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Iowa City flag burning raises some hackles

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A protest involving the burning of American flags that took place downtown on Thursday has received mixed views from community members.

Around noon Thursday, a group of protesters took to the Pedestrian Mall to rally against the “corrupted policies that forged America,” citing the genocide of Native Americans, the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and some of America’s foreign policy as reasons to assemble.

Paul Osgerby (a former *DI* writer) and Kelli Ebensberger, who were part of the group, were eventually cited by the Iowa City police.

Initially, the protesters wanted to hold a rally on Inauguration Day in the middle of the Ped Mall, Ebensberger said. Instead, it occurred outside of Wells Fargo, she said, as a symbolic representation of corruption of the institution, which is a well-known funder of Dakota Access pipeline construction.

“One: we wanted to be further distanced from the playground,” Osgerby said. “Two: outside of Wells Fargo, pretty well-known

funder of the Dakota Pipeline.”

Lyombe Eko, a professor of journalism and electronic media at Texas Tech University who teaches media law, said flag burning is legal and protected by the First Amendment.

“Flag burning is symbolic speech and expressive conduct,” he said, noting that the First Amendment doesn’t only cover oral and written speech but stretches to symbolic speech.

However, Eko said, the protesters could’ve been arrested if the flag belonged to the University of Iowa or to another person.

Police Sgt. Derek Frank, a watch

commander, said the two protesters were cited for open burning, noting that the two were not handcuffed or taken to jail. Frank said the two were not charged with any other violation.

Ebensberger said she and Osgerby were charged with a misdemeanor, specifically violating a city-wide burn ordinance.

“The (ticket) says ‘open burning prohibited,’” she said. “We went into this assuming that would occur.”

Under Iowa Code, Chapter 6, section 6-6-1, open burning is prohibited, stating, “No person shall ignite, cause to be ignited, permit

to be ignited, allow or maintain any open fire” with exceptions noted under section 6-6-2. That section states, “Open burning ... may be permitted, in compliance with fire department guidelines, with a valid open-burning permit from the fire department.”

The group of protesters started by dousing the four American flags people brought with rubbing alcohol and lighting them on fire, Ebensberger said.

“Then a FedEx guy came up to us and started yelling at us, using

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Pipeline leak raises some alarms

The Magellan pipeline leak, though now contained, has many worried about the future.

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In the wake of the Magellan pipeline leak, officials continue to reassure the public, while those against pipelines voice concerns.

On Wednesday, there was a release in the 12-inch Magellan pipeline, which was transferring diesel fuel from Rosemont, Minnesota, to Mason City, Iowa. Around 140,000 gallons of diesel were released.

The Magellan operations control center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, detected the problem, said Tom Byers, a spokesman for Magellan Midstream Partners.

“We immediately began to shut down the pipeline, closing off valves to segregate the section,” he said. “We then went out and investigated on foot and discovered we had a release in diesel fuel in Worth County, Iowa.”

According to ABC 9 News, the most recent pipeline accident in Iowa was in March 2016, when around 30,000 gallons of gas leaked.

These kind of spills are very serious, said University of Iowa Student Government Sen. Sean Finn, who is part of the group that petitioned for solidarity against Dakota Access pipeline.

“[Diesel] can contaminate soil, which is obviously extremely important in Iowa,” Finn said. “It can also easily contaminate water sources.”

Vacuum trucks were sent out immediately to start the recovery, Byers said. Both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources were on site, monitoring the cleanup, he said.

“We do not actively participate in the cleanup,” said Jeff Vansteenburgh, the

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TRUMP, KING move against abortion



Protesters stand on the lawn of the State Capitol on Jan. 21. Organizers said an estimated 26,000 people attended the march and rally. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

By **MARIA CURI** | maria-curi@uiowa.edu

The debate over women’s reproductive rights did not end with the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973.

On Monday, President Trump signed an executive action to reinstate the “Mexico City Policy” and, according to his Twitter feed, on Feb. 2, he will nominate an anti-abortion Supreme Court justice. Under these conditions, on Jan. 12, Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, introduced what has come to be known as the “heartbeat bill.”

The bill would ban abortions around the six-week mark, or when the fetus’ heartbeat is first heard, with no exceptions for cases of rape or incest. It also includes a fine or up to five years of imprisonment for providers who perform abortions.

“It is unconscionable that the government would interfere with any woman’s health-care decisions, especially a survivor of rape or incest,” Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said.

Rachel Lopez, the public relations manager for Planned

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ETHICS & POLITICS Iowa Politics

Iowa Senate slashes universities funding

The Iowa Senate passes a bill cutting spending for higher education.

By **ANNA KAYSER**
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The Iowa Senate passed a budget bill on Thursday, voting to cut \$18 million from Iowa’s three major public universities through the state Board of Regents’ funding as well as other state departments.

The bill is expected to

move through the Iowa House and to be signed by Gov. Terry Branstad next week.

Of the \$18 million in cuts from Iowa’s three public institutions, \$8 million each will hit the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and \$2 million will be lopped off from the University of Northern Iowa budget.

In response to the cuts, Iowa State President Steven Leath said in a prepared statement, “We will take a very thoughtful and diligent approach to how we manage these cuts so as to minimize the impact on our students now and in the long term.”

Iowa State will focus on putting off nonessen-

tial maintenance, getting rid of vacant positions, and limiting spending on various services.

UI President Bruce Harrelled said in a prepared statement on Jan. 19, “We can’t lose the gifted educators and researchers who call the University of Iowa home, and we must continue to recruit talented people.”

He also said the university cannot compromise on faculty compensation.

“The UI doesn’t have anything else to add, and we defer to the Board of Regents office,” Anne Bassett of the Strategic Communications Office wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

The UI had no comment after the legisla-

tion passed the Senate.

In a prepared statement, University of Northern Iowa interim President Jim Wohlpart said, “In the past, we did not consistently or sufficiently allocate funding directly for strategic initiatives or goals of the strategic plan, nor did we allocate sufficient funds for necessary

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MAKING A BREAK



UI sophomore Kylie Burdick takes a smoke break with a friend outside Joe's Place on Thursday. Joe's Place is located on Iowa Avenue. (The Daily Iowan/Olivia Sun)

PROTEST

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explicit language, telling us to stop," she said.

"With a fire extinguisher, he was aiming for the flags at first, to put them out," Osgerby said. "He took two of the flags, but when we kept going, he came back and sprayed the protesters. He

grabbed my coat and started shoving me."

Soon, a couple police officers who had been standing by stepped in, Ebensberger said, primarily to stop the ruckus.

"The police came by to bring down the ruckus," she said. "They asked us to put out the flames, but at that point we just kind of let them burn out."

Although protected by the

U.S. Constitution, flag burning's favorability is up for debate among some University of Iowa students.

UI freshman Grant Reese said he is against flag burning.

"I am against people burning the flag because people go and die for our country every day," he said. "Our flag represents that, but I still think they should protest the way they want."

UI sophomore Alex Reyes was neutral about the incident but was still against burning the American flag.

"I'm in the middle. It's in the First Amendment, so they do have the right to protest and exercise their freedom of speech in whichever way they want, but the reason I would be against it would just be the whole effect that you are burning the American flag," she said.

ABORTION

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Parenthood of the Heartland, said not taking into account cases of rape or incest was "appalling" and "disgusting."

Because it goes against the constitutional provision in *Roe v. Wade* that is meant to prevent an "undue burden" in abortion cases, some have said the heartbeat bill is unlikely to pass. But Mary Hoelscher, a member of the Dubuque County Right to Life Committee, believes otherwise.

"Republicans are in the majority, so I think that, in reality, there is a good chance this bill will be passed," Hoelscher said. "Anything that is going to lessen abortions is a good

thing. I have pro-choice friends who agree we should have a lower number of abortions."

Lopez said that if the bill does pass, the number of abortions will not decrease.

"It is preposterous to assert that outlawing abortion will decrease abortion," Lopez said. "What it will do is make it less safe for women and more women will die."

Hoelscher said that although she believes the heartbeat bill will pass, it won't be a smooth transition.

"It will be a hard time of transition, there will be massive pro-choice protests, but I do feel that eventually this [heartbeat bill] will be a deterrent and we will have fewer abortions," Hoelscher said.

According to a 2007 study from the World Health Center and the

Gutmacher Institute, illegality does not deter women seeking abortion services, instead it makes the process more dangerous for them.

"The surest way to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies is by increasing the availability of family-planning resources," Loeb sack said.

Under former President Obama, nongovernmental organizations did not receive funding for abortions, but they did receive assistance for other family-planning services, including contraception and post-abortion care. Trump's reinstatement of the "Mexico City Policy" took away complete U.S. government funding from international nongovernmental organizations that promote or conduct abortion services.

"Like many of the bills introduced regarding a women's right to choose, this bill [heartbeat bill] seeks to chip away at the protections contained in the *Roe v. Wade* decision," Loeb sack said.

According to the Pew Research Center, approximately 69 percent of Americans say *Roe v. Wade* should not be completely overturned.

"We can't speak for all providers, but in the case of Planned Parenthood, our providers continue to be passionately committed," Lopez said. "If the bill passes, it'll go all the way to the Supreme Court. Once that scenario is upon us, we'll address it, but right now it's safe and legal."

King did not respond to *Daily Iowan* photo requests and emails for comment this week.

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field office supervisor for Natural Resources. "We are there to ensure everything is done according to rules."

The priority is normally to prevent the product from contaminating water sources, Vansteenburg said.

"The products tended to pool in an area near the release," Byers said. "No product has gotten to water of any type."

Vansteenburg confirmed the lack of water contamination, and said soil will be dug up and replaced to prevent future issues.

"We are just pleased there were no injuries or evacuations," Byers said. "The recovery process goes

in at this time and will go on as long as necessary."

However, others are worried what this incident means for the future, especially with President Trump pushing ahead with the Dakota Access Pipeline.

A group of 15 to 20 protesters gathered on the Pedestrian Mall Thursday morning, with the Dakota Pipeline construction being one of their main concerns.

"This pipeline is corrupt in a number of ways," said Kelli Ebensberger, one of the protesters cited.

"Whether it's the dependence on fossil fuel, the effect that has on climate change, the effect of it taking land from Native American population, and then the effect on local environments and water sources."

"It's a terrible event [the Magellan leak], but wonderful evidence of the potential dangers," Finn said. "Unfortunately, I think it will have very little impact on the future plans for [pipelines]."

Byers and Vansteenburg, however, are focused on containing the current situation.

"Right now, we are concentrating on the release," Byers said. "That's where our attention should be drawn."

These pipelines are an issue a lot of people tend to stay away from, Finn said. He wants to see people to step forward after this event.

"I hope to see local politicians and people of power taking a stance

in the next coming days, weeks, months, etc.," Finn said. "I don't want to see people push aside this event."

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building renovations."

UNI will take overflow funds from different areas and use them to offset the effects of the budget cuts.

Josh Lehman, the regents' senior communications director, said everyone was aware of the impending cuts following Branstad's Condition of the State Address.

"Any cut is tough; we

appreciate all those who worked hard to lower these proposed cuts," he said.

Officials will decide how the cuts will be implemented after the House passes the bill and the two chambers rectify any differences before sending the legislation to Branstad for his signature.

"We will work with our institutions to make sure that any cuts have as little effect as possible on students and student learning," Lehman said.

Branstad proposed the cuts in his Jan. 10 Condi-

tion of the State Address, in which he called for \$25.6 million in higher-education cuts for regents.

The cuts were reduced, from \$25.6 million to \$18 million, in an agreement between the House and Senate.

Other cuts include \$3 million from community colleges, \$5.5 million from correctional facilities, \$4.5 million from the Iowa Department of Education, \$3 million from the judicial system, \$1 million from public safety, and \$11.5 million in unnamed cuts.

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Meeting scrutinizes bike plan

The first community workshop for Iowa City's Bicycle Master Plan took place on Thursday, and community members had an opportunity to propose changes.

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Community members and city officials came together Thursday to discuss the new Bicycle Master Plan.

According to a handout, which was distributed Thursday, Iowa City's bike plan "will capture Iowa City's vision for a bike-friendly community that allows all residents access to safe, low-stress facilities to meet their daily transportation needs."

The handout said the plan is to "reflect the community's shared values and aspirations."

The goal of Thursday's meeting was to hear from community members about paths they would like to see once the plan is completed.

Kent Ralston, the transportation planner for Iowa City, kicked off the meeting by commenting on the size of crowd.

"I am pleased to see such a large crowd here," he said.

Ralston then described the background on why the master plan is necessary.

"The last time we were at the City Council meeting, they gave us an initiative to receive a gold medal [from the League of American Bicyclists]," he said.

According to the league's website, "the Bicycle Friendly America program provides a roadmap, hands-on assistance and recognition for states, communities, universities, and businesses" that promote bicycle friendliness.

Although Iowa City had been the only city in the state to have a silver medal, receiving a gold medal will only improve Iowa City's reputation of environmental friendliness.

"What [a gold medal] means is that we are a city that has reached certain milestones," Ralston said.

Ralston then introduced Cynthia Hoyle, an associate planner at Alta Planning and Design who has been involved

with the bicycle plan from the beginning.

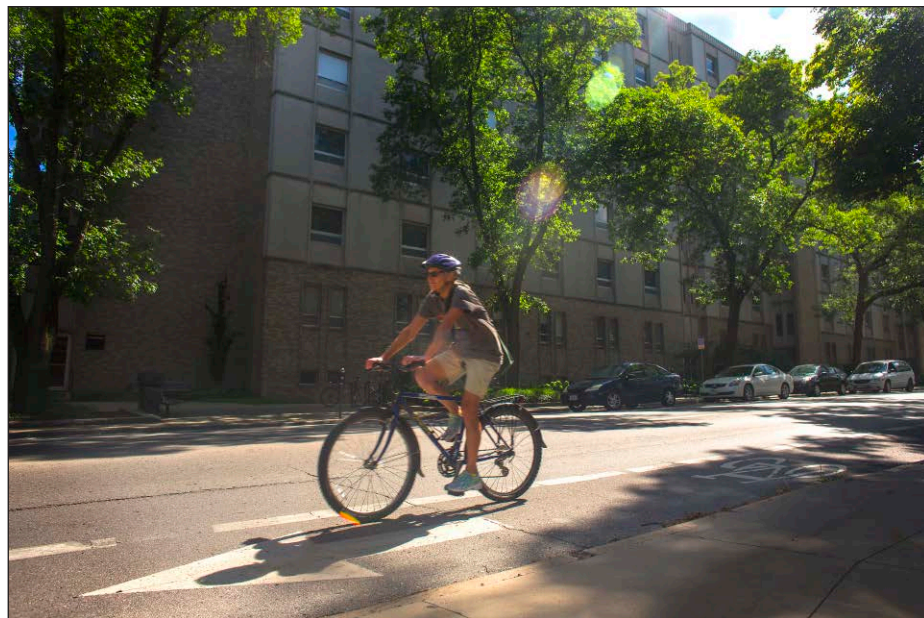
"We want to find out what you want from the bicycle plan, and we know the needs of the community are diverse," she said. "There are people who use bicycle paths for both recreation and transportation."

Hoyle said she wished to find "missing links" between current bicycle paths and access points that to her are not easily accessible to the public.

"A plan is only as good as its execution," she said.

Hoyle outlined the various groups that contributed to the development of the plan, which included the city of Iowa City, the bicycle advisory committee, the technical advisory committee, consultant teams, and the public.

Marty Shukert, an urban planner with RDG Planning and Design who is assisting with the plan, noted the highly interactive website of the plan. The website has infor-



A bicyclist rides down Market Street in a bike lane on July 26, 2016. Local officials and community members are considering a bicycle master plan for the city. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

mation about the plan as well as a questionnaire that aims to learn information about Iowa City residents' bicycle habits.

"This survey gives us the opportunity to get to know you," Shukert said.

Shukert also highlight-

ed the many interactive stations around the room. The stations gave community members the opportunity to review proposed bicycle paths as well as suggest new routes.

"Around the room, we have arbitrarily split up

Iowa City to show the detail of the photos," Shukert said.

Community members then went around to the various stations and with stickers and markers proposed new paths for Iowa City bikers to use.

METRO

Man faces burglary, theft charges

Authorities have accused a Coralville man of stealing a television.

Christopher Wright, 31, was charged Jan. 25 with second-degree theft and third-degree burglary.

According to the arrest affidavit, police received a call about a suspi-

cious-looking male walking down an alley carrying a TV. The caller was also concerned due to Iowa City recent influx in daytime burglaries.

Officers were able to locate Wright by matching his description. He was still carrying the television. At the time, Wright had active warrants out for his arrest for other crimes.

Upon further investigation, a home

a few blocks away was found to have an open front door and a missing television. The owner of the property was able to identify the TV to police, reporting he paid \$12,000 for it.

Wright has since been taken into custody. Second-degree theft and third-degree burglary are both Class-D felonies.

— By Kayli Reese

BLOTTER

Deborah Hall, 50, Washington, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Evan Purkapile, 18, North Liberty, was charged Jan. 20 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Joshua Robertson, 34, was charged Thursday with carrying a concealed, dangerous weapon and OWI.

Nicolas Sabbia, 19, Hawk Ridge, was charged Sunday

with disorderly conduct and malicious prosecution.

Jeremy Woods, 30, West Des Moines, was charged Tuesday with extortion, first-degree harassment, and assault resulting in injury.

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COLUMN

A true conservative



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In my experience, conservatism is not well-represented in Iowa City, let alone America. I grew up in Cedar Rapids, where the situation is only marginally better.

Conservatism is always tied to religiosity. Conservatives are opposed to abortion, gay marriage, environmental protection, always on religious grounds. Conservatism, to many, means backwardness, close-mindedness, above all, whiteness.

It is my opinion that conservatism is not essentially a religious political position. Indeed, if it is to remain a serious political party at all, it must drop this aspect. Conservatism, rather than being essentially religious, is the recognition of the importance of tradition. Defining conservatism, then, is necessarily contextual, dependent on the traditions of whatever place you are in.

Conservatism, when I was growing up, always seemed to me the preservation of Christianity and whiteness. For someone who was raised in the absence of any religion, and who is half-white, it was a wholly unacceptable political position. Furthermore, when deciding between the “Conservative” Party and the “Democratic” Party, to my child’s mind it always sounded like the “Conservatives” were inherently anti-“Democratic”

As a political ideology, conservatism, as it was formulated by Edmund Burke, arose in reaction to the French Revolution. The French Revolution witnessed the triumph of radicalism, the violent toppling of a corrupt aristocracy by the oppressed masses. Some hoped that a similar revolution would occur in England. But it soon became clear that the situation in France was far from desirable. “Mob rule” ensued — the real counterpart of social-media outrage dog piles — blood-filled the streets, and in a few years France and much of Europe was

living under the military dictatorship of Napoleon.

Conservatism became the recognition that radicalism, essentially a destructive political ideology, leads to an even worse state of affairs than the unjust system it replaces.

As a political doctrine, conservatism in America should mean an adherence to the political traditions as laid out in the founding documents of the country, which is just liberalism. Conservatism should be a dogmatic adherence to liberal principles. The Christian tradition is unviable for many, including me. Yet we recognize the importance of having a living tradition. We recognize and celebrate the achievement of liberalism. But we also recognize that liberalism is a tradition that needs caretaking, protection, but most importantly, renewal.

The true conservative cares less about which tradition exists than that there be a living tradition.

Conservatives regard tradition as the primary unifying force in a society. They see tradition as a way for the individual to get outside themselves. Tradition gives significance to a single life by setting it next to the generations of the past. Those without tradition are unmoored from themselves, yet unable to escape narcissism.

The conservative does not, however, regard the past with a slavish aspect; he or she, too, recognizes that change can be beneficial. To be traditional does not mean to dully repeat the past; tradition can only survive through successive renewal. But the conservative always recognizes the debt to the past.

What traditions we have in America are few and unsatisfactory: sports and religion. The greatest tradition we have is the liberal tradition. But the liberal tradition demands that we be political. To be effectively political, we must know what we stand for. To know what we stand for, we must be aware of where and who we are.

Conservatism, then, should mean a return to local politics. It should mean a reduction in the federal government. Conservatism should mean a greater engagement with our community, ourselves, and our past.

COLUMN

Setting fire as Trump era burns on



A group of protesters burn American flags on the Pedestrian Mall along Clinton Street on Thursday. (David Scrivner/Iowa City Press-Citizen)



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President Trump’s inauguration has lit a fire in the once timid liberal heart. Since the downfall of Occupy Wall Street, the vocal left had reserved itself to casual marches, often spearheaded by government-validated unions and typically only culminating to some bucket drumming and lackluster chants. Now, with Trump in office for barely a week, dissent has erupted into actions designed to agitate.

On Thursday, a group of the radically inclined assembled in front of the Clinton Street Wells Fargo with American flags and lighter fluid. Three flags were doused and set on fire while protesters denounced Trump, crony corporatism, and American imperialism. Within moments, a FedEx employee shoved into the crowd discharging a fire extinguisher and ripped the flags from the protesters’ hands. When

the FedEx employee was removed from the situation, fuming in his delivery vehicle, another flag was set ablaze. Cars that passed by stuck defiantly patriotic middle fingers out their window, dissent met with disgust.

The disgust likely stems from the anti-veteran rhetoric that has been framed around the act of flag-burning. Though, for the most part, this is rhetoric that has been drummed up by those who oppose such First Amendment extremities.

According to the protest’s participants, anti-veteran sentiment is far from the case. Local activist Kelli Ebensberger said, “This act isn’t about disrespecting veterans. That flag represents the corrupt policies America continues to enforce internationally and domestically. American exceptionalism is a plague that kills and has killed hundreds of thousands. This most recent onslaught of policies are striving to criminalize dissent and diversity and pushing against information that attempts to condemn the abusive capitalist system driving our country, and we are not going to sit down

quietly and take it.”

Of course, Ebensberger speaks about the gag Trump has put on the Environmental Protection Agency and the most recent anti-protest bill that has been introduced in Des Moines, among other things.

On the subject of the suppression of protest, Paul Osgerby, one of the event’s organizers, said, “Dissent is at its most effective when it’s a public spectacle. Burning the flag is a protected, nonviolent form of that. I think it’s crucial for people to observe the flag as multidimensional. It’s not just a symbol of freedom or liberty that’s given to fallen service-people; the genocide of Native Americans, slavery of African Americans, suppression of citizenship for women, the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII, pillaging innocent people during the Vietnam War, and the list goes on and on, have all been done in the name of the American flag.”

The act of flag burning is an act of political iconoclasm, a steadfast tradition rooted in the American collective cognizance. To methodically challenge, question, and

attack government institutions and their symbols that work to govern us is as democratic as casting a ballot. The icon-worship involved with symbols of nationality is a tragically 19th-century sentiment. In an age of rapid globalization, nationality as a means of forcing a collective identity on the often very eclectic populations found in these nations is as arbitrary as the borders drawn on the maps by old rich men hundreds of years ago. And to most of the other folks partaking in globalization (read: the rest of the world), the American flag is often associated with austerity measures, economic sanctions, unapologetic ecological destruction, or bombs falling from the sky.

Trump is now the face of America, and thus, the American flag is in part an extension of him. If the Trump administration plans to ravage the planet through the “America First” energy plan, to continue drone strikes of remote Middle Eastern villages through the U.S. Targeted Killing Program, and continue to subjugate large swaths of the global south through exploitative global markets, I say let it burn.

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Trump lies, and no ally for the working

By **HANNAH GRISSSEL**
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President Trump and his administration are carrying out a hostile corporate coup that will harden America’s already present oligarchical political system. Trump not only lied to his supporters about being the champion of the working man, he acts purely in self-interest and the interests of the ultra-rich.

Even before this hostile takeover of American government by the 1 percent, evidence began to surface that the U.S. government was already operating in the interests of the ultra-rich.

In 2014, Martin Gilens of Princeton University and Benjamin Page of Northwestern University concluded, after an exhaustive and comprehensive study of the economics involved in policy, “Multivariate analysis indicates that economic elites and organized groups representing business inter-

ests have substantial independent impacts on U.S. government policy, while average citizens and mass-based interest groups have little or no independent influence.”

This study is proof that we as a nation nearly operate as an oligarchy rather than a democracy. Theories claiming our government is run by the 1 percent aren’t new by any means, but to have empirical evidence to bring validity to these theories are.

Even Trump himself acknowledged governmental corruption and proclaimed he would be the man to fix it. On the campaign trail, he declared over and over he would “drain the swamp” of corruption, lobbyists, campaign finance, etc.

One specific swamp creature he enjoyed mentioning was Goldman Sachs. While playing the role of “champion of the American middle class,” Trump denounced Goldman

Sachs and repeatedly called it out for defrauding the American people and tweeting about its “egregious” ownership of certain politicians.

So, in turn, one might think bringing anyone from Goldman Sachs onto his team wouldn’t be good for his image. However, the president of Goldman Sachs, Gray Cohn, will likely be his director of the Office of Management and Budget. I’m speechless to this point.

On top of literally going back on his word, Trump has stacked his Cabinet with the very people he claims to want to drain from the swamp. According to Politico, this Cabinet “could be worth as much as \$35 billion,” making it the wealthiest ever.

This isn’t to say their wealth is the problem. The problem is that many of these Cabinet members and their companies have spent millions on bankrolling politicians’ campaigns and lobbying in the pursuit of personal eco-

nomic interest.

In August, Trump claimed, “My campaign is about reaching out to everyone as Americans and returning to a government that puts the American people first.” What is obvious now is that there are varying interpretations of a “government that puts the American people first.”

His supporters surely understood this as a government that can ensure job/housing security and lower taxes, creating a higher income for the working class. Though I believe Trump understands this promise to translate to a “government that puts the wealthiest American people first.”

If we thought having oligarchs running things behind the veil through the practice of legal (and sometimes illegal) forms of bribery was bad, then we’re in for a ride. These oligarchs are being assigned to the highest positions of power in the U.S. government.

BBALL

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the start of the game, with Jordan Bohannon, Isaiah Moss, Jok, Tyler Cook, and Cordell Pemsil in the first rotation.

He did, however, make early adjustments, just as against Maryland, but

nothing seemed to work in the first half.

Keeping the likes of Moss, Cook, and Pemsil on the bench for a good portion of the second half wasn't meant to send a message, McCaffery said.

"I'm not a message-sender," he said. "I love all three of those guys, and we need them. I played those other guys,

and they were effective, so I stayed with them."

The Hawkeyes actually outscored the Illini 40-36 in the second half, but there was never a point at which Iowa looked in control.

Ohio State will travel to Carver-Hawkeye with more athletic ability and on an impressive run.

After dropping their first four games in conference

play, the Buckeyes have won three of their last four. Their only loss (by 2 points) came at the hands of Northwestern, one of the conference's better teams.

Ohio State's recent wins came against Michigan State, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

Iowa's defense has struggled at times with teams that use a multidimension-

al scoring attack, instead of keying in on just one player, and the Buckeyes have six players scoring more than 9 points a game.

Jae-Sean Tate leads the charge, netting 13.9 per contest.

The Hawkeyes will have their hands full in the paint as well, another defensive weakness this season. Ohio State's

7-footer Trevor Thompson is having a career year, scoring 11 points, grabbing 9.3 rebounds, blocking almost 2 shots, and shooting 58.8-percent.

The last time the Hawkeyes squared off with the Buckeyes came last season. Ohio State dropped Iowa, 68-64, in Columbus during Iowa's late four-game losing streak.

TENNIS

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in a close match against Creighton. Sophomore Adorabol Huckleby, who defeated Creighton's Mi-

chaela Henne, said her teammates played a big part in her win.

"Tennis is an individual sport, but after every point you have your teammates cheering for you and telling you [that] you can do it," Huckleby said. "That's real-

ly important for confidence and to get that extra push."

The Hawkeyes have their teammates' backs and can count on that extra push, but individually, they must hold themselves accountable in each match if they want to stay undefeated.

It starts with freshman Elise van Heuvelen, continues to seniors Aimee Tarun and Natalie Looney, and ends with Schmid. Last season, the Hawkeyes started off 6-0 but ended up with a 10-15 record. Yes, the Hawkeyes

have enjoyed some early success, but they must stay disciplined to avoid a falloff like last year.

For the Hawkeyes to keep heading in the right direction, they must start with focus.

"I think our focus and

urgency to play every point the best we can and not have any lapses," Schmid said. "It's definitely something that we put an emphasis on, and in the long run, it will just make us better on every point we play."

WRESTLING

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teams really think they can win, and the other

teams are just doing the best they can do. We're really trying to win here, so I got to do my job, and everyone else has to do his job."

While Clark has had his fair share of good,

intense matches, so has 149-pounder Brandon Sorensen. For the third dual in a row, he will wrestle an undefeated, top-five opponent at the weight.

Both of Sorensen's past

two matches, against No. 2 Anthony Collica of Oklahoma State and No. 1 Zain Retherford of Penn State, have taken two tiebreaker periods to determine a winner, with Sorensen coming up just short both times.

With No. 5 Micah Jordan now on Sorensen's radar, wrestling fans should be in for yet another good match from the junior.

"Another undefeated guy, third week in a row," Brands said. "If you saw him going forward, you know we've never doubted him. He's going to have another test, and

I'd say he's up for it."

Senior Alex Meyer at 174 has a substantial challenge this week as well. After a big win by taking down Junior World champion Mark Hall of Penn State last week, Meyer will have the chance to take on the No. 1 wrestler at 174 pounds, Bo Jordan.

After earning All-American honors last season, a

win over Jordan would be a big confidence boost for Meyer, who is now ranked No. 11 at 174 pounds.

"He wrestles. He's a pretty good wrestler. That's why he's had the accomplishments that he has," Meyer said. "I think that's what I do well, too, is I wrestle. When I'm wrestling, I'm really hard to beat, and I think that's what it'll take."



Iowa 149-pounder Brandon Sorensen dives at Michigan's Zac Hall during the Iowa-Michigan meet at Keen Arena in Ann Arbor on Jan. 6. Sorensen defeated Hall, 10-1, in a major decision. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

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If Going to a Play Were Like Going to a Rock Concert

- There'd be a crappy one-act before the actual play, with 45-minute set change.
- Many audience members would wear T-shirts from other plays they've seen but not the \$40 T-shirt of that night's play — which, despite complaining about the ridiculous price, they still would buy.
- Intermission would be one actor performing a 15-minute monologue called "The Drum Solo."
- Audiences wouldn't mind paying money to see the same play over and over and over again.
- At the end of an especially good performance, the actors would destroy their props by smashing them onstage.
- *Cats* would be on its fifth farewell tour.
- "Hello [NAME OF CITY]. Are you ready to SHAKESPEARE?"
- People would start smoking pot as soon as lights dimmed in order to "really feel the words, man."
- Audiences would rarely ask for their Nickel back.
- My wife would maybe actually go to one with me.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks many friends for contributing to today's Ledge.

today's events

- **Martin Luther King Research Symposium**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., N300 Lindquist
- **Faculty Talk: Populist Authoritarianism in China**, Wenfang Tang, noon, 302 Schaeffer
- **Henry Tippie's 90th Birthday Reception**, 1:30 p.m., Pappajohn Howe Galleria
- **Martin Luther King Speaker: Jelani Jefferson Exum**, 2 p.m., 225 Boyd Law Building
- **Shelter Dogs, Stealth, and Physical Activity: Gisolfi Lecture**, Katie Becofsky, 2:30 p.m., E331 UIHC General Hospital
- **Environmental Engineering & Science Graduate Seminar**, David Osterberg, 3:30 p.m., 2217 Seamans
- **Chemistry Seminar**, Suzanne Bart, 3:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **Kyle Abraham/Abraham.In.Motion**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- **CAB Presents: *Ouija: Origin of Evil***, 8 & 11 p.m., 166 IMU
- **CAB Presents: *The Accountant***, 8 & 11 p.m., 348 IMU
- **What Has Been Seen, or: How the Old Man with Chingos Big Wings Learned to Love Bertolt Brecht in the Time of Cholera**, Workshop Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theater B

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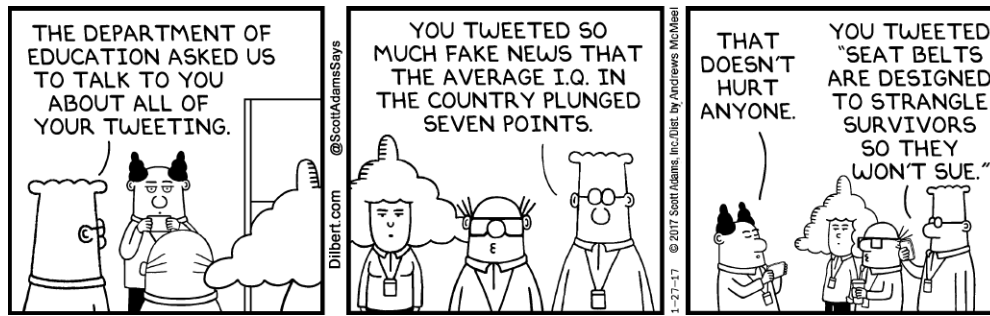
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- 12:30-1 P.M. BUSINESS UPDATE**
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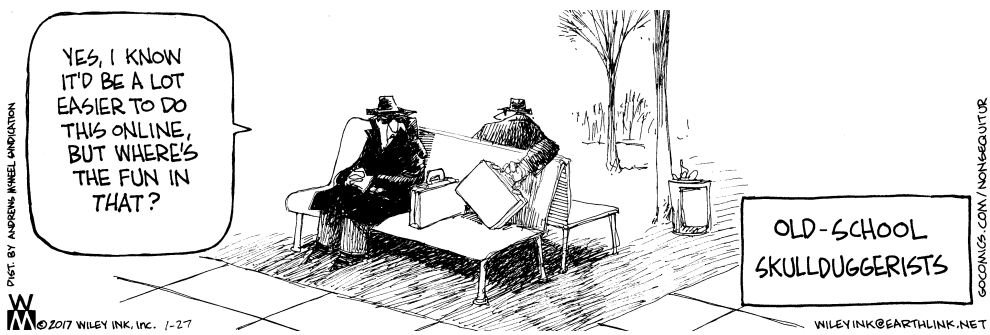
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Friday, January 27, 2017
by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your concern for others will take you on an interesting journey. Find out all you can. The information you retrieve will help you assist others, and you can bring about changes if you offer alternatives.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions will swell up over financial concerns. A problem at work or with a relationship can be expected if you aren't willing to go along with the majority opinion. Work quietly on perfecting your plan.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep anyone giving you a difficult time at arm's length. Don't give in to demands or pressure when you should be focused on gathering information and turning what you want into a reality. Embrace change, and don't look back.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): A joint venture will have strings attached. Go over details, and question anything that is too costly or unnecessary. A physical response will grab attention and ensure that everyone you are dealing with is aware of your ultimate goal.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider what you can do to make your domestic life better. Perhaps clearing a space will encourage you to develop a new skill or start a small home business. Nurture important partnerships to avoid emotional tension.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check into an investment that will influence the way you do business in the future. Taking on something that can turn into additional work looks promising. Aim to build your assets, and you will ease stress and improve your health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Branch out, and look for something you can do that will use your skills and bring in extra cash. Starting a small sideline business will ease financial stress and lead to new opportunities. Trust and believe in yourself and your abilities.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make love and romance a priority. Make personal decisions that will improve your life and the way you live. A physical change will make you feel good about the way you look. Greater confidence will lead to success.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be tempted to get involved in something because of boredom and the desire for change. Before you take a leap of faith, consider the cost involved. Show interest in what others do, but don't feel the need to participate.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider different ways you can earn a living. If there is something you enjoy doing, turn it into a lucrative project. Combining talent, intellect, and passion will give you a chance to live your way. Romance is in the stars.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let your emotions lead the way. Don't be afraid to express your feelings. Finding out exactly where you stand will help you head in a direction that will bring positive results. Don't waffle when you should forge ahead.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The less you share with others, the easier it will be to get what you want to do over and done with. Don't limit your plans because of what others are doing. Take action based on facts and common sense.

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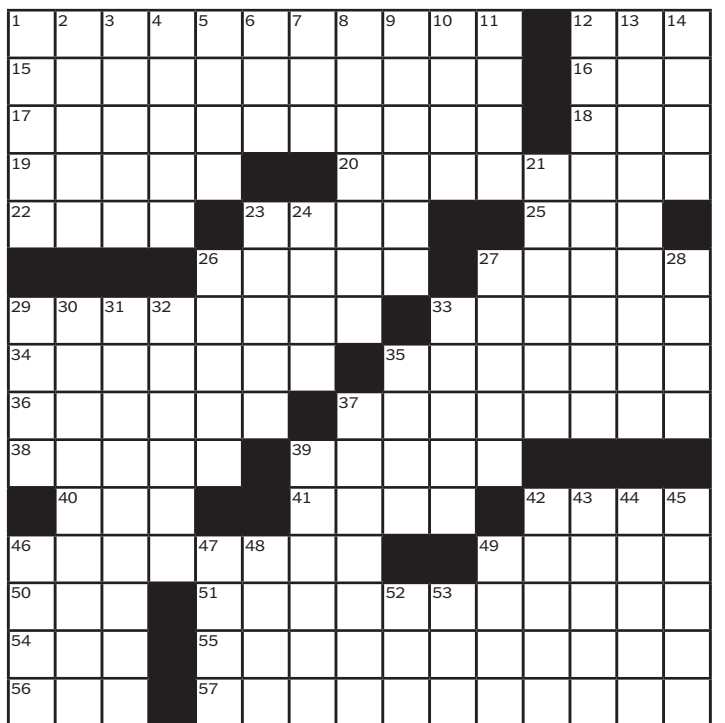
- ACROSS**
- 1 One may hold a ship in place
 - 12 Network initials
 - 15 Visa option
 - 16 It resembles an "n" when lowercase
 - 17 Northeast nickname, with "the"
 - 18 Man buns, e.g.
 - 19 Remain stationary while facing the wind, in nautical lingo
 - 20 Toy car driver?
 - 22 Actress Headey of "Game of Thrones"
 - 23 ___ Sea, now four lakes
 - 25 A.C.T. subj.
 - 26 Jones for
- DOWN**
- 27 ___ metabolism
 - 29 Warm spot in the snow
 - 33 Crop, e.g.
 - 34 Life partners?
 - 35 Square things
 - 36 Many a listicle
 - 37 Stereotypical man bun sporters
 - 38 Plot elements?
 - 39 Keep score, say
 - 40 Understanding
 - 41 Eponymous Paris suburb
 - 42 Circle of friends at a party, perhaps
 - 46 Breathers?
 - 49 Harrison's vice president
 - 50 Hospital lines, briefly
 - 51 Like moderates, politically
 - 54 Beaut
 - 55 Common film background
 - 56 Francis II dissolved it in 1806: Abbr.
 - 57 Game for the gifted?

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- 26 Shelters for sheep
- 27 ___ DeVos, noted school choice advocate
- 28 Contact, say
- 29 Rama's wife, in Hinduism
- 30 Upset
- 31 "Let's see what you've got"
- 32 Hidden
- 33 Thread part
- 35 Bass organ
- 37 More caustic
- 39 Pre-Columbian civilization
- 42 Hercules slew it
- 43 Bygone
- 44 Filled again, as a flat
- 45 Circus Maximus, e.g.
- 46 Virtually
- 47 Fixes badly?
- 48 Subject preceder
- 49 Little jerks
- 52 Suffix indicating a double bond
- 53 Boulder setting: Abbr.

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Wrestlers gear up for No. 4 Buckeyes



Iowa 174-pounder Alex Meyer grabs Penn State's Mark Hall in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 20. The Nittany Lions defeated the Hawkeyes, 26-11. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

By **PETE RUDEN** | peter-ruden@uiowa.edu

After losing two-straight duals, the Iowa wrestling team will have a chance to get back on track when it takes on No. 4 Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye tonight.

In the past 12 days, the No. 3 Hawkeyes have gone to battle with No. 1 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Penn State; now, they have the task of the No. 4 Buckeyes.

"There are some degrees of success, even though we've lost two dual meets in the last two weekends, so you can still move forward," head coach Tom Brands said. "Then you move forward with not success also, because that's what you do when you're a human being with the right mindset. You go forward."

Ohio State wrestling hasn't come out of Iowa City with a victory since 1929, so the Hawkeyes will try to keep that streak intact. But with plenty of ranked opponents on the docket, that will be no easy task.

But luckily for Iowa, Kyle Snyder won't compete; the No. 1 heavyweight is in Russia.

Senior 133-pounder Cory Clark still has quite the match on his hands. Ranked No. 4 at his weight, he faces No. 1 Nathan Tomasello this week. Two years ago, Tomasello was the NCAA champion at 125.

While Clark hasn't had the opportunity to wrestle Tomasello, he has had the opportunity to watch and learn from teammate Thomas Gilman, who has battled the junior from Parma, Ohio.

Clark's match will have a big effect on the outcome of the dual, and with both teams trying to climb the rankings, a win is crucial.

"It's a big deal, just because we're trying to be first, and they're trying to be first," Clark said. "I feel like maybe the top four, top five

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Weekend Events

Friday

WRESTLING VS. NO. 4 OHIO STATE

WHEN: 7 P.M.

WHERE: CARVER-HAWKEYE

TRACK AND FIELD BLACK AND GOLD INVITATIONAL

WHEN: 11 A.M.

WHERE: RECREATION BUILDING

Saturday

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. OHIO STATE

WHEN: 7:05 P.M.

WHERE: CARVER-HAWKEYE

TRACK AND FIELD BLACK AND GOLD INVITATIONAL

WHEN: 10 A.M.

WHERE: RECREATION BUILDING

WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

WHEN: NOON

WHERE: HAWKEYE TENNIS & RECREATION COMPLEX

MEN'S TENNIS INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION KICKOFF

WHEN: NOON

WHERE: LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Sunday

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS VS. MARYLAND

WHEN: 2 P.M.

WHERE: CARVER-HAWKEYE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NO. 3 MARYLAND

WHEN: 1 P.M.

WHERE: COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Hawkeye hoops aims to fix skid

By **ADAM HENSLEY**

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Iowa's stretch of uncharacteristic, lackluster starts reached three-straight games on Wednesday against Illinois.

So now, the Hawkeyes (11-10) hope to end that streak and snag a home win against Ohio State (13-8) at 7:05 p.m. Saturday.

Over the most recent losing span, Iowa has averaged 64.6 points per game while giving up 83 — not a recipe for success.

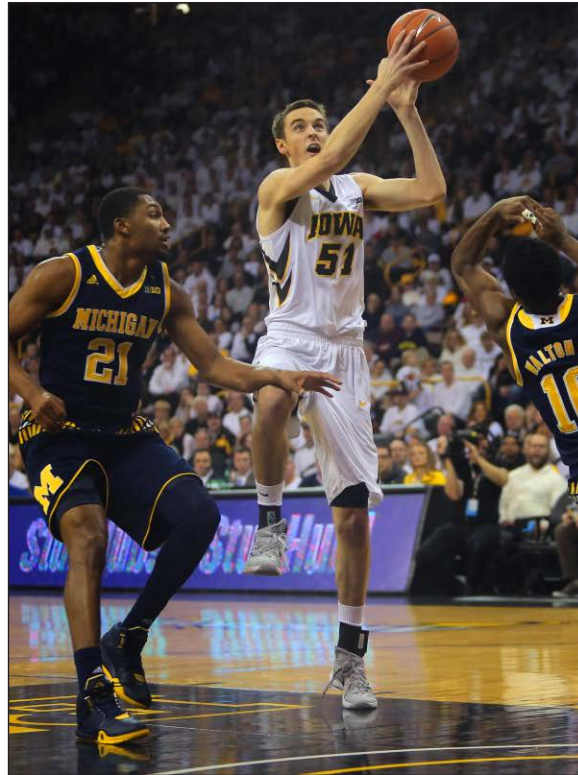
Sparks have been scarce. In the past two games, energy has come in the second half from the bench.

The Illini appeared unfazed by any Hawkeye defense from the beginning. In the first half, Illinois connected on 55.2-percent of its shots, including 6-of-11 on 3-pointers.

Head coach Fran McCaffery switched things up at halftime with the Hawkeyes on the wrong end of a 40-24 game.

Nicholas Baer, Dom Uhl, and Ahmad Wagner started the second half in an attempt to get something — anything — going.

"I thought those three guys in the second half were really, really good," McCaffery said. "They gave us a chance with their ac-



Iowa forward Nicholas Baer goes up for a layup against Michigan's Zak Irvin and Derrick Walton Jr. during the Iowa-Michigan game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wolverines, 82-71. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

tivity level defensively, getting to the glass, running the floor. I thought that's what we needed."

Many watching the game were left scratching their heads at one player in particular who didn't leave the lineup — Peter Jok.

It was evident the senior was in pain and wasn't getting his shots to fall. He took only nine shots.

He connected on three of them and managed to put together a 10-point outing. He also turned the ball over four times, tied for a team high.

McCaffery hinted at a possible lineup change in his teleconference on Monday. No changes came at the start of the game, with

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Iowa tennis seeks to keep rolling along

By **NICHOLAS MOREANO**

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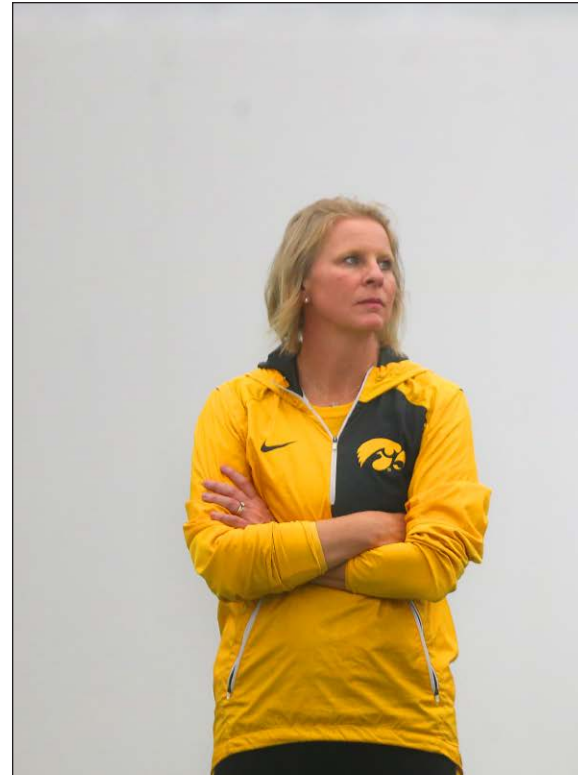
The Iowa women's tennis team is undefeated in two matches this season, and the players will try to keep it that way when it hosts Northern Illinois at noon Saturday in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

Both the Hawkeyes and Huskies are coming off impressive wins in which they dominated their opponents. The Hawkeyes defeated Creighton, 7-0, and the Huskies defeated South Dakota State, 7-0 — the Huskies didn't surrender one set.

"I have a lot of respect for [Northern Illinois]," Iowa head coach Sasha Schmid said. "I think we will be tested, and I love that, and it's going to be a great opportunity for us to learn about ourselves."

Only two games into the "spring" season, there is still plenty of learning left for the Hawkeyes. Schmid said she wants to see the Hawkeyes progress into an aggressive doubles team and become a hard-nosed squad that is unwilling to give up points in singles.

In addition to being stubborn about giving up points, the Hawkeyes are resolute in supporting their teammates when



Iowa head coach Sasha Schmid watches a match during the Iowa-Creighton match at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. The Hawkeyes defeated the Blue Jays, 7-0. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

they're playing a match.

On Jan. 21 against Creighton, sophomore Kristen Thoms played an intense match against Hylan Miller. Toward the end, she screamed after each point she won and looked to her teammates, who screamed along. She wound up defeating Miller (6-4, 6-2) and said she couldn't have done it

without the boost from her teammates.

"I need my teammates; they support me," Thoms said. "I just feel like that there is another level that comes out when I just have all these people supporting me."

Thoms wasn't the only Hawkeye who was in

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