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Meyer describes cloudy UI atmosphere

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DES MOINES — Jane Meyer sat in the witness stand Thursday afternoon, fighting back tears, as she described what the atmosphere was like in the University of Iowa Athletics Department in the summer of 2014, when her partner, Tracey Griesbaum, was being investigated and was later fired in August.

Meyer contended it felt like she was the one being investigated in 2014. After a complaint arrived on Athletics Director Gary Barta's desk about Griesbaum abusing players verbally, he started an in-house investigation.

That investigation, Meyer contended, was one into her private life with Griesbaum and had nothing to do with field hockey. The first question she was asked in her two-plus hour interview during the investigation was whether she was in a relationship with Griesbaum.

"It doesn't matter," Meyer testified, noting the university's nondiscrimination policy and her conversation with Sue Buckley, then the UI vice president for Human Resources, who had cleared their relationship. "It should have never been asked."

She said she was asked about Griesbaum using the f-word toward her players and officials during field-hockey games, but Meyer couldn't recall a time that her partner ever used that language.

When asked about Griesbaum's "antics" as head field-hockey coach, she raised the question about how it related to the "antics" head men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery and head wrestling coach Tom Brands had displayed during contests.

When Meyer was done with her interview on June

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Thomas Newkirk, Donna Lopiano, and Jill Zwagerman speak outside the courtroom at the Polk County Courthouse on Thursday. Newkirk and Zwagerman are Jane Meyer's attorneys, Lopiano is an expert witness. (The Daily Iowan/Blake Dowson)

Rastetter, Mulholland take their leave

Regent President Bruce Rastetter speaks during a state Board of Regents' meeting in Council Bluffs on Thursday. Rastetter, the 18th regent president, has served as president since 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Emi Bendler)

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COUNCIL BLUFFS — It's out with the old and in with the new for the state Board of Regents.

Regent President Bruce Rastetter and President Pro Tem Katie Mulholland wrapped up their final meeting on Thursday atop the nine-member board that governs Iowa's three public universities.

Taking their place come May will be former state legislators Nancy Boettger, a Republican from Harlan, and Nancy Dunkel, a Democrat from Dyersville.

The change turns the page on a chapter of the UI's history now shrouded by controversy about the hiring of UI President Bruce Harreld in 2015.

After the regents unanimously hired Harreld, Rastetter and Mulholland fell under public scrutiny for being two of five regents to meet privately with Harreld prior to announcing finalists for the position. A survey conducted by the UI chapter of the American Association of University Professors revealed that fewer than 5 percent of respondents believed Harreld, whose background was in business rather than higher-education administration, was qualified.

Controversy aside, Jacob Simpson, the UI Student Government president-elect for the 2017-18 school year, said Harreld has done a good job of increasing shared governance and encouraging students to hold the central administration accountable.

Simpson also said he sees a possibility for improved relations and shared commitment to students' priorities that comes with any leadership change, but that is contingent on open dialogue.

"I think that it will definitely be a new chapter with new leadership," he said. "… I am confident that we will be reaching out to whoever the new leadership is right at the beginning to make sure that University of Iowa student concerns are on the forefront of their minds."

Katherine Tachau, the president of the UI AAUP chapter — a national organization that sanctioned the UI because of the regents' reported failure to adhere to shared-governance guidelines during the 2015 presidential search — said she is optimistic about the regent membership shakeup with only two regents involved in the secret meetings of July 2015 remaining.

"All nine regents want to be regents in order to accomplish things for the state and for the schools that are in their charge," she said. "I'm very optimistic that this will make it possible for all members of the board to be engaged in the work of the board."

Tachau also said she would like to see the regents work to advocate for funding higher education in Iowa and boost

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Outlook for tuition: another hike

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COUNCIL BLUFFS — Iowa's public universities governed by the cash-strapped state Board of Regents may see a hike in tuition rates higher than the rate regents approved in December 2016.

The regents will have a telephonic conference after May 1 to add to the 2 percent increase in tuition for fiscal 2018.

Outgoing Regent President Bruce Rastetter said during a press conference at the regents' meeting on Thursday that tuition will most likely climb by an additional 3 percent. In June, the regents will meet again for a second reading and approval of the rate.

Rastetter said the regents will also re-examine whether the "2+2" model for approving appropriations requests and tuition will continue to work.

One of the challenges the regents have faced, and will continue to face, Rastetter said, is the stark reality of declining state revenues affecting the budget for higher education.

As a result of a state budget shortfall now amounting to $131 million, the state Legislature trimmed $9.2 million from the University of Iowa's midyear budget, and that cut represents a reduction in state appropriations of that amount each year going forward.

To discuss the realities of public support for the regent institutions, Rastetter said, the re-

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Constituency UISG senators selected

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The University of Iowa Student Government held its constituency senator elections this week.

UISG reserves seven seats in the Senate for constituency senators.

Three constituency senators competed in elections in their various communities, and four others were elected by student organizations.

The three elected constituency senators include Asian constituency Sen. Sanjeev Thangarajah,

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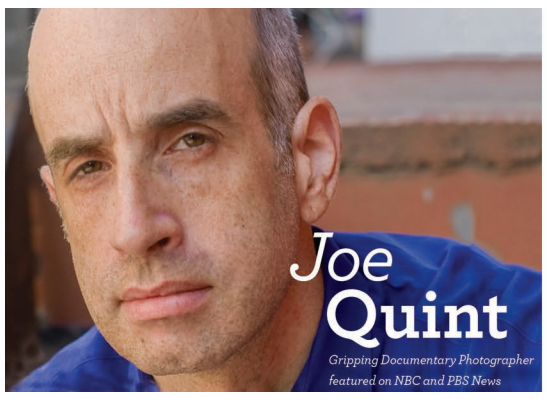

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UI students protest the war on drugs near the Pentacrest on Thursday. Richard Nixon coined the term "war on drugs" in his 1971 speech. (The Daily Iowan/Gage Miskimen)

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revenue for the universities.

"You cannot continue doing more with less," she said. "… I think they have to start looking at how to emphasize high quality, and high quality does require money."

Incoming Faculty Senate President and current Vice President Peter Snyder, a professor of cardiology,, declined to comment.

Rastetter acknowledged the position of being a regent is highly coveted in the state and said it is important the regents remain an active oversight body.

"If you're not accepting where we are today, it will lead you to a lower result rather than a greater result, as do most things in life," he said. "It isn't easy, as we all know, on challenging the system, expecting more, and fighting the fight in certain ways."

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19 2014, she thought that was the end of the investigation. Four days later, on June 23, when Barta told her there had been no policy violations found, that thought was seemingly confirmed.

However, on Aug. 4 of that year, Griesbaum got a phone call from Barta, who called a meeting for 3 p.m. that day. At 3:15 p.m., Griesbaum walked into Meyer's office and told her she had just been fired.

In a meeting with staffers to announce his decision to fire Griesbaum, he said his decision came "without cause," Meyer said.

She, along with another staffer, challenged Barta on the decision. The next day, Meyer spoke with Barta about the firing of her partner and again challenged him on it.

"Your slogan is win, graduate, do it right. Why aren't we doing the right thing?" Meyer recalled saying to Barta.

From that time in August until December of that year, Meyer said, she kept her head down and did her work, though she may not have been as engaging.

On Dec. 4, 2014, she decided to send Barta a memo on a number of gender-equity issues that had been building up, including the unequal pay between Deputy Athletics Director Gene Taylor and herself, and her treatment because of her sexual orientation.

The next day, when she handed the memo to Barta, Meyer said he told her he might not have time to read it.

Meyer was then told later that day by Barta in a meeting with Vice President for Human Resources Kevin Ward that she was being placed on administrative leave, citing her relationship with Griesbaum, the impending lawsuit that Griesbaum was going to file because of her firing, and the proximity of Meyer's office to his.

The afternoon was spent detailing specific examples of times Meyer felt Barta discriminated against her or other females in the Athletics Department.

The morning session saw Meyer lay a foundation of her decaying relationship with Barta over the years, as well as a testimony from Donna Lopiano, an expert in sport-management best practices and a former women's athletics director at the University of Texas.

In a healthy relationship between an athletics director and a senior associate (as Barta and Meyer were), "there is synergy between both parties," Lopiano said.

In terms of working together on making decisions in the Athletics Department, Lopiano said Meyer was "expected to agree or remain silent."

Before Lopiano took the stand, the morning started with Meyer answering questions on the stand about the man who was hired to essentially replace her, Taylor.

When he was hired as the new deputy athletics director, he was given a number of Meyer's responsibilities, including day-to-day operations of the men's basketball and football teams.

Meyer said Taylor wasn't doing much compared with what she had previously done under that same job description and not close to the amount of work to justify his $245,000 starting salary — almost $80,000 more than she was paid.

Meyer claimed every time she walked into Taylor's office, he was watching ESPN. "I don't have time to watch ESPN," she recalled thinking at the time.

Meyer, who has yet to be cross-examined, will be back on the stand today. It is expected that Barta will also testify on Friday.

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gents' office has been asked to create a task force including regents and legislators on the Appropriations and Education Committees in the Legislature and other stakeholders.

With the regents' approval of a tuition increase, UI President Bruce Harreld said in a February interview with *The Daily Iowan* the gain in tuition revenue will almost entirely be used to make up for the reduction in the base amount of state appropriations.

"… Almost every penny of that went back to the state with this de-appropriation," he said.

Additionally, Harreld has pushed for a tuition hike at the UI. The *DI* previously reported in March on his plans to bring tuition rates, which are currently among the lowest of its peer group, to the average of its peer institutions.

The regents approved in September 2016 what they said was a dynamic two-year model for approving state-appropriation requests and tuition rates to offer students and families predictability and the ability to better plan financially for investing in a university education.

"That 2 percent was incumbent upon the state increasing tuition 2 percent for two years," Rastetter said. "Clearly, what we didn't anticipate when we developed that program and that received support last fall from the governor, now there's state revenues that dramatically affect budget cuts …"

Jacob Simpson, the UI Student Government president-elect for the 2017-2018 school year, told the *DI* the two-year model is insufficient in providing students with predictability in anticipating tuition rates.

"I don't think a two-year outlook is enough," he said. "… A student's career at the University of Iowa is longer than two years. Sometimes, we actually go into our fifth and sixth year, and just having a two-year outlook isn't satisfactory."

Additionally, advocacy for state support for higher education is also necessary, Simpson said.

"If tuition is going to increase, we can't be raising tuition in the summer when students have committed to come to the University of Iowa based on a past level of tuition," he said. "We need to have a long-term plan in place so that students know what they're getting into so that they can prepare financially for changes in tuition."

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Latinx constituency Sen. Emiliano Martinez, and LGBTQIA+ constituency Sen. Jon Seedorff.

The student organizations that elect the remaining constituency senators include the Black Student Union, Native American Student Association, Student Disability Organization, and UI Veterans Association.

A constituency senator is an undergraduate student who is elected on behalf of one of seven represented constituencies to voice the concerns of that community in UISG.

"I think it is so important to have those underrepresented groups overrepresented in government, where they can have their voice," said UI student Ang Benda. "It's necessary. Having that ability to have a connection and a source to get their voices heard."

"These communities have historically been marginalized, so UISG wants to take proactive steps to ensure that all students on campus are represented fully via a liaison [or] a member of their community in UISG," said Student Elections Commissioner Alisha McTaggart in an email statement to *The Daily Iowan*.

Rather than managing the broad range of student issues that at-large senators handle, constituency senators, in addition to what the at-large senators work on, address all issues that arise in their community and advocate for action that the community would like to see from UISG.

"Their issues are very important to me," Seedorff said. "I want the community to be united together and feel free to have their voice represented through me."

Seedorff ran against two other candidates in the LGBTQIA+ constituency-senator election.

Some past projects and legislation that were completed by previous UISG constituency senators include bringing together communities to discuss issues related to the cultural and resource centers, passing legislation that resolved to stand in solidarity with the No Dakota Access Pipeline Movement, and passing legislation to stand in solidarity with undocumented and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival students at the UI and supporting the continuation of DACA through the BRIDGE Act.

While the UISG website states that constituency senators are not intended to be the all-encompassing voice of their respective constituencies, it also recognizes that they are elected to engage with their constituency and make decisions according to what they believe will best serve their communities.

"I'm excited to see the ever-evolving process of electing constituency senators continue to develop in the years to come to accommodate to constituencies and their specific needs," McTaggart said in an email to the *DI*.

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Abortion film draws fire, support at UI event

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Students for Life of America, a nationwide anti-abortion organization, hosted a screening of the film *Hush* in the IMU on Thursday night that explored alleged abortion risks.

"The organization advocates for the protection of all life, from the point of conception to natural death," said Daniel Larkin, the president of the Students for Life at Iowa. "We support young pregnant mothers in the community who need our help, and we do a lot of activism, raising awareness about the issue of abortion and helping out mothers in need."

The film examined matters of mental health, risks, and cancer issues reportedly related to abortion. Pro-choice protesters held a sit-in to fill seats and handed papers with a list of information counter to the film.

"It's fairly neutral in nature," Larkin said. "It's potentially lifesaving information; we already know that abortion takes the life of an innocent human being, but now that there is mounting evidence that women who have abortions have an increased risk of certain types of cancers. That's something that we think individuals, especially college-age women who are at a higher likelihood of obtaining an abortion; that's information that they should know about before making a decision."

Currently, the topic of abortion related to increased risks of breast cancer is still debated, though the three largest studies on the matter (Denmark, Harvard, and California) found no link. Because testing this as an experiment would be unethical and impractical, scientists rely on various types of studies.

The American Cancer Society website states that the largest and potentially most reliable study was done in Denmark, in which 1.5 million women were studied in the 1990s. The study did not rely on recall, eliminating bias. Adjusting for known breast-cancer risk factors, the researchers found that induced abortion had no overall risk on breast cancer.

Numerous cohort studies have found abortions have no effect on breast-cancer risk; however some retroactive case-control studies show women to have increased risk of breast cancer, around 11 percent.

The film contended that women who had abortions had a 30 to 40 percent increase chance of getting breast cancer later in life.

However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not list abortion as a risk factor for breast cancer, and the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists also found no causal relationship between breast cancer and induced abortion.

The film also cites mental illness being a factor after abortion, and a few women in the film shared their personal stories of mental illness post-abortion.

The American Psychological Association's Task Force on Mental Health and Abortion found no evidence that a single abortion causes mental-health problems, but some women do experience grief, sadness, or loss following an abortion.

An abortion advocate and volunteer for the Emma Goldman clinic, who wished to remain anonymous because of safety issues, disputed the film.

"We have a legal document for them to sign stating the risks," they said. "There is no risk to an abortion above 3 percent. And that's 3 percent nationally for vacuum aspiration."

"The biggest thing is that it's a greek-life educational credit, so they're going in thinking that it's going to enlighten them, and they're going to learn stuff because it's an objective thing, but it's not," sit-in protester Amanda Bartlett said. "Everybody got an email from Students for Life at Iowa … they end with 'one way or another, someone is lying to women,' and how in pro-life circles, hearing about the negative impacts of abortion is a common thing, when there is little to no evidence that abortion has an impact [on health issues]."

Jordan Mitchell, a member of greek life, attended the event for an out-of-house educational requirement to learn more about abortion.

"I thought the film was good at informing people in general about overall, some of the health implications of abortions," Mitchell said. "I think there was a nonbiased opinion of it, and I felt overall it was just a good film. It didn't say abortion was bad, it just gave the facts, I think."

The organizer of the protest, who wished to remain anonymous, said the problem is the documentary presents information in a one-sided method that claims to be neutral. In the film, only two individuals spoke to the safety of abortions. They also discussed the danger of presenting false information to individuals.

"If you think abortion is morally wrong because that's your religion, that's fine, that's your opinion, but you can't try to control other people's lives and persuade them to do something through misinformation," the organizer said.

METRO BRIEFS

Faculty Senate head stresses faculty importance to UI

COUNCIL BLUFFS — The University of Iowa Faculty Senate president on Thursday told the state Board of Regents that attracting and retaining faculty is vital to the school's strategic plan.

UI Associate Professor Tom Vaughn and UI Staff Council President Erin Brothers addressed the regents in Council Bluffs to discuss their groups' involvement in that plan.

Vaughn's portion focused on the UI achieving excellency through faculty members who are invested in research and scholarship. To do this, he said, a few things needed to be done. One, he said, is reinvesting in the UI's graduate programs.

"Attracting and retaining these faculty is highly dependent on their implication of our graduate programs," Vaughn told the regents. "Creative faculty are attracted, to, and remain with, universities in which they collaborate with other faculty who are engaged in cunning-edge research and scholarship."

He said he believes the UI needs to invest more in salaries in order to recruit and maintain the best faculty.

Brothers' segment placed the focus on staff members' efforts to better the university.

She described the roles the staff plays on campus, some being lawyers, teachers, and performing-arts production managers.

Brothers noted that UI staff members are extremely involved in research.

"In 2016, staff served as principal investigators on 372 research projects, comprising $56 million worth of grants for contracts, which represents approximately 13 percent of the total research dollars awarded to the university," she said.

In addition to their research efforts, Brothers also noted the staff's continual involvement with the creation of programs that expose students to new experiences and student employment.

— by Emi Bendler

McKibben seeks regent presidency

COUNCIL BLUFFS — The departure of the state Board of Regents' two top leaders will bring another member to the forefront.

Regent Larry McKibben announced his candidacy for regent president at the conclusion of Thursday's meeting at Iowa School for the Deaf. Current President Bruce Rastetter and President Pro Tem Katie Mulholland will end their terms April 30.

McKibben recognized the difficult times Iowa's public universities are facing because of the state Legislature's midyear budget reductions, which resulted in a loss of $18 million for the three public universities. He said he believes his 12 years of experience in the Legislature and the connections he made while serving there have helped prepare him to take on this position.

In addition to his legislative experience, McKibben has served on several committees with the regents — vice chairman of the Property and Facilities Committee, vice head and chairman of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, and chairman of the Audit/Compliance Committee.

Despite having served the state as a senator, McKibben said, he does not want to get the government involved in his candidacy, nor does he want to involve it in the regents as a whole.

"I believe that this needs to be an apolitical organization," he said. "I think when you look at the new people coming in, this should not be about politics. This should be about children, families, high-quality education …"

The regents will elect their next leader May 1. McKibben is the only regent so far to publicly announce his candidacy.

— by Marissa Payne and Emi Bendler

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COLUMN

Open dialogue furthers learning

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I'd like to draw a line between two sorts of political correctness. On the one side is the good, the genuinely helpful, the uncontroversial need for there to be some limit to acceptable discourse, especially in a classroom, if any fruitful conversations are to take place. This sort of political correctness is on par with the principle of charity, in which someone's words are given a "charitable interpretation," even if they have misspoken in some way. I am speaking here of situations in which we are most concerned with finding out what other people think, what they know, or what they think they know, while at the same time we are uncovering what we think or what we think we know through the process of dialogue.

But there is also the unhelpful sort of political correctness, which has been so prominent lately. The term may be approaching dog-whistle status, wherein politicians who rail against it are understood by a select cohort to be speaking against, say, dark-skinned people who have attained college education and the light-skinned "race betrayers" who have abetted their efforts. But we need not go quite that far, quite yet.

When I say the unhelpful sort of political correctness, I mean the sort that does not aid in enhancing dialogue. Rather, it shuts it down or prevents it from taking place. Presumably, this isn't the goal, though it is nevertheless the outcome. The thought, I think, is that we don't need to have a conversation about certain assumptions about racism, or so-called reverse racism, or gender "inequality" (I put this in scare-quotes because of the simple fact that genders aren't equal in the sense of *the very same*, or *identical*). Such views may sound crude, but I assure you, they arise more from an honest lack of information than from a malignant racism or sexism. The difficulty, as I see it, is that in order to have a fruitful discussion about race and gender, we need a firm scientific footing. But this is just what is lacking in the humanities, where the tough conversations are supposedly going on.

In my experience, everyone is assumed to have the "politically correct view" when they walk in the door, and thus class discussions quickly descend toward the pit of universal banality. Teachers, of course, can be heard complaining of "silent students" all the time. Maybe that silence has something to do with fears of offending the overly sensitive.

Teachers cannot be held entirely to blame. It is larger than that. The "university as business" model has given students far more power over their teachers than they once had. Fear of lawsuits, fear of firing, fear of suspension, fear of being ostracized, all make the classroom horrifically stifling on any topic of serious controversy. In other words, on those topics which require discussion the most.

Fortunately, the University of Iowa is not an elite institution, in which these problems are the worst. There is less of a politically correct (in the bad sense) culture here than at most small, private liberal-arts colleges.

We ought to capitalize on this freedom to dissent without excessive and bizarre repercussion by offering honest appraisals of how things appear to us to be, regardless if that conforms to a pseudo-consensus of how things ought to be. But this should always be done with respect and humility, with an open and clear mind: one that is not unduly suspicious, nor one that is enamored with mere words. That is how we learn.

EDITORIAL

Farmers' Market takes a step into sustainable future

Bob and Jessica of the Iowa Valley Food Co-Op provide apple slices for members of the community at the Farmers' Market on Sept. 14, 2016. The annual Taste of the Market event gives the public a chance to try various items from vendors for free. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

Last week, the Iowa City City Council announced that as a part of an ongoing sustainability effort, this year's Farmers' Market will no longer have vendors providing non-reusable plastic bags. The market, to support the effort, has purchased 1,500 reusable bags to be handed out for free on a first-come, first-serve basis with more bags available for purchase at $3 a piece.

This step, though modest, is an important one for Iowa City and a tremendous test drive for future changes. The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board considers this a great step in the right direction for a more sustainable community, state, and country. However, it is but a small part of the changes needed to combat the disastrous federal legislation and proposed budgeting.

In the latest budget proposal by the Trump administration, the Environmental Protection Agency would experience a $2.1 billion cut (31 percent) in its 2018 budget. More than a lack of funding, this is a way for the Trump administration to effectively say, "We do not believe in climate change or the potential catastrophic implications of its effects, both financially and physically."

In the face of a federal government that refuses to act on climate change, the duty must fall on local and state governments. The removal of single-use plastic bags from the Farmers' Market needs to lead to future measures by Iowa City and the state of Iowa.

Several other state and local governments are making changes like Iowa City, but in even broader measures. For example, according to the *Star Tribune*, the entire city of Minneapolis (with few exceptions) will ban all plastic bag use beginning June 1. The Minneapolis City Council will impose a 5-cent charge to customers hoping to use plastic bags or, alternatively, businesses that wish to continue their bag use without charging customers can contribute money to a litter cleanup fund. This is with the goal of Minneapolis ultimately becoming a zero-waste city.

Elsewhere, the state of Washington's proposed carbon tax (a tax on energy from coal, oil, and gas) failed in November with only 42 percent of the vote. However, 42 percent of the voting population in Washington voting for this measure is another tremendous stride forward and frankly represents an incredible turn in the trajectory of climate-change legislation.

Many pundits believe that a carbon tax is a satisfactory compromise that could be the route to solving many climate-change issues. Even several conservatives, including former Secretary of State James Baker III, approve of the idea because it maintains small government while allowing a free market to determine the effect of climate change by increasing the price of the environment-harming resources.

Both the state government in Washington and the city government in Minneapolis have admitted that such taxes and bans will be — to some extent — burdensome, but in the end, these measures will prove beneficial to the overall success and health of the city and state.

The new plastic-bag rule for the Iowa City Farmers' Market sets in motion a path for the city to take part in individual, local, and state government initiatives that can counteract President Trump's detrimental policies. The *DI* Editorial Board implores City Council to keep the ball rolling with further measures.

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COLUMN

Acting black, acting the part

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I was sitting in my French class about a week ago when I overheard a conversation that truly shocked me. A student was talking about how he was robbed. It started out as a sad story, but then at the very end of it he said something along the lines of "I understand it, though, because they were black."

Any normal person would find this offensive, but the kicker for me was when he said this, he looked directly at me, even locked eyes with me. Then he laughed.

I was furious. I asked him why he would say that, and he said that because they were black, he figured they would rob him. I told him that was racist, to which he said, "That's not racist, that's just a fact."

This caught me offguard. He went on to explain he couldn't possibly be racist because "he had black friends," something that I've heard many times since coming to Iowa. He then said I was not like the people who robbed him because I didn't "act black."

The truth is, no matter what he thought, what he said was indeed racist, and I was shocked that he had the nerve to say it directly to my face. Of course, if I had reacted violently, I would have only fueled the stereotype and, in turn, proved him right.

In this world, everything has a stereotype. Men are tough, women are submissive, rich kids are spoiled, black people are "ghetto." Obviously, however, all of these statements are untrue when applied to an entire group.

That's just how these groups have been portrayed in the media. The media has a lot to do with how society views certain things, and a lot of it can create negative views of people.

One of the stereotypes that I have to deal with every day is the black-male image. While the kid who said that to me in my French class wasn't black, I have heard comments about what it meant to "be black" from both the black and white communities. I find it ironic that the African-American community can fight so hard for equality while at the same time advocate stereotypes of what it means to "be black."

"You talk white," "You're an Oreo," and "You're the whitest black kid I know" are all phrases that I have heard from both black people and white people and are phrases I find to be incredibly annoying.

I've also gotten comments such as "you dress black, but you talk white," or "I'm blacker than you, and I'm white." To those comments I say, there is no way one can dress or talk in a way that defines race. On top of this, stating you act more black than me makes zero sense, since in reality I have always been black and the person who said that has always grown up with white privilege. Thus, unless you have black skin, you can never know what it truly means to be black.

Acting black is just a cruel way of saying acting like a stereotype. A stereotype that is unprofessional, violent, and "ghetto." I did grow up in a ghetto, and there is no pride in stating that you grew up in gangs, stole bikes as a kid, or got in fights at school. It only furthers the negative picture that the world and the media perpetuate of black men and women.

Judging someone based on "blackness" is racist, and saying otherwise is truly hypocritical.

Tracksters face a challenge at dusk

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The Hawkeye track and field team will finally make a homecoming this weekend when it hosts the annual Musco Twilight on Saturday starting at noon.

The meet will not only pit the Hawkeyes versus the rest of the state (Northern Iowa, Iowa State, and Drake) but also the likes of Creighton and Western Illinois, to name a few.

This is not an ordinary meet. For many Iowa tracksters, this will be a make or break meet for them because both the Drake Relays and championship week are fast approaching. Those who don't have a time worthy for these meets won't attend.

"This is one of the last chances some our athletes will be able to make the Big Ten Championships travel roster," Woody said. "We can only travel 34, so there are a lot of people on the bubble."

One of these bubble athletes is senior Aaron Mallett, not because of a lack of talent, but because of a lack of actual race finishes.

"Aaron Mallett was rolling on the high hurdles in Mt. SAC but tripped over the last hurdle," Woody said. "He has got to get a time so he [can] get himself ready for Drake and the Big Ten Championships."

This is the same athlete who struck fear in the eyes of most Big Ten observers during the not-so-long-gone indoor season. Mallett won back-to-back Big Ten titles in the 60-meter hurdles, yet he still faces elimination in the looming shadow of the Drake Relays quickly approaching. In Mallett's beloved event, the 110-meter hurdles, Saturday will decide whether his career will have a premature ending or will live on for a few more weeks.

Another cncern with the Drake Relays on the horizon is stitching together a great set of relays that the school can hang its hat on.

"When you go to the Drake Relays, there are not a lot of open events, but there are relays," Woody said. "We really want to establish ourselves as a great relay school, so I'm really looking forward to both 4x1s."

Athletes clear the hurdles during the 110-meter hurdles during the Musco Twilight at Cretzmeyer Track on April 23, 2016. The Musco Twilight brings in track and field athletes from all over. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)

The Hawkeyes currently have six Big Ten leaders, and three of those six leading times are in relays: the men's 4x400-meter relay and the men's and women's 4x100-meter relay.

The men's 4x100 relay consists of freshman Emmanuel Ogwo, sophomore Mar'yea Harris, freshman Collin Hofacker, and junior Carter Lilly, who lead the Big Ten with a time of 39.49. They will attempt to hold onto this lead during Saturday's meet.

The women's 4x100 relay involves sophomores Taylor Chapman and Briana Guillory, senior Alexis Hernandez, and junior Brittany Brown.

If this team wants to be a high-octane, relay-oriented squad, it must finish strong at Musco on its home turf.

The Drake Relays will commence on April 26 and conclude on April 29.

FOOTBALL

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comers — the opportunity to show coaches and fans what they are capable of in front of a crowd, some of them for the first time.

One athlete in particular, transfer wide receiver Nick Easley, has had a good spring — the best out of all the receivers, Ferentz said.

Easley, who was a preferred walk-on, spent time at Iowa Western before joining the Hawkeyes in January.

"I didn't have a lot of opportunities out of high school … [I had] William Penn, Grandview, Missouri Western, and that's about it," Easley said about his recruiters as he came out of high school.

After an especially impressive last season at Iowa Western, Iowa began courting Easley. Both of Easley's parents graduated from Iowa, and he's been a Hawkeye fan most of his life, making the adjustment to not only a higher-level program but a new school that much easier.

"There's been some adjustment," Easley said. "I've played against some really good players in the past, too. But I'd say there's been definitely a jump in speed in the competition."

As for the Spring Game, it will be played in a similar fashion to what has been done in the past. Offense can score points through touchdowns and points after, explosive plays, first downs, and field goals. Defense can score through touchdowns, takeaways, three-and-outs, point after blocks, or sudden stops after an offensive march down the field.

The game will be broadcast on the Big Ten Network, something Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz is particularly happy about.

In the past, the Spring Game has been held during the afternoon, but this one is set to start at 7:06 p.m. today.

Kirk Ferentz said this was to see if the team could draw a larger crowd than what it has seen in the past.

"As part of our thinking about doing the Friday night game, having an opportunity to do that, hopefully good from a recruiting standpoint but also eager to see just what the fan experience is," the head coach said. "Seems like night games over there have been received pretty favorably. So try it in the spring, and we'll gauge it afterwards what it feels like."

BASEBALL

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is tied for fifth in the Big Ten with Michigan State. with both at 5-4. Overall, the Hawkeyes are 22-13 with an incredible 11-1 record at Banks Field.

After Iowa's first game against Bradley and right before Big Ten play kicked off, right fielder Robert Neustrom liked what he saw from his team. Now, before another conference series, the same thing is true.

"I like where we're at," Neustrom said after Iowa's win over Bradley. "I think we can still be better. We saw great displays of offense and defense [March 22]. If we keep that up, I think everything's going to be just fine."

While Rutgers has a solid team batting average at .274, 11 points behind Iowa, its pitching hurts. Lots. In 34 games, Scarlet Knights' pitching has put up a Little League ERA of 6.17, worst in the Big Ten.

Taking advantage of that will be important for Iowa. The Hawkeyes are one of the better hitting teams in the conference; their .285 team average puts them fourth.

Iowa has the sluggers to do the job, too. The first five players in the batting order all bat over .300.

Scoring early and often will be a big key for Iowa. The Hawkeyes are 13-4 when scoring in the first inning, 16-1 when scoring 6 or more runs.

With Neustrom and first baseman Jake Adams ranking in the top five in RBIs in the Big Ten, the Hawkeyes definitely have the capability to capitalize.

Still, if that doesn't happen, Iowa has the ability to fight back. The Hawkeyes have shown their perseverance time and time again, highlighted by comeback wins in a double-header against UNLV as well as taking the series from Purdue after a first-game loss.

"I've learned that this team is really resilient," center fielder Ben Norman said after the Purdue series. "No matter what situation we're in, we know we've always got a plan, and we need to stick to our plan."

SOFTBALL

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performance by senior Sara Groenewegen, who pitched all 12 innings and had 15 strikeouts in the shutout victory. She leads the Big Ten with an ERA of 0.57 in 22 games in the circle.

In the second game, Minnesota was clearly ready to go home and scored 12 runs by the fifth inning to end the game in five, 12-1. Iowa may have a hard time slowing the Gophers down, but as with Minnesota, momentum is on the Hawkeyes' side.

"I think that it is awesome that we are now getting into a roll, because we were kind of off to a slow start, but now that we have beat a lot of teams, I think we can go out strong against Minnesota," freshman Havyn Monteer said.

Minnesota is perfect at home so far this season. The Gophers also lead the Big Ten in pitching with an average ERA at 1.29 and in team batting average at .347.

Minnesota is lethal in all aspects of the game, meaning opponents cannot make any errors to have a chance at winning. Luckily for the Hawkeyes, their defense makes few errors, in large part thanks to dominate pitching by redshirt senior Shayla Starkenburg, which was on display Tuesday in the Iowa win against Iowa State, especially in the final at-bat.

"We always have to give the crowd a little excitement at the end," Starkenburg said. "I threw a curve ball that was pretty good on the hands. She got a little piece of it, that was that first little blooper there, and then that bunt we just could not field it quick enough, but our defense stayed positive and calm the whole time, and we were able to get out of it."

It will be an uphill battle for the Hawkeyes, but if they keep their level-headed and consistent-play approach, then they might be able to steal one game from Minnesota. Iowa could do the nearly impossible by delivering the Gophers their first home loss of the season.

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Now and then, it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy. — Guillaume Apollinaire

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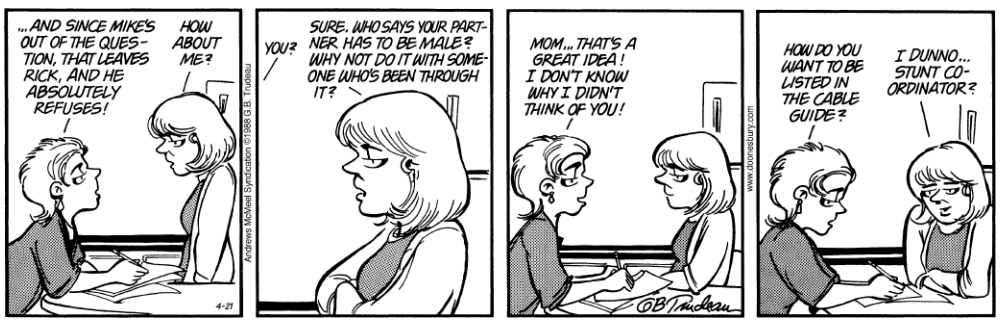

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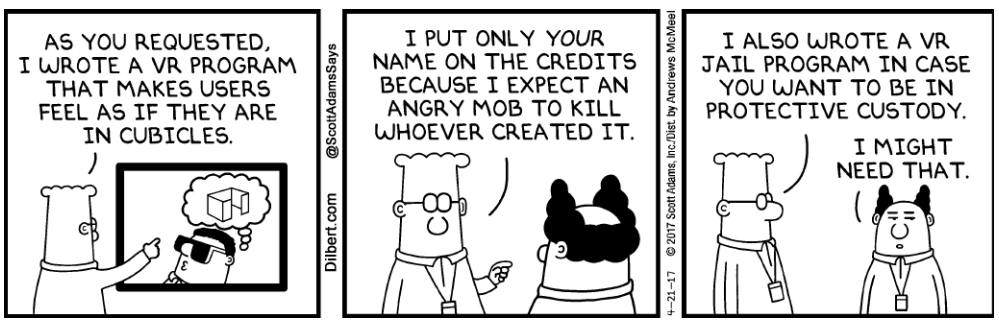

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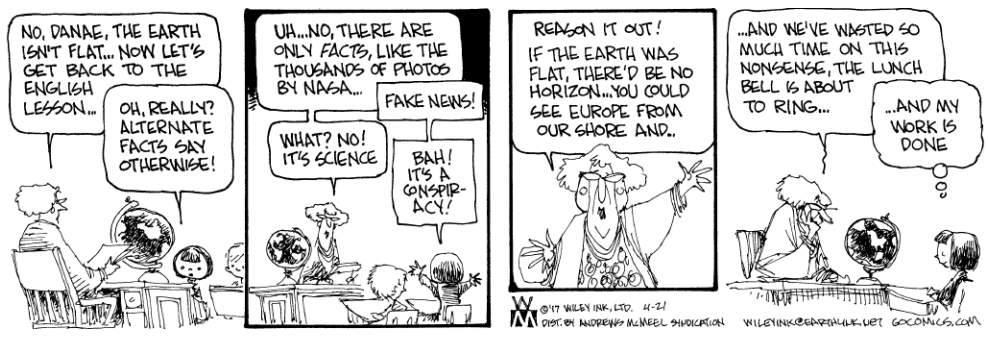

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horoscopes

Friday, April 21, 2017
by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think fast, but don't box yourself into a corner. It will take precision and good planning if you want to come out on top. Don't rely on anyone to do a job for you. Do whatever it takes to make things right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make solid choices based on facts and intelligence. Know your limitations, and aim to create greater balance in your life. Play hard, work hard, and make hard decisions and choices that will help you reach your goals and improve your health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Channel your energy into things that truly matter to you. Rise above anyone who is playing dirty or trying to undermine you. Stay focused on what's important in order to foster better relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stability should be your target. Don't let an emotional situation escalate into something you cannot control. Protect your position, your reputation, and your physical and emotional well-being. Offer peace, not chaos, if you want to maintain integrity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your ability to tap into what's going on around you, and it will spare you from being fooled by someone who is trying to take advantage of you. Use charm and diplomacy to present what you have to offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Express your thoughts and feelings, and you will be able to bring about positive changes. Socialize with people who share your beliefs and interests. Explore new possibilities, but don't overspend or get involved in excessive behavior.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be faced with an unusual choice that could influence your financial, physical, or legal well-being. Check in with someone you trust to give you the information you need to hear in order to make a decision. Choose peace over discord.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Explore new opportunities, and check out anything that grabs your attention or feeds into a creative idea you've been mulling over. Expand your interests, and you will make new friends. Personal improvements should be a priority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look past the problems you face with a friend, relative, or one of your colleagues; stay focused on the changes you can make to improve your own knowledge, skills, and chance for greater opportunities. Secure your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Learn from experience. Too much of anything will drag you down. Concentrate on the people who and projects that will help you make the highest return. Your aim should be to stabilize your life, not disrupt it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The help you have offered to others in the past will be returned to you. Don't hesitate to share your ideas, intentions, and future plans. The precise way you express what you want will make it easy for others to pitch in and help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional situations will escalate and result in an argument if you aren't careful. Weigh the pros and cons before you get entangled in a no-win situation that is a waste of time and potentially dangerous to your reputation.

today's events

- **Innovation, Business, and Law Center, Jake Linford**, 12:30 p.m., 235 Boyd Law
- **Thesis Defense, Xu Huang**, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Tippie Build Tailgate, barbecue for Habitat for Humanity**, 1-4 p.m., Pappajohn Patio
- **Spring Bike Checkup**, 2-4 p.m., Pentacrest
- **Ida Beam Lecture, JoAnne Stubbe**, 3:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **Natalie Landowski, Piano**, 5:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
- **Intersection A Cappella Spring Concert**, 7 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Brandi Janssen,** nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Latin Jazz Ensemble**, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Concert Hall
- **Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's Spring Recital**, 7:30 p.m., 2400 Voxman
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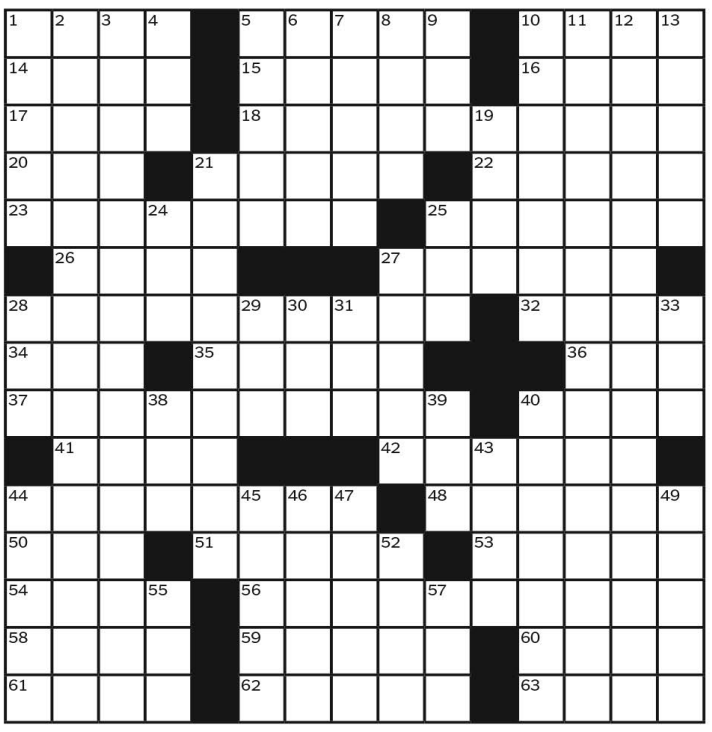

PUZZLE BY JACOB STULBERG

ACROSS

1 "Hilarious!"
5 Flight alternatives
10 Tag, for example
14 HH
15 Centipede creator
16 "Lionel Asbo: State of England" novelist, 2012
17 Some paperwork: Abbr.
18 Well-built
20 Ran
21 Foolish
22 Curriculum ___
23 Sub rosa
25 Bourbon drinks
26 Off
27 Arise
28 Amount before bonuses
32 Slips
34 Hill dweller
35 Foolish
36 Dedicated to
37 Fort ___ (Civil War landmark near Savannah)
40 Gravy go-withs
41 City on Amtrak's Boston-to-Chicago line
42 Osprey, for one
44 Once-common building material
48 Sequel
50 "Homeland" airer, for short
51 Foolish
53 Jacob's father-in-law
54 Thomas who headed the 9/11 Commission
56 Bach's "Musical Offering" includes one
58 Simple
59 Supermarket chain until 2015
60 ___ Rock, N.J.
61 Displays near gates, briefly
62 Stack of papers
63 "Who ___?"

DOWN

1 When its second syllable is drawn out, "Are you out of your mind?!"
2 Skipping record?
3 Command for turning sharply right
4 Biblical mount
5 "Groundhog Day" director
6 Whatsoever
7 How one might fall in love
8 Hunted
9 Be idle
10 Region bordering Lebanon
11 Recreational soccer, to Brits
12 Embezzles, e.g.
13 ___ Park
19 Sex-ed subject
21 Foolish
24 "___ thee to hell for shame": "Richard III"
25 Beatitude
27 Jon of "Two and a Half Men"
28 Comic book sound effect
29 Question in response to an insult, maybe
30 Some wax
31 Phone inits.
33 Top class: Abbr.
38 Be idle
39 Grammy category
40 Off
43 ___ Alto
44 "Shoot!"
45 Byes
46 The "O" in television's OWN
47 Title locale
49 Foolish . . . or, when read as three words, how this puzzle's other four "foolish" answers are arranged
52 Robe-wearing trainer of cinema
55 Dr. Mario console
57 Abbr. in a beach bag

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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A	C	L	U	■	S	T	R	I	A	E	■	L	E	E
D	O	L	P	H	I	■	■	■	F	E	T	U	N	A
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■	■	■	C	R	Y	I	N	G	O	U	T	■	■	■
A	S	S	O	■	■	■	T	E	D	P	R	E	S	S
F	O	O	T	R	A	C	E	■	E	L	U	D	E	S
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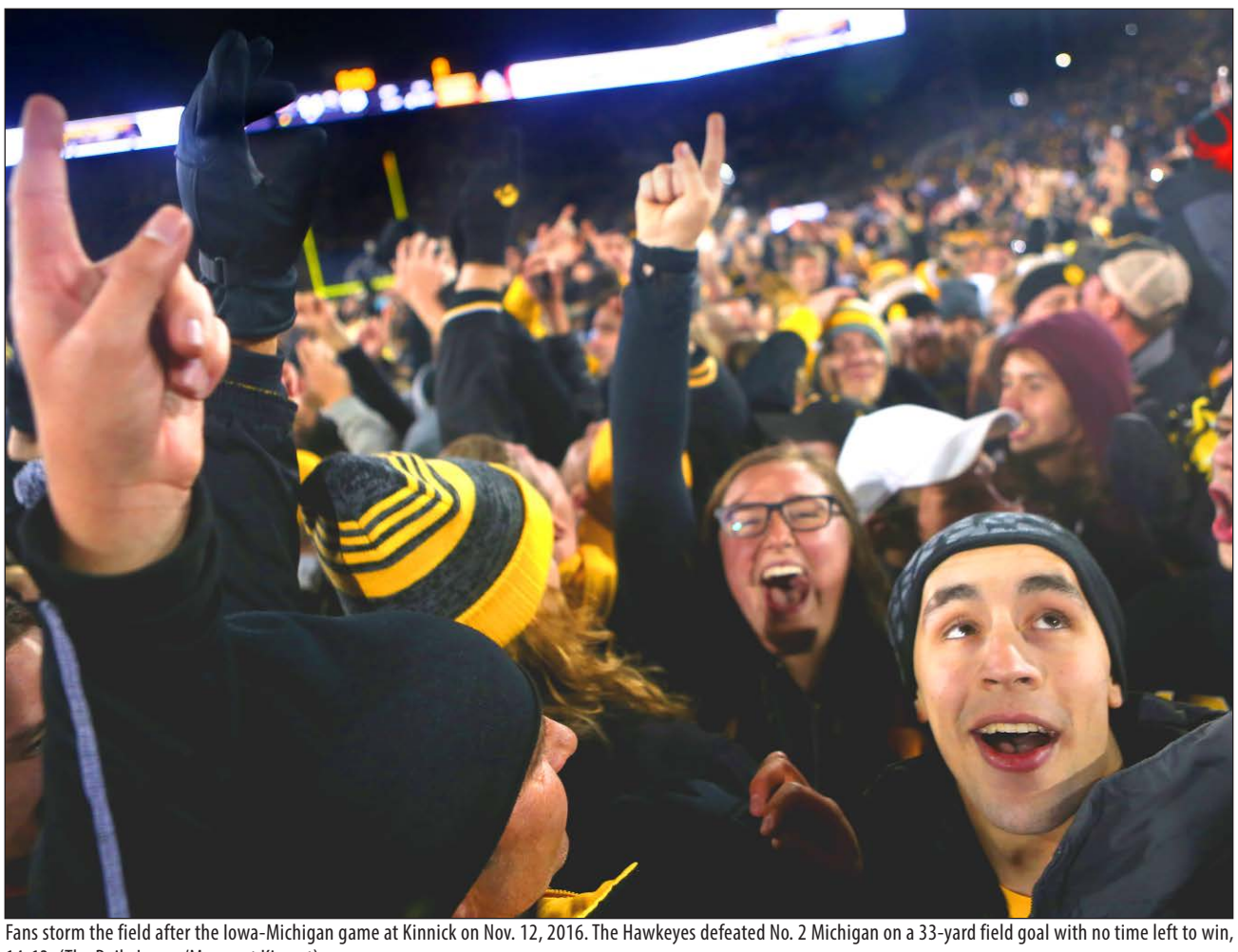
Football wraps up spring of changes



Fans storm the field after the Iowa-Michigan game at Kinnick on Nov. 12, 2016. The Hawkeyes defeated No. 2 Michigan on a 33-yard field goal with no time left to win, 14-13. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By COURTNEY BAUMANN | courtney-baumann@uiowa.edu

The Iowa football team will host its last practice of the spring tonight in Kinnick Stadium, when it wraps up the season with the annual Spring Game.

It's been a busy spring for the Hawkeyes with various coaching changes throughout the program. Brian Ferentz became the new offensive coordinator, Kelton Copeland joined the staff this year from Northern Illinois, Ken O'Keefe rejoined Iowa after a stint with the Miami Dolphins, and Tim Polasek came from North Dakota State to take over the offensive line.

Needless to say, there has been a lot of new information getting pushed at the Hawkeyes.

Although five weeks is a short amount of time to implement new systems, Ferentz can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"We've gotten what we need to evaluate guys and to find out what we're good at," Ferentz said. "Certainly don't get everything put in in the spring, but in some ways, the spring is difficult because you have so much in. We're trying to get as much on tape, as much evaluated as we can."

Having the Spring Game gives players — particularly new-

SEE **FOOTBALL**, 5

IOWA SPRING GAME

WHEN: 7 P.M. TODAY
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Baseball seeks big bounce back

By PETE RUDEN
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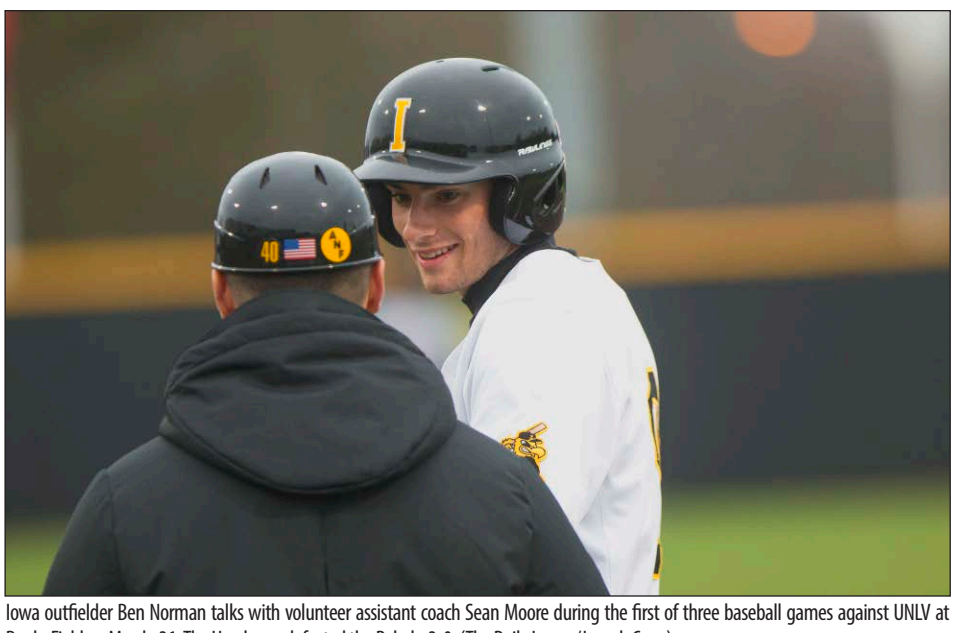

Iowa outfielder Ben Norman talks with volunteer assistant coach Sean Moore during the first of three baseball games against UNLV at Banks Field on March, 31. The Hawkeyes defeated the Rebels, 3-0. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

After suffering a 6-4 loss at the hands of Bradley on Wednesday, the Iowa baseball team will try to get back on the winning track this weekend when it takes on Rutgers for a three-game series at Banks Field.

Iowa was coming off of a weekend series against Nebraska in which it took two out of three for the series win. Nebraska was one of the hotter teams in the Big Ten at the time, so it seemed to be a good boost for the Hawkeyes.

But while Iowa has been clutch in the eighth inning and beyond this season, that was not the case Wednesday. The Braves scored 5 runs in the seventh and eighth to take the lead for good.

"[That] was a tough loss," head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "It's never good to lose one late like we did [Wednesday]."

After the loss to Bradley, which Iowa beat, 12-1, earlier in the season at home, the Hawkeyes will try to rebound. And what better team to bounce back against than Rutgers?

The Scarlet Knights enter the series with the second-worst record in the Big Ten at 2-4, ahead only of Penn State's 1-8 mark. Coming off two-straight losses to Seton Hall, the Knights have a 13-21 record.

Iowa, on the other hand,

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IOWA (22-13) VS. RUTGERS (13-21)

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Softball faces a huge challenge

By JACOB MILLER
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The greatest challenge for the Iowa softball team this season will be its three-game series against No. 5 Minnesota in Minneapolis this weekend.

The Gophers were the 2016 Big Ten Tournament champions, and they are on the path to repeat, 40-3 overall, 13-1 in the Big Ten.

"Minnesota is a great ball club," head coach Marla Looper said. "They're leading the conference right now, and they're not easily beat, but I do feel we have an opportunity to go up and take one from them. It's going to take us doing the little things right all the time and eliminating a lot of extra free passes for them and extra outs, because they're going to take the extra outs and take advantage of them."

On Wednesday, the Gophers had an exciting double-header matchup against Wisconsin in Madison. Minnesota missed out on many opportunities to score early on in the first game, and the Badgers held their own, forcing it into extra innings.

It took the Gophers until the 12th inning to get their bats going, and they scored 6 runs to win the game. Another major factor in their win was a dominant

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 5

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