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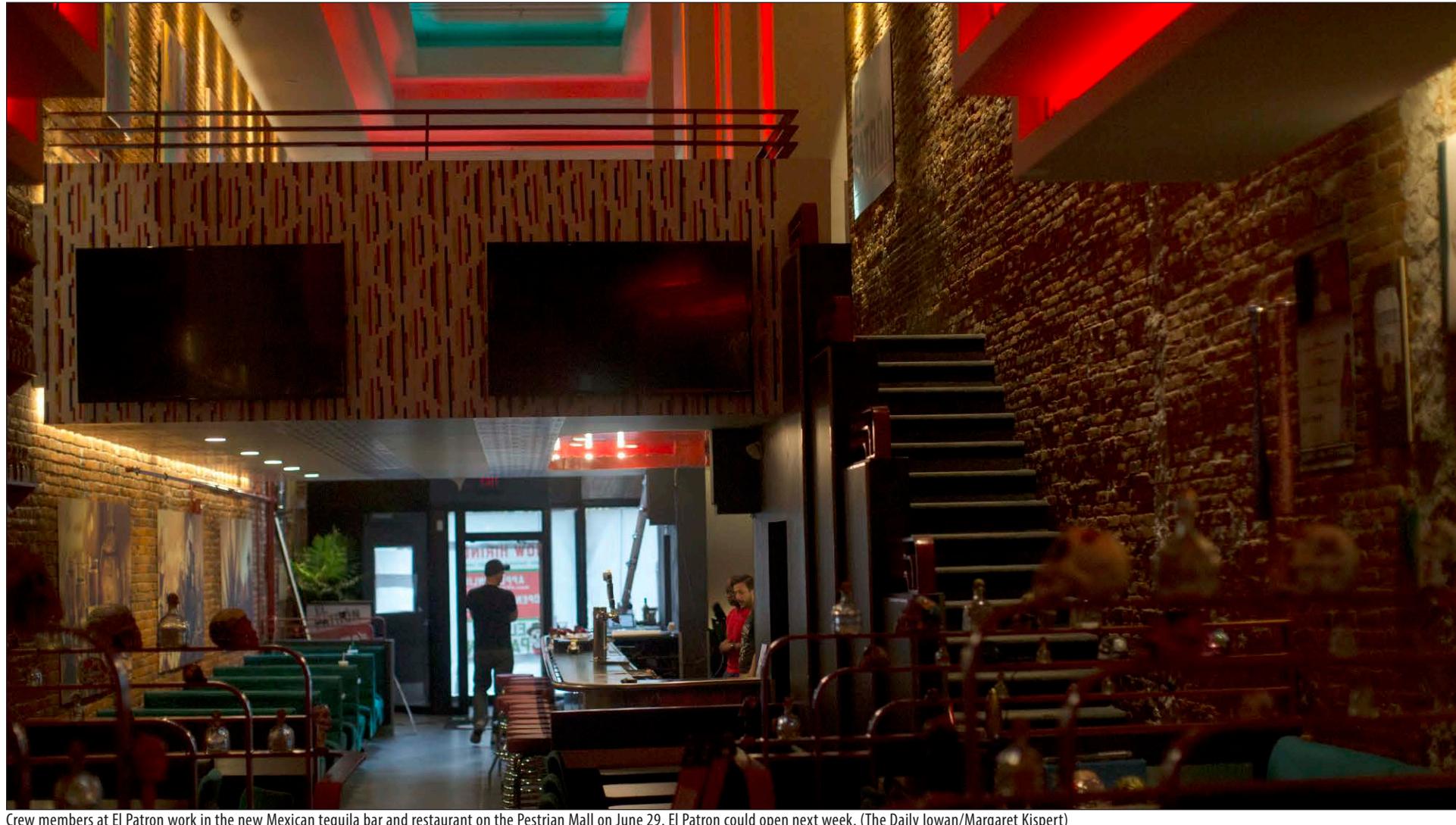
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'New spice' heads downtown



Crew members at El Patron work in the new Mexican tequila bar and restaurant on the Pestrian Mall on June 29. El Patron could open next week. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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A new Mexican restaurant and tequila bar will appear downtown this month, and the owner hopes to add some spice to the local restaurant scene.

Part of the Etre Restaurant Group, El Patron Mexican Kitchen and Tequila Bar will take over Italian staple Givanni's location, 109 E. College St.

After 30 years downtown, Givanni's closed its doors in

May, and restaurateur George Etre's newest endeavor germinated, a restaurant and bar with a Mexican flair.

"The timing was just right for us to do it," Etre said. "We always had a Mexican place kind of in our wheelhouse, so the opportunity came, and we decided to jump on it."

He envisions the new establishment as a vibrant, hip, and energetic place for Iowa City locals to gather and eat, putting his local spin on traditional Mexican food, he said.

He's tired of typical "stale or traditional" Mexican

restaurants, he said, and hopes that El Patron will create something different while also incorporating his personality.

"What I'm looking for is just energy," he said. "We try to create energy downtown, and if we can create energy, Mondo's can create energy, and Graze can create energy, it brings more people downtown for everybody."

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ARTS & CULTURE

JazzFest moves Iowa City again

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Sunday night, as the fireworks lit up the central Iowa City sky the evening before Independence Day, the 26th-annual Iowa City Jazz Festival came to an end.

JazzFest — consistently one of the town's most popular events — attracted nearly 30,000 people to the music-filled downtown streets.

"This is my second JazzFest," said attendee Jeff Rickerl. "The atmosphere [is] what I like best. Everybody is just really happy because of the music and the great food."

The block of Iowa Avenue leading to the Old Capitol is known for the weekend as Culinary Row, a place in which the air is a concoction of barbecue smoke and semi-breathable oxygen. Vendors sell everything from fried Pop-Tarts



Poncho Sanchez and His Latin Jazz Band perform during Jazz Fest downtown on July 2. JazzFest is a yearly free event. (The Daily Iowan/Ting Xuan Tan)

to gourmet grilled cheeses.

"It's really fun," said Aman-

da Kane, a worker at the fun-

nel-cake stand. "You get to see

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ETHICS & POLITICS SCOTUS

Trump mulling VP options

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Freshman Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, on Monday met with the presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump, who is in the process of vetting potential candidates for vice president.



Ernst
senator

Ernst did not mention any discussions of a potential VP run, instead focusing on her Senate duties.

"I had a good conversation with Donald Trump today, and we discussed what I am hearing

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FIREWORKS & ALL THAT JAZZ



Two people lie on top of a car while watching fireworks from the top floor of the IMU parking ramp at the end of JazzFest on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

EL PATRON

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"It's going to be loud, aggressive, fun, and hip. That's kind of what we do ... put that sexy into it. For us, it's kind of the process of it, how we do the presentation, and those things that put a little flair into it."

Etre Restaurant Group also owns Takanami, 219 Iowa Ave., and Formosa, 221 E. College St., two popular restaurants known for sushi. The addition of El Patron will make it the third restaurant in the group.

Etre said he hopes that El Patron can attract a crowd much like the other two restaurants in the group and the Iowa Chop House, 223 E. Washington St., which he co-owns.

Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Iowa City Downtown District, said she believes having it as a part of the group will benefit the area.

"The drawn attraction of strung businesses is strong in the area," she said. "We have a lot of foot traffic, and the opportunity with this restaurant will be great. I know they're working hard and making fantastic options for the community."

With the crew working to finish construction, Etre said the staff members are taking their time to develop menu items and branding the name in efforts to create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere while also presenting food with its own style.

Jason Alt, the director of operations, has been a partner with Etre since the idea of El Patron began. He said that although the excitement in opening the restaurant is high, taking time and making things right is key.

"It's important for us to take time and do it right rather than rush and get it open," he said. "There's so [many] ideas and so many things to try. That doesn't look right? Let's



Bottles of Patrón tequila sit on a shelf in a new Mexican tequila bar and restaurant on June 29. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

change it.' It's got to be right before we do it."

As an aggressive marketing campaign is underway, Etre and workers are pushing to open doors to the public after the Fourth of July holiday weekend, around the week of July 11.

El Patron's menu has not yet been completed, but it will include a range of appetizers, Mexican-style cuisine, and lots of tequila, including special-collection-edition tequila bottles unique to El Patron.

Etre said the restaurant has worked in collaboration with Patrón Tequila in creating a specially distilled tequila through Patrón's single-barrel program.

"[People] can expect Mexican cuisine and cocktails associated with that presented to them in a different manner," Alt said. "We're not trying to make authentic Mexican food per se, we're taking those flavors and ingredients and putting our own spin on them, presenting them a different way."

JAZZFEST

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everyone in the community here. It's cool just getting to interact with the different people."

Clinton Street hosted the Children's Fun Zone, where children could get their faces painted, play a round of mini-golf, or purchase giant balloon-made rabbit masks.

"I enjoy helping out with the community and giving back," volunteer Patty Britt said. She has volunteered at the festival three of the last five years and has done everything from first aid to the Children's Zone.

The area had four stages: the Youth Stage on Iowa Avenue, the Local Stage on Clinton Street, the College Stage to the south on Clinton Street, and the Main Stage on the Pentacrest.

Jack Lion — a local neo-jazz band that incorporates an electronic sound with jazz — played the Local Stage twice on Sunday and ended up being a crowd favorite.

"Anytime you have a form of art in a culture like this, where there are just so many types of influences from different cultures, it's going to syncretize," said Jack Lion drummer Justin LeDuke. "I think we'll continue to see jazz incorporate a lot of electronic elements."

The festival finished with a performance by the legendary David Berkman and his sextet. Berkman is a New York transplant whose music has taken him many places in the world, including Brazil, Japan, and England.

Summer of the Arts is responsible for not only JazzFest but also the Friday Night Concert Series, the Free Movie Series, the Iowa Soul Festival, and



A man sits at the front of the main stage during Allison Miller's Boom Tic Boom's performance on July 1. (The Daily Iowan/Jordan Gale)

the Iowa Arts Festival.

Lisa Barnes, the executive director of the organization, feels strongly about bringing art and culture to the community, especially the children.

"Young children have a thirst for knowledge and new experiences," she said. "By introducing them to the arts at a young age, they can

develop important skills and an appreciation of the arts.

"By providing diverse opportunities through performers, artists, and vendors, kids learn that although people may have differences, there are a lot of similarities, and coming together through the arts is a good way to start to understand other cultures."

ERNST

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from Iowans as I travel around the state on my 99-county tour and the best path forward for our country," she said in a prepared statement.

Last month, she said she had not yet been contacted by Trump's campaign about serving on the GOP's national ticket, despite rumors that she was on Trump's veep shortlist. That changed on Monday, when Trump tweeted that he was "looking forward to meeting @jonernst [Monday] in New Jersey," and that she has "done a great job as senator of Iowa."

The meeting's announcement on Twitter was part of a series of tweets that

offered insight into the list of potential running mates that Trump is considering. One tweet said Trump also met with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and another praised Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton for his Sunday appearance on "Meet the Press."

Sen. Tom Cotton was great on "Meet the Press" yesterday," Trump tweeted Monday. "Despite a totally one-sided interview by Chuck Todd, the end result was solid."

Ernst has been the subject of Republican VP speculation since Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad said she was a strong choice for the party's presidential ticket in May.

University of Iowa political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle said Ernst's veteran status offers a boost for Trump.

"That's something Trump has emphasized," Hagle said, referring to Trump's outspoken support for veterans. "[Picking a veteran] brings him some credibility."

Hagle said Ernst could also be a favorable choice for female voters, a demographic that Trump has struggled with — one Gallup Poll found that 7 in 10 females had an unfavorable view of the GOP's presumptive nominee.

But for Ernst, accepting a Trump VP position could dim what seems like a bright political future, Hagle said.

Ernst garnered national attention during her 2014 Senate race against Democrat Bruce Braley with her TV ads, which said her time spent castrating hogs as a child would help her "make 'em squeal" in the Senate.

Her national prominence grew when she delivered the Republican response to President Obama's 2015 State of the Union Address as a newly elected senator.

But since Ernst does not face re-election for another four years, Hagle said, she would have time to repair any political damage a Trump vice-presidential spot would bring.

"It probably helps him more than it hurts her," he said.

Ernst said she plans to continue working with Trump, but the circumstances remain unclear.

"I will continue to share my insights with Donald about the need to strengthen our economy, keep our nation safe, and ensure America is always a strong, stabilizing force around the globe," she said.

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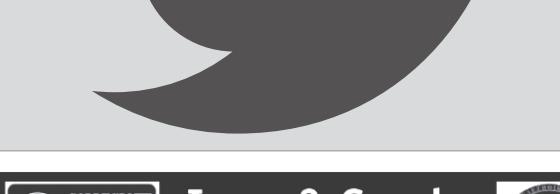
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Old Capitol Museum fêted on its 40th anniversary

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Miniature 19th-century lawmakers ran around the Old Capitol on Sunday in the form of young children sporting homemade top hats touring the facility with their families.

The occasion was a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Old Capitol becoming a museum and national historic landmark.

"It's bringing the community together ... [and] it's making Iowa history accessible," said Katherine Moermond, the program and outreach coordinator for the Old Capitol Museum. "When I was a kid ... I always loved being able to walk through these places and see what hap-

pened in these places."

The celebration had a number of documents and photographs on display, spanning a variety of memorable moments at the Old Capitol over the last 40 years.

The building served as the Iowa's Territorial and State Capitol until 1857. At that point, Des Moines became the capital, and the Old Capitol became the founding building for the University of Iowa.

Until 1970, university administration offices were in the Old Capitol, and over time, the building has been home to a number of things, including the law library and the College of Education.

Moermond said that after several years without administrative offices

and without recognized historic value, the Old Capitol officially became both a museum and a historic national landmark on July 3, 1976.

During Sunday's event, community members were offered the chance to learn about the history and engage in activities. For one staffer, getting the kids involved was especially important.

"I think it's pretty great to see how engaged these kids are with these historical activities," said Laura Kerr, a student staffer at the Pentacrest Museums. "It's great to get them involved with museums at a young age, too."

There was a station set up for visitors to sit down and take a crack at writing with a quill pen and bottles of ink, and in an

other room, there was a green screen for people to pose in front of so they could be super-imposed onto a picture of the Old Capitol. There was also a giant cake in the shape of the Old Capitol's dome.

"We love the fact that this is going on during JazzFest, when there's a lot of community events going on right outside our front door," said Trina Roberts, the director of the Pentacrest Museums. "We're glad to be able to celebrate this anniversary for the community."

She had a positive experience in the event, she said, as much as the visitors and the community did. Aside from getting to see the families and children soaking it all in, she had the opportunity



People walk down the spiral staircases of the Old Capitol on Sunday. The Old Capitol was turned into a museum in 1976. (The Daily Iowan/Jordan Gale)

to speak with people who knew a thing or two about the history.

"I talked to a gentleman who ... [was] the person who cleaned all the crystals on the chandeliers in

the House chamber when it was there," Roberts said. "I've gotten a chance to talk to people who have been involved in the building ... it's always nice to see people come back."

UI officially takes over AIB College of Business

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As of July 1, the former AIB College of Business campus in downtown Des Moines is now officially the Iowa Center for Higher Education.

Since being given the campus after AIB closed in 2015, the University of Iowa has been hard at work sorting through the details in preparation for the takeover.

At first, indications were that the campus could be run by all three regent universities, but Tom Rice, the academic director of the UI Pappajohn Education Center in Des Moines, said they suspected all along that it might just be the UI running the campus.

"The hope is that all

three schools might eventually offer degrees here, but it's up to the other institutions," he said.

Rice said he hopes the three regent schools will eventually be able to collaborate with each other so that students could interchange classes among the three institutions.

For now, however, he sees the AIB takeover as the perfect fit for the UI, he said. UI officials had looked to expand their presence in Des Moines, he noted.

"It just happened, and we're going to start slow and figure out what's best for the marketplace here," he said. "There is demand in Des Moines, and it'll be prudent to develop our programming methodically, thoughtfully, and gradually."

Rice thinks that within five to seven years, there will be a significant UI presence in Des Moines.

This coming fall, the Education Center will start by offering five programs.

Four undergraduate degrees in political science, enterprise leadership, sports and recreation management, and social work will be available in addition to a graduate social-work program.

"Only the social-work degree can be completed entirely at the Des Moines campus," Rice said. "Other majors will offer two to three classes per semester."

Nonetheless, he said, students will still be able to get degrees by mixing on-line classes with those offered in the classroom. Officials

hope this will cater to nontraditional students.

Rice said nearly everything will be the same between the Des Moines campus and the Iowa City one with fees being the only exception.

"Tuition, curricular requirements, admissions standards, and expectations won't change," he said.

A report from Josh Lehman, the state Board of Regents' senior communications director, said there were numerous advantages that the Des Moines center can offer.

The report addressed higher-education needs in the Des Moines metro area, stating, "The Des Moines metro area includes almost one-quarter of the state's population

... and lacks necessary baccalaureate programs."

According to the report, the AIB takeover could help address some educational needs not available through existing institutions.

The report noted that the sports and recreation management major is one of the most popular at the UI, and the Des Moines campus will enable internship opportunities with such professional teams as the Iowa Cubs, Energy, and Wild. The enterprise-leadership program will also benefit from internships with businesses and consulting firms, and the political-science program can enjoy being closer to state lawmakers at the Statehouse.

Before the AIB takeover,

the UI was involved in Des Moines, previously offering some classes and programs through the Pappajohn Education Center. Now, everything will be centralized at the Center for Education at the former AIB campus.

Sandra McGee, a UI clinical assistant professor of social work who has taught through the Pappajohn Education Center, said the UI had a master's social-work program in Des Moines for 50 years, but the bachelor's program has only been started in the last five. She sees the change helping to grow the program, she said.

"The move is a great opportunity for the school in terms of growth, because moving to a campus setting will increase our visibility," McGee said.

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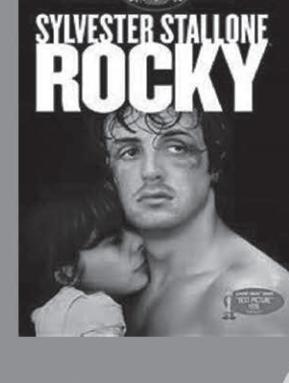
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The Peculiar velocity strikes



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As we delve, or dive, or disappear deeper into these days (or daze) of peculiar velocity, one thing becomes certain (or nearly certain, or kind of certain, or perhaps) — the more things change, the less we believe.

(Sorry, Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr; I'll buy you an Armagnac the next time I see you.)

What's that you say? Peculiar velocity? No, it's not what you think, a measure of Trumpahontas' meandering presidential campaign. It's an astrophysicists' thing. So much is, it turns out.

But then, they study the Universe.

Perhaps they could study the arc of British conservative Boris Johnson's career, which rather resembles a meteor suddenly becoming a meteorite. Johnson, one of the main champions of Brexit, was all set to become Britain's next prime minister. But no. Friend and colleague Michael Gove (pronounced "guy," of course) cut in on the dance, and now he's running for head of the Conservative Party. Johnson is left out in the interstellar depths, where, I take it, there is peculiar velocity. Perhaps Boris was looking for Gove in all the wrong places.

But there's maybe a bright spot for Johnson; he was, it turns out, born in New York City. So maybe he'll run for U.S. president (well, if he hasn't given up his American citizenship). He's got all the prerequisites: Trump-like hairdo, Trump-like bluster, and Trump-like immigrant-phobia. He'd be perfect for those Republicans who want the Trump without all the Trumpahontas.

And then there's this, speaking of peculiar: In a

recent Public Policy Polling survey (as noted by the "Rachel Maddow Show"), 43 percent preferred Clinton, 38 preferred Trump, and 13 percent preferred that a giant meteor hit the Earth.

Um, yeah.

That giant-meteor thing, we should note, would probably kill most of the life on Earth. I mean, you can dislike Clinton and Trump all you want, but that seems a tad harsh. Just ask the dinosaurs. Next time you see one.

Also, it would make finding a decent restaurant open on a Thursday night a bit difficult. (Hmm, they all seem to have burned down. And I was so looking forward to some Thai curry with calamari. Sure beats more barbecued grubs.)

And, oh yeah, 7 percent of the people surveyed weren't sure. (You just gotta love those unsure people; let's see: A] President Clinton, B] President Trump, C] Unimaginable Conflagration. You know, usually on multiple choice, I pick C], but now, perhaps I'm not sure.)

Yes, we know, those numbers don't add up to 100 percent. There's this thing called rounding, which often seems to work as well with percentages as buffering videos do on my computer. And besides, once the giant meteor hits, math will probably go the way of most of life.

I understand that most people do not consider math to be a way of life. But you know what? After the meteor hits, even mathematicians won't be much interested in elliptic curves and complex multiplication, harmonic analysis and non-smooth domains, metaplectic forms, and nonlinear wave equations. They'll be too interested in finding some barbecued grubs.

Peculiar, huh? Or perhaps you're still unsure. Perhaps you'd say, as Samuel Beckett once said, maybe unintentionally, as so many things are these days: I'm still waiting.

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EDITORIAL

Make April 11 Elie Wiesel Day

This past weekend, as America began to celebrate, somewhat prematurely, the 240th anniversary of its independence, the world lost one of its best. Elie Wiesel, a Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor, passed away at the age of 87.

To those unfamiliar, Wiesel wrote the book *Night*, the true story of his journey with his family through ghettos and concentration camps during the Holocaust. The book is a part of high-school curricula across the country and is as impressively written as it is horrifying.

Wiesel was a beautiful soul and an individual who quite literally overcame all odds against him simply to survive. He was — and is — an example of the undeniable impact the Holocaust and the hatred it was fueled by has had on humankind.

But more than that, Wiesel is the definition of why humanity must never forget what happened. Why humanity must never forget our darkest hours for as long as we live. As even the youngest of Holocaust survivors begin to pass away, humans lose their concrete memories and connection to the most atrocious act in human history. We are running the risk of forgetting the Holocaust. We may be dooming ourselves to repeat history.

When all the remaining Holocaust survivors have passed away, there will still be the concrete examples in Israel's Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C., and the still-standing concentration camps in Europe.

But no longer will children in elementary schools be able to watch an elderly individual slowly roll up her or his sleeve to reveal the most dehumanizing tattoo imaginable. No longer will people be

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able to feel the hair on their neck stand up as the voice of a survivor wavers in telling the story. No longer will we hear, in the first-person perspective, the stories of hate, greed, anger, love, and passion associated with the Holocaust.

So we need something more. We need another reminder of what happened. Another reminder of the 11 million individuals who were lost, 1.5 million of whom were children. Therefore, the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board proposes that April 11 become Elie Wiesel Day.

On April 11, 1945, Wiesel walked out of Buchenwald concentration camp — something he was never meant to do. Uninhibited by the Nazi guards, Wiesel started life over again.

His achievements and contributions to the human experience are undeniable. Ironically, through these contributions, he shows exactly what we lost in the Holocaust. We will never know which of the individuals who perished in the Holocaust could have cured cancer, led revolutions and nations, or won Nobel Peace Prizes (as Wiesel did).

Because far too few individuals will ever travel to Poland and see the physical embodiment of hate, the United States needs a day such as Elie Wiesel Day. Not a day that commemorates the Holocaust victims but a day that selfishly commemorates ourselves. A day that reflects upon the pure potential that was lost in the Holocaust. That forces us to remember what was lost forever and what, thankfully, was not.

In *Night*, Wiesel wrote, "Those who kept silent yesterday will remain silent tomorrow." To honor his memory and the memory of those who passed, we must prove him wrong.

COLUMN

One last time, Mr. President, change approach on Syria



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Officials in the U.S. State Department want a new plan in Syria, and they gave President Obama the chance to help rectify the situation. Even though there was small chance that he will understand. There are few times that moves can change a large number of people in so many areas.

So much could be done if officials admit that the U.S. Syrian policy is flawed and has not worked. If we change this, then we could be able to wind down fighting in Syria, help stabilize the Middle East, and decrease

the number of refugees.

The State Department wants to take a new "stand-off" approach, in which things are done some distance from the battlefield. Military would employ air attacks and shooting from a distance. This would allow fewer Americans to be hurt and send a strong message.

Officials hope that by taking a new approach, they can try to negotiate with Syria. Right now, the Syrian people are stuck in a trap that guarantees more death, suffering, and instability. The trap not only affects the Syrian people but people all over the world. Refugees are migrating from all over the world, causing issues in Europe, for example. If Obama was able to grasp that is was extremely important, it would help him to repair part of his legacy.

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In the time that Obama has been president, Syria has come under more stress and difficulty. The Syrian Center for Policy Research suggests that the following sectors had been hurt by the Syrian crisis: social services, government services, manufacturing, construction, finance and real estate, utilities, transportation and communication, internal trade, agriculture, and mining.

Also during Obama's presidency, Robert Ford resigned as U.S. ambassador to Syria because he could not agree with the policy that was being enforced. Obama needs to listen to what his senior staff members tell him; they understand that something needs to be changed. If he can free up this challenge at the end of his presidency, then he might be able to accomplish so much more.

Obama needs to un-

derstand that U.S. policy regarding Syria is not working. After that, he needs to keep a hands-off approach. He cannot stoke the fire and allow other players into the game. He states that President Bashar al-Assad is an example of how he is stoking the fire. It's time to try to look at this conflict in a new way, but Obama has tried take a back seat on the conflict. It has caused trouble for pro-democracy forces. It also helped to lead to the resurgence of ISIS. People are trying to flee and go to Europe. This conflict is causing trouble all over the world, and Obama needs to admit what we have done in the past has not worked.

Continue to grow your legacy, Mr. President. Take a new perspective, and listen to your senior staff.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balance and equity in local schools

The strategic goals for the Iowa City School District focus on raising reading and math proficiency for all students and narrowing the achievement gap that exists for our minority students. Through access to great teachers and top-notch facilities, our duty as a School District is to ensure that we are providing all students with the necessary tools to reach their highest potential.

We have amazing faculty and staff who work tirelessly to reach all of our students. Our tradition of high student achievement is a testament to their professionalism and their passion. As we see with our achievement gap, though, it's not enough just to have dedicated teachers. If you listen to teachers, the emotional challenge they face knowing that some students are slipping through the cracks is heartbreaking. Too often, the barriers students encounter in their lives affect their learning between the hours of 8-4 and can be insurmountable for many. Our teachers, our principals, and five decades of research tell us that minimizing those barriers matters.

Poverty, English Language Learner Status, and Special

Education Status are recognized by the Department of Education and are codified in our board policies as significant barriers to learning. These are concrete, well-documented forces that, when concentrated, challenge our students and teachers. Student mobility and stability are also recognized as important factors that are much harder to control, but they are often related to poverty. Interestingly, distance traveled by bus has almost no correlation to academic performance. One needs to look no further than College School District just 15 minutes to the north, in which nearly all students are bussed, and classroom barriers are balanced in order to maximize student achievement.

We are taking a multilayered approach to minimizing these barriers. In the long term, addressing affordable housing is critical, and the School District continues to drive that conversation for the entire region. In the short term, our weighted resource allocation model will ensure that staff assignments are made in a way that classrooms with the most barriers to learning have smaller class sizes and more focused instruction. This model is a temporary fix and becomes less feasible, though,

where overcrowding exists. As we open new facilities, redefining attendance zones helps to ensure that overcrowding is addressed and the deck isn't stacked against our most vulnerable students.

After nearly a yearlong process of gathering community input and careful consideration, the decision was made to link boundary changes to the Facility Master Plan time line, keep groups of students together with a clean feeder system, and focus on student outcomes by balancing the recognized classroom barriers. In May 2015, the board passed a secondary boundary plan on a 6-1 vote that encompassed all of these values. Those in favor included numerous seasoned board veterans as well as one of the most venerated longtime advocates for equity and minority voices in this community.

Recently, on a 4-3 vote, the new board unexpectedly shifted course from the previous decision, justifying it by citing transportation as a barrier despite no data to support the claim. We can overcome transportation issues, and we currently do so on a daily basis throughout the district for students with no access to public transportation in North Liberty and Hills. Proponents of this sud-

den change disregarded thousands of hours of community input and haphazardly created a new secondary boundary plan that has resulted in a district segregated by wealth, race, and opportunity for our students facing the longest odds at City and West while creating a smaller, affluent new high school with fewer curricular and extracurricular opportunities at Liberty. I don't believe this new plan is what we value as a community, and it goes against the very core belief that all students should have access to equitable buildings, teachers, and classrooms.

It's not too late to fix this misstep and get back on track, though. The special election for the vacant board seat on July 19 has become a referendum on the board's direction and equity. Respect the yearlong process and return to the 2015 secondary boundaries plan. Deliver the goals of our strategic plan. Pass the GO bond next year, and finish the Facility Master Plan. Seize this moment in our history to set all three high schools on a pathway to opportunity. Start focusing on what happens in the classroom. Our students depend on it.

— Brian Kirschling
ICCS Board member

PRIME

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Moss, a player for whom Iowa fans have high expectations but haven't seen play all that much because of a red-shirt season a year ago, filled up the scoring column although he didn't shoot particularly well.

He has a good looking stroke, and the off shooting night was just that—an off night. The form is there, and he will hit his fair share of shots. He was able to score in ways other than the jump shot, and that was the encouraging thing for Hawkeye fans.

Freshman Jordan Bohannon was yet another 20-point scorer, dropping 27 points on 7-of-11 shooting behind the arc. The shooting ability from Bohannon was expected because of his bloodline, but he seems to be an extremely crafty point guard as well. He has a great feel for the game.

Sophomores Nicholas Baer and Ahmad Wagner were their same-old selves, doing the intangibles to help their teams.

Both recorded double-doubles, Baer with 20 points and 11 rebounds and Wagner with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Baer finds himself in a different role just about

every season, and that makes him intriguing. He went from being a high-school center to a swing-forward role player last season, and he will be relied on to score more this year.

Junior Dom Uhl showed up looking thicker than last year, in a good way. He has put on weight in the right areas and attacked the rim with a purpose.

Freshman Cordell Pemsl didn't get to play very many minutes after getting poked in the eye early, and as noted earlier, Jok didn't play at all.

Play will resume on Thursday in North Liberty for Week 2.



Ex-Iowa Lakes player Tay Paker jumps for the tip during the final game of the Prime Time season-opener at the North Liberty Community Center on June 30. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

PENN ST.

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McSorley and Tommy Stevens are the current front-runners for the position. McSorley backed up Hackenberg each of the past two seasons and has the most college experience.

Penn State should have a solid running game next year, which should make McSorley's or Stevens' life a bit easier. Sophomore Saquon Barkley is one of the better backs in the Big Ten, and he led Penn State with 1,076 rushing yards and 7 touchdowns last season.

Barkley also had 20 re-

ceptions and was a very real threat in the passing game. Moorhead's spread attack should get the talented back into space more often, which could mean exciting things for the Nittany Lion passing attack.

From a pure numbers standpoint, Penn State lost far more on defense than it did offense. Only five starters from 2015 will return to the field, making life even more difficult for the coaching staff.

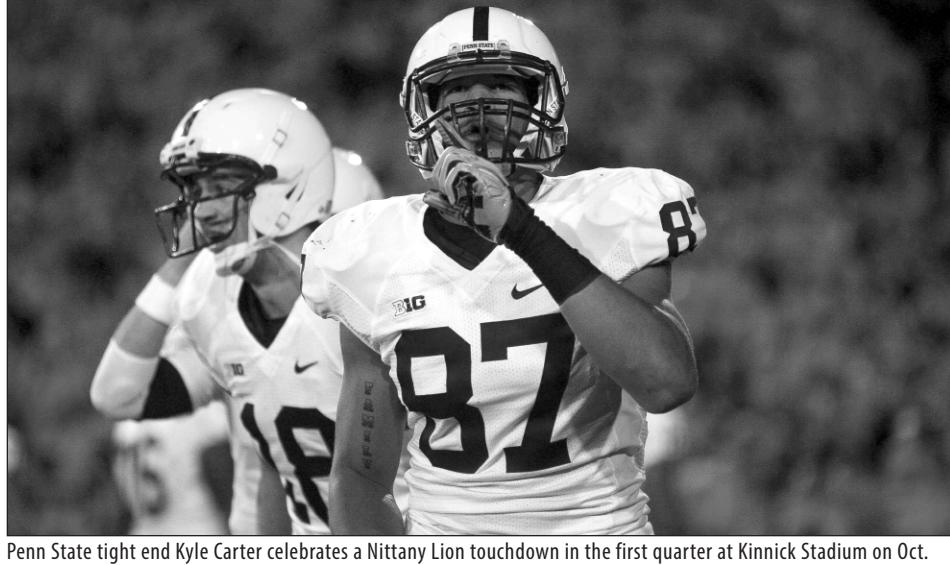
The biggest loss, of course, will be the loss of Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Carl Nassib. A former walk-on, the 6-7 defensive end had the best year of his career

and earned the Vince Lombardi/Rotary Award.

Nassib had an incredible 15.5 sacks and 19.5 total tackles for loss. He also forced 6 fumbles and generally was a giant whirlwind of destruction on opposing offensive lines.

Replacing those types of players is never easy, and it will be interesting to see how Franklin's defense establishes itself. After all, playing good defense is a prerequisite for the Big Ten, and many teams pride themselves on it.

Penn State is one of those teams, and finding it early could do wonders for the amount of heat on Franklin's seat.



Penn State tight end Kyle Carter celebrates a Nittany Lion touchdown in the first quarter at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

VOLLEYBALL

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and her experience of

winning at every level brings innate tenacity and steadiness."

She should immediately contend for a spot on a team that has flashed

occasionally during the past two seasons.

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Shymansky said.

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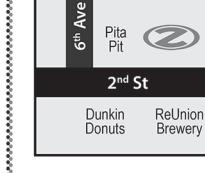
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Sowinski fades to 5th

It came down to the stretch in his third 800 meters of the weekend, but in the end, Iowa track and field alum Erik Sowinski failed to punch his ticket to Rio and the 2016 Olympics, fading in the final 50 meters to place fifth.

Sowinski ran the second-fastest time in both the first round (1:46.17) and semifinals (1:45.82) to earn a spot in the finals, needing to finish in the top three to advance.

The Waukesha, Wisconsin, native got boxed in at the beginning of the race but fought back to get into third with about 150 meters left. But a strong kick from the others in the field left him in fifth with a time of 1:46.44.

Women's track

Iowa junior-to-be Elexis Guster competed in the women's 400-meter race at the USA Olympic Trials over the weekend, running a time of 52.72 to place 20th in the first round.

Guster missed the semifinals of the event by four spots and only 0.23 seconds, a somewhat disappointing finish. Her personal outdoor record of 51.85 would have been good enough to place seventh in qualifying, but with different weather conditions in every race, it's hard to compare those times against each other.

Hawkeye alum Bethany Praska competed in the women's 800 meters and finished 32nd. Praska had raced in May and set a personal record, running 2:02.44 in Los Angeles, but she finished in 2:05.79 in Eugene.

Swimming trials

Meghan Lavelle competed in the 200-meter backstroke over the weekend, finishing 131st in qualifying with a time of 2:22.39.

Kyle Patnode swam the

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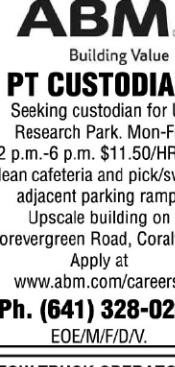
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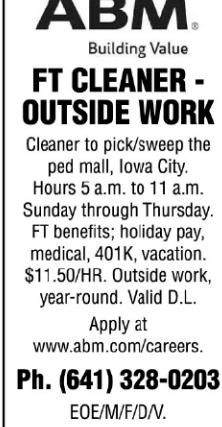
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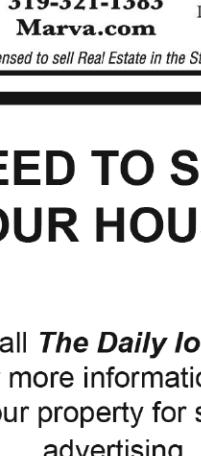
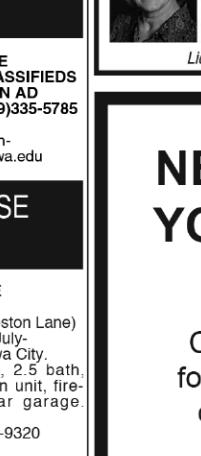
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NEW HAWKEYES SHINE IN PRIMETIME



Hawkeye Dom Uhl dunks the ball during the Prime Time season-opener at the North Liberty Community Center on June 30. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

By BLAKE DOWSON | blake-dowson@uiowa.edu

The first night of the Prime Time League flashed what the future of Iowa basketball might look like, and it flashed quite brightly.

Incoming freshman Tyler Cook and redshirt freshman Isaiah Moss posted a few of the best shows of the night, and the Iowa players as a whole performed well.

Granted, the Hawkeyes in each game should be the dominant players, playing against athletes from smaller schools, but how the Hawkeyes did their

damage was impressive.

Cook was the headliner for opening night with senior All-Big Ten player Peter Jok being sidelined with a minor foot injury. Cook was the co-leading scorer on the night, dropping 27 points on 10-of-19 shooting.

The St. Louis product was 9-of-12 inside the arc and took advantage of his athleticism to get some easy buckets around the rim. Cook was a less-than-impressive 1-of-7 from behind the 3-point line, but glass-half-full people will say making one 3 is a good sign, because Cook wasn't brought in as a Stretch 4.

He won't take seven 3s per game in the regular

season, but if he could learn to knock down one or two every once in a while, it would help head coach Fran McCaffery's offense if other teams had to respect him from deep.

But Cook's dunks had the people excited. He plays above the rim as easily as anyone has for Iowa in the past couple years, and it's where he excels. Cook seems to be the ultimate hustle guy, content with getting rebounds, dunks, and setting screens to get other players open.

SEE PRIME, 5

Dicey den for Nittany Lions

By JORDAN HANSEN
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Part 12 of The Daily Iowan's summer Big Ten previews

For the first time in three seasons, Christian Hackenberg won't be in the Penn State backfield.

Had he desired to, Hackenberg — a former five-star recruit — could have returned. He still had his senior year of eligibility remaining, but he opted to turn professional and was drafted in the second round.

As a quarterback, Hackenberg was criticized from just about everywhere as his statistical production took a downturn his sophomore and junior seasons. As Hackenberg went, so did the rest of the team.

Penn State went 7-6 each of the last two seasons, much to the ire of its fervent fans. With the way the school approaches football, it's not entirely impossible that head coach James Franklin could be on the outs if things start to go poorly this season.

Hackenberg partially blamed Franklin for the team's problems during the lead up to the NFL Draft, and while it could just be one disgruntled player, the idea it could be a sign of larger issues can't be comforting.



Penn State quarterback Matt McGloin gets set to pass against Iowa at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20, 2012. The Nittany Lions defeated the Hawkeyes, 38-14. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

In response to the shortcomings on the field, Franklin is also dealing with several assistant changes. Offensive coordinator John Donavan was fired after the regular season, while defensive coordinator Bob Shoop and offensive-line coach Herb Hand took jobs at different schools.

If the new pieces Franklin has brought in don't work,

there could be trouble. New offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead ran an up-tempo system at Fordham, and it seems likely this is the direction the team is heading.

Whatever the offense, one of the first priorities has to be protecting the quarterback. Penn State allowed 39 sacks last season, the worst mark in the Big Ten and 113th in the NCAA.

The Nittany Lions return a good part of the offensive line, which should improve simply because it couldn't get much worse. To be fair, sacks are rarely only the linemen's fault and better scheming can alleviate many problems.

Of course, the player who will try to avoid sacks is pretty important, too. Trace

SEE PENN ST., 5

V-ball picks up transfer Buzzerio

By JORDAN HANSEN
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The Iowa volleyball roster for the 2016 season is now all but set; head coach Bond Shymansky has announced the team added a transfer.

Meghan Buzzerio, a 6-1 outside hitter from Chino Hills, California, will head to Iowa after spending a red-shirt year at Arizona. She will have all four years of eligibility remaining and won't have to sit out a year.

A decently sought-after recruit her senior year of high school, Buzzerio was definitely on the recruiting radar.

"Meghan is a talented player and a fantastic teammate to add to our program," Shymansky said in a release. "Our volleyball program continues to build on strong character and strong ability. Her skillsets as a six-rotation player will be a great benefit to us."



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