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Jane Meyer (right), the former UI senior associate athletics director, gets a hug from partner Tracey Griesbaum following a news conference Thursday in Des Moines. A jury on Thursday awarded \$1.43 million to Meyer, deciding that the university had discriminated against her because of her gender and sexual orientation. (Associated Press/Charlie Neibergall)

## MEYER V. UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

### VERDICT

A jury awarded Jane Meyer \$1.43 million Thursday after 13 days of testimony, ruling that the UI had discriminated against the former UI senior associate athletics director because of her gender and sexual orientation. Meyer was compensated for lost wages and emotional distress, past and future. The jury of five women and three men heard testimonies from Athletics Director Gary Barta, football coach Kirk Ferentz, wrestling coach Tom Brands, and baseball coach Rick Heller.

### TESTIMONY HIGHLIGHTS

- AFTER A COMPLAINT ARRIVED ON BARTA'S DESK ABOUT FORMER FIELD HOCKEY COACH TRACET GRIESBAUM ABUSING PLAYERS VERBALLY, HE STARTED AN IN-HOUSE INVESTIGATION. IN HER TESTIMONY, MEYER CONTENDED IT FELT LIKE SHE WAS THE ONE BEING INVESTIGATED IN 2014 AS THE UNIVERSITY PROBED INTO HER RELATIONSHIP WITH GRIESBAUM.
- ON DEC. 4, 2014, MEYER SENT 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 HER AND HER TREATMENT BECAUSE OF HER SEXUAL ORIENTATION, SHE SAID IN HER TESTIMONY.
- BARTA TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD NUMEROUS STAFFERS IN THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT COME TO HIM IN 2014 COMPLAINING ABOUT MEYER'S BEHAVIOR. HE SAID HE DECIDED IN 2014 HER ATTITUDE HAD GOTTEN TOO DISRUPTIVE AND MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DO HIS JOB.
- FERENTZ, BRANDS, AND HELLER TESTIFIED THAT MEYER WAS NOT RESPONSIVE TO THEIR REQUESTS, ESPECIALLY INVOLVING PLANS TO IMPROVE ATHLETICS FACILITIES. BARTA TESTIFIED SOME COACHES WERE NO LONGER WILLING TO WORK WITH MEYER, PROMPTING HIM TO DECIDE TO HIRE TAYLOR AS HIS DEPUTY.
- LIZ HOLLINGSWORTH, WHO SERVES AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE SCHOOL'S PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS, TESTIFIED SHE ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL TROUBLING MEETINGS WITH MEYER. HOLLINGSWORTH SAID SHE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MEYER AND GRIESBAUM'S RELATIONSHIP UNTIL THREE MONTHS AFTER GRIESBAUM'S FIRING.
- HOLLINGSWORTH TESTIFIED THAT MEYER GAVE HER A LIST OF LESBIAN COACHES AT IOWA TO INTERVIEW ABOUT POTENTIAL DISCRIMINATION.
- BRANDS TESTIFIED THERE WAS "NO DIALOGUE" WITH MEYER, AND IT WAS ALWAYS A "ONE-WAY STREET" WORKING WITH HER. FERENTZ AND BRANDS BOTH TESTIFIED THEY DID NOT GO STRAIGHT TO MEYER WITH COMPLAINTS.
- GRIESBAUM TESTIFIED THAT WHEN BARTA FIRED HER, SHE ASKED HIM THREE TIMES "WHAT HAVE I DONE WRONG?" SHE ALSO DENIED HIS CLAIM THAT SHE REFUSED TO CHANGE HER WAYS AS HEAD COACH.
- GRIESBAUM SAID SHE WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH MEYER DURING THE FIELD-HOCKEY INVESTIGATION.

**"The university is disappointed by the jury's decision."**

— Jeneane Beck, UI assistant vice president for external relations

### HISTORY

Jane Meyer, the former University of Iowa senior associate athletics director, filed a suit against the University of Iowa in November 2015. She claimed she was discriminated against as a gay woman in a relationship with former field-hockey coach Tracey Griesbaum. Griesbaum was fired in August 2014 after some field-hockey players complained about the way they were treated, and in April 2015, Meyer was transferred to another department. The lawsuit argued that Meyer's reassignment was unfair and an act of retaliation for speaking up about gender inequality and that she had experienced discrimination on wages because of her gender and sexual orientation.

By **LUKE MEREDITH**  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — A jury on Thursday awarded \$1.43 million to the former University of Iowa senior associate athletics director, ruling that the university had discriminated against her because of her gender and sexual orientation.

Jane Meyer alleged she suffered workplace discrimination as a gay woman in a relationship with the school's longtime and highly successful field-hockey coach Tracey Griesbaum, that the school retaliated against her for complaining about Griesbaum's firing, and that she was paid less than a male counterpart for similar work. Judge Michael Huppert said the eight-person jury

found in favor of Meyer on all five counts.

"This is for everyone who has fought for discrimination," Meyer said. "It's much bigger than Jane Meyer."

The trial lasted nearly three weeks and featured testimony from Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz and wrestling coach Tom Brands. The jury began deliberating Wednesday and delivered its sealed verdict on Thursday. One of Meyer's attorneys, Jill Zwagerman, said she expects Iowa to appeal the verdict — partly because of the size of the award.

But Zwagerman also said that the \$374,000 in lost wages the jury awarded to Meyer can be tripled under Iowa law because the jury found Iowa's actions to be willful. Zwagerman also

said that they will file a request through the courts to investigate claims of gender discrimination at Iowa.

A lawsuit filed against the university by Griesbaum is set to begin early next month.

Meyer, who was Iowa's top-ranking female athletics administrator for a decade, filed the lawsuit after being transferred to another department soon after Griesbaum was fired. Meyer's job was eliminated in 2016.

Meyer's lawyers closed their case by bringing up a memo from Meyer to Athletics Director Gary Barta that outlined many of the concerns of gender and sexual discrimination that ultimately led her to sue her former employer. A day after Meyer gave the memo to Barta, she was reassigned outside of athletics.

"This is a landmark case ... Jane is amazing. She stood up and fought for herself and a lot of other women," Zwagerman said.

Meyer's lawyers also brought up an email from the university acknowledging that it was moving Meyer from the department because Griesbaum had threatened to sue the school and that she had made their relationship public through the Associated Press.

Coaches Ferentz, Brands and baseball's Rick Heller criticized Meyer as not being responsive to their requests, especially involving plans to improve athletics facilities. Barta testified some coaches were no longer willing to work with Meyer, promptly

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## ETHICS NATIONAL POLITICS

# Church-state separation questions arise

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Trump signed a religious-liberty executive order Thursday, and while the gay community has been a well-known critic of similar moves, others are focused on religious groups' exemptions from the Johnson Amendment, a U.S. tax-code provision that prohibits nonprofit organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said his concern lies in a church's ability to affect state law.

"America has a long, proud history of separation of church and state," Loebsack said in an email statement to *The Daily Iowan*. "And I am concerned about the president's dedication to it."

University of Iowa alum Andrew Ritland, a former legislative fellow with the North American Religious Liberty Association, said not only is the Johnson Amendment bad from a governmental perspective but also from a religious perspective.

"You're saying ... you want to get a tax-exempt status — which is OK, because other organizations get that same status," Ritland said. "But now, that becomes problematic, because not only do you get a tax-exempt status, you also get a benefit that no one else gets."

Ritland said advocating for religious liberties through the government is shortsighted.

"As a Christian, I also think it's dangerous — [people] could be advocating for policies that, in a Christian view, they believe are biblically supported [such as] right to life or treatment of the poor," he said. "However, we shouldn't as Christians say, 'I'm going to align my biblically based values with a particular party or a person' — that shouldn't be the job of a religious organization, that should be left up to the religion's adherents. It's not good from a Christian perspective because you start to entangle religion in a very concerning way with politics."

A similar law was enacted in April 2015, when Vice President Mike Pence, then the governor of Indiana, was scrutinized when a pizza place in his home state refused to cater to a gay couple's wedding, citing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Like Thursday's executive order, the act did not explicitly condone discrimination against members of the LGBTQ+ community, but some members of the community are still concerned the rule will facilitate discrimination against them.

For UI freshman Hannah Archambeau, growing up gay in her South Side Chicago neighborhood meant glares, whispers, and even vandalism to her home. But despite Illinois' blue-state status, Archambeau said, she feels more secure holding hands with her girlfriend in the streets of Iowa City than in Chicago.

"It just further strips me of the little rights I already had," Archambeau said. "There's a difference between inalienable and intrinsic rights and prejudice."

Historically, Ritland said, he believes religion has been a handmaiden of the government, and that, he believes, the connection has corrupted both the church and state.

"It is problematic when you have a neutral law like the Johnson Amendment, and you give exceptions to religious entities — what you find here is that, on one hand, you have the free exercise of religion but also the conflict in the Establishment Clause," he said. "Those two tension points are where you feel a lot of the issues."

For Ritland, these tensions are problematic from both a religious-liberty perspective and from a Christian perspective.

"Christians should be focused on policy," he said. "Not politics."

The *DI* reached the office of Rep. David Young, R-Iowa, but was declined a comment.

The *DI* also tried to reach the office of Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, but did not get a response.

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FASHION FLIES



Lindsay Chastain of Sauvaged Jewelry discusses a fitting with Emma Liebe Hart in preparation for the Flyover Fashion Festival on Thursday. Chastain's designs will be featured in the TRVE VVILL show today at 10 p.m. at RAD. (The Daily Iowan/Nick Rohlman)

MEYER

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ing him to decide to hire Gene Taylor as his deputy. Iowa Assistant Attorney General George Carroll told jurors that Meyer ultimately was moved out of the department because she had behaved "intolerably"

in the months following Griesbaum's firing. Carroll also argued that Iowa had no history of discrimination against gay coaches.

Jurors awarded Meyer \$444,000 in past emotional distress and \$612,000 in future emotional distress in addition to lost wages, according to Huppert.

Jeneane Beck, the UI assistant vice president for

External Relations, said the "university is disappointed by the jury's decision" but had no further comment.

Still, the ruling was a blow to Barta, who has been with Iowa since 2006 and received a contract extension in early 2016 that guarantees him \$4.6 million in compensation through 2021.

As for Meyer, she said throughout the trial that her

career in athletics was likely finished no matter what the jury decided. But after winning on every count, Meyer might reconsider that stance.

"I would love for an institution to hire me. To stand up and say 'You know what? She stood up and wants to do the right thing.'"

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Schools offer health elective

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A trimester-long health elective centered on healthy relationships is set for release in Iowa City high schools next school year.

Sue Chelf, the K-12 health curriculum coordinator for the Iowa City School District, said this will be the first time a health elective has been offered outside of the standard health class required by the state for all ninth graders.

Currently, in-class discussions of this topic are only mandatory in the freshman class. Kathy Bresnahan, the health educator at West High, said that currently about six to seven days of interactive discussion are devoted

out of a 60-day trimester to the topic of healthy relationships, an estimate described as typical of all local high schools. Chelf said this concept is intertwined within larger units on sexual assault and consent.

"Health class is only required for freshman and so that's the only time it would be discussed in class," West High principal Gregg Shultz said. "[Healthy relationships are] a unit in the health curriculum ... it's not comprehensive, more could be added, [but] I could say that about all of our curriculum."

Healthy relationships are a topic that is particularly relevant to individuals at the high school level. According to data from loveisrespect.org, one in

three adolescents in the United States go through verbal, physical, or sexual abuse from a partner.

"It's certainly an important issue for adult living," Shultz said. "Everyone has to navigate issues of how to deal with relationships and [proper] relationships and what improper relationships are and how to handle yourself if you find yourself in improper relationships ..."

Aimed at 10th- through 12th-graders, this new elective will be packaged as a kind of extension from this basic, comprehensive course, Chelf said. It will contain units based on everything from handling rejection, to deciding if a teen is ready to date, to maintaining communication between partners.

"Our focus on this one is

kind of two-fold; one of the goals is to teach students relationship skills and to be able to make smart choices about dating relationships and then again to educate and empower our students to prevent abusive relationships by increasing their understanding about teen dating abuse," Chelf said. "We not only want to stop abuse but we want to be able to prevent it and we want the kids to be able to understand what a healthy relationship looks like and for them to be able to develop and maintain healthy relationships."

Bresnahan said 26 students are currently signed up for the class next fall at West High. Chelf said this fell within the current average for all of the area high schools, with numbers ranging in the 20s per school.

County waits on minimum wage

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Employers in Johnson County may now set their minimum wage starting at \$7.25, which, for some employees, may be hard to live with following a period of a mandated \$10.10 minimum wage.

Currently, Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan said, the county is not taking any action against the state for usurping the power for local governments to set minimum wages, but the supervisors would certainly assist anyone who tried to take a stand against the change. However, he said, the county is not going to sue as it had previously considered.

"Our county attorney is fairly certain we don't have a standing," Sullivan said. Johnson County Su-

pervisor Mike Carberry said the supervisors will keep all options open; to sue, there would have to be an injured party. However, he said, employees could potentially sue the state for financial damages if they suddenly can no longer live on their wages.

Jenna Gathercole, an employee of Mondo's Saloon and Z'Mariks in Iowa City, said she sees why employers would not continue with a wage of \$10.10.

"I understand why [employers] would lower it," she said. "It's business."

At Mondo's, she said, the minimum wage has been lowered but not to the \$7.25 level. The wage of \$10.10 is currently still in place at Z'Mariks, and it does not sound as if it will be lowered, she said.

Gathercole said that while she sees the reason

for the state to mandate a minimum wage, counties should be able to change the wage if they please.

County supervisors are not doing anything formal to try to change the state's mind, Sullivan said, but the supervisors individually, as well as other local groups, are trying to encourage employers to keep a higher wage. The Center for Worker Justice compiled a list of 100 businesses keeping their minimum wage at \$10.10, Sullivan said.

"Lots of business are happy to stay closer to a livable wage," Carberry said.

Some businesses may cut a dollar or two from the \$10.10 minimum wage, Carberry said, but most likely will not lower the wage to \$7.25 because it is the right thing to do.

"Nobody can survive on \$7.25," he said. "Those

are poverty wages."

The advisory committee on minimum wage will stay together to continue to monitor and discuss the wage, Carberry said. So far, he said, the committee has looked at data from the effects of the wage, and there has been no indication having a higher wage harmed businesses in any way.

Keeping the minimum wage higher than \$7.25 is critical, Sullivan said. Johnson County has high housing costs, he said, and thousands of families don't always know where their next meal is coming from.

"[To fix these problems], people can either rely on the government to try to help subsidize low wages or ask employers to pay more," he said. "I think it makes more sense to ask them to pay more."

mural representing Alpha Kappa Alpha in the pedestrian tunnel near Danforth Chapel. "Acts such as these are unacceptable to our campus and community and have historically targeted members of the black community," the statement said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is often regarded as a "premier Greek-letter organization

for African-American women," according to the organization's national website.

"As a community, we stand against acts of racism that are intended to oppress people of color," the statement said. "We will not allow this incident to shake our foundation. We will continue to act. We will continue to uplift one an-

other. We will continue to use our voices as agents of change."

This comes shortly after another hate-driven incident. On April 27, a card promoting white supremacy was found in the Main Library. These two incidents are not believed to be related.

— by Katelyn Weisbrod

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METRO BRIEF

Racist vandalism on campus condemned

An act of vandalism was committed against a multicultural sorority on Wednesday. The University of Iowa Fraternity and Sorority Life issued a statement on Wednesday stating that a swastika was drawn on a

# VP for Student Life hopefuls lay out visions

The four candidates for the position of vice president for Student Life emphasized opportunity to advocate for students in a series of public forums.

By **MARISSA PAYNE**  
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A new leader for the Division of Student Life is one step closer to being named.

The candidates for vice president for Student Life visited campus throughout the week to discuss their thoughts on the position and respond to the University of Iowa community's questions.

The search, cochaired by Kenneth Brown, professor and associate dean of Undergraduate Programs in the Tippie College of Business, and Laura McLeran, senior adviser to the president and associate vice president for External Relations, began in January after current UI Vice

President for Student Life Tom Rocklin announced in December 2016 his plans to retire in July.

Melissa Shivers, associate vice chancellor for Student Life and dean of students at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, met with the public in the first forum on Monday. She told *The Daily Iowan* she believes her 20 years of experience working in higher-education positions her well to appropriately support the campus community in the Division of Student Life.

"The opportunity at the University of Iowa to continue focusing on student health and safety, also leadership development and multicultural compe-

tencies, all really spoke to me as a higher-[education] practitioner," she said. "I believe that the work continues to be important, and I appreciate the emphasis placed on those efforts at the University of Iowa, as they are all personal values to me."

The second candidate, Timothy Alvarez, the vice president for Student Affairs at North Dakota State University, spoke on Tuesday. Brown said the search committee was impressed with the way Alvarez has responded to challenges brought on by budget cuts at that university.

The UI is also facing budget cuts, because the state Legislature reduced funding

for the UI by \$9.2 million as the result of a state budget shortfall of \$131 million.

Alvarez said he wants to foster an atmosphere in which it is acceptable to make mistakes as long as it is viewed as something to learn from, and to continually evaluate whether current processes are effective.

"That's my job, is to ask a lot of questions about what we're doing, why we're doing it, is it working," Alvarez said. "... I want us to be as good as we can be, but I think in order to do that, we need to prioritize."

The third candidate, Lon Moeller, the UI associate provost for Undergraduate Education and dean of the University College, touted his

years of experience at the UI as a student, professor, and in various administrative roles at a Wednesday forum. He said he hopes to replicate his experience at the UI to bolster student success.

"I have a love for the University of Iowa," he said. "The University of Iowa changed me. I owe everything in my professional life to what I learned here. Iowa to me is not a steppingstone; it's not a next step for a next job. It is a place I want to be and will be, and having the opportunity of a lifetime — which is what I view this position to be — is exciting."

The final candidate, Salvador Mena, associate vice chancellor for Student

Affairs at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, visited campus Thursday and discussed his experience working in student affairs and understanding of the aspects of a Division of Student Life, and, like Moeller, described his plans to encourage student success.

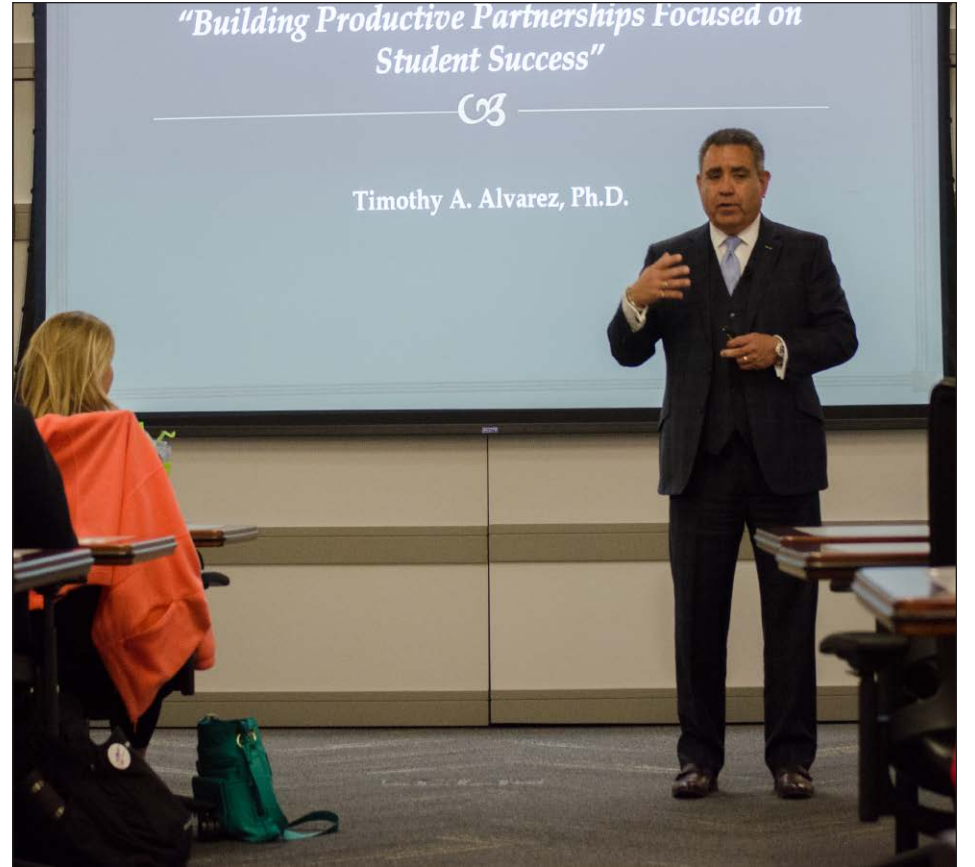
"We come together to learn together around issues," he said. "That means collaboration ... We come together to learn to think about what it means for student success, another tradition."



Mena candidate



**Top Left:** Vice President for Student Life candidate Melissa Shivers stands in the Pappajohn Business Building on Monday. Shivers is one of four candidates for the VP for Student Life position. (The Daily Iowan/Lily Smith) **Right:** Vice President for Student Life candidate Timothy Alvarez speaks in the Pappajohn Business Building on Tuesday. Alvarez is one of four finalists for the VP for Student Life position. (The Daily Iowan/Osama Khalid) **Bottom Left:** UI Associate Provost Lon Moeller presents his qualifications and discusses the changes he would make if he were to become the new vice president for Student Life during a public forum in the Pappajohn Business Building on Wednesday. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Vazquez)



## Group pushes energy audits

By **NATALIE BETZ**  
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Green Iowa AmeriCorps promoted its free energy audits at the Iowa City Senior Center on Thursday.

In 2009, Green Iowa AmeriCorps began at Northern Iowa University, and in August 2016, the group added a new location in Iowa City, said Emily Mueller, the marketing head of the local AmeriCorps.

The mission of the non-profit organization, according to the Green Iowa AmeriCorps website, is to make sure they are "helping make Iowans more energy efficient through low-impact home weatherization, energy education, and community outreach."

In Iowa City, the group has completed more than 100 energy audits as of the beginning of May, Mueller said.

"There are limits, but we will help upgrade homes to the best of our ability," said Kai Hedstrom, the education coordinator for Green Iowa AmeriCorps.

The organization checks

gas lines for leakage as well as furnaces for carbon dioxide, Mueller said. They also help people switch to more sustainable light bulbs, check to ensure crawlspaces have the appropriate amount of microglass, and conduct blower door tests.

"What sets us apart from competing organizations is that we conduct blower door tests," Mueller said.

According to the Green Iowa AmeriCorps website, "The blower door test is specialized equipment used to quantify the air leakage caused by any gaps, cracks, or openings in a home's envelope."

The free energy audits are funded partially by the federal AmeriCorps organization, while the rest is funded by the city of Iowa City and Green Iowa AmeriCorps, Mueller said.

Because the organization is partially funded by the city, some people are not supportive, Mueller said.

However, there has been a lot of discussion on where to get money, how to fund the organization, and how money will be used in the future.

It costs the city a fair-

ly low amount to support the organization, Mueller said. People seem to like the free audits, she said.

Hedstrom said the services are only available to Iowa City residents. The program does not include other towns in the county because it is funded by the city of Iowa City.

"I expected a little more from the presentation. There wasn't much substance," said Phyllis Black, a Johnson County community member. "It's worthwhile to lots of people in Iowa City, but I live in Johnson County."

Black said she will return for future presentations because she thinks the program is good.

The group plans on continuing next year despite a scare that there would not be enough money to keep the organization running, Hedstrom said.

Beginning in late May or early June, the group is conducting more presentations about plants and invasive species at the Senior Center.

"Increasing overall energy efficiency saves a lot of money in the long run," Hedstrom said.



Emily Mueller and Kai Hedstrom give a presentation at the Iowa City Senior Center about energy conservation and sustainability on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/James Year)

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## COLUMN

### Bye, Bill Nye



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Bill Nye strikes-out in the first season of “Bill Nye Saves the World,” his new Netflix series. Nye says the series is based on the concept of “discussing controversial subjects in science.” The series explores subjects such as sexuality, gender, “new-age” medicine, and artificial intelligence. He has “discussions” on these topics for about 10 minutes in each show.

I use quotations around discussions because of how one-sided they are. People chosen for the discussion who usually all agreed with what he was saying and without a word present, it made Nye’s argument much weaker.

For example, in the second episode, Nye discussed crystal therapy, which is the use of crystals to “heal” oneself. This type of therapy is commonly used to take away pain and relieve stress.

Nye holds a discussion with his “expert panel,” which consists of filmmaker Donald Schultz, science journalist Cara Santa Maria, and Dr. Chris Beedie, who specializes in the placebo effect in sports.

Nye starts the discussion by saying alternative medicine works only because of the placebo effect. Schultz starts off by saying you can’t discount sound therapy as a real form of medicine. He talks about ultrasounds use to break apart kidney stones. He’s interrupted by Santa Maria saying, “But that’s not sound. That’s ultrasound.”

Schultz says while you can’t hear the sound, it still is sound.

Throughout the whole discussion, Schultz seemed to be a poor example of the word that supported alternative medicine. While Schultz was well-informed, getting someone who was

an expert in the field would have made the debate less biased. The two other panelists, who opposed alternative medicine, were far more credited than Schultz.

Despite that, Schultz does make one very solid point that seems to end the debate. He points out that all of our computers run because of crystals, and that means we can’t say crystals have no effect. He says, “Just because we don’t understand something yet, doesn’t mean it doesn’t work.”

Even Beedie points out that while it might not be the crystals themselves, it could be the placebo effect. This was a very valid point that supported Schultz’ ideology of crystal therapy.

Schultz tries to point out benefits crystal beds have had in Sedona, but he is interrupted by Nye. However, Nye also belittles Schultz’s valid argument by saying in a mock stoner voice, “I’ve been to Sedona. Dude I’m, like, picking up what you’re putting down, and I’m not seeing it.”

He then immediately cuts to his thank-yous and moves onto his next segment.

This debate, similar to ones in other episodes, are biased and very possibly planned. I felt they were propaganda, trying to turn people against alternative medicine. While one does need to be wary of alternative medicine, you cannot discount that some forms of alternative medicine can work.

While Nye’s new show is biased for climate change, we need to take into account that for science to be taken seriously, it cannot be as one-sided as Nye’s show is. He has always been in the forefront of the climate-change battle, being a speaker at the “March for Science,” and he has the potential to do a lot of good with his authority. However, this show discredits him in many ways.

I need to say bye-bye to Nye and the propaganda hidden behind his face in the first season of “Bill Nye Saves the World.” If Nye wants to stay in the forefront, he needs to up his game next season and make the show less flat and biased.

## COLUMN

### Diversity isn’t killing comics



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In response to a drop in sales, Marvel, one of the largest comic enterprises, recently announced it will return to its original “legacy heroes,” most of which are white males. Recently, Marvel started a new launch of comic books label All New All Different Marvel, which introduced more diversity in comic books. Comics have never shied away from controversial topics, but historically, they haven’t been too diverse, either. Marvel seems to feel that fans do not want diversity in their stories. But diversity isn’t killing comics, weak story lines are.

It’s undeniable the majority of comic superheroes are white males, and yet it’s 2017. Times have changed; surely comics can, too. Of course, diversity can’t be introduced to comics for the sake of diversity; the characters need strong, compelling story lines to make them believable.

When Spider-Man became a mixed African American Latino male named Miles Morales in 2011, the comic-book world erupted. Many individuals were upset the original Spider-Man, Peter Parker, had been replaced. Others were excited for Marvel doing something new and different with

its characters.

But neither side can deny Miles Morales brought a new interesting take on Spider-Man, and that’s what readers wanted. Heroes became more relatable when they didn’t all look the same.

For example, Batman and the original Superman are technically identical. Sure there are some minor differences, and every artist draws the two superheroes differently, but deep down in their core, both men have blue eyes and black hair, and they are muscular white men.

The change started off subtly in comics. Carol Danvers, commonly known as Ms. Marvel, was promoted to Captain Marvel. Duke Thomas, a black man, began leading the charge in the *We Are Robin* comic book.

Simon Baz, a black Muslim man, and Jessica Cruz, a woman dealing with anxiety, both became Green Lanterns.

All these changes were nice and added unique new perspectives to explore in comic books. It allowed comic books to tackle social issues that were currently going on in the world. But then it got a little out of control, with the introduction of diverse characters for diversity’s sake.

In All New All Different Marvel, Captain America is black and the Hulk is an Asian American teenager. Thor, Wolverine, and Iron Man were all now replaced by women. A Pakistani-American girl took up the mantle of Ms. Marvel, and Iceman was revealed to be gay.

“Of course, you’ll always

have the people who will say, ‘That’s not my Captain America,’” said Jake Nelson, who works at Daydream Comics in Iowa City. “But if you don’t like it, you don’t have to read it.” I couldn’t agree more.

But many comic readers say it’s not diversity that is killing Marvel; rather, the new characters just don’t have interesting story lines. Diversity is the only thing some of these characters have going for them, with nothing else unique about them.

Thankfully, Marvel doesn’t plan to completely get rid of its new diverse characters, instead, it is just bringing its original heroes back. For example, it is now doing that with Spider-Man comics, in which they include both Miles Morales and Peter Parker.

“You get your old heroes, and then you get your new ones. It’s like like having your cake and eating it, too,” said Nelson, to which coworker Nathan Parriott said, “Yeah, it’s a little weird, but comics are weird.”

Comics have always been a little weird, but that doesn’t mean they aren’t still amazing to read. The new female Thor, for example, struggles with cancer and brings a new perspective to the superhero genre that hasn’t been explored before. This is a strong, compelling story, one that is worth reading. If Marvel wants to continue adding diverse characters to its universe, the story lines must be just as compelling.

## COLUMN

### Paranoia over threats unhelpful, at the very least



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Last week, an advertisement for the “alt-right” was found in the Main Library stacks. The advertisement was a black business card with white and purple text. On the front it said, “America was 90 percent white in 1950. It is now 60 percent. Trump was the first step. We’re the next.” On the reverse side was written “Alt-Right,” with the Norse rune “Jera” behind the text.

The advertisement is not unique to Iowa City. It has appeared on the Iowa State campus, the Eastern Michigan campus, and in a restaurant in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. The University of Iowa was unique in getting the police involved, much to the amusement of a 4chan discussion board.

I hesitate to drag this bit of news back to light. Why not let it remain buried, like the embarrassing, made-up claims of a hate crime that took place this time last year? Why dwell on the perverted fantasies of a trollish minority?

Journalist Douglas Murray has said we shouldn’t give terrorism the oxygen of me-

dia coverage. What he meant is that we needn’t help those who feed on public fear by making the public more fearful. Murray thought David Cameron’s labeling of ISIS an “existential threat” to the UK was an absurd overstatement, misleading people about what ISIS is actually capable of doing. Similarly, we needn’t view this piece of cardboard as an existential threat to our community’s survival. (Though one does wonder whether the slogan of “total inclusiveness,” as displayed on the doors to the Theater Building, is blatantly self-incapacitating.)

The alt-right advertisement is a device that preys on fear: fears of a disappearing culture and “race.” We needn’t go into the full details of the conspiracy — and be sure that there is a full-blown conspiracy obscuring the minds of those who swim in the murkier depths of the alt-right — but it is helpful to know what your enemy is thinking. As Sun Tzu said, Know thy enemy.

The conspiracy, in a nutshell, is there is a deliberate attempt to replace white people in America through, among other things, the encouragement of interracial marriage. This is manifest in anything and everything, from progressive immigration policies to the propaganda you see everywhere celebrating the virtues of “diversity,” which, for some, translates as,

“white isn’t good; white needs to be replaced.” There are various levels to the conspiracy, but, like all conspiracies, it is not content to point out facts or lack of them, but, crucially, it assigns responsibility to some person or persons. The assumption is always that these people, these master architects, these Gods, act in full awareness of the consequences of their actions.

Imagine being bombarded with these (mentally translated) messages every single day. You’d probably get insecure about being white. After a while, you might even start to believe in some questionable stories you find on the Internet.

There are, undoubtedly, some who believe white people should be replaced, that being white is the devil, that white people ought to cede power wherever they have it. And this vocal minority, and all the “useful idiots” who parrot what they say, are what passes for liberalism in the popular imagination. Just like the left-leaning websites assume everyone who supports Trump is, consciously or unconsciously, a racist.

Such paranoid thinking is not foreign to America nor American politics. What is new is the ability of the Internet to feed these paranoid appetites. We should not allow a vocal minority on either side of the political spectrum to goad us into existential fears where there are only petty insecurities.

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**BASEBALL**  
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high-scoring Spartan squad. Michigan State has scored double-digit runs in 12 contests to this point in the season (Iowa has reached double digits six times) and

currently ranks second in the Big Ten in runs scored. As much as Iowa's power hitting improved this season, Michigan State is right there; the Spartans and Hawkeyes tie for fourth in the Big Ten in home runs. Michigan State also ranks first in doubles and second in RBIs and ties for

fourth in hits. Iowa hasn't scored more than 9 runs since April 7, a 14-2 win against Northwestern, but timely hits have sparked Hawkeye victories. Trailing 1-0 to Penn State in the final game of the three-game series, Jake Adams crushed a

440-foot bomb over the left-field wall to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh. Iowa exploded for 8 more runs through the rest of the inning as well as into the eighth. "We fought all the way," Adams said. "The pitchers did a good job at the mound, hitters stayed fo-

cused. It was a big series for us mentally and physically, to get the sweep." In the Spartans' last Big Ten battle, they took two games against Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois. Michigan State cranked out 13 runs on 14 hits in its third-game win. Shortstop Royce An-

do went 4-for 5 with 2 RBIs. Two other Spartans, Brandon Hughes and Matt Byars, recorded 3 hits, and Byars had a team-high 3 RBIs. The second and third games of the Iowa-Michigan State series begin at 12:05 p.m. on Saturday and May 7.

**SOFTBALL**  
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on the field, you have to

keep that mentality that it's just another game," Mullarkey said. "You just got to play your game the way you usually do, so you try not to let that creep in-

to your head." Iowa's already locked in to the tournament, but the seeding is not set in stone. The Big Ten's top four squads secured a first-round

bye, but the Hawkeyes are not one of those teams. "The season comes down to us taking care of our own destiny and not relying on anyone else,"

head coach Marla Looper said. "If we take care of business, it doesn't matter what anybody else does. We should never rely on anyone else to do what

they should or shouldn't do, and if we come to work this weekend, we'll set ourselves up nicely and seed ourselves nicely for the tournament."

**GOLF**  
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pride to say that I attended this university." For Knoll, his best memory comes from the John Deere Classic. He was able to play a practice round with former teammate

Stephen Ihm and pro golfer Jordan Speith. "That week [is] something I'll never forget," Knoll said. He was also an exceptionally decorated Hawkeye, being named to the Division I PING All-Midwest Regional Team back-to-back years in 2015 and 2016. Twice

Knoll was named to second-team All-Big Ten (once as a sophomore and most recently this past spring, alongside teammate Matthew Walker). "Iowa golf has meant the world to me," Knoll said. "Representing this university is something I will never take for granted." Both Iowa seniors will

pursue pro careers in golf starting this summer, eager to chase their dreams of becoming pro golfers. "I have no idea where I will be in a few years, but playing my cards on the professional level and being able to compete against some of the best up-and-coming golfers is something I've

dreamed about as a kid," Knoll said. "You never know what will happen, but I'm excited to pursue my lifelong goal of making it [to] the PGA Tour." Schaake and Knoll leave the men's golf team in good hands. Players such as Walker, Alex Schaake, and Jack Simpson have displayed tal-

ent these last few weeks, and they hope to continue their success. The Hawkeyes will travel to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the NCAA Men's Regional May 15-17. The tournament will be hosted by LSU at the University Club. The Hawkeyes will be the 10th seed.

**NBA**  
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The Warriors swept the Portland Trailblazers and might sweep the Utah Jazz as well. The real challenge lies in the conference finals. Golden State will clash with either the Houston Rockets or the San Antonio Spurs in the next round.

Both Texas teams boast terrific coaching, something that Golden State does not rely on; the Warriors depend heavily off their stars. Stephen Curry, Draymond Green, Kevin Durant, and Klay Thomson are the best four-player group in the league. Star power can only get you so far in the playoffs, however, because basketball is a game of strategy.

Mike D'Antoni, the head coach of the Rockets, finally has the players built for his up-tempo, run-and-shoot offense. Houston lives and dies by the 3-pointer, and when it's clicking, the Rockets are the most explosive team in the league. Gregg Popovich is known as the league's best coach. Under his system, ball movement is king; the Spurs are

one of the few teams in the NBA that look for the best possible shot on every single possession. Both teams possess MVP-candidates (the Rockets' James Harden and the Spurs' Kawhi Leonard). Harden, a former teammate of Durant, is arguably the best volume scorer in the NBA, while Leonard is the best two-way player we've seen in a long time.

While the Warriors' big four causes matchup nightmares, their bench leaves more to be desired. When Curry, Durant, Green, and Thompson are off the floor, Golden State becomes vulnerable, especially when attempting to keep pace with some of the league's most dangerous squads.

— Adam Hensley

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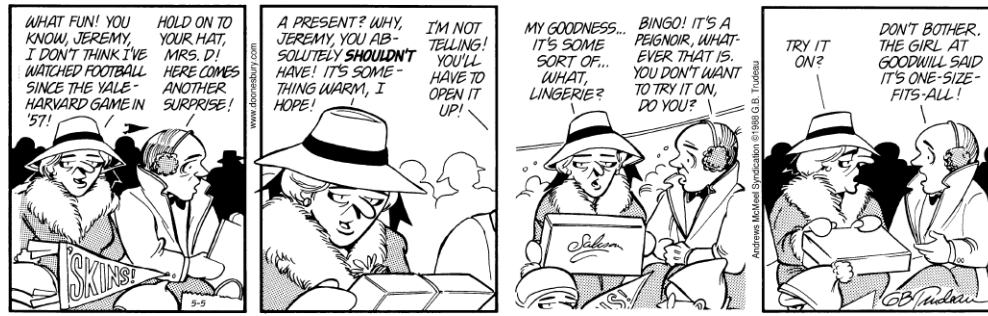


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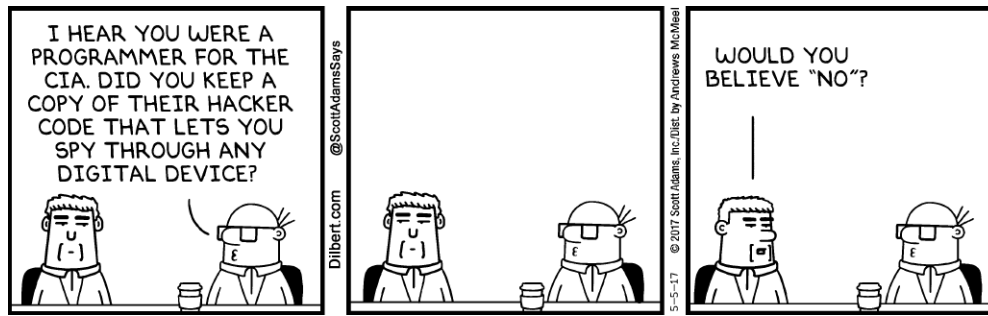
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## horoscopes

Friday, May 5, 2017  
by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't let anger get the best of you when dealing with one of your peers. Listen to what's being said, and consider all scenarios before you do something that might leave you open for criticism or blame. Focus on physical improvements.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Get involved in activities that include people from all walks of life. Engage in discussions that will allow you to express your opinions, and share ideas with others. Pursue a project that you have been interested in for a while.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Emotional deception or disillusionment will be apparent. Do your homework, and find out what's legit and what isn't before you make a move that could put you in a precarious position. Aim to stabilize your personal relationships.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Good ideas will develop if you collaborate with others. Getting together with someone you haven't seen for a long time or setting up a meeting with a colleague who inspires you will lead to new beginnings and future plans.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** If someone puts pressure on you, back away. Don't feel the need to give in when you don't have all the information required to make a wise choice. Ask questions, and offer alternatives if there are things you don't agree with.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Participate in events and activities that will help you get ahead. Learn all you can, and take on a challenge that will help you reach your objectives. Don't let someone from your past lead you in an extravagant direction.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Someone will put emotional pressure on you. Don't give in to persuasive or manipulative tactics that can affect the way you do your job or advance professionally. Make decisions based on what will help get you ahead.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** An important partnership will need a little reassurance. Open up about the way you feel and where you see things headed, and you will get the help needed to follow your heart. A short trip looks auspicious.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll bypass a compromising situation if you remember an experience and how it should have been handled. Learn from your mistakes, and you will avoid getting involved in a project with disastrous possibilities.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stay on top of what friends, relatives, and peers are doing. Listen carefully, and be ready to make alternative suggestions in order to maintain control. A financial gain will come from an unusual source. Find out what's expected in return.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Emotional trouble will surface when dealing with domestic concerns and relationships with the people you live with. Make an effort to compromise, but don't go past the halfway mark. Only be prepared to give what you expect to receive.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Emotional deception will cause frustration and anger. Before you confront someone, get the facts. Knowing what you are up against will help you come out on top. Use intelligence, honor, and fair play, not brute force.

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- Jazz Combo Recital,** 3:30 p.m., Voxman Stark Opera Studio
- Wengjuan Peng, Piano,** 3:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
- Iowa New Play Festival, The Pirate Queen,** 5:30 & 9 p.m., Thayer Theater
- "Live from Prairie Lights,"** Writers Gone Public, Undergrad Nonfiction Writing Program, 6:30 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St.
- Nicholas Bowes, Double Bass,** 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital
- Alton Brown Live, "Eat Your Science,"** 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Camerata and Women's Choir,** 7:30 p.m., Voxman Concert Hall
- Iowa Saxophonists' Workshop Spring Concert,** 7:30 p.m., 2451 Voxman
- Latitude Ensemble Concert (Classical Improvisation),** 7:30 p.m., 2400 Voxman
- CHIPS,** 8 & 11 IMU, 166 IMU
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- Undergraduate Dance Concert,** 8 p.m., Space/Place Undergraduate Concert
- Eric Rieron,** Saxophone, 9 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
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  - 9 Look a little here, look a little there
  - 15 Old means of getting discovered
  - 16 Mammals using echolocation
  - 17 Stayed the course
  - 18 Like biorhythms
  - 19 "The Flowering Peach" playwright
  - 20 Moo \_\_\_\_
  - 22 Hayek of "Grown Ups"
  - 23 John of pro wrestling
  - 24 Hard stuff to swallow
  - 26 Dunderhead
  - 27 Nancy Sinatra's "If \_\_\_\_ Love Me"
  - 28 Brown Betty, e.g.
  - 30 Org. with a campaign called "Degrees Not Debt"
  - 31 Options in a catalog
  - 32 In a sound bite, say
  - 34 Jet stream locale
  - 37 Romantic visionary
  - 38 N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer Mourning
  - 39 Oscar-winning role in "Life Is Beautiful"
  - 40 \_\_\_\_ system (GPS device)
  - 41 Romantic liaison
  - 43 Real pal, for short
  - 46 Many of its products have legs
  - 48 Lacking focus
  - 49 Noah of "Falling Skies"
  - 50 Plants of the arum family
  - 52 Ft. Sumter battler
  - 53 Pet shop purchases
  - 54 Range that's home to Ha Ha Tonka State Park
  - 56 Units in modern film ratings?
  - 58 Convertible
  - 59 A trivial sum, informally
  - 60 Like cream cheese on a bagel
  - 61 Shady bunch?
- DOWN**
- 1 1980s big-city mayor
  - 2 Alphabetically rhyming river name
  - 3 Loom
  - 4 Baked, in Bologna
  - 5 Grps. supporting the 30-Across
  - 6 Wild thing?
  - 7 Series opener
  - 8 Modi operandi
  - 9 Common four-year deg.
  - 10 Novelist Jean with the 1966 best seller "Wide Sargasso Sea"
  - 11 Things in a pod
  - 12 Not near the beginning of

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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PUZZLE BY DAVID C. DUNCAN DEKKER

- 13 What has different strokes for different folks?
- 14 Bit of antics
- 21 AK-47 alternative
- 24 "Go away!"
- 25 Probe, to Brits
- 28 \_\_\_\_ topping
- 29 Leading figure
- 31 Light of the world
- 33 Big name in kitchen utensils
- 34 Cleanup crew
- 35 "Presto chango!"
- 36 Media attention
- 37 Good practice for the show "It's Academic"
- 39 Montreal daily
- 42 Winter coat lining
- 43 Past
- 44 Winter coat lining
- 45 Spills it, with "up"
- 47 Trunk in the trunk
- 49 Well-kept resource
- 51 Hershey bar
- 53 Airline V.I.P.: Abbr.
- 55 One wearing sunglasses, stereotypically
- 57 Pop enthusiast?

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# Baseball fights for Big Ten position



Iowa's Cole McDonald pitches against Rutgers at Banks Field on April 23. The Scarlet Knights defeated the Hawkeyes, 13-5. (The Daily Iowan/Ben Smith)

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Four teams in the Big Ten enter this weekend with a 9-6 conference record in a tight race for third place.

Iowa (27-16) needs a series win against Michigan State (23-17) in order to keep pace and possibly move up in the standings.

Today's game, which starts at 2:05 p.m. and can be watched on BTN2Go, comes after Iowa dropped a midweek rematch with Western Illinois.

Poor pitching and missed opportunities on offense led to a 7-5 defeat to the 17-win Leathernecks.

"We weren't ready to play or ready to pitch," head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "It was as bad of an outing as we've had in a game this season."

Iowa tried to get something going in the pitching department, but things didn't start well. Cole McDonald allowed the game's first 2 runs in his 0.2 innings, and then Drake Robison followed up with a longer outing (2 innings) in which he allowed 4 runs on 3 hits.

The pitching was on full display, however, in Iowa's last Big Ten series against Penn State.

Nick Gallagher and Ryan Erickson brought their A-games against Penn State in a double-header on April 28.

Gallagher racked up 10 strikeouts, the best performance of his career.

He also allowed just 2 runs on 3 hits through his 8 innings and did not walk a single batter.

"Nick had a hell of an outing," Erickson said. "It was huge. It was one of those nights [where] everything was working."

Despite starting at 10:30 p.m. April 28 and finishing up just before 1:30 a.m. on April 29, Erickson pitched a career-long 7.X innings, giving up just 1 run. He scattered 4 hits and struck out 5 batters.

"I thought Ryan did a really good job," Gallagher said. "He didn't really know when we were going to start the second game, and he showed a lot of mental toughness. Being thrown in there at 10:30 at night, you never expect that."

The Big Ten Pitcher of the Week will have his hands full with a

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## 2 senior golfers ready to bow out

By **JORDAN ZUNIGA**  
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Raymond Knoll and Carson Schaake leave the Iowa men's golf team in high regard. The two have led the team over the past four years.

They've been key factors in Iowa finishing in the top five at the Big Ten Championships and qualifying for regionals.

As a sophomore, Schaake won the Big Ten Championships as an individual, calling it "one of the greatest experiences [he's] been involved in."

He finished his sophomore season with a 71.17 strokes per-round average, which ranks as the second-best season average in Hawkeye history.

Schaake was named first-team All-Big Ten honoree and named to the Division I PING All-Midwest Regional Team in both his sophomore and junior seasons.

One of his greatest memories as a Hawkeye was this year when he got to compete on the same team as his brother Alex.

"Getting to play together on the same team for a year has been amazing," Carson Schaake said. "Being a Hawkeye is a feeling that is unexplainable. I feel

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### POINT/COUNTERPOINT

## Tough roads, tough rows to hoe

This season's NBA playoffs has the potential to feature a third-straight Cleveland-Golden State Finals. Despite both teams commanding playoff records without any blemishes, the road to the Larry O'Brien Trophy won't be easy for either squad, raising the question: Which team will have the tougher road to the NBA Finals, the Cavaliers or the Warriors?

#### Cleveland Cavaliers

As good as the Cleveland Cavaliers are, making three-consecutive NBA Finals appearances is not easy.

Facing the Toronto Raptors in the semifinals and the Boston Celtics likely meeting up with them in the Eastern Conference Finals, the Cavs will have a struggle making it back.

The biggest, or smallest, obstacle will be Isaiah Thomas. At 5-9, Thomas has had an incredible season that recently culminated in his 53-point performance in a win over the Wizards. In that game, Thomas scored 29 in the fourth quarter and overtime.

There's a reason the Cavs lost the top seed to the Celtics late in the regular season. They ended up with a 7-10 record in the month of March, while losing the final four games of the regular season.

The Celtics, on the other hand, had an 11-5 record in March, including a win over Cleveland.

Even if Boston ends up losing the series to Washington, the Wizards also pose a serious threat. The backcourt of John Wall and Bradley Beal is one of the best in the NBA and would instantly cause problem.

While the Cavs did have a first round sweep of the Pacers, it tied the smallest margin in a four-game sweep in NBA history.

From the start of the series, Cleveland faced its share of difficulties, most noticeable in a 25-point halftime deficit in the third game. When it comes down to it, the Pacers had a chance to extend the series more than expected.

— Pete Ruden

#### Golden State Warriors

While the Eastern Conference is tougher than in years past, the West still reigns supreme.

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# Softball eyes Big Ten seedings

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With a spot in the Big Ten tournament at stake, the Iowa softball team will try to take care of business at home against Northwestern at 6 p.m. today.

Each team has an 8-12 conference record, tied for eighth with three other teams, meaning this weekend's three-game series will decide the seeding of the Big Ten Tournament.

"This weekend is definitely really big for us," redshirt senior Shayla Starkenburg said. "It could either set us up really nice for the tournament, and if we get those really good seedings, then it will help us out in the tournament, which is what we're looking forward to. So each one of these games really means a lot to us this weekend. We got to go out and give each game our best shot."

Northwestern comes off a midweek double-header win against Illinois in Evanston. The Wildcats will bring that momentum to Pearl Field.

Illinois is one of the top teams in the Big Ten, and they defeated the Hawkeyes soundly in their three-game series earlier this season, but in facing hot Northwestern, Iowa is also coming off a midweek win.

The Hawkeyes got revenge against Drake, a major momentum-builder entering this weekend's series.

"The midweek game really helps us out to get confidence up going into the weekend," Starkenburg said. "These next few practices, we'll just be working some kinks out and then going into the weekend making sure that we play our game. If we have all aspects of our game together, then I think this will be a good weekend for us."

Even when the stakes could not be



Iowa's Shayla Starkenburg pitches against South Dakota at Pearl Field on March 20. The Hawkeyes defeated the Coyotes, 1-0. (The Daily Iowan/Lily Smith)

higher, the Hawkeyes continue to go with a calm manner for their final home games of the season, focused on what they can do to get better as a team to get some wins.

For seniors Kaitlyn Mullarkey and Starkenburg, this mindset is easy to get into, almost natural, but the ends

of their Hawkeye careers are becoming more of a reality.

"I mean, there's always a thought in your head that you're coming down to your last couple games, but once you get

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