took fifth place against top competition. They backed up that performance at the April 16-17 Hawkeye Invitational when they finished second. And in their most recent tournament, they continued great play with another second-place finish at the April 22-24 Big Ten Championships.

"I think the last three tournaments, we've played have been our best of the spring. We've gotten bet-

Hawkeye Ihm 78th after first round

By RICARDO ASCENCIO ricardo-ascencio@uiowa.edu

Competition at the 2016 NCAA women's golf regionals got underway on Thursday, and Iowa's Amy Ihm competed as an individual.

The senior from Peosta, Iowa, made her NCAA postseason début by posting a 79 (plus-7) in the first day of competition.

Ihm started her day on the back nine, carding a 2-over-par 38 with birdies on 14 and 18.

Currently, the senior shares a tie for 78th place.

"Today was a tough one," Ihm said in a release. "I hit the ball off the tee very poorly and had too many mistakes with my wedges that really cost me. My putting saved me a lot today, and I can look at that as a posi-



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tive for the day. Despite the slow start, she has not lost

faith in her ability to come back. "Fortunately, there is a lot of golf left and anything can happen. Tomorrow, I'm looking to post a cleaner round and get back to hitting the golf ball more freely and with less tension," Ihm said in the release.

Round two will start at 8 a.m. today, with round three continuing at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Live scoring will be available throughout the tournament on Golfstat.com. Links can be found on the Iowa women's golf schedule page at hawkeyesports.com.

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