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Writers Resist in the City of Lit

Iowa City locals gathered at the Englert to share their written work as part of Writers Resist, a nationwide movement reminding writers of their role in democracy.

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Citizens and writers came together for Writers Resist at the Englert Theater on Jan. 15 afternoon to conclude President Obama's final weekend in office, sharing writing and anxieties about changes in America's democratic ideals.

The Iowa City event was organized by John Kenyon, the executive director of the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, and Andrea Wilson, the founder and executive director of the Iowa Writers' House. It was one of more than 100 events held nationwide to inspire communities of writers to have a "reinauguration" about their ideals of democracy, said Erin Belieu, a poet who launched the national movement.



Wilson
founder

After this past weekend's series of events, Writers Resist is becoming an organization called Write Our Democracy. A lasting movement would exist to support the people who have been targeted throughout the recent campaign season, Belieu said.

"Writers have often taken the lead of imagining the world we want to live in," she said. "Our country was founded in many ways on writing and what writing could move people toward."

Belieu, the mother of a teenage son, said young people play a special role in resistance movements. She said adults are supposed to be "the caretakers of this political system," but instead, she believes they are handing future generations "a big, fat mess."

"We have a responsibility to do what we can, because young people are the future," she said. "... We have a responsibility to help them create a world they want to live in."

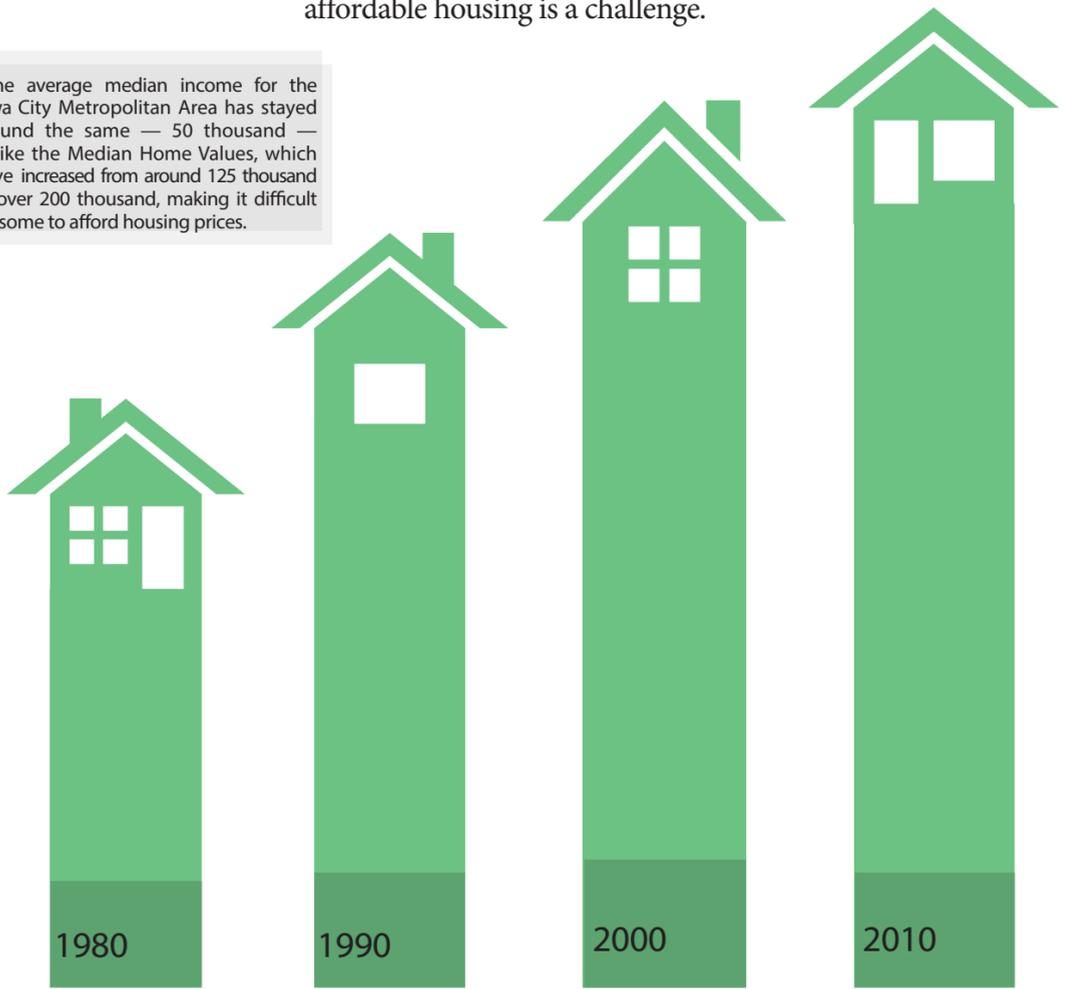
The audience present at the Englert seemed to share in Belieu's recognition of the role young people play in the political process, with students from

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Officials search for housing options

Housing prices in Iowa City have increased over the years, and reaching the goal of affordable housing is a challenge.

The average median income for the Iowa City Metropolitan Area has stayed around the same — 50 thousand — unlike the Median Home Values, which have increased from around 125 thousand to over 200 thousand, making it difficult for some to afford housing prices.



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The complex and multifaceted issue of making housing affordable in Iowa City is not one that can be easily solved.

Housing and Equity in Iowa City, a City Council report in 2016, showed that while median income for Iowa City residents has remained steady since 1990, the median home values have steadily increased.

"The problem with Iowa City's housing prices is that there is such a high demand that comes from the university in terms of faculty, staff, and the students in the downtown area," said Jacob Simpson, the University of Iowa Student Government City Council liaison. "I think it's fair to say that housing prices are too high, and if we focused on developing higher density buildings, we would see housing prices decrease as supply of housing increases."

Redeveloping around the UI and downtown is difficult, because developers have to pay more for rebuilding than they would for developing on vacant land. However, this land is also some of the most valuable, because it is closest to campus.

"Rezoning won't affect a lot of the properties by the university because it's already built out, so unless the developer is willing to buy out existing building, pay any businesses in that building, demolish it, and rebuild much higher — that's expensive," said Tracy Hightshoe, the city Neighborhood Services coordinator. "You don't see that very often. If we increase supply, then the rent for everyone will go down. But students want to live ... close to the University of Iowa, most of them. You have a location like that, and the demand is so heavy."

Zoning and rezoning areas in the city is an additional

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Skilled surgeon settles in at UIHC

Sharon Larson's hiring as Iowa's first female cardiothoracic surgeon in Iowa continues University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics' tradition of diversity.

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Sharon Larson's job as a cardiothoracic surgeon is uncommon enough — there are fewer than 5,000 of these specialized surgeons in the United States.

But fewer than 5 percent of these surgeons are female, and in the state of Iowa, Larson will be the first.



Larson
cardio surgeon

She was hired as a cardiothoracic surgeon by the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in November 2016.

"She's caring and compassionate, and she goes above and beyond," said Kalpaj Parekh, a UI associate professor of cardiothoracic surgery.

He said Larson's hiring was the right move for the UIHC.

"We advertised for the position and

felt she was the most suitable candidate who fulfilled our needs," he said.

Parekh said he has enjoyed working with Larson so far.

"It's been great," he said. "She cares about her patients and does a good job."

Larson said the UIHC staff has been "very welcoming and encouraging."

Her primary role as a cardiothoracic surgeon is to "specialize in the surgical treatment of heart and lung disease," she said.

Surprisingly, she said, she did not have to make any major transitions to join an all-male team. She was hired as a surgeon, and her unique skills are part of UIHC regardless of her gender, she noted.

Larson said she is unsure as to why there are so few practicing female cardiothoracic surgeons, but she does have an idea on why there

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IC district tackles 'seclusion rooms'

After months of hearing complaints about the use of seclusion rooms in local schools, the School Board formed a committee as state action looms.

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At a recent Iowa City School Board work session, board members moved toward a solution involving issues with seclusion rooms and the special-education departments.

Seclusion rooms are small rooms in classrooms that are used to isolate students who misbehave. The rooms are legal but discouraged by the U.S. Department of Education.

With the formation of an administrative committee dedicated to solving the issue, board members hope to hear possible solutions by the end of the spring semester. In the meantime, board member Chris Liebig said, there will be some training for teachers and staff members.



Liebig
board member

"Do those rooms really need to be inside the classrooms? I think that we can definitely improve our practices on it and get some good feedback on what's possible and the best practices," Liebig said. "I just don't want to prejudge what [the committee] might recommend, but ideally, you might want to be using practices that minimize and eliminate the need for the seclusion rooms."

Mary Richard, a local lawyer who brought the issue to the state level with a complaint, said her action is part of her job as an attorney. Richard has been a resident of Iowa City since 1972 and has worked in the field of special-education law since 2006.

"You do this because it's a part of your professional ethics; it requires that you give public service, and because this is my area of practice and

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BEFORE THE SEMESTER DELUGE



A man rest in the IMU on Monday. With the start of the new semester, students and faculty will once again fill the UI facilities. (The Daily Iowan/Lily Smith)

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way that the city can potentially encourage development, but it is not always a popular idea. "People may be for affordable housing in principle, but when it comes to locating affordable housing in their neighborhood, there's always a push-

back," Hightshoe said. "Neighborhood resistance is a huge issue, especially the idea of rezoning." Zoning places specific criteria for buildings to meet. Some zoning protects historical housing, which prevents redevelopment. When open land is available, the cost of land and of construction can prevent the development of affordable housing. "When you want to

provide housing at below market prices, you usually have to subsidize it, and that money has to come from somewhere," Hightshoe said. Sally Scott, the executive director of the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, believes that making housing more affordable cannot fall solely on the city. "It's really got to be the city in partnership with

nonprofit developers, for-profit developers ... I think the city has recognized it's not possible for the city alone to address this issue, though it plays a really important part," Scott said. "There's this sense that developers are the bad guys, that they're just building higher-cost housing, but it's actually really challenging for developers to build something that's affordable."

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are not many people who choose her field. "There is a predicted shortage of cardiothoracic surgeons," she said. "Applicants going into this field know that there are many demands — and patients always come first." She does sacrifice a large amount of her personal life to continue her career at UIHC, she said.

"It's a sacrifice people are glad to make, because this career is a true calling," she said. "To deny that is to deny our professional skills." So far, Larson said, she has been happy at UIHC. "Many other [UIHC staff members] share a common goal, to provide excellent care to the patients of Iowa and beyond," she said. Larson is also excited about the role new technology will play in her field. "Procedures that are

performed through smaller and smaller incisions will be crucial," she said. "Also, advancements in ventricular-assist devices will bridge the gap between the long list of organ donors and the stagnant number of organs." Tom Moore, the director of UI Health Care media relations, said Larson brings "a unique set of skills" to UIHC. "She is a very skilled physician," Moore said. "We are very grateful she has chosen to join us, and

I am sure her patients will be very pleased." Moore said UIHC has a "long tradition of inclusion and diversity," and Larson's hiring adds to that tradition. He said the Carver College of Medicine was the first public institution to admit both men and women — in the first graduating class (1870), eight of the 37 graduates were women. "From the very beginning, we have had a practice of inclusion," Moore said.

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this is an appropriate thing for me to do ..." she said. "These issues are issues of law and of children's mental health, and this is just something I decided I was situated to do." The complaint will eventually lead to a state

investigation, she said, and with those findings, action can occur. In the "Proposed Relief" section of the complaint, Richard laid out what some hope to happen. They ask the School District to only use the practice of seclusion in extreme emergencies and to use the terms "seclude" and "seclusion" when referencing this practice, in-

stead of "time-out." "This is a systemic issue," Richard said. "It's not an issue that I would necessarily do on behalf of a single client, a single child, and so I had been reading about it in the newspaper, and I had been talking to a number of parents about it, and it just was something I decided to do." Heather Young, a

grandmother of a special-needs child heading into kindergarten in the district, has been a part of the push against the seclusion rooms since last fall. She said the involvement of the state has been a huge relief for her. "I am thrilled that the state is going to do the right thing, and in my opinion they don't have a choice ..." she said.

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local middle schools and high schools receiving the longest and loudest rounds of applause. "You've seen a testament here today to just how talented our young writers are," Kenyon said, eliciting another round of applause from the audience, after Maya Claussen, a City High student, read original poems on stage.

Local musician Ben Schmidt also took a moment before taking the stage to play music acknowledging the courage younger readers exhibited by sharing their work. "I wasn't sure when I came up here whether or not I was going to sing [my new piece], but I've seen a lot of courage in this room from a lot of the young people," he said. Jasmine Williams, a student from Northwest Junior High, read a piece titled "Black Lives Mat-

ter" at the event, touching on how to act with boldness, particularly as a black female. "Courage is an action," she said. "Courage is the quietest voice at the beginning of the night. It speaks out to you: I will try again tomorrow. I'm black, but I should not be afraid to use my voice. My thoughts, my opinions, my ideas are just as important as anybody else's." Regardless of political affiliation, those who helped organize the event or read their work encour-

aged finding nonpartisan ways to move forward and preserve democracy. "We have to stop being passive in the face of what we know," Wilson said, reading from an essay from Marilynne Robinson, a renowned writer and former professor at the Iowa Writers' Workshop. "If this is a living democracy, then there should be a public conscience able to travel us deeply for injury done to those who might seem least like us whom it has been convenient to forget."

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City Council to mull food-truck amendment

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An amendment to Iowa City's existing food-truck ordinance will undergo the second of three considerations by the City Council this evening. The amendment passed its first test, 7-0, on Jan. 3; the council must pass it two more times before it is approved.

The amendment would allow a 90-day pilot program for increased food-truck operations downtown and in the North Side Marketplace.

"This ordinance amendment is the first step to authorize the pilot program that we discussed in November after the Mobile Vending Association came forward with its proposal," said Assistant to the City Manager Simon Andrew.

The association's proposal would allow between six and 10 food trucks to set up shop downtown and on the North Side. If the pilot program is successful, downtown food-truck vendors may see increases in their hours and areas of operation.

The program would allow food trucks to operate in the downtown zone and the North Side Marketplace between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. In other parts of the city, the regular hours of food truck operation between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. would remain unchanged.

Since most downtown brick-and-mortar restaurants close before 10 or 11

p.m., Andrew said, the association's mobile program hopes this change will avoid creating competition.

"Currently, the hours of operation and locations are codified in city code," Andrew said.

The amendment to the existing food-truck ordinance is necessary, he said, to allow the city manager the authority to establish the pilot program.

The association has also advocated altering the restrictions on food-truck operation in certain zones.

Currently, there are no designated food-truck parking spaces. Such operators must vend from street meter spaces. While the pilot program does not tackle the creation of food-truck spaces, the Mobile Vending Association's pilot program has indicated that the lack of designated parking is something it hopes to address in the future.

Additionally, food trucks are prohibited within 150 feet of any brick-and-mortar restaurant or University of Iowa food-service operation. The association hopes to lower this to 100 feet.

The city has yet to decide how the pilot program will address the location concerns.

"The next step before we get to the third reading of this ordinance is to sit down with the Downtown District and the vendors to hash out what the best locations for testing this program

would be," Andrew said.

However, he said, arguably the most important goal of those conversations will be to establish criteria for the pilot program's success.

Apart from business competition, important concerns include how increased food-truck operations will affect public health, sanitation, and the flow of pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic in the dense downtown.

Mayor Jim Thromorton said, "I'm really happy to see we'll obtain stakeholder feedback and really get a sense of how it works from particular points of view."



UI senior Sarah McCreary orders lunch from the Street Hawk food truck on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway last semester. Iowa City is considering changes to its food-truck ordinance. (The Daily Iowan/Karley Finkel)

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COLUMN

The Big Bang of Christmas War

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Well, we made it through another War on Christmas, and most of us, including Christmas, came through unscathed. I think.

Well, maybe not the Hawkeye men's basketball team, which further burnished its NIT résumé with a shambling, bumbling loss to Northwestern on Sunday. Hundreds of years from now, scholars will ponder and muse on how an alleged Division-1 basketball team could lose to Northwestern by 30-odd points. One will hypothesize that it could have been a seasonal thing, given that once upon a time there was this creature called "winter."

This Hawkeye version of basketball, by the way, would be the résumé for the 2018 NIT.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch (not that we ever left it), each year that December rambles around (sometimes November; pretty soon it'll be October, when the most of the rest of us are more concerned about the War on Halloween), U.S. conservatives start yowling about the War on Christmas. You'd think that trench warfare were about to break out. Or trench mouth.

Given the conservatives' yowling every year amid the glittering tinsel that every town bedecks itself in, trench mouth won the day.

For instance, the Fake-News-in-Chief himself (to be, as of this date) has proclaimed that "we're gonna be saying Merry Christmas at every store. ... You can leave 'happy holidays' at the corner."

Um, yeah. Hooray for the tinsel.

Which brings us back to the Big Bang. Everything, eventually, brings us back to the Big Bang. Don't think so? Just wait.

Conservatives refer to the Big Bang as a liberal conspiracy to destroy Christmas and the Republic as we know it and replace it with soccer

practice. If so, they're light years late.

The Republic as we know it, of course, is controlled by Big Billionaires who give gobs of money to the GOP so that the liberal conspiracy can't gob up the election process more than the billionaires have already gobbled it up. It's a gob scene.

Oh, well. So much for the Big Bang. But what happened before the Big Bang, according to the Big Bang Hypothesis?

We don't know. Scientists don't know, either, but they helpfully point out that we're asking a nonsense question because we're asking what happened before time was invented and, of course, that the word "happen" could "happen" before time exists is nonsense. As is, for that matter, soccer practice.

You could say all that is "nonsense," and scientists would agree. I think. Therefore, I yam a sweet potato.

Scientists would agree. So you see that physics is quite complicated. And we haven't even gotten to molecules yet. Not to mention moles. Or even a mole, which has something to do with avocado's number and nothing to do with molé, a delicious Mexican sauce or something.

Meanwhile, speaking of a gob scene, the U.S. sets job-creation record, and the Trumpster takes all the credit, even though he has nothing to do with policymaking just yet. That's because he can create jobs just by his mere presence. It's his aura.

Oh, yeah, it's true. Of course, I believe in the tooth fairy. And Santa Claus. Peace on Earth. Phil Jackson can still fix the Knicks.

Next, the Trumpster will walk on water, then take seven loaves of seven-day-old bread and turn them into seven fishy condo buildings.

They will all have Russian names, for no particular reason.

Happy holidays. Or as we say nowadays, Schastlivo prazdnikov.

EDITORIAL

Students shoulder debt, yet again



Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad takes the oath of office at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center Ballroom on Jan. 16, 2015. President Donald Trump has picked Branstad to be the new ambassador to China. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

As the state of Iowa looks at a projected loss of \$100 million in revenues for the current fiscal year, Gov. Terry Branstad has proposed cuts in funding of the same magnitude across numerous areas of state services. The most austere of these cuts, currently slated at \$34 million, will fall upon the shoulders of Iowa public education, with \$25.6 million from Iowa's public universities and another \$8.7 million from community colleges.

This, when coupled with Branstad's recently approving up to \$107 million in tax breaks to a fertilizer plant as incentive to continue operations in Iowa, leads one to believe that corporate interests trump constituent interests.

It has been an alarming trend for state governments to slash higher-education funding as an easy method of plugging fiscal holes in state budgets. These holes are often created from less than ideal state tax revenue whenever local economies do not produce enough capital to be harvested by the state. Public-education cuts were most drastic in the recession years, but the practice has not waned with the recovery of the economy.

In a 2014 report detailing the crisis in public-university funding, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities stated that "these sharp increases in tuition have accelerated longer-term trends of reducing col-

lege affordability and shifting costs from states to students.

Over the last 20 years, the price of attending a four-year public college or university has grown significantly faster than the median income."

The report goes on to say that most states, Iowa included, had funded public universities well below pre-recession levels up to 2014. Given that Iowa has consistently fallen short on the state Board of Regents' funding requests, resulting in yet another tuition hike just last year, this trend has yet to be rectified.

Essentially, when state officials organize a budget around an economy that ultimately under-performs, it is us, the students, who must bear the brunt of the burden.

A cut in public-university funding is a divestment from the young minds that will inherit the institutions that drive Iowa's economy.

Student debt, which sits close to \$30,000 per average graduating Iowa student, according to CollegeInsight, is an objective problem that millennials must face. To inflame and exacerbate the crisis each moment the state needs to tighten its belt is not only a divestment in young minds, but a divestment in Iowa's future.

As students, we have been promised that the tools allotted to us through higher education will bring forth a prosperous and attainable future. These tools, of

course, come at a cost. Yet, it seems each year the odds against us are stacked just a bit higher and with every tuition hike comes another moment of disillusion.

On the subject of Branstad's budget recommendation, the regents published a statement that they "understand the revenue constraints the state is facing for the current fiscal year" and that they plan to "work with our institutions to make the required reductions in a way that has the least effect on students."

Though, given the track record concerning cuts to higher education, the "least effect" these cuts will have on students will likely still include a heftier tuition. Rather than working with an institution that looks to wring students dry like wet, student-loan soaked rags, we ought to demand the funding institutions such as the University of Iowa deserve. Regent President Bruce Rastetter and the regents, along with UI President Bruce Harreld, owe it to the students of Iowa to do everything in their power to oppose another occasion of incompetent funding and demand the fiscal support needed by Iowa's universities.

The Daily Iowan Editorial Board will not condone another instance in which the regents and UI administration stand idly by while the state reaches into the pockets of an already thinly stretched student population.

COLUMN

Not just a bill but an overdue statement

By **MARS THERA POPE**
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There are many battles to be fought for the LGBTQ community, and Sen. Matt McCoy, D-Des Moines, is trying to do so with the bills he introduced Jan 11. The first bill, S.F. 73, is "an act modifying the elements defining hate crimes and providing penalties." Essentially, this is a bill proposing that gender identity and gender expression be added to the list of protected classes under Iowa's existing hate-crime law. This would mean more severe punishments for crimes targeted against individuals with a nontraditional gender identity or gender expression.

Studies predict that 1 in 4 transgender individuals will be targeted because of their gender identity, classifying them as the most targeted group in the country. The problem is real, but does it even matter? It is a fact that transgender people are harassed and assaulted day after day, but does that seem to make a difference in how much action is taken? It still goes on. Although it may be impossible to put an end to these crimes, bills such as S.F. 73 can, at the very least, help to decrease the number of crimes transgender individuals endure.

It seems to have been forgotten that the people's support can mean so much. If the people of Iowa vociferously show their support for S.F. 73, legislators will be sure to take note that if



The Iowa State Capitol is shown on Jan. 13, 2015. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

they vote against the bill, they will vote against the people. This bill can better the lives of citizens who have been subject to abuse simply because of who they are. It can help carry a movement in Iowa that will hopefully go on to benefit all of Iowa's people.

Passing S.F. 73 wouldn't be the first progressive movement Iowa has participated in. Iowa was the first state to elect a woman to public office as well as the first state with a mosque. Iowa was second in legalizing interracial marriage, 100 years before it was legal nationwide. Iowa was also the second state to desegregate schools, 90 years before nationwide desegrega-

tion. Let S.F. 73 accompany this list of what makes many people proud to be Iowans.

The bill was introduced in 2016, but because the Republican Party controlled the House, it did not pass. Although Republicans hold both the Senate and House, there is still a chance the bill can pass. This is why the people's voice matters; legislators need to know the people of Iowa care about all the state's people, not just the typical pink-ribbon girls and race-car boys. Iowans care about all Iowans, and our laws should represent that. This is not the state of hate and discrimination, it is a state of love and tolerance. Let that show by passing S.F. 73.

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MEN'S

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as well that weren't so good."

Kriener was one of only three Hawkeyes to connect from deep (Jordan Bohannon and Nicholas Baer were the other two).

"I came in and tried to give as much energy as I could and took open shots when they were there," Kriener said in a release.

As a team, Iowa finished 4-of-17 from downtown.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats torched the Hawkeyes from beyond the arc. They hit 11 of their 24 3-point attempts, keeping a foot on the gas pedal at all times and limiting Iowa's chances to hang in the game.

"They started off hot," Jok said in a release. "One of our main things was not letting them start hot, because once they start hot, they're a hard team to beat. They shot lights out."

Northwestern's Scottie Lindsey and Bryant McIntosh scored 22 and 20 points. McIntosh also dished out 10 assists.

At the half, Iowa trailed 44-32 — a manageable deficit the Hawkeyes had been in before. Recently against Purdue, Iowa trailed by 9 points at the half, then went on to win, 93-78.

However, turnovers piled up for the Hawkeyes — 14, to be exact — at inopportune times.

Northwestern committed 12 turnovers, but made up

for those mistakes in the assist department with 29.

Iowa had 12. Earlier this season, Iowa's defense in the paint proved to be porous, but the Hawkeyes seemed to patch things up as the season went on. In Evanston, the Wildcats outscored Iowa 42-18 in that category.

Iowa fans will be pleased to know this trip to Evanston will be the Hawkeyes' lone contest with the Wildcats in the regular season. However, an even tougher team sits on deck.

No. 25 Maryland, which has the top record in the Big Ten and possesses one of the conference's best players in Melo Trimble, will travel to Carver-Hawkeye at 6 p.m. Thursday.



Northwestern guard Scottie Lindsey shoots a 3 over Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon in Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Illinois, on Sunday. The Hawkeyes fell flat, 89-54. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

WOMEN'S

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Big Ten game away from Carver-Hawkeye.

After dissecting two of Iowa's troubling losses on the road, Penn State and Illinois, it is apparent the Hawkeyes aren't playing well enough offensively to win. Two stats that really jump off the page when it comes to Iowa road losses are 3-point shooting and turnovers.

During Iowa's Big Ten opener at Illinois, the Hawkeyes shot a whop-

ping 25 percent from deep. Against Penn State in Happy Valley, Iowa shot even worse from the 3-point line, 11 percent. In order to win on the road in the Big Ten, the Hawkeyes are either going to have to work for more efficient shots or find players who can consistently make 3-pointers.

With a young team, one constant across the landscape of college basketball is that turnovers and road games go hand-in-hand. Against Illinois on Dec. 28 in Champaign,

the Hawkeyes accumulated a grand total of 23 turnovers and only lost by 5 points. If the women can limit their number of turnovers, they'll have a chance against the Big Ten's best in points allowed per game.

Against Maryland, the Hawkeyes went 8-of-20 from behind the arc, which might be a confidence booster for the women who struggle when it comes to 3-pointers on the road. Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder understands the 3-point-

er is a very important part of her team's game

"The 3-point shot is such a big part of our game now, and we want to utilize it," Bluder said in a release. "I'm glad to see us doing a little better with that."

If the Hawkeyes are able to come away with their first road Big Ten win, that might be enough momentum to carry this young team into a successful second half of the Big Ten season.



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Tens of millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars are spent annually to pay salaries to Palestinian terrorists who murder innocent civilians in Israel.

To prop up the virtually bankrupt Palestinian Authority (P.A.), the U.S. sends Palestinians more than \$400 million a year in aid. The P.A., however, spends some \$140 million annually to reward jihadists and their families for murderous acts that kill innocent Americans and Israelis.

What are the facts?

In June 2016, 13-year-old Hallal Yaffa Ariel was stabbed to death in her bed by a Palestinian terrorist who broke into her family's home. In March of this year, 28-year-old Taylor Force, a West Point graduate and two-tour U.S. army veteran from Texas, was killed as he strolled with his wife in Jaffa by a knife-wielding Palestinian. Hailed as heroic jihadist martyrs by the Palestinian Authority, both terrorists and their families now receive monthly stipends from the P.A.

For more than 20 years, the Palestinian government has openly used aid donations from the U.S. and other countries to motivate and reward terrorists. Depending on the number of people murdered in a terrorist attack, salaries range from \$364 to \$3,100 per month. Terrorists with families and who die in the act or are captured and sentenced to 30 years or more receive the highest allowances. These expenditures—a hefty \$140 million per year—make up an estimated 10% of the Palestinian Authority's total budget.

In addition to financial incentives for terror, jihadists also receive abundant moral support from the Palestinian government. Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas has said, "We welcome every drop of blood spilled in Jerusalem. This is pure blood, clean blood . . . With the help of Allah, every martyr will be in heaven, and every wounded will get his reward."

U.S. Payments to the Palestinian Authority. According to a Congressional Research Service report, the U.S. since the mid-1990s has contributed more than \$5 billion in security assistance and bilateral economic aid to the P.A., and American taxpayers' current annual commitment is now some \$400 million. In fact, Palestinians are the world's largest per-capita recipients of international aid.

While a 2014 State Department report praised the Palestinian Authority for making "terrorism financing a criminal offense," the P.A. still has laws on its books mandating payments to terrorists and their families.

In order to achieve a secure and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians, convicted terrorists or who those die while committing terrorism must not be compensated by the Palestinian government for these crimes. It is a travesty that American taxpayer dollars subsidize this hateful practice, and Congress should move urgently to stop it.

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In the face of mounting criticism of such hypocrisy from Western nations, however, the P.A. concocted a deceitful shell game, seeking to hide its support of terror by changing what used to be termed "salaries" to "assistance" and shifting distribution duties from the P.A. to the Palestinian Liberation Organization, which does not directly receive foreign funding. So far, this sham seems to have satisfied some of the gullible nations that support the Palestinian Authority.

Time to End U.S. Funding of Terror. At last, members of Congress are introducing legislation to prevent U.S. aid from supporting this culture of jihadist terror. Senators Dan Coats, Roy Blunt and Lindsey Graham, for example, have introduced legislation to end financial aid to the Palestinian Authority until it stops incentivizing terrorism. Senator Graham has noted that "You can't be a partner in peace when you are paying people to commit terrorist acts."

However, both the U.S. and Israel fear that cutting funding to the Palestinian Authority could destabilize the Palestinian government, preferring a duplicitous P.A. to Hamas or Islamic State. Lamentably, those familiar with the corrupt P.A. know that expectations of reforming it anytime soon are fantasy.

But surely funding a Palestinian terror program that kills Americans and Israelis cannot serve the long-term interests of the United States or Israel. Cutting off aid to the P.A. is a move in the right direction, but it is inadequate, since it doesn't address the Palestinian culture of Jew hatred and denial of Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, both of which beliefs make any notion of peace impossible.

Unfortunately, the Palestinian government perpetuates in its media, mosques and schools the myths that Jews have no rights to sovereignty in the Holy Land and that all non-Muslims, even innocent civilians, are laudable targets for terrorist attacks.

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In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends. — Martin Luther King Jr.

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Know Your Ledge Author

I've been watching the news in order to try to figure out why Americans seem increasingly uneasy day after day, but all the news seems to be interested in covering is an endless parade of daily tragedies and horrors.

I remember being a kid and wishing that Lucky Charms could be nothing but marshmallows, but then I grew the hell up and started eating Reece's Puffs like an adult.

Every year, to celebrate my birthday, I pour a glass of Scotch and smoke a nice, big cigar. Every year, to celebrate Sigmund Freud's birthday, I repress my anxiety with alcohol and orally engulf a massive surrogate phallus.

I used to think I was lazy because I made so much Easy Mac. Then I realized I was actually lazy because I cook it for four minutes and 24 seconds instead of four minutes and 30 seconds — because that's when the glass plate rotates right in front of the door, meaning I don't have to reach too far into the microwave to get my food.

Sometimes, I'll sit down to pee. It's just easier, people.

I've been promised there will be a special place waiting for me in Hell so many times by now that I will be sorely disappointed if there isn't.

Andrew R. Juhl will tell you even more at today's Bar Exam at Saloon Tequila Bar from 8-10 p.m.

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- **Documenting DaDa/Disseminating Dada**, UI Libraries' International Dada Archive, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Main Library Gallery
- **Jessica Pleyel M.F.A. Show**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Visual Arts Drewlowe Gallery
- **Hawkeyes in Space: UI Physics, Past and Present**, 1-5 p.m., Old Capitol Hanson Gallery
- **Mightier than the Sword**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., African American Museum of Iowa, 55 12th Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- **American Heart Association Basic Life Support Health-Care Provider CPR**, 1 p.m., UIHC South 611 General Hospital
- **Microbiology Faculty Candidate Seminar**, Mary M. Weber, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Emeritus Faculty Lecture**, Constance Berman, History, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Rural Med Interest Group**, 5:30 p.m., 2126 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **WorldCavass: Our Lives Online**, 6:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall; Kindly RSVP at <http://bit.ly/LivesOnline>

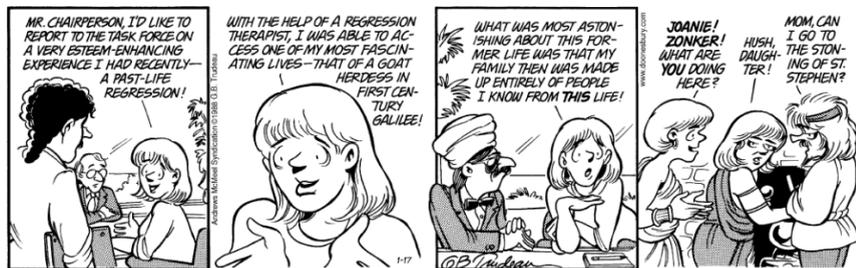
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- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Refuse to let your or someone else's emotions interfere with what you are trying to accomplish. Be strong, and show tenacity when faced with distractions or opposition. What you do will make a difference and could bring you accolades.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Pick up the slack and make a point to take care of business. Dealing with relationships will be easy if you are honest about the way you feel and recognize the way you are being treated. Make a difference.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put more effort into work and consider how you can use your skills and knowledge to get ahead. Don't let anyone use emotional tactics on you. Use your intelligence, and you will prosper.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Look for a way to advance instead of wasting your time opposing people who don't see things your way. What you do will make a difference, and an opportunity will change the way you move forward.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Good fortune will come through the connections you make while networking, going in for interviews or traveling. Express your ideas and strategy to ensure success; you will generate popularity and support. Don't make unreasonable promises or financial contributions.

- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your emotions will make decisions difficult. Take a step back, and decide exactly what you want to do and what the best way is to reach your goals with the least amount of interference. Preparation and organization will be key.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Put in the time and effort to do something nice for someone special. Your help will lead to ideas and an expansion of what you can do to bring in higher revenue. Explore your options; don't limit yourself.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Anger will not solve your problems. Look for solutions, and make suggestions. Your ability to compromise and work alongside others will help you avoid being left out or treated poorly. Someone you help out will influence your life.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stick to the rules, but don't be afraid to do things differently. As long as you stay within your boundaries, you will stand out and give others something to think about. Show your capabilities, and make your expectations perfectly clear.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Show discipline when handling money matters. Hang on to your cash regardless of the pressure put on you to spend. Ignore the temptations of those who are being frivolous and carefree. Don't feel the need to donate or pay for others.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Emotional situations will surface. Do your best to find solutions, but don't let anyone get away with treating you disrespectfully. Don't make assumptions — look at the facts, and do what needs to be done.

The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "What a relief!"
- 5 Pleasant scent
- 10 Gaelic language
- 14 Per unit
- 15 Home on an estate
- 16 Fail to persevere
- 17 Legal actions provoked by oversimple jigsaw puzzles?
- 20 Lead-in to kraut or braten
- 21 "Well, obviously!"
- 22 Like some French sauces
- 23 Ad word suggesting a lack of undesirable moisture
- 25 Object of early Christian condemnation
- 27 Mother-of-pearl source
- 31 Like a short play
- 35 Law documents concerning pugilists?
- 38 Tavern
- 39 Daring
- 40 See 51-Across
- 41 Smoke an e-cigarette
- 42 Paris-to-Berlin dir.
- 43 Court precedents involving games of hoops?
- 45 Affirmative to a commanding officer
- 47 Touchdown pass catchers, e.g.
- 48 Does a tech job
- 51 With 40-Across, common deli sandwich
- 52 Numbskull
- 55 Animal with an opposable thumb
- 57 Trace of color
- 61 Attorneys' fees paid with gold fillings?
- 64 Departed
- 65 Company that buried 700,000+ unsold video games in 1983
- 66 Journey
- 67 Love god
- 68 Tatter
- 69 Conglomerate originally named Tokyo Tsushin Kogyo
- DOWN**
- 1 Parrots and ferrets
- 2 Response to a joke
- 3 Neutral shade
- 4 Coaxed
- 5 Rock-and-roll need
- 6 Unwelcome cry at the front door
- 7 Best
- 8 Chocolate hot beverage
- 9 Exist
- 10 Like most carousel animals
- 11 Destroy
- 12 Internet destination
- 13 Online crafts seller
- 18 What "oopsy" signals
- 19 Graceful birds
- 24 Like some boat motor types
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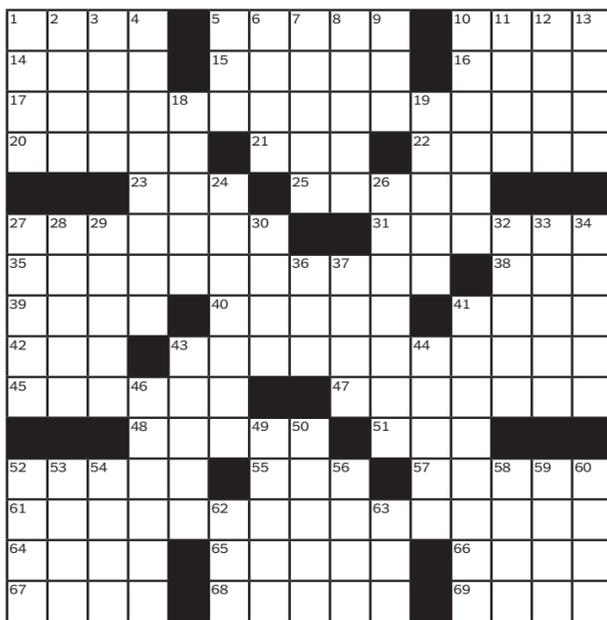
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Wildcats run wild; Hawkeyes don't



Northwestern's Barret Benson and Bryant McIntosh celebrate with fans in Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Illinois, after the Iowa/Northwestern game on Sunday. The Wildcats handily disposed of the Hawkeyes, 89-54. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

By **ADAM HENSLEY**
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In a game in which the Hawkeye offense and defense were nowhere to be found, Northwestern (15-4) dismantled Iowa (11-8), 89-54, on Jan. 15.

The Wildcats improved to 4-2 in Big Ten play, while the Hawkeyes dropped to .500 (3-3).

Peter Jok, who had been a consistent high-volume scorer up to this point, mustered a meager 4 points and failed to hit a single 3-pointer.

"I think pretty much everything went wrong," Jok said in a release. "We weren't ready from the get-go. We didn't follow the game plan; we didn't focus in on the individual [plan]."

It was a drastic drop-off in comparison with his 29-point outing on Jan. 12 against Purdue. In that game, Jok nailed four of his seven 3-point attempts. Overall, he connected on 11-of-19.

Against Northwestern, he missed seven of his nine shots from the field and didn't get to the free-throw line once.

Only two Hawkeyes recorded double digits in the scoring column — Tyler Cook and Ryan Kriener. Each freshman scored 14 points.

Most of Cook's damage came at the free-throw line, sinking eight of his nine attempts. He also snagged a team-high 5 rebounds.

"We'll watch film — I'm sure there's stuff that we did right," Cook said in a release. "We made a decent run [in the second half]. Obviously, there's a lot of things we need to learn from

SEE MEN'S, 5

Team	1st	2nd	Final
IOWA	32	22	54
NORTHWESTERN	44	45	89

Iowa Leaders

Points: Cook, Kriener (14)

Rebounds: Cook (5)

Assists: Wagner (5)



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Hawkeyes seek some success on the road

By **MICHAEL MCCURDY**
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After a hard-fought contest on Jan. 14 with No. 3 Maryland, the Iowa women's basketball team has the opportunity to take some of that momentum into New Jersey tonight when it battles Rutgers.

Nearly one-third of the way through Big Ten play, the Hawkeyes sit at 11-7 overall with a rocky 2-3 conference record. The game tonight against Rutgers is a perfect opportunity for Iowa to get back on track in conference play after suffering two losses on the road to below-average Illinois and Penn State.

What's going to be difficult about this matchup for the Hawkeyes is that they only get a couple of days to prepare for the Scarlet Knights after their physically draining game against Maryland. Rutgers' overall record of 6-13 can be deceiving — the Scarlet Knights definitely have the ability to compete in the Big Ten and have shown it so far, going 3-3 in conference play.

Of Rutgers' six conference games, the three losses have all occurred away from New Jersey, which means the team is undefeated at home in Big Ten play. This makes the challenge of coming away victorious even more difficult for the Hawkeyes, who have yet to win a

Iowa (11-7) vs. Rutgers (6-13)

When: 6 p.m.

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SEE WOMEN'S, 5

Cowboys lasso Hawk wrestlers

By **PETE RUDEN**
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The Iowa wrestling team is no longer undefeated.

Top-ranked Oklahoma State took down the No. 3 Hawkeyes in Stillwater on Sunday, 24-11.

Iowa lost three matches by 1 point. If those matches had gone the other way, the country would likely be looking at a new No. 1, but instead, the Cowboys will keep their place atop the college wrestling rankings.

"This sport is wild. It's a brawl. That's what you love about it," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said in a release. "It's about close matches in close situations, and you have to make them go your way. In order to make a close situation go your way, it's not because it's this close that's all the effort you have to give, you have to give a tremendous effort. We didn't do that."

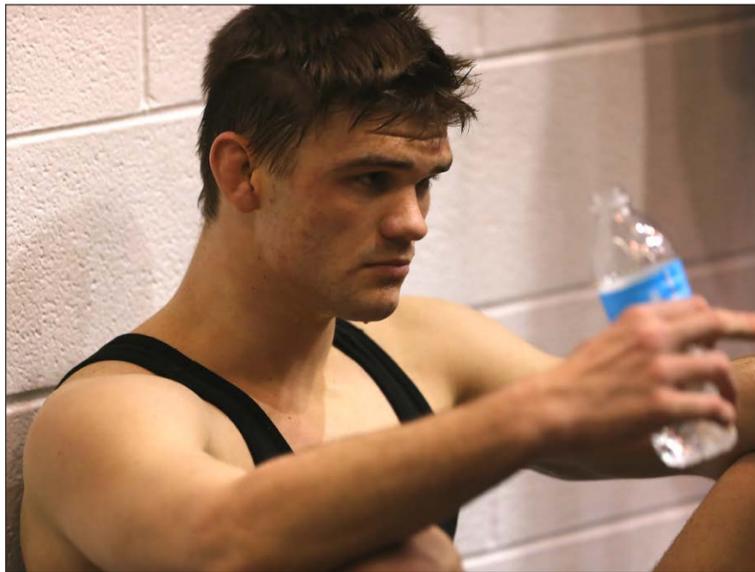
Senior Thomas Gilman did what he does best and got the dual off to a good start for the Hawkeyes. The No. 1 ranked 125-pounder in the country defeated No. 11 Nick Piccininni, 12-4, for a major decision to give Iowa a 4-0 team lead.

After Gilman's win, things started going awry for the Hawkeyes. Senior Cory Clark was one second of riding time away from forcing overtime in the 133-pound match. Clark started the third period down, 6-3, and rallied to tie it at 6-6. In the end, No. 5 Kaid Brock escaped Clark's grasp for the winning point.

There was some controversy on whether Clark's riding time started on time, but nothing was changed.

Senior Topher Carton had a tall task on his hands, preparing for the defending national champion at 141 pounds in Oklahoma State's Dean Heil. Carton wrestled the country's No. 1 tough but ended up falling, 8-5.

The match at 149 pounds was one of the most intense matches of the night — it took two sudden-victory periods to determine a winner. No. 3



Iowa 157-pounder Skyler St. John reacts to his loss to Nebraska's Tyler Berger during the 54th Annual Ken Kraft Midlands Championships in Welsh-Ryan Arena on Dec. 29, 2016. Berger defeated St. John by a technical fall, 15-0. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Anthony Collica of Oklahoma State ended up getting the best of No. 2 Brandon Sorensen, 4-3.

On the bright side for the Hawkeyes, redshirt freshman 157-pounder Michael Kemerer continued his tear, picking up a decision over No. 6 Joe Smith, 4-3. Kemerer has had a number of impressive wins this season, and his season record is 19-0.

"With the schedule we wrestle, I know I have to be ready no matter who I'm wrestling," Kemerer said in a release. "For me, it's about thinking about myself and doing the things I do well. It doesn't matter who is out there."

After Skylar St. John got pinned and No. 13 Alex Meyer lost a 5-2 decision to Kyle Crutchmer, senior Sammy Brooks had one of the most impressive performances of the night. He took on a familiar foe in No. 5 Nolan Boyd and, after going scoreless in the first period, picked up a major decision with a

13-3 victory.

"I'll give him some kudos. Boyd's a guy I enjoy wrestling because I know he is going to go out and wrestle hard," Brooks said in a release. "Coming in, it was about getting myself ready, knowing that I'm going to be in it for seven minutes. When I'm feeling good, I like where I'm at."

It was all over after 197-pounder Cash Wilcke lost by a 6-0 decision and No. 6 Sam Stoll lost at heavyweight against No. 9 Austin Schafer, 5-4.

Iowa has another big dual on Friday; No. 2 Penn State rolls into Carver-Hawkeye in what is sure to be an intense battle.

"Our guys are going to go forward with this," Brands said. "Five days from now, we have Penn State coming in, and regardless if we win this dual, we're in the same boat, except you won the dual meet. We have to get ready to go."

Women's tennis snares win in Florida

The Hawkeyes got off to a quick start in Orlando.

By **NICHOLAS MOREANO**
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The Iowa women's tennis team traveled to Orlando, Florida, to compete against Central Florida in its season-opener and came away with a victory.

The match started off with Central taking the doubles point. But the Hawkeyes quickly turned it around with senior Aimee Tarun defeating Nicole Jimenez (6-1, 6-0).

After Tarun's victory, the Hawkeyes kept winning — sophomore Kristen Thoms and juniors Zoe Douglas and Anastasia Reimchen followed up with victories.

"I'm very proud of these girls," Iowa head coach Sasha Schmid said in a release. "UCF is a good team, and we were pushed in every match today. I liked the way we responded in singles after dropping a tough doubles point."

Another notable victory came from freshman Elise van Heuvelen, who defeated Natali Serrano (6-2, 2-6, 6-2) in her Hawkeye debut.

"These girls have worked hard in every way," Schmid said in a release. "This was a great start, and I'm excited to keep working hard and competing."

The Hawkeyes will try to continue the great start on Saturday, when they will host Creighton in the home-opener.



Tarun
junior