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IMPROV STEERS CLEAR OF POLITICS

Iowa City improv troupes choose to avoid political jokes.

Paperback Rhino, the National College Improv Tournament winners in 2016, performs at Public Space One on Jan. 26. As a way to avoid uncomfortable feelings and promote laughter, Iowa City's improvisational comedy troupes tend to avoid political jokes. (The Daily Iowan/Simone Banks-Mackey)

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Iowa City's improvisational-comedy troupes tend to avoid political jokes so they don't offend anyone, because their main goal is to make people laugh, not address a harsh reality for a lot of people.

Paperback Rhino, the National College Improv Tournament winners in 2016, tends to dodge political jokes not only because people don't want to watch an argument, nor upset anyone, but also because the members believe there's not much direction to go with the jokes, said Paperback Rhino captain Leslie Symonds.

While political jokes might start off funny, she said, there's not much direction to go with the scene, so after a while the audience might feel uncomfortable or start contemplating the state of the country.

Although the group tries to steer clear of political jokes, Symonds said, the members won't ignore audience requests.

"As a whole, we try to avoid anything too out there. However, we never filter suggestions," she said. "There's only so much that the audience will tolerate, and we don't want to put ourselves in a corner."

However, some audience members enjoy their occasional political jokes.

"I think in this political climate it's acceptable. Political

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DANCE MARATHON 2017

UI Dance Marathon means unending support

Joseph Burken's cancer treatment has ended, but Dance Marathon continues to support his family.

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Joseph Burken is a bright, outgoing 10-year-old who enjoys jazz dance, drumming, and overcoming the obstacles that come with a diagnosis of brain cancer.

Although his treatment has ended, Dance Marathon continues to provide a valuable support network for his family.

"I've never once walked into the playroom with Joseph and the dancers looked at him like he was weird. They embrace these kids no matter what they have," said Julie Burken, Joseph's mother. "Every time we're with them, they put a smile on my kid's face. For Joseph, I think the biggest thing was connecting to other people like him and trying to find inspiration from other people who have been through it."

While on a vacation in July 2011, Joseph was diagnosed with an astrocytoma, a cancerous tumor in the center of his brain. He also suffered with a build-up of fluid inside his skull that led to brain swelling.

"He was very optimistic," said Taylor McWilliams, Joseph's cousin and previous Dance Marathon participant. "Even when he was having the worst days, he would joke around with people."

The Burkens returned to Iowa City after Joseph was stabilized. They first heard about Dance Marathon during an appointment at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, now called the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital, in

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Finding safety in cyber jungle

Cyber-attacks are prevalent, but with knowledge and vigilance, one can avoid becoming a victim.

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From the 2016 Democratic National Committee email leak to the hundreds of University of Iowa faculty, staff, and students who had their HawkIDs and passwords obtained by unauthorized individuals, cyber-attacks remain a concern on a local and global scale.

Cyber-attacks can acquire personal information in a variety of different ways, including physical devices and email phishing scams. The recent incident at the UI involved the use of unauthorized devices that were secretly attached to instructional computers to capture IDs and passwords.

Shafiq
asst. professor

While the exact nature of these devices is unclear, they are extremely common, said Zubair Shafiq, a UI assistant professor of computer science.

"These USB-based devices have unfortunately been used by students in many universities," Shafiq said. "These devices can be programmed to do things like keylogging, copying data, and taking screenshots — when plugged in and the workstation boots up, they execute."

The basic hardware and software needed to steal someone's personal information can be easy to acquire.

"The commonly used physical devices can be bought from Best Buy, and a lot of the malicious software can be freely obtained through the black market," Shafiq said.

Email phishing is also very common. It often starts with the victim receiving an email containing a URL that closely mimics an actual website. These emails, although seemingly innocuous, have the potential to steal a user's personal information.

As an example, suppose the attacker wants to gain access to the credentials of the victim's Amazon account. The phishing attack may start by the victim receiving a spam email with a URL that supposedly links to a free gift card.

"The URL may look like a legitimate Amazon URL, but actually, it is pointed to a visually indistinguishable phishing website that the victim is forwarded to after clicking on the URL," said Omar Chowdhury, a UI assistant professor of computer science. "The victim is then asked to log in to their account to redeem the gift card. When the victim tries to log in with their username and password, an error message is shown, and then the victim is forwarded to the legitimate Amazon page, with their login credentials stolen."

Chowdhury
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Furthermore, it is often difficult for victims to realize they have been phished, especially when they enter their information on a visually accurate website or they end up on a legitimate web page.

Often, the spelling of the URL also closely resembles that of the actual website.

"This common practice is called domain typosquatting," Shafiq said. "Hackers will create a URL spelled like the real URL they are targeting and a web domain that mimics the actual website. Recently, this practice has also been used to create fake-news websites like abcnews.com.co."

For instance, youtube.com may be used in a phishing email to target youtube.com.

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FLAG ENTHUSIASM

(The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

Following a protest that involved burning the American flag without an open-burning permit on the Ped Mall last week, an Iowa man stood in the same spot on Jan. 29 to defend the flag.

Cedar Rapids resident Curtiss Ainesworth said that as a veteran, the flag is more than just a symbol of who is in the office as president of the United States.

"This flag was here before the presidents were; this flag was here before the issues were," he said. "It's a symbol of the American Dream and a symbol of hope. It's not a symbol of who's in the office."

He said he was standing with the flag partially in response to last week's flag burning.

— by Marissa Payne

IMPROV

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jokes are the ones I laugh at the most," said University of Iowa sophomore Lauren Sanfilippo, a regular audience member.

Not every audience member will appreciate the jokes, which is why improv group members say it important to remove bias from their skits. They don't want to cause fights.

"While our audience generally knows us, I tend to forget that there could easily be an outburst," Symonds said.

Another improv troupe, Great White Narcs, avoids political jokes altogether.

It generally does not make political jokes because the members want to have their shows be all-inclusive. Elaine Stewart, a member of the group, said they find it important not to offend anyone.

Not only can political jokes offend audience members, they could potentially cause problems in the group.

"There's no tension within the group because we're all pretty blue, but it's less of a matter of how they voted but a reminder of family drama," Symonds said.

The all-female improv troupe Janice takes a different approach to political jokes. The members don't go out of their way to use them, but they don't necessarily avoid them.

"Political jokes are not particularly purposeful," said Janice member Talitha Ford. "Although we are clear about supporting women in comedy and underrepresented groups."

The group still makes an effort to not offend anyone.

"We try not to say anything upsetting because it's a hit or miss; sometimes, people enjoy it when we acknowledge the elephant in the room," Ford said. "We'll make the occasional climate-change reference."

The troupe members said their groups prefer to perform sketches about their daily lives.

BURKEN

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August 2011. Within a few months, Dance Marathon worked to welcome the Burkens, focusing on helping to bring some cheer into the family's lives.

"That December Joseph was hospitalized, I remember [Dance Marathon dancers] knocked and said they were playing in the playroom," Burken said. "I went down, and our kids and the dancers had had a snowball fight inside with fake snow. The room was a mess, but they were all laughing and having fun. It really struck me."

Beyond fundraising activities around the area, Dance Marathon has also partnered with Children's Cancer Connection in order to put on annual summer camps for children with cancer and their siblings.

"Joseph has gone since 2012," Burken said. "At camp, they can share their fears, they can connect with other people, they can get inspired by other campers. They're not constantly reminded of their cancer; they're having fun. The first year Joseph went to camp, he was only 6, and he was so different when we picked him up. He seemed so much more confident."

The Burken family will attend this year's Big Event on Friday, something that they all, especially Joseph, look forward to.

"The Big Event was probably one of the biggest emotional benefits for Joseph," McWilliams said. "He gets super psyched about it, gets all dressed up, he loves seeing all the participants, going to the dance and dancing on stage."

For the Burkens, the most important part of their Dance Marathon experience has been the relationships built over six years with the organization.

"It really feels like Dance Marathon is one big family," Burken said. "There are so many dancers that you meet, other families that you begin to see at the events, and you get to know them, or at the Big Event you get to hear their stories. Sometimes, the siblings when you have a kid with cancer feel left out, but Dance Marathon really involves the whole family."

These relationships run two ways, and the Burken family have affected some Dance Marathon participants.

"[Joseph] was my first experience with how Dance Marathon affects kids personally," said Caley O'Brien, the current family representative for the Burkens. "I got to hear his story, and when I became a morale captain, I was utterly excited that I had them as my family. They inspire me all the time. Every time I go to an event and see them, it's a reminder of why I'm doing what I'm doing. Seeing him come through everything is so inspiring, and he's living a wonderful life."

Even though Joseph is in remission, Dance Marathon will always remain a part of the Burkens' lives.

"We're super thankful for the support that they've given us, but the relationships are really what we're in awe of," Burken said. "I think it means more than any of the dancers will ever know, but it really makes a huge difference in a cancer journey to have them with us, beside us, and supporting us."

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"When hackers send out a phishing email, they're hoping for a decent rate of return of people they can blackmail, even 0.01 percent of users," Shafiq said.

While humans may be a weak link in the security framework, there are safe practices that can be followed to prevent the threat of cyber-attacks.

"Use and keep up-to-date with modern web browsers, like Chrome, that provide additional security mechanisms, like Safe-browsing application programming interface, that identify sites involves in phishing or malicious activity," Shafiq said. "These mechanisms use crowd-sourcing technology that consist of many experts that vet websites and classify typosquatted domains."

When using the web, be sure to look for the site identity button, the padlock that appears in the web address bar that shows up when a safe, authenticated connection is being used.

Web users should also examine websites without clicking on them.

"Hover [don't click], your mouse over URLs that appear in emails, and carefully inspect the domain at the bottom of the browser pane to see whether you know the URL address," Chowdhury said.

When it comes to unauthorized physical devices that may pose a threat, be vigilant.

"Any student using a public computer in a lab, common area, or classroom should make sure that there are no devices connected between the keyboard and computer or anything else that looks like a flash drive connected to the machine before even attempting to log into the computer," said Michael Hendrickson, a systems administrator in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

METRO BRIEFS

FedEx retains driver in flag-burning incident

Matt Uhrin, a FedEx driver from Cedar Rapids who intervened in the flag-burning incident on the Pedestrian Mall last week, will not be dismissed from his position.

Photos and videos of him have surfaced online, making his job status at FedEx questionable.

FedEx tweeted a message on the morning of Jan. 28: "We have reviewed the matter in Iowa City involving driver Matt Uhrin. He remains a FedEx employee & we have no plans to change his status."

The tweet has been shared and liked by many people over time, who were happy to hear that he was not fired.

An online petition was created on Jan. 27 titled, "Save the FedEx Driver." The description said, "Let's make sure Matt Uhrin keeps his job at FedEx. He was standing up for our American flag and should be commended, not punished."

The petition's goal was to garner 10,000 signatures; it has reached 12,357 signatures.

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Brews and activism make a point

Locals gathered to write letters to their representatives in the wake of the Women's March.

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The momentum from last week's Women's March has not faltered.

Iowa City community members met on Jan. 27 at the Iowa City Brewlab for beverages, socializing, and political activism.

Postcards and Pale Ale, an event coordinated by Kurt Michael Friese, aimed to take the political energy from last week's Women's March and carry it on.

At the event, individuals could write letters to their representatives regarding issues that concern them, as well as sending a letter to Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, regarding President Trump's selection of Betsy DeVos as the head of the Education Department.

"It's an effort to get some enthusiasm bridled," Friese said. "A representative or someone in Washington gets a letter from their constituents — they figure that they've got about 99 other people at home who didn't bother to write but still feel that way. That has impact, and they know that we're watching them."

The event provided postcards, letter materials, stamps, and mailing addresses for all elected officials representing Johnson County at both the state and federal levels.

"I, for one, am terrified our new president is going to tweet us into thermonuclear war," Friese said. "We need to fight at every step. We're taking a page out of the tea party's playbook; we saw what they did and saw that it works."

Friese said he calls a representative daily during his morning commute.

"Sometimes, people find it a little intimidating, and I wish they wouldn't because they're just people at the end of the phone, and it's their job to listen to you," he said.

University of Iowa sophomore Adriana Herrarte-Wirth attended the event to make her concerns heard, particularly about education.

"I was interested in the good-citizen approach," Herrarte-Wirth said. "Writing postcards is a very wholesome way of showing your ideas and concerns. I think it's very productive."

She said that she has concerns with DeVos and doesn't believe the nominee values public education. With poor public education comes increased social inequality, she said.

As a medical student at UI, Ruth Riedl came to the event out of concerns with education and with the future of her field.

"I definitely have some concerns about where science is headed and the future of a lot of the government-funded organizations," she said. "Who knows what will happen. As a medical professional, I'm very worried about the ACA and access to health care."

Writing letters was a good way to channel political energy into a positive output, Riedl said.

"We're a part of this democracy, and when the people's interests are not aligned with decisions that are being made, I think it's important we make our voices heard," she said. "I think it's important to make sure our representatives know what we believe in, and since we elected them, make sure they represent our interests and vote accordingly."

Political events such as Postcards and Pale Ale have recurred in Iowa City since the inauguration, with additional events, including a march for scientists, coming up.

"I think it's easy to convince yourself one person can't make a difference," UI student Julia Rumley said. "I think sometimes it's hard to educate yourself on all the platforms you can understand. I think political activism is a good way to enter that."

Lecture takes aim at myths about Islam

The Muslim Student Association held an event to dispel stereotypes about Islam.

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In light of the current political climate, students from the University of Iowa Muslim Student Association held a lecture on Jan. 27 in the IMU hoping to combat stereotypes associated with the religion.

The event, titled "Misconceptions of Islam," featured Islamic scholar Mufti Minhajuddin Ahmed, a Chicago resident who hosted the event.

The theater was filled with dozens of people, ranging from toddlers to men and women.

Abdualrahman Ismail, the public-relations officer for the Muslim association, said the current political climate definitely affected the timing of the event.

"Islam and Muslims are getting a lot of attention recently because of Trump and his decision," he said.

During the talk, Ahmed shared what it means to be a Muslim, using the phrase "We as Muslims believe" to remind people that he knows that not everybody believes what he does.

He took time to share some key beliefs along with common misconceptions that people have about Islam. One issue he touched on was terrorism in the name of Islam.

"Not all Muslims are terrorists, and not all terrorists are Muslims," Ahmed said.

He said that while everybody feels pain when terrorist attacks occur, Muslims feel a "double pain," because they're mourning both the lives lost and people injured, along with believing that their entire religion is being wrongfully accused.

He pointed out other acts of terrorism that have been done in the name of a religion.

"It would be a great injustice if we said Christianity is responsible [for the Crusades]," he said. "Terrorism has no religion."

When asked about the best way to combat these misconceptions and Islamophobia, Ahmed looked toward education.

Ahmed Souaiaia, a UI associate professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, echoed Ahmed's advice saying, "The university is a great place to learn and overcome negative stereotypes."

Ismail also gave his insights, saying, "I would say to those people to please come to our [Muslim Student Association] events and meet us, because we really want to be friends and not enemies."

During the Q&A, many people expressed concern about the new government officials.

One person asked if it would be considered disrespectful if everyone converted to Islam to try to stop certain government orders being put into place. Another asked if it is disrespectful to wear a hijab if they are not a Muslim.

"My heart is so warm," Ahmed said, referring to these questions. He expressed his love that people would consider doing these things for his religion.

After the event was over, many of the attendees stayed around to talk to either each other, people from the Muslim association, or to Ahmed.

UI student Joseph Stiefel, who attended the event, said before the lecture he felt "too inadequate" to respond when he heard Islamophobia. However, after hearing Ahmed talk about the religion, he feels more informed and ready to stand up against discrimination.

Erica Dangos, another attendee, agreed with Stiefel, saying, "I feel more informed coming out of it."

The association holds various events throughout the year. The members welcome Muslims of any race or gender and anyone else who is interested in joining them.

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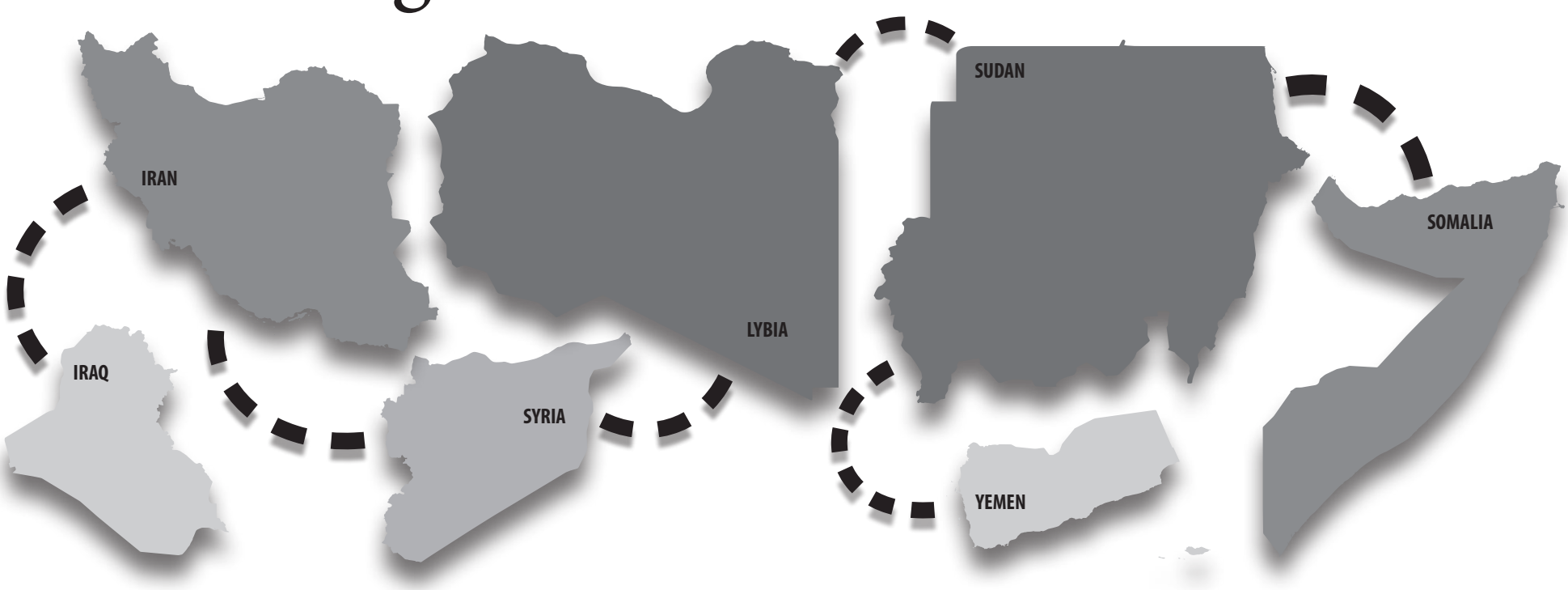
EDITORIAL

New immigration ban is America's Brexit



On Jan. 27, President Trump instituted, through an executive order, a temporary ban on immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Trump contends that the action is necessary to keep America safe from international terrorists who may impersonate refugees to gain entry to the United States. He also asserted the action is a part of an agenda to prioritize the movement of Christian refugees fleeing war-torn regions of the Middle East.

Perhaps Trump does not see the tragic irony in his decree; the United States has been involved with a relatively constant bombing campaign in Somalia, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Libya. Micah Zenko, a fellow in the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations, said the U.S. has been responsible for dropping nearly 30,000 bombs (a very conservative estimate) in 2016 alone, with nearly 25,000 of these dropped in Syria and Iraq.

To first facilitate the conditions that necessitate the need to flee and then to write a specific rule that bars such people from entering the country is not just incredibly callous and inhumane, it is also incredibly stupid.

After multitudes of protests erupted outside and in international airports in which nationals of the targeted countries, despite having green cards and visas, were detained, a federal judge in Brooklyn managed to strike down part of Trump's action.

The case, *Darweesh v. Trump Order* (which allows the movement of such detained individuals through American borders), came on the heels of a press release issued by the Department of Homeland Security that stated, "President Trump's executive order remains in place — prohibited travel will remain prohibited, and the U.S. government retains its right to revoke visas at any time if required for national security or public safety. President Trump's executive order affects a minor portion of international travelers and is a first step toward re-establishing control over America's borders and national security."

The façade of protecting national security through xenophobic attempts of bottle-necking immigration is just sensationalism. Last year, more America citizens were struck by lightning than fell victims to radical militant Islamic terrorism. Furthermore, the constitutionality of prioritizing one religion while disenfranchising another in the respect of immigration remains entirely up in the air and will likely to be interpreted as illegal.

This moment in time will resound in political history for decades. This is Trump's "Brexit," the culmination of strategic fear-mongering and racist pandering into a single act of sensational xenophobia. This also another moment for the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board to reaffirm our commitment to the Iowa tradition of inclusiveness and our belief that refugees, despite their nationality or creed, should always be welcome within American borders.

COLUMN

Flag burning not effective

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It is unfortunate that such quaint radical pastimes as flag burning are still believed to be serious political messages. The image is hardly shocking. True, one FedEx driver was offended enough to be lured into the scene. But this really illustrates how the event was little more than a "troll."

In a column that ran in the Opinions section of *The Daily Iowan* January 27 on the Iowa City flag burning event, the ordinary, working class man is subtly portrayed as a hysterical patriot. In his column, Jack Dugan mocked the FedEx man by presenting him as ineffectually "fuming in his delivery vehicle." To underscore the man's futility (the hallmark of hysteria), Dugan noted that "another flag was set ablaze." Granted, this was an Opinions piece and we should expect the usual sophistry. On the other hand, in the front-page story, we didn't hear from the FedEx man. While my editor assures me attempts were made to interview him, he declined comment. There was also no statement that this was done. It is a shame that more of an effort wasn't made by both sides–the protesters and the FedEx man–to understand one another.

I view the flag-burning event as something like an Internet troll. A troll is someone who deliberately says offensive things because he or she is amused by the resultant hullabaloo. There is undoubtedly something of a troll in every good contrarian. Indeed, trolling is sometimes a way to "spark" an interesting and impassioned conversation. The true troll, however, is not interested in starting conversation. They choose statements calculated to be so offensive so as to destroy any hope of reasoned debate. (The radical right, also known as the alt-right, take special pride in their trolling abilities.)

There is, we should agree, a predatory cowardliness in trolling. Likewise, to my mind, there is something cowardly in engaging in "actions designed to agitate," and then denying that they were to offend. One protester said, "This act wasn't about disrespecting veterans." Frankly, we don't know why the FedEx man was offended by the flag burning. We can certainly take a guess, but we have no statement from him. Clearly, however, the event was designed to offend someone.

Or was it?

Most people, I imagine, associate a mixture of conflicting emotions with the American flag. They see it as neither pure good nor evil incarnate. Most people just end up seeing the American flag. This kind of sober literalism is not to be condemned. Dugan writes that "Trump is now the face of America, and thus the American flag is in part an extension of him." Is there anything but rhetoric and wishful thinking here? Do the protesters actually think that they are harming Trump's body by burning an American flag in the heart of the most liberal town in the most sheltered region of the world?

I doubt it. So, what were the protesters trying to do? I don't know. Presumably to "draw attention" to issues we already know about and are powerless to prevent thanks to the divisive strategies of the radical left.

This, then, for me, is the real significance of the event. It is indicative of how the radical left continues to succeed in alienating ordinary, working- and middle-class Americans.

If the Democratic Party is to win back any seats in the congressional elections, it needs to stop with factional outrage ceremonies and start figuring out how real, legislative change can be achieved.

COLUMN

How we can march together

By MARS THERA POPE
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The march for life started in 1974, the year after the legalization of abortion in *Roe v. Wade*. The march serves as an act of protest against the Supreme Court's decision as well as the government funding of institutions that provide abortions among other services, such as Planned Parenthood. The march has been held annually every year. However, 2017 was the first year that a U.S. vice president has ever addressed the march.

Vice President Mike Pence spoke to the marchers on Jan. 27 with pride and enthusiasm. It was no surprise that the crowd applauded and roared at his anti-abortion comments with the signs dancing in the air. Pence was quoted as saying,"That is evident in … the historic election of a president … who I proudly say stands for the right to life." The crowd cheered again, all ignoring the woman who carry said life.

President Trump just last week reinstated a ban on U.S. funding to non-governmental organizations overseas that offer a wide range of family-planning and reproductive-health options, if they include abortion.

The anti-abortion movement is lively and moving quickly. With a Republican majority in both houses and a Republican president, the only puzzle piece that has yet to appear is a conservative Supreme Court justice. If Trump moves according to plan, which so far he has, there soon will be a conservative Supreme Court justice.

There is nothing wrong in there being a conservative justice, just as there is nothing wrong with a Republican president or a Republican Congress. Yet, eyebrows should rise when one of the two main political parties in this country seem to have obtained a frightening grasp on our nation's government.

It is intriguing that in the recent election, individuals of both parties have switched up a little bit. Republicans voted Democratic and Democrats voted Republican. With the remaining nominees, the old Republican Party was left divided because not everyone was a fan of Trump's ideas and character. When it comes to abortion, though, nearly all Republicans agree.

S.F. 2 advanced in the Iowa Senate just last week. The Senate file is a bill to defund organizations that provide abortions among other family-planning and health services. If the bill is passed, there will no longer be government funding for organizations such as Planned Parenthood. These organizations offer more than just abortions. They offer birth control, HIV testing, LGBT services, STD testing, treatment, and vaccines. Organizations such as Planned Parenthood can drastically affect people's lives in a positive way, and they can keep doing so as long as they continue to be funded.

The fight over the legality of abortions is an old and tired one. People's stances on the issue are deeply rooted in their values. Values don't change, but minds do. A Republican values life, so can that be applied to the women's life? — a life that could be negatively affected as a result of not being able to have an access to reproductive health care, abortions being just a small part of this. Activists on both sides cannot go into this expecting to change the other side's beliefs, but they can learn how to appeal to the other side's morals. Marching together is more effective than marching apart.

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years to come, when the wiser-than-their-years underclassmen become more mature, both mentally and physically.

"I do think it is unusual for a group of freshmen," McCaffery said. "… We've all seen freshmen who sort of make that seamless transition from high school to college; they just do the same things that they did when they were in high school …but to have a group that collectively is that way I think is special."

Jok will have his fingerprints all over games soon enough — as soon as he gets the nagging back issues cleared up — and he will go back to averaging around 20 points per game.

But for one night in late January of his senior year, Iowa fans (and Jok) got to see what life without him will look like next season.

"[Jok] came in and told us we can't look to him to hit a tough shot or carry the load offensively," freshman Ryan Kriener said. "So he pretty much just challenged us to have everybody step up, and we all did today.

"We all think Pete's the best, he's our leader, and when your leader challenges you, you have to rise to the occasion."

WOMEN'S
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was defense and stopping Maryland's Brionna Jones. A 26-6 run and giving up 100 points is a major area of concern for Bluder.

"You can't have any lapses against them because they will exploit it, and that's what we had," Bluder said in the release. "Maryland will pounce when you do, and they did."

The Terrapins did not relinquish the lead, because Iowa could not guard the post. Jones scored 28 points on 12-of-13 shooting.

Unable to defend Jones in the post, Iowa sophomore Megan Gustafson did not help herself by going 3-of-10 on field goals, tallying 10 points and only 6 rebounds. Playing against Jones is a tall task for any forward, but Gustafson's effort in this contest was drastically different from the two teams' first meeting, in which she went 7-of-11 on field goals.

"We have to work on our post defense after giving up that many paint points," Bluder said in the release. "We have to work on defense this week."

The loss dropped the Hawkeyes to 4-4 in conference play. They ended the month 3-3, and they now look forward to hosting Rutgers (6-16) on Thursday. Tip-off will be at 7 p.m. and will be televised on the Big Ten Plus network.

TENNIS
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Heuvelen defeated their respective opponents in straight sets to give the Hawkeyes a 3-0 lead.

With momentum on the Hawkeyes' side and a chance to clinch the victory, junior Montana Crawford, who made her 2017 season début, defeated Walker in straight sets.

Junior Zoe Douglas, Thoms, and Reimchen finished the sweep for the Hawkeyes.

On Feb. 5, the undefeated Hawkeyes will host Iowa State at 2:30 p.m. and Montana at 6 p.m. — Nicholas Moreano

Hawkeye men split in Texas

The Iowa men's tennis team fell to No. 20 Mississippi State in the championship match of the Kickoff event this past weekend. The loss was the Hawkeye's first of the spring, dropping them to 3-1.

The weekend started well for the Hawkeyes, picking up a major road win Jan. 28 against host Texas Tech, 4-3. The win was clinched after junior Josh Silverstein came back from a 4-1 deficit in the third set to send the match into a tiebreaker, in which he defeated No. 25 Jolan Cailleau.

"Before we left campus, we talked about how this weekend was going to be completely about how we compete mentally, about how we handle the good things and the bad things," Iowa head coach Ross Wilson said in a release.

The Hawkeyes did not enjoy the same success Sunday, losing 4-1 in the championship match.

"You always want to win, obviously, but just the goals we had as a team, how we competed, how we handled ourselves emotionally, I thought we did an unbelievable job," Wilson said.

The only singles victory for the Hawkeyes came from junior Lefteris Theodorou, pulling off a 6-4, 6-3 win over Mate Cutura.

Senior Robin Haden played his former team for the first time but came up short, falling in straight sets (6-3, 6-4).

"Mississippi State is a great team that's been in this position a lot more times than we have," Wilson said. "We definitely will learn from this."

The Hawkeyes will return home on Friday to host Omaha and Drake at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

TRACK
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vous at the start, so I need to breathe, have confidence in my training, and make sure I have a good start."

The 800 meters was also a big personal event for three Hawkeyes; Macie Weber, Jordyn Sindt, and Amber Decker set personal records. Multi-events were big, not just for Dougherty but for senior Heaven Chandler and freshman Jenny Kimbro as well. Chandler and Kimbro competed in their first pentathlon, and they made the most of their opportunities.

Kimbro finished second in the event with 3,715 points, and even though it was her first attempt ever at the event, moved into third place in Hawkeye history with that performance.

"It's crazy [to rank third all-time]," she said in a release. "But there are still a lot of things that I wish I could have improved on and a lot of things to work on in practice, but I am happy with the results. It was an exciting day."

Like Kimbro, Chandler had herself a day, placing fourth overall with 3,411 points. She also cracked the Iowa top 10, ranking ninth.

Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody was impressed with the performances. After not focusing on the multis as much, they are becoming a strong point for Iowa.

"I was really proud of the girls and the way they came out," Woody said in a release. "For Jenny Kimbro to get one of the top performances in the history of our program is pretty impressive.

"It's funny because the multi-events have not been a strong part of our program. Since I have taken over, they have become more a priority of our program."

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My Twelve Greatest Fears

• Sneezing while tweezing my eyebrows, causing me to lose an eye.

• Falling off a ladder and landing on a sharp object, eye-first.

•Giving a speech to a large audience of people who want to eat my eyes.

• Being asked to cut the ribbon at the opening of a new mall, dropping the scissors, and impaling myself through both eyes while reflexively trying to grab them as they bounce off the ground.

• Spiders that lay eggs in my eyes while I sleep.

• Getting an injection, expect for anywhere on my body that isn't my eye.

• Being abducted by a superior and heartless alien species and forced into the titular role of an ultra-realistic production of ***Oedipus the King*** for their amusement.

• I unintentionally piss-off the Bride, and she plucks out one of my eyes.

• I take my eyes off the prize, but the prize gets mad and takes them back.

• The CBS logo blinks at me when no one else is looking.

• Eyes without a face

• The possibility that my reality is the manifestation of a dream someone else is having, meaning that neither myself nor anything else is real in any meaningful way, which would include my eyes, too, I guess.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks his LC friends for help with today's Ledge.

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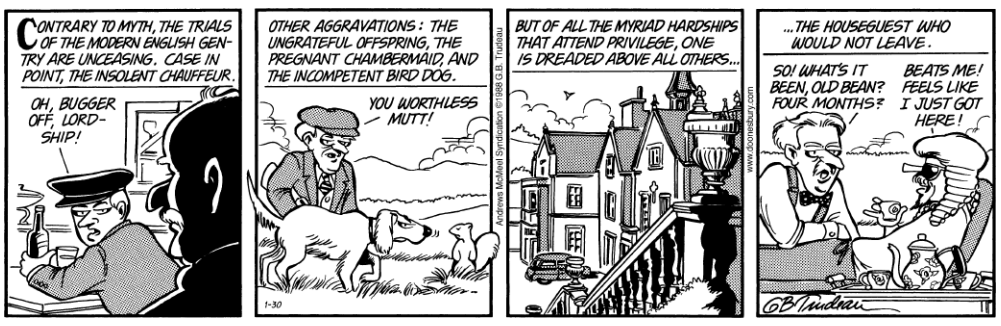

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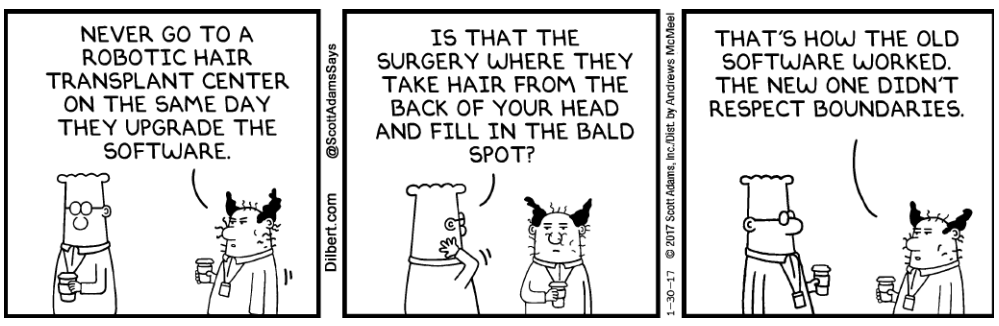

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• **Works by Julia Wolfe,** M.A. student in painting/drawing, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., E20 Visual Arts

• **Pharmacy Blood Drive**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pharmacy Building Banker Student Activity Center

• **English Language Discussion Circles**, 12:30 p.m., S 126 Pappajohn

• **Physical & Environmental Seminar,** Jon Humston, 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs

• **Diabetes and Obesity Talks**, E. Dale Abel, 1 p.m., 1289 Carver Biomedical Research Building

• **IES Internship Abroad Information Session**, 1:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center

• **Gilman International Scholarship Info Session,** 3:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center

• **Career Series for International Students: CPT Information Session**, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center

• **Make the Most of Your World: Peace Corps Info Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center

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horoscopes

Monday, January 30, 2017
by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make changes for the right reasons. Getting upset or angry without taking a moment to consider all angles of a situation will result in regret. Make a calculated move instead of acting on impulse. Learn from experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Dreams can be turned into a reality if you are willing to do the work. Gather with people who have similar interests, and you'll find a way to get things done efficiently. Show some team spirit, and you'll end up in a leadership position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't trust others to tell you what's going on. Professional gains can be made if you stay on top of the current trends and are willing to work alone to outmatch anyone who may try to compete with you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't make excuses. If you want to get ahead or make a difference, do it. Don't get caught up in someone else's problems. Tell it like it is, and do your part to make the world a better place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Head in a direction that will promote change, excitement, and using your skills, talents, and knowledge to reach your goal. Don't miss out on an exciting opportunity because someone close to you raises the fear of failure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Living in the past will be a waste of time. Open your mind, and try something new. Friendships will develop, and a partnership will give you the motivation you need to move forward with your plans. Physical improvement is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do things your way, even if you don't please everyone. It's important to live up to your expectations, not what others have planned for you. You will learn through the experiences you encounter while trying to push forward with your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Clear a space at home for entertainment or working on a creative hobby. Attending a social function will bring you in touch with someone who has something interesting to share. Update your image. A trendy look will boost your morale.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take better care of yourself. Poor judgment or following what someone else does will not help you reach your goals. Caution will be required to prevent injury or illness. Don't overdo it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Revisit ideas you left sitting on the shelf. Personal changes that bring back your youthful appreciation and desire to succeed will help you kick-start new beginnings. Romance is on the rise and personal gains can be made.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your ideas and thoughts down on paper. Negotiate the way you want to see things unfold. Make alterations that will result in greater stability, and do whatever it takes to follow through with your plans. Be responsible for your actions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Control your emotions when dealing with professional matters or situations that can affect your reputation. Be thoughtful, and use your intuition to help you make wise choices.

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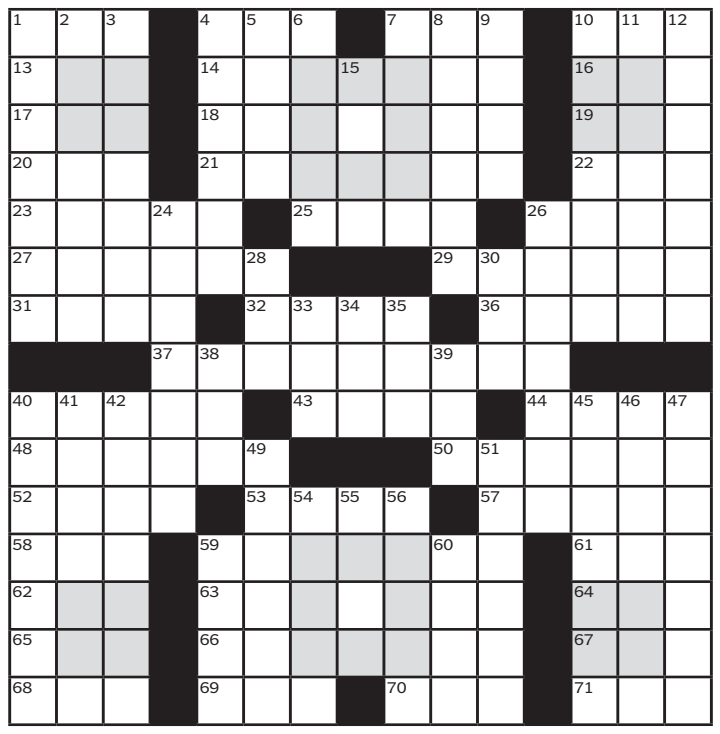

PUZZLE BY JULES P. MARKEY

ACROSS

1 Go out, as the tide
4 Permit
7 Reply to a captain
10 Brewpub offering, for short
13 Org. that targets traffickers
14 Raised, as a building
16 Partner of neither
17 Mountain on which you might yodel
18 Stockpiling, in a way, as feed
19 Letters in a personals ad
20 Gymnastics floor cover
21 Directive for additional information
22 Cartoon pic
23 Get out of bed
25 TV warrior princess
26 Race loser in an Aesop fable
27 Reflective sorts
29 Fur wraps
31 This: Sp.
32 It's usually behind a viola in an orchestra
36 Flexible Flyers, e.g.
37 Present time in England? . . . or a hint to each set of shaded squares
40 Lispers' banes
43 Scrubbed, as a NASA mission
44 Be ___ equal footing
48 Bear witness (to)
50 Soviet premier Khrushchev
52 Caviars
53 Try, as a case
57 Track events
58 Lobster ___ diavolo (Italian dish)
59 Hit pay dirt
61 "You ___!" ("Absolutely!")
62 On the ___ (fleeing)
63 Literary critic Broyard
64 Actress Thurman
65 Get older
66 Bruno Mars or Freddie Mercury
67 Some PCs
68 The "p" in m.p.g.
69 Ram's mate
70 Stockholm's home: Abbr.
71 U.S.P.S. assignment: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Sushi bar finger food
2 Country whose currency, RUBLES, is almost an anagram of its name
3 St. John the ___
4 ___ Antilles
5 Pennsylvania city or the lake it's on
6 Bygone point-to-point communication
7 Suffix with valid
8 Gossipy sorts
9 Border
10 Proportional to the surroundings
11 Motorized
12 Like the Venus de Milo
15 Summer treat that melts in the sun
24 Naval engineers
26 Massachusetts' Mount ___ College
28 Chi-town squad
30 Airport screening grp.
33 Container for dirty clothes
34 Yoko who loved Lennon
35 Common ingredient in pasta
38 C.I.A. precursor
39 Mafia big
40 Batting helmet part
41 Use for an attic or the cloud
42 Ship with smokestacks
45 Theologian Reinhold who wrote the Serenity Prayer
46 Try
47 Ilie who won both the U.S. and French Opens
49 What meditators try to live in
51 Cry upon arriving
54 Tour de France stage
55 Martial ___ (judo and others)
56 Violent protests
59 Stare slack-jawed
60 Part of a wolf or a lobster

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Iowa forward Tyler Cook reacts to being fouled during the Iowa-Ohio State game in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 28. The Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 85-72, without injured Peter Jok. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

'STAR-LESS,' but a starry night

By BLAKE DOWSON | blake-dowson@uiowa.edu

As Big Ten leading scorer Peter Jok and his lethal jumper sat on the bench in a pair of khaki pants and blazer, the Iowa basketball team dropped 85 points on Ohio State on Jan. 28 in Carver-Hawkeye while shooting 50 percent from the field.

It was a look into the future of Iowa basketball, as three freshmen and two sophomores started the game for the Hawkeyes, and all 10 guys who played will still have eligibility left next season as well.

Head coach Fran McCaffery said after the game it was his team's most complete outing of the season.

"There are so many things. Our shooting percentage, our ball movement was better. There's a reason why you make 50 percent [of your shots]," he said. "If you move the ball, you're shooting more open shots. I felt we recognized switching, got the ball inside, got in the bonus early; we ran a little bit better, I thought."

Jok is more valuable to the team when he is in a pair of shorts and sneakers than he is in a collar and tie — there is no debating that. However, there is also no denying the brand of basketball the Hawkeyes played without him was the best of the season.

The matchup against Ohio State was one of the first times all season that Iowa consistently got good looks from offensive sets, moving the ball inside and out and from wing to wing.

It has been easy for this young group to at times stare and watch as Jok did his thing on the offensive end. But without him — as it will be next season and the years after that — McCaffery got his team full of underclassmen to play exceptional team basketball.

"I think we had like four or five guys in double figures today," freshman Tyler Cook said after the game. "We moved the ball well side to side and trusted each other offensively and defensively … A lot of guys pitched in today."

What we saw on Jan. 28 was a team that can play 10-deep without a superstar (or even a senior) and still compete in the Big Ten.

That means something, not for this season, but for the

SEE MEN'S, 5

Terps too much for Hawks

By JAMES KAY AND MICHAEL MCCURDY
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Heading on the road to take on No. 3 Maryland, the Iowa women's basketball team had an opportunity to pick up a marquee win.

But in a back-and-forth first half, the Hawkeyes' youth and lack of athleticism on defense allowed the Terrapins to take the lead and never look back, defeating the Hawkeyes, 100-81.

A bright spot for the Hawkeyes was freshman guard Kathleen Doyle, who led Iowa in points with 21, going 8-of-12 on field goals and 3-of-4 on 3-pointers.

Doyle, in a sense, is Iowa's Swiss Army knife. By playing hard consistently, she has the ability to do it all, whether that be scoring, rebounding, assisting teammates, or playing aggressive defense. She tallied 5 assists and 3 steals in this contest, helping her establish the seventh spot in the Big Ten for steals per game.

"Kathleen had a great game," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said in a release. "She played with defensive intensity and moxie; I really love the way she played."

As for the rest of the team, senior Ally Disterhoft contributed 16 points on 6-of-14 shooting. Sophomore Tania Davis added 13 points and 6 assists to her stat line, and freshman Makenzie Meyer had a nice game with 11 points.

Iowa guards Kathleen Doyle and Ally Disterhoft talk between quarters during the Iowa-Minnesota game on Jan. 21. The Hawkeyes defeated the Gophers, 80-65. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

The Hawkeyes held their own with Maryland one and a half quarters into the game. After trailing by 5 going into the second quarter, Disterhoft sunk a free throw to tie the game at 30 with just under seven minutes remaining in the first half.

And then things went south pretty quickly for Iowa.

Maryland ended the half on a 26-6 run to dig the Hawkeyes a deep hole going into the break.

Coming into the game, the biggest area of concern for the Hawkeyes

SEE WOMEN'S, 5

Tennis Hawks continue hot start

By NICHOLAS MOREANO AND JAKE MARKOWITZ
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Both the Iowa men's and women's tennis teams are off to a fast start this season, with the women yet to lose and the men picking up one of the bigger wins in program history.

This past weekend, the women took on Northern Illinois at home, and the men took a trip to Texas to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Kickoff.

Women make it three straight

The women's team swept Northern Illinois, 7-0, at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Jan. 28 for its third-straight victory. With the victory, the Hawkeyes have swept an opponent for the second week in a row.

Last week, head coach Sasha Schmid said she wanted the Hawkeyes to become an aggressive doubles team, and since the Hawkeyes lost the doubles point to Central Florida in the season-opener, the Hawkeyes have gone on to win two-straight doubles points.

It started with senior Aimee Tarun and sophomore Kristen Thoms defeating the Huskies' duo of Pauline Chawafambira and Abigail Dekkinga (6-0). Senior Natalie Looney and junior Anastasia Reimchen then defeated Brodie Walker and Evelyn Youel (6-3) to give the Hawkeyes a 1-0 lead.

"I think we did a really good job today on being clear with what we wanted to do," Schmid said in a release.

In singles, the Hawkeyes dominated. Both Tarun and freshman Elise van

SEE TENNIS, 5

Tracksters run into Hawkeye history

By PETE RUDEN
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Jan. 28 at the Black and Gold Premier turned out to be a big day for senior Will Dougherty. He scored 5,386 points in the heptathlon to set a record for the most in school history.

After setting personal records in four of the seven events, he finally reached his goal of being first in the history of Iowa track and field.

"This is a little bittersweet,'" he said in a release. "My goal coming into college was always to get the school records, and that has been fulfilled and satisfied, and I am happy with that, but I know I left some out there on the table. It's good, because I know what I need to work on between now and the conference meet."

Dougherty
senior

In addition to Dougherty's huge performance, senior Aaron Mallett did what he does best, winning the men's 60-meter hurdles in 7.75 while setting a facility record.

Mallett, who competed at the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Team Trials during the summer, also set a personal record in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.80.

Former Hawkeye football player Emmanuel Ogwo set a personal record in the 400 meters, finishing in 47.53.

On the women's side, junior Jahisha Thomas performed exceptionally in the 60-meter hurdles, turning in a time of 8.42 seconds, moving her into fourth all-time in school history.

While the race turned out just fine for Thomas, she said she needs to tune out the nerves and focus on her beginning phase out of the blocks.

"I was a little skeptical coming into the race, but I am glad that it worked out," Thomas said in a release. "I am really ner-

SEE TRACK, 5