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On May 4, *Daily Iowan* reporters sat down with University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld. The following transcript has been edited for length and clarity. See page 3 for the transcript. The full transcript can be found online at daily-iowan.com.

Photo by Joseph Cress

Climate Narrative gets axed

The Climate Narrative Project faces the guillotine amid budget cuts.

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The Climate Narrative Project may have had its final event last week. In a statement to *The Daily Iowan*, UI Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Don Guckert said program will no longer be supported by the UI.

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Protest targets health-care action

A 'Die-In' protest took place Sunday evening after the passing of the Affordable Care Act repeal in the House.

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Protesters lay on their backs on the Pentacrest grass with cardboard tombstones held over their heads containing such phrases as "Denied and Died," "RIP, Mental-Health Care Not Covered," and "RIP, I Chose Rent Over Meds" engraved on them. Iowa City community members gathered on Sunday to protest the potential repeal of the Affordable Care Act, which passed in the House and now moves on to the Senate.



Protestors "die" during a protest against the House vote to replace ObamaCare on the Pentacrest on Sunday. The protest featured several speakers. (The Daily Iowan/Lily Smith)

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An Iowa City resident and her dog, Night Song, relax on a bench in the ped mall on Saturday, May 6. The city ran a pilot program in early March, installing 3 dog relief stations on the ped mall. (The Daily Iowan/Ben Smith)

CLIMATE

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“[The Climate Narrative Project] was initially supported by a grant from the University of Iowa Office of Outreach and Engagement. UI Facilities Management subsidized the program when the grant expired but because of budget cuts is no longer able to support the project. The University of Iowa is proud of the stories developed through Climate Narrative Project and the attention the program received,” the statement said.

The program, which began in 2014, allowed for a multifaceted approach to disseminating information about climate change. Students assembled semester-long projects that were presented at the end of each semester.

Guckert said, “The UI’s

Sustainability Charter Committee continues to focus on integrating sustainability into existing campus programs in education, research, operations, and community outreach in order to reach a greater number of students.”

Despite the cut, Guckert iterated the UI’s commitment to a coal-free campus by 2025.

Writer Jeff Biggers, who founded the Climate Narrative Project and has lectured about climate change at more than 100 universities nationwide, said the effect of the project has been immense.

After receiving attention from NPR and the *New York Times*, Biggers was contacted by numerous universities with the hopes of establishing Climate Narrative Projects.

“I just returned from doing [climate narrative] workshops at Appalachian

State University in North Carolina,” Biggers said. “The Climate Narrative Project will continue to grow and train a new generation of climate leaders on campuses where sustainability is a priority.”

Although the project’s success has been growing at other schools, Biggers said he is dismayed by the apparent nonchalance the UI has about the project.

“In a time when UI should be ramping up its commitment to climate action, such actions are really sad and ultimately self-defeating and costly,” Biggers said in a statement to *The Daily Iowan*. “I believe climate change should be at the forefront of preparing our students as scholars, artists, citizens, and leaders, not an afterthought.”

Biggers said the UI has a “lack of commitment” to sustainability in an age of

climate change.

“This is not an issue of statewide budget cuts — our Climate Narrative Project budget was tiny, but it generated huge results and outcomes in outreach and engagement, recruitment, and national attention and achievement for UI,” Biggers said.

The budget for the Climate Narrative Project was \$10,000 to \$12,000 a semester, Biggers said.

Anthony Lucio, a fellow at the Climate Narrative Project two semesters ago, said he was taken aback when he found out about the cuts to the project.

“All of the fellows got a \$500 stipend, and I’m sure there’s more overhead than that,” Lucio said. “But at least in my opinion, it was not about the money — I was there to learn something. It’s something I would like to see continued

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PROTEST

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Holly Sanger of Indivisible Iowa, the organizing group of the event, said the protest arose after the bill passed the House because many people were concerned they would lose coverage or be priced out of coverage due to preexisting conditions.

“The Iowa Hospital Association, which represents 118 Iowa Hospitals, predicts between [200,000] to 250,000 Iowans will lose their insurance because of this,” Sanger said. “That’s an impact on individuals, but it’s also an impact on hospitals, because a lot of small rural community hospitals will close if they don’t have people who have insurance, and that matters.”

Sanger said in Iowa City’s congressional district, 43,800 individuals are predicted to lose their insurance.

Iowa City resident Karen Nichols said the Affordable Care Act was important to her family and her personal health.

“Shortly after the Affordable Care Act was passed, I had a physical and got a mammogram that because of the Affordable Care Act was free,” Nichols said. “That caught early stage aggressive breast cancer for me. I was appreciative of the Affordable Care Act because of that.”

Around the same time as she was diagnosed with breast cancer, her husband was diagnosed with an anomalous coronary artery, a birth defect, and needed to have open-heart surgery to repair it.

“Within the same year, we

both had pretty catastrophic health-care issues,” she said. “Because of those two things, neither of which we could have done anything to prevent, we are both concerned about the pre-existing condition issue.”

Nichols said as an average working-class family with already high health-care bills, they could not afford an increase.

UI alumna Miranda Gehris said the issue of health care is going to affect everyone, and while she is grateful they don’t plan to repeal allowing individuals to stay on their parents’ plans until age 26, she is concerned about pre-existing conditions and premiums increasing.

“If people aren’t saying, ‘We don’t want this,’ it’s going to go through,” Gehris said. “Trump’s administration has

done this with other things where they distract with one thing, and then they slide through another bill. Keeping people informed, even if it’s just knowing that changes are being made ... I think it’s extremely important.”

The Senate plans to wait for the Congressional Budget Office to score the health-care legislation before voting to pass or reject it.

“We are not our diseases. We are not our conditions, our disorders, or our injuries,” Sanger said. “We are human beings, trying to live full lives that have meaning and that we live in community and family. We are not statistics to be placed in someone’s profit or loss margin. We have the power to resist, to speak out, and to work together with community for an America that works for all Americans.”

Beating the finals stress

Or perhaps just living with it — the UI tries to help.

By NATALIE BETZ

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Finals week is known to cause anxiety for many students. However, the University of Iowa tries to help ease the pain.

Many students pull all-nighters, said Barry Schreier, the director of the University Counseling Service. He noted that research recommends students study in roughly 45-minute increments and then take a 15-minute break.

However, some students complain that it is hard to get out of the break, Schreier said. To prevent getting too distracted, he suggested students leave their home when they study and limit access to their technology.

“It’s important to stay mindful,” he said. “Many stu-

dents get caught up in the stress cycle; they are having a stressful week, which stresses them out, and then they become stressed that they are stressed. Stay mindful, and be reasonable. Stress isn’t wrong — it’s a normal reaction.”

Schreier said by staying reasonable through finals week, there is a smaller chance that the stress will turn into a “catastrophe-izing” event, which is when stress becomes anxiety.

Schreier also said students should eat as healthily as possible.

The IMU offers several de-stressing activities and snacks for students throughout the week. While studying, students can choose from a variety of healthy snacks, such as apples, oranges, and granola bars.

The IMU also has free

popcorn, coffee, bagels, doughnuts, pancakes, and massages through Wednesday, according to the After-Class website.

“[The free popcorn] is a nice way to show student appreciation, and free food is always nice because we’re all broke college kids,” said Austin Luse, an IMU Welcome Center employee and popcorn server.

There will also be therapy-dog sessions on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the 181 and 179 IMU.

Some students said they enjoy what the IMU offers for finals week.

“We offer basic food and quiet areas to help prepare everyone for finals week and take as much stress out as you possibly can,” said Joe Clarke, an employee at the IMU Welcome Center.

Last semester, UI student Madeline Dunbar said, she utilized the free popcorn and massages. Another student, Brandon Glinski, said he will definitely get free coffee.

However, UI student Jenna Nelson said she will probably not go to the IMU because it is a far walk and she needs to keep studying. When she needs a break, she said, she talks to her friends or takes naps.

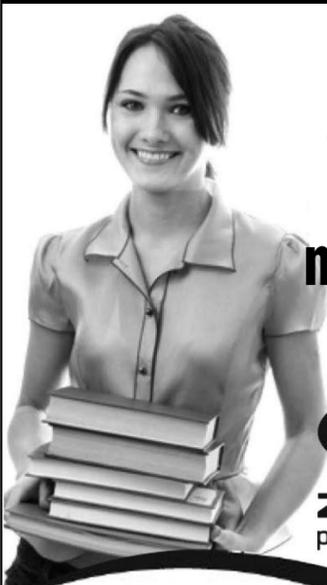
Students have their own methods to help ease stress while studying.

Glinski said he enjoys playing games on his phone to help him relax.

Listening to music is a nice way to take a mental break, said UI student Nateshia Wilson.

“I like to exercise if I have time between studying,” UI student Julia Small said.

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HARRELD

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The Daily Iowan: In addition to the Alcohol Reduction Plan announced earlier this year, what else is the administration doing to address high-risk drinking?

UI President Bruce Harreld: “I’ve been around long enough on college campuses to know that if it’s just the administration, the probability it’s going to have a positive impact and be owned by students is relatively low. So I think I’d rather broaden the question, which is what dialogues are we having with the students, and what else might we want to do, and what we support. I think at the end of the day this needs to be student-led ... I think we have to take a serious look at our Orientation Program, and are we doing enough as people join our campus? I think it also raised the question of what are we doing beyond Orientation — because every year maybe we need to have some deeper conversations about this. We also have transfer students, as well as graduate students, and it’s raising the question of how we can help them. If they aren’t a first-year incoming student, they don’t get into our orientations, so we’re missing a large portion of our community. So I think some of it is education, I think the article you folks had today [April 4], the editorial, I really agree with. We shouldn’t be bearing it, we need to be talking about it, addressing it, confronting it. And the more we do that, hopefully, the more awareness, and the safer the campus will be ... It’s not just campus, this is maybe a societal issue. I don’t believe drinking is just a greek issue. I don’t think it’s just a university issue. I think maybe it’s a societal issue. So I, we’re, really open for a lot of different activities here, and I think over the summer those conversations [with student leaders] will take place so we’ll see where the students want to go.”

DI: As we move forward, is there anything you can say that might influence the greek community to continue acknowledgement of the drinking issue within the community, like the recent announcement to ban out-of-town formals?

Harreld: “I think we ought to talk about transparency. And maybe that’s the way to get through this ... My experience in life is, anytime any of us individually have issues and we try

to hide them, it ends up usually making the problem worse. It may be a topic worth exploring as a community ... If [greek leaders] need any encouragement, I’d be glad to provide it. I think these are tough conversations. Often in life we don’t like to say we’re anything less than perfect, but all of us are. And part of life is learning how to grow from these experiences.”

DI: There have been some newly elected regents leaders. How do you plan on working with them to help advocate for funding for Iowa education?

Harreld: “We already have. It’s not a plan. In all respects, I actually knew the incoming regents. I haven’t worked with them that closely yet, but I have met them — Mike Richards, who’s the new president, the new pro tem, and Patty Cownie. I’ve worked with them for the last year and a half, two years, so I know them quite well.”

“We’ve already had the two new regents on campus for a whole day. I spent the whole day with them, and took them around the various new buildings as well as old buildings. Took them to meet student leaders. Went and had lunch in the cultural center. So it was a long day with both of them where we actually talked about the issues we face, like academic issues, building issues and such. They just got elected on Monday, and we’re talking here on Thursday, so Mike and I have already had four telephonic meetings already. I don’t think we’re going to miss a beat. It’s going to be easy.”

DI: So you told the regents at their February meeting about your hopes to increase tuition at the UI to be more on par with the average of its peer groups, and you also kind of discussed that the last time you met with the *DI*. Given that plan, what are your thoughts on the possibility of a summer tuition increase?

Harreld: “You mean tuition for next year? Not just the summer time? I’m thinking it’s pretty high. I’m asking that we come forward — there’s two things I think we need to put into context. One is, and I think you’ve seen all of it, and I have some data I can share to show where we stand nationally relative to our peers. Hopefully, I’ve made the case that we’re woefully under-resourced, both on state appropriations and in tuition. The more they take state appropriations down, the more pressure it puts on the tuition side. That dynamic — we’re the fifth-lowest in the 50 states. We’re pretty low on this, so we have some real issues if we’re going

to remain competitive in quality and in teaching, support for students as well as research.”

“I have pushed aggressively with a plan to get this institution where it needs to be, which is excellence in a lot of different areas, and we’re going to need to compete with what’s going on with our peers. That means we need to get tuition up or state of appropriations. It’s pretty clear to me, in this political climate, that we’re not going to get state appropriations up — we just got a cut for \$16 million — so that puts the pressure on tuition. It’s a five-year effort, and I think you can anticipate every year in the next five years, we will need to continue to push tuition up.

“In our peer group, 2.5 to 3 percent is the low range, from what I hear. The high range is 4.5 to 5 percent. So we’re competing with that group.”

“Having said that, we also need to understand that when we take tuition up, we’re going to put a hardship more and more on our families and students. So we also need to take our student financial aid up so we can help support those who have need. That’s where we are, and I’m going to advocate for that pretty aggressively here in the next few weeks. But you should also know that I’m advocating for that for the long term. I think you’ve seen this sort of view, which is the state of Iowa since 1961.

The percentage of the tax base, since 1961, has been about 6.5 percent. We got up to about 12 percent. Since 1991, it’s been in continual decline — I don’t have 2017 on here, but it’s below where it was in 1961.”

“That context, that’s just a portion of the picture. That’s just state appropriations. If you look at it and add tuition, per student, out of the last 25 years in all states, we’re fifth from the bottom.”

“Look at it another way, there are 39 states where they’ve taken tuition up more rapidly to compensate for de-appropriation for their state. Some states, like Delaware, Alabama, Nebraska, Arkansas, have done so pretty aggressively. We’re one of the few states, out of 11, over that 25-year period where our appropriations have gone down, per student, and our tuition hasn’t compensated enough. So we’re negative, and that’s pretty severe. People ask about overhead, and ours is pretty low, relative to our peer group. We’re at 6.1 percent, here at this institution, versus our peers — the regents ask us to benchmark at 7.6 [percent].”

“If you look at the Big Ten — and they aren’t all in our peer group; Purdue isn’t in our peer group, for example — it’s even a little bit higher. Then you look at our tuitions, and we’re at the bottom of our peer group. And we like to say in Iowa that we’re not as wealthy. That’s not quite true. There are other states in our peer group that, on a

per-household basis, are actually not as well off as we are.”

“Now, what that also says is we can’t be larger than the state, that we have to stay the right size. We’re never going to be Ohio State. There are more citizens in Ohio. So we have a right size, and we’re putting a ceiling on our growth. We are where we’re going to be.”

“But within that, we need to remix the support, and then if you wanted to see, here are some colleges, and everything that’s red on here says that all these faculty are at the bottom third of their peer’s compensation. This, by the way, was a year after we had salary increases. This is a competitive market. Here are just one set of rankings. This is the AAU and how they look at us. I would say in 2010, which is way up here, we were in the 50th percentile in roughly all of these metrics. This fall, when they sent me the data, we had fallen to the 25th percentile.”

“This is the game we’re playing. This is the fight that we’ve got. We need more resources, and a good portion of that will go toward supporting students. Better mentoring. You know of the counseling services that we’re expanding. We’ve already done that. Can’t hire them fast enough. The Living Learning Centers. So we’re in the big leagues, and we need the resources to compete.”

DI: Bruce Rastetter announced at the last Board of Regents meeting that tuition would most likely increase 5 percent now, instead of the initial 2 percent. What are your thoughts on it increasing in the summer?

Harreld: “Well, we are where we are. In a sense, I think the timing is lousy, that the state appropriations come through after we’ve actually raised. If you take a look at what we have in the map, we’ve raised tuition, and the state took the money, in a sense, and here we are. I think the timing is lousy, I completely agree. On the other hand, we have a 2 percent increase already baked into next year, and we’re going to take it up as close to 3 percent more, and maybe even a little higher, for out-of-state students and some other places pretty quickly ...”

“As I look at the numbers, it’s not, no one’s approved this, but by looking at what needs to happen to stay competitive, and to get us out of some of the issues I just described, we need to be looking at sort of 5 to 5.5, maybe 6 percent tuition increase on an ongoing basis. Part of that is the league we’re competing with is going from the 2 to 3, to the 3 to the 4.5, 5 that I described, so that’s going to continue to raise. So that’s playing catch up as well.”

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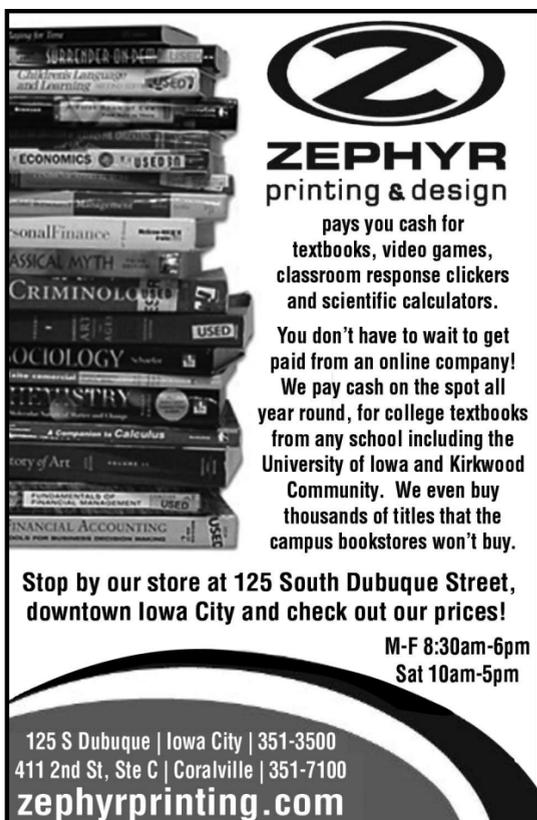
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EDITORIAL

Meyer decision one step of many needed to end workplace discrimination at the UI

On May 4, an eight-person jury decided in favor of former University of Iowa Senior Associate Athletics Director Jane Meyer, who contended that the UI had discriminated against her because of her gender and sexual orientation. The jury awarded Meyer \$1.43 million.

On Dec. 4, 2014, Meyer sent Athletics Director Gary Barta a memo addressing a variety of gender-equity issues such as unequal pay and unfair treatment because of her sexual orientation. On Dec. 5, 2014, Barta put Meyer on administrative leave, ultimately leading to Meyer's reassignment to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as a project manager and logistical strategist in April 2015. In November 2015, Meyer filed a suit against the UI, claiming to have been discriminated against as a gay woman in a relationship with former field-hockey coach Tracey Griesbaum.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board praises the jury's decision and believes that it sets an important precedent for victims to be taken seriously. It is no secret that workplace discrimination is an actual problem. This has historically taken form in many different situations. For example, according to a Pew Research Center analysis, women earned an average of 83 percent of what men earned in 2015. On top of this, 1 in 4 women reported sexual harassment at work, according to a study done for ABC News and the *Washington*

Post in 2011, in comparison to 1 in 10 men, another glaring example of gender discrimination in the workplace. In the case of Meyer, discrimination took the shape of removal from her position after she voiced her concerns.

On top of this, the *DI* Editorial Board believes that those in positions of authority need to be held responsible for their actions, regardless of their title or power. As one of the most public figures at the university, Barta plays an important role in its success. It is, therefore, even more important that someone of his stature understand the implications of his actions.

Compared with many athletics programs around the country and in the Big Ten, the UI's has avoided major scandals. For example, at Minnesota, now-former Athletics Director Norwood Teague resigned in humiliation after the revelation that he had sexually harassed two female university employees, according to the *Star-Tribune*.

While it is impossible and senseless to compare the severity of NCAA scandals, the point remains that UI Athletics Department, as a whole, can use the Meyer case as a guide for the ramifications that come from unethical and unfair treatment of employees (and student-athletes, for what it's worth). The *DI* Editorial Board hopes that potential ramifications are not what it takes to prevent discrimination and harassment, but it is import-



Jane Meyer, the UI former senior associate athletics director, speaks during a news conference as her attorney Jill Zwagerman (left) observes on May 4 in Des Moines. A jury on Thursday awarded \$1.43 million to Meyer, ruling that the university had discriminated against her because of her gender and sexual orientation. (Associated Press/Charlie Neibergall)

ant to have reminders of the severity of these actions in place.

The UI's choice to hire an independent firm set to conduct a review of university employment practices based on the Iowa Civil Rights Act is specifically the

type of action the Editorial Board would hope to see following the Meyer decision. The UI must now continue to prove its commitment to ending discrimination by treating recent actions as just a starting place, not a settling place.

COLUMN

It's time we talk about suicide, mental-illness stigma



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I have lived with depression for nearly 10 years. In middle school, I confided to a teacher about my pain after bursting into tears in his classroom. He told me apathetically, "Puberty can do that to people." In high school, I opened up

to my friend after weeks of building the courage to do so. "Stop being so dramatic," she sighed, before changing the subject to our math homework.

It was not until college when I finally confided in someone who listened to me, believed me, and supported me. Having that support saved my life.

Over a month ago, Netflix's highly controversial series "13 Reasons Why" premiered. The show, based on the novel by Jay Asher, tells the story of Hannah Baker, a high-school student who commits suicide.

The hugely popular show

has sparked controversy for a multitude of reasons.

The show neglects to delve into the psychology of suicide, instead portraying Hannah's death as a direct result of bullying and sexual abuse. There is no argument that the types of abuse Hannah suffers are deeply harmful, but the show could have gone further to show the depth of how these events affect Hannah internally. By focusing more attention on the world around Hannah than what is happening in her mind, the series oversimplifies mental illness. Suicide is a deeply complex

issue that cannot be understood by pointing blame or seeking simple answers.

Others argue that the show glorifies Hannah's suffering. Certain episodes contain graphic footage of suicide and rape, the shock factor seeming more important for the show than taking an opportunity to adequately address mental illness and the harm caused by sexual crimes. Many warn those vulnerable to suicidal thinking not to watch.

Conversely, others view the show as an opportunity to ignite critical conversations. Seeing mental illness

through the lens of a story he or she can relate to and empathize with creates a personal bond between viewer and story. This bond invites teenagers to engage in conversation that they might not otherwise be comfortable pursuing. Starting the conversation is the first step to ending the stigma.

As much as "13 Reasons Why" is problematic (and it is), the show is critically important. According to the American Psychological Association, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for people ages 15-24. Suicide is an epidemic that absolutely must be addressed.

It is potentially life-saving for someone suffering to feel like they can be honest and open without facing judgment or stigma.

If this show had been around when I was a teenager, I believe the conversations I had might have turned out differently. I believe my friend would have been more inclined to listen.

By acknowledging both where the show fails and where it succeeds, we are letting mental illness be part of our conversations. We are listening and absorbing. We are taking the first, critical step to ending the stigma.

COLUMN

Where's Aldo? Budget cuts kill the Leopold Center

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Iowa farming practices exemplify a paradoxical and toxic relationship between humans and the environment. Aggressive commercial agriculture saps the vitality from Iowa's ecosystems, and the repercussions manifest themselves in floods, algae blooms, and those weird emails from the university about questionable water quality. We expect the famously fertile soil to keep supporting our burgeoning monoculture while the land rebukes us, season after season. But one institute strives to circumvent this cycle: the Leopold Center for Sustainable

Agriculture in Ames.

Hold your Cyclones jokes, Hawkeyes. The Leopold Center provides valuable services to both farmers and ordinary Iowans. The purpose of the organization, named after none other than Iowa author Aldo Leopold, was to promote and conduct research into sustainable methods of agriculture. Leopold's famous 1949 treatise on land stewardship, *A Sand County Almanac*, holds a special place in my heart. I first read the collection of essays during a class on American nature writing and took pleasure in discovering Leopold's practical, sensitive approach to farming. Though clearly dated and often surpassed by

contemporary philosophical perspectives, Leopold's work still holds pertinent conclusions about environmental responsibility. The central essay in that collection, "The Land Ethic," offers a vision of human-nature interaction in which farmers are not mere profiteers but caretakers of their fields perennially engaged in a delicate, ethical negotiation for systemic sustainability.

When I learned the Leopold Center did in fact bear the name of this prescient author, I was thrilled to notice that his legacy continued to support pro-environment projects. But my interest came too late.

Turns out the Leopold Center will be dismantled come 2018, barring a veto

from Gov. Terry Branstad. The governor has yet to yeas or nay the bill, but, regardless of his opinion, Senate File 510 contains the formula for destroying a crucial research institute. In 2018, according to the *Des Moines Register*, Iowa's budget will be reduced by \$4.3 million across the board. Though the Leopold Center's funding was augmented by fees on nitrogen fertilizer and pesticides (as stipulated by the 1987 Iowa Groundwater Protection Act), the majority of its monetary support came from state appropriations. Statewide budget cuts, the Legislature concluded, would incapacitate the institute. So, instead of figuring out alternative means to

support the Leopold Center, the Iowa Legislature simply decided to shut it down.

This decision reveals a shocking lack of concern for Iowa's natural resources. Despite recent and pervasive water-quality issues (see my earlier article on the Des Moines Water Works case), state officials seem not to care about ameliorating negative effects of Big Ag. The Leopold Center does — or, should I say, did — just that. As its website explains, the Leopold Center's research initiatives focused on: "cleaner water, better conservation of natural resources, and greater agricultural vitality." The great irony in defunding

the Leopold Center is this: the organization's mission emphasizes a harmonious marriage between economics and ecology. The institute fights for "profitable and sustainable farming systems," taking into account the moral and monetary impacts of every seed and furrow. Just like the farmers it assists, the Leopold Center looks for compromises between human and environmental needs.

The initiatives and services spearheaded by the Leopold Center are essential to continued productivity on Iowa soil. By closing the Leopold Center, the Iowa government jeopardizes the health of the land — and the health of Iowans.

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Climate change still roiling U.S. politics

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In the wake of recent nationwide climate marches, one question persists: What's next? Iowa politicians are varied in their positions.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said he will continue to support funding that combats climate change.

"The science on climate change is settled, and I was glad to see so many folks in our nation's capital and around the country come together to fight for commonsense, science-based solutions to this global problem," Loebsack said in an email statement to *The Daily Iowan*.

In March, President Trump issued an executive order to roll back Environmental Protection Agency regulations, which inched the Trump administration closer to its campaign promise to eliminate the EPA.

In an email statement to the *DI*, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said Trump's proposal is just that: a proposal.

"The President proposes and Congress disposes," Grassley said in the statement. "Congress has the power of the purse strings and always makes substantial changes to a president's proposed budget."

And while Congress may disagree with the president's judgments about specific funding levels, he said, taxpayer money still needs to be spent efficiently. "We have a responsibility to make sure taxpayer money is well-spent," Grassley said. "And that agencies are fulfilling their missions as efficiently and economically as possible."

According to a 2017 report from the Iowa Area Development Group, Iowa ranks first in the nation in production of ethanol, second in the nation in the production of biodies-

el, and third in the nation in wind generation.

Despite leading other states in clean energy and wind energy, Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said that in the future, more work can be done in terms of solar energy, such as more efficient technology, and he emphasized the issue of climate-change deniers.

"We still have way too many Republican politicians who are in denial [about climate change]. Any kind of cuts to the EPA are going to hurt the state — all the states rely on federal environmental funding," Bolkcom said. "We have a lot of research that goes on in our public universities. [There has been] a lot of concern at the federal level of what will happen to all of that data, what the future of that data is going to be."

Bolkcom is also concerned about the United States losing its edge in



Protesters hold signs during the Iowa March for Science on the Pentacrest on April 22. The group's goal is to persuade lawmakers to vote based on scientific-backed research as opposed to partisan policy. (The Daily Iowan/Ben Smith)

climate science.

"Trump obviously is not going to lead on this issue [climate change], neither is the Republican Congress, and neither is the Iowa Legislature," Bolkcom said.

Sen. Rob Hogg, D-Cedar Rapids, said he believes in sustaining the U.S. edge in climate science and that it

could prevent people from investing in other countries. "[Climate denial] really gives up our country's leadership on clean energy technologies," he said.

In addition to maintaining competitiveness, Hogg said, cutting the clean-power plan would not only be detrimental for Iowans'

health, it would also cause Iowa to rely on what he described as old, dirty technologies, which he said could hinder job creation in Iowa's clean-energy economy.

The *DI* contacted the office of Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, but did not receive a response at the time of publication.

SENIOR PROFILES

Unbounded energy fuels a flexible life

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Adetayo Oladele-Ajose does not slow down.

During her four years on campus, the University of Iowa, the graduating senior has been surrounded in a whirlwind of activity, leaping into everything from athletics to the arts to academics.

"She epitomizes kind of what we think of when we think of someone who is eager to learn. She's like a kid in a candy store every day when she comes to classes; she's excited every day to learn, she's excited every day to interact with people," said Jan Warren, the assistant director for student services at the Belin-Blank Honors Center.

Oladele-Ajose came to the UI when she was just 15 years old, and she will graduate on Saturday at age 20 from the Medicine Pre-Professional Program as well as the Biomedical Engineering Program with an emphasis in cardiovascular mechanics.

"I used to have a very strict plan, but I took the MCAT and scored lower than I wanted, so I didn't get into med school this year, which ... I'm actually really glad I didn't make it in this year because I had a very rigid plan for my life and that kind of broke the plan, so it's allowing a lot more flexibility, a lot more vulnerability into my life, and I appreciate that; it's a very new, novel experience," she said.

This adaptability is especially important because Oladele-Ajose does not see herself as limited to any one field.

"I also want to get an MBA, I still want to go to med school, I want to go to law school and do pro bono law for unrepresented or marginalized communities," she said. "That's a lot of school, so I want to do a double major or do a dual program."

During her time as head of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the UI Student Government, the committee revamped the cultural houses around campus and put into place a much-requested bus route for them.

As a member of UISG, Oladele-Ajose helped to organize the Food Pantry at Iowa.

"She, along with other people, was instrumental in the setup of the Food Pantry," said Sarah Ingwersen, a friend and co-director for the food pantry at Iowa.

As a self-labeled "Nigeri-can," informal dance has been a complementary part of Oladele-Ajose's life since she could walk. She took this interest further after she enrolled in a dance course here on campus.

"I grew up African, which means essentially that as soon as we can start dancing, we do. That's a generalization but we are very much so a collectivist culture ..." she said. "So I feel like it's a big part of my life, but in the sense that I never really stop dancing, I just kind of do it wherever."

Characterized as an individual with an effervescent personality and boundless energy by friends, Ol-

adele-Ajose feels as if she has gained maturity as the years have gone by.

"Growing up, people would perceive my joy or my happiness as immaturity or naivety, but I feel like I've matured in a manner without slashing away at my joy," she said. "I think I've grown a lot into myself, and I'm happy with where I am. I'm not done, I'm going to keep growing, but I'm happy with how I turned out ..."

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DAILYBREAK

Climate change does not respect borders; it does not respect who you are: rich and poor, small and big. Therefore, this is what we call 'global challenges,' which require global solidarity. — Ban Ki-moon

the ledge

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A little advice to the denizens of soap operas

- When you move into town, it might be a good idea for you to announce your secrets to everyone, because they'll find out anyway. "Hi, I'm David. I had an affair with Marissa, and I embezzled from Wilson Industries. Nice to meet you."
- It might pay off to invest in some of those rear-view mirror glasses they sell in the Johnson Smith catalogue. It will help you spot all the people who are inevitably eavesdropping. (You may also want to get yourself a small tape recorder.)
- Please note that there is at least one person who wants to kill you, one person who wants to have sex with you, and one person who wants to take your money. These will not, however, always be three different people.
- All hospital procedures involve unconsciousness, and all hospitals have terrible security. You should probably get somebody to keep a 24-hour vigil in your hospital room to prevent someone from sneaking in and futzing with the instruments.
- Demonic intervention is four times more likely than divine intervention.
- Soapland has no civil litigation system, so don't bother trying to contest wills, get child support, custody rulings, or applying for restraining orders.
- Everyone has truly ghastly wallpaper. Do something about that.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks his friend Mike for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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- Finals@IMU: Flippin' into Finals Pancak Breakfast**, 6:30-10:30 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- ECO Hawks Power Study**, Coffee & Snacks, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 1650 University Capitol Center
- Finals@IMU, Healthy Snacks**, 2 p.m., Throughout IMU
- Finals@IMU: Biology 1141**, 3 p.m., 166 IMU
- Finals@IMU: Physics 1611**, 3 p.m., 348 IMU
- Finals@IMU: Therapy Dogs**, 6:30-8 p.m., 181 & 179 IMU
- "Live from Prairie Lights,"** Harriet Levin Millan, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St.
- Finals@IMU: Massages**, 8 p.m.-midnight, IMU First Floor
- Matthew Kobberstad**, Saxophone Recital, 8 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
- Finals@IMU: Yoga**, 9 p.m., 179 IMU
- Finals@IMU: Snacks**, while supplies last, 10 p.m., IMU Welcome Center
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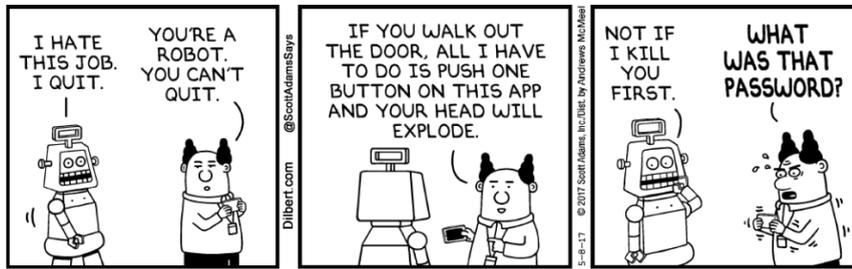
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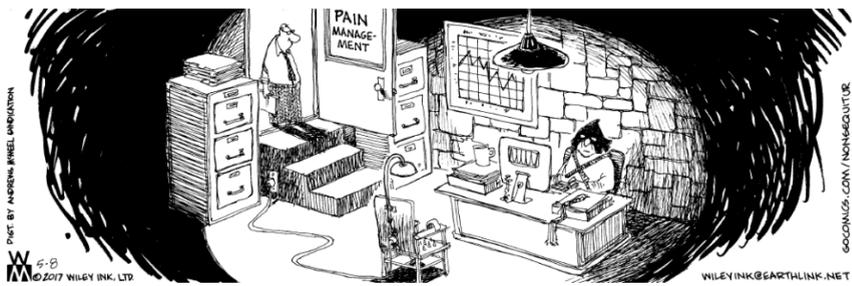
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Monday, May 8, 2017
by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Being too accommodating will cause you to fall short when taking care of your responsibilities. Finish what's expected of you. Don't jeopardize your health by trying to take on too much or accepting a physical challenge that is beyond your capability.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Monitor your spending, and refuse to get involved in situations that are unpredictable or that deal with people who are impulsive or pushy. Make choices that work for you. Giving in to pressure will lead to regret.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look over the fine print. Don't feel you have to make a snap decision because someone is putting emotional pressure on you. Move forward with a practical attitude. If you need a challenge, get some exercise or physically help someone you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take it easy. Don't get flustered over things you cannot change. Make a point to align yourself with people who make you feel comfortable. A partnership can be to your advantage if you choose someone who is practical, not impulsive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): View change as an opportunity to try to do things differently. Alterations made at home or at work may seem daunting at first, but if you look closely, you will discover a way to use the situation to your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn through observation and by listening to people who have expertise in something you want to master. Getting involved in the process of recognizing what you want will lead to success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be anxious to bring about the changes that will help to stabilize your personal life. A discussion with someone who makes you feel secure and gives you the encouragement you require to make good decisions will put your mind at ease.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make subtle personal changes, and you will avoid being pressured or having to deal with interference from others. The more secretive you are about what you think and do, the easier it will be to reach your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you are willing to do for others will lead to experience and information that will improve your life. Don't let a disgruntled friend or relative make you feel guilty for following your heart and your dreams.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your homework. Delays because of last-minute changes will cause frustration. Stay on top of any deals you want to close. Be aware of how older family members feel before you put your plans in motion. Aim for unity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let unfinished business slow you down. Take care of your responsibilities quickly, and greater opportunities will head your way. Knowing that you have time to take on more will make it easier to field new offers or start new projects.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at the facts before you make a decision that could have consequences. Don't let anyone bully you into something that will compromise your position or your ability to get ahead. Don't share secrets.

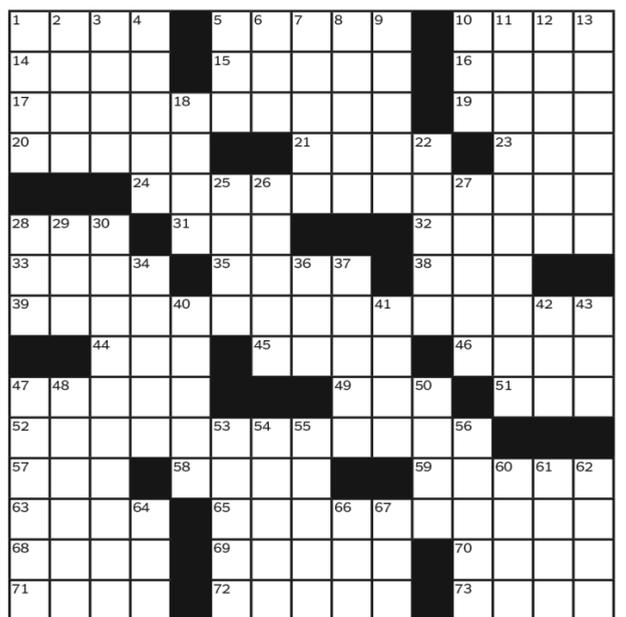
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- 1 Inflated senses of self
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 - 19 Sound heard in a cave
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 - 23 Derby or fedora
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 - 65 Overhead cooler
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- 1 Recedes, as the tide
 - 2 Sheldon of "The Big Bang Theory," for one
 - 3 Cookie that may be dipped in milk
 - 4 Subway standee's support
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 - 6 Works at a museum
 - 7 ___ Philippe (Swiss watchmaker)
 - 8 Cheri formerly of "S.N.L."
 - 9 Aired, as old TV shows
 - 10 Suffix with serpent
 - 11 Host of TV's "30 Minute Meals"
 - 12 Cornell University's home
 - 13 Tree huggers?
 - 18 Fuzzy picture
 - 22 One who's all skin and bones
 - 25 Leonardo da Vinci's "___ Lisa"
 - 26 Fruits that are a little grittier than apples
 - 68 Ruler said to have fiddled while Rome burned
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BBALL

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Challenge on Nov. 29, but before tip-off, the Hawkeyes announced major changes to their starting lineup: Bohannon, Cordell Pems, and Isaiah Moss received their first college starts against Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish toppled the Hawkeyes, 92-78, but the freshmen, specifically Bohannon, found their way into the national spotlight.

The Marion native scored 23 points (up

until this game, he had never scored more than 8) on 7-of-15 3-pointers, keeping the score manageable in an up-tempo battle.

He also committed only 1 turnover in his 32 minutes of action.

In Iowa's next game, Bohannon drilled 6 3-pointers in a loss to Omaha.

In two of Iowa's biggest wins of the season, the 3-point specialist came up clutch.

Iowa hosted No. 24 Iowa State for the annual Cy-Hawk series, and a deep 3-pointer from Bohannon sealed Iowa's victory.

It was a crucial play in a statement game.

Bohannon possesses the intangibles that freshmen shouldn't have; just ask Wisconsin.

No. 21 Wisconsin led 57-56 with fewer than 20 seconds left when Peter Jok pulled up from the free-throw line, attempting the go-ahead jump shot. His miss clanked off the front iron.

Pems secured the offensive board and kicked it out to Bohannon, parked outside the 3-point line. The freshman canned the triple, putting Iowa ahead, 59-57.

The Badgers missed

their final shot, giving the Hawkeyes their first win in Madison since 2011 and their fourth victory in the Kohl Center in program history.

There's a difference between a good shooter and a hot shooter; Bohannon, who fueled Iowa's 83-69 victory at No. 24 Maryland, couldn't miss, hitting 8 of his first 9 3-pointers.

"We all know he can shoot," Jok said after the game. "We just told him to keep shooting."

Aside from knocking down the most 3-pointers in a single game by a freshman in school

history (one make shy of the school record for anybody), he also dished out 5 assists and turned the ball over only twice.

Bohannon recorded three-straight double-doubles to conclude Iowa's season.

In the Hawkeyes' loss to Indiana in the Big Ten Tournament, Bohannon scored 24 points and tallied 10 assists.

His first college post-season action came in the NIT. Against South Dakota (19 points, 11 assists) and TCU (25 points, 13 assists), he proved to be arguably the most impactful Hawkeye on the court.

His marks against the Horned Frogs were career highs.

"He's a tough guy," McCaffery said after the Hawkeyes' win over South Dakota. "He's also really smart. He knows who's with him and how to get those guys the ball, what we need to be done. It makes a difference for everybody out there when you have a guy that thinks like that."

At their annual team awards banquet, the Hawkeyes tabbed Bohannon as the team's Top Playmaker and Co-Newcomer of the Year (shared with Cook).

SOFTBALL

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to do to win. We need to be more aggressive and efficient on offense."

In the top of the fourth, Iowa brought out Wiegand in relief to take the mound, and she dominated Northwestern batters.

At one point, she had retired seven Wildcats in a row.

"My main focus coming into the game was to throw different pitches

and mix it up," Wiegand said. "I wanted to give a different look than what they had seen all game."

But in the top of the seventh, Wildcat batters were able to get a couple hits off Wiegand.

They added 2 runs on 2 hits, scoring Abbey Boyd and Rabin.

Throughout the game, Iowa struggled with playing balls on the ground. It seemed as if each time a batter hit a grounder, Iowa couldn't wrangle it in and get a much-needed out.

The Hawkeyes have clinched a spot in the Big Ten Tournament, however, which is the silver-lining coming out of a disappointing weekend.

The team will find out its seeding to-

day, as there are a few more games that need to be played, but the Hawkeyes feel confident going in — especially with the motivation of being left out of the tournament last year.

"It doesn't really matter who we've got," Looper said. "We are ready to get there, ready to get to Michigan. Ready to play the game and attack who we've got. We've seen a majority of the confer-

ence, haven't seen everyone, so it could be Northwestern, Michigan State, or Indiana — someone we haven't seen. We are just excited to get going, get over there, and make our postseason run."

BASEBALL

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back and won a 3-2 game over Michigan State.

Tyler Cropley had himself a series, racking up 6 RBIs in the three games. His 4 RBIs on Sunday tied a career high.

In a 2-2 ballgame on May 5, first baseman Jake Adams came up with a base knock to lead off in a crucial spot. Immediately after, right fielder Robert Neustrom doubled to put Iowa in scoring position.

Cropley then came up huge for the Hawkeyes, launching a ball down the left-field line to give his team the lead.

"Tyler gave us a big, clutch hit to take the lead after Michigan State tied it up," head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "He had a good game."

Mason McCoy went yard for the third time this season, and Grant Judkins also brought a run in for the Hawkeyes.

Nick Gallagher came out with another solid performance, making his eighth quality start of the season. The Iowa City native allowed 9 hits in seven innings of work, but gave up just 1 run, extending a record that is beginning to look like one of an all-conference hurler.

That stretch of optimal pitching carried over into the May 6 game, but the result wasn't what the Hawkeyes wanted.

Ryan Erickson notched a quality start as well, giving up just 1 run on 5 hits, while fanning three.

However, the offense couldn't generate a whole lot of runs to support him. Iowa scored 1 in the sixth, but that was all it could muster, as Michigan State's Kyle Lowery also pitched a gem, surrendering just the 1 run on 5 hits in 7.2 innings.

He also struck out 9.

"Ryan pitched outstanding for us; we just couldn't get anything going for him," Heller said in a release.

Neustrom logged the only RBI for Iowa, bringing in McCoy on a sacrifice fly.

The series-clinching win came on Sunday when the Hawkeyes were able to break away in the ninth to complete a 9-4 victory.

The Hawkeyes started and ended the game on fire.

After scoring 3 early runs in the top of the first inning, Iowa brought in 4 runs in the ninth inning to effectively put the game away and end any hopes of a Spartan comeback.

While the team heated up early and late, Cropley kept it going consistently. The Iowa Western transfer tied a career high with 4 RBIs: 2 in the first, 1 in the third, and 1 in the ninth.

Before the ninth, however, it was a close game. Iowa held a 5-4 lead heading into the final frame before the runs came pouring in.

"It was another close game heading into the ninth," Heller said in a release. "It was good to see us break through and score some more runs."

The series win over the Spartans — who could have flipped positions with Iowa in the Big Ten standings with a series win of their own — has the Hawkeyes in a good position heading toward the conference tournament. Big Ten series against Ohio State and Illinois remain before the conference meets in Bloomington, Indiana, to determine who gets the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Hawkeyes return on Friday to take on Ohio State at Banks Field in the final home Big Ten series of the season.



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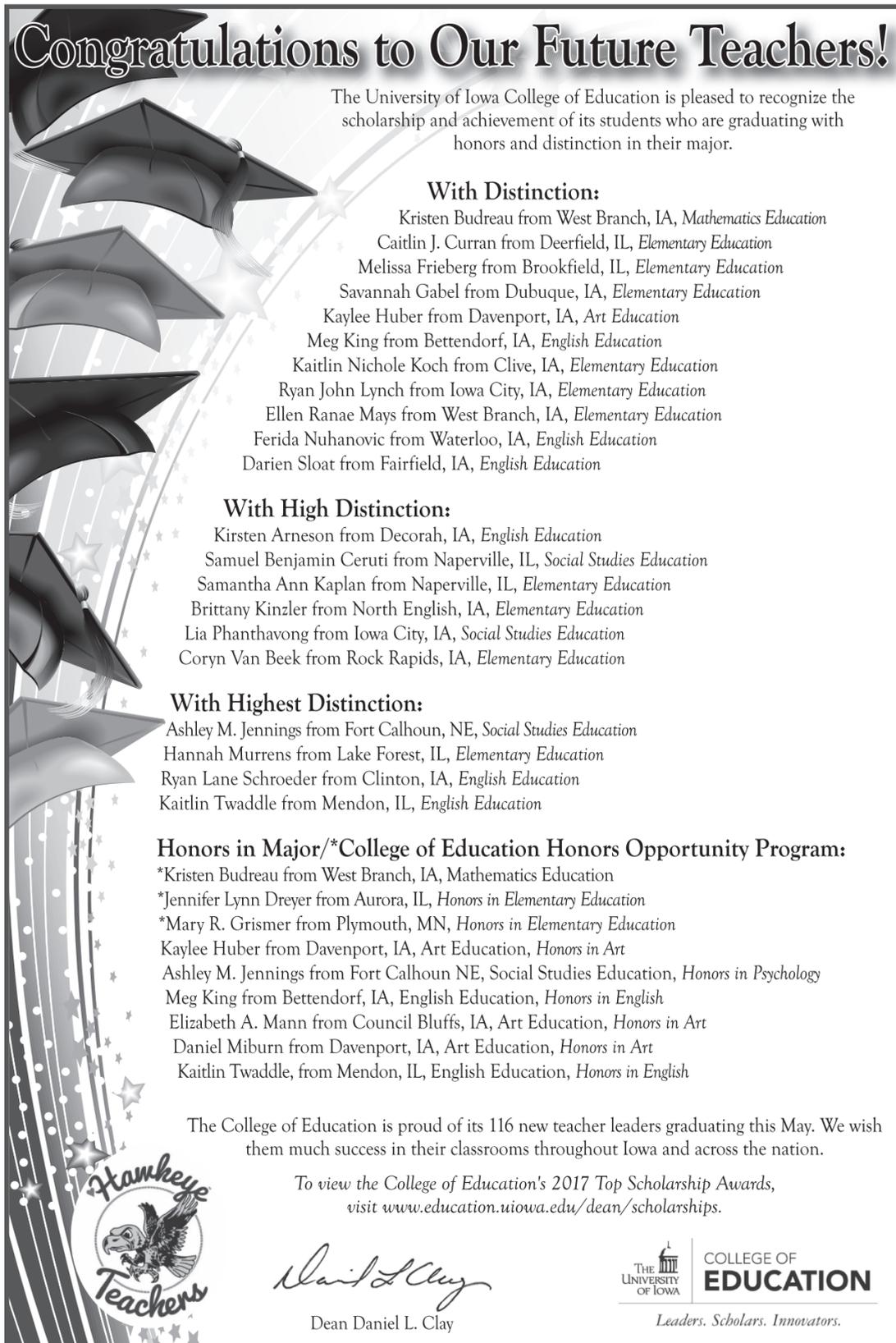
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Wiegand remains always there

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Iowa softball senior Elizabeth Wiegand has not been at the top of the pitching rotation this season, but her contributions to the team have not gone unnoticed.

Sunday was Senior Day for the team, and Wiegand had the opportunity to come into the circle and play her typical role as a relief pitcher.

The Missouri native has had numerous starts all season, but her primary role has been coming in relief for either freshman Allison Doocy or senior Shayla Starckenburg.

Wiegand did not begin her softball career in Iowa City. She played for Tennessee-Martin for her freshman and sophomore years before transferring to Iowa.

"Coach Looper told me about the program and seeing the campus, and learning about the fans, and how dedicated everyone is to Hawkeye softball, really sold me," Wiegand said on Senior Day.

In her junior season, she had 73 strikeouts and three shutouts, and she led the team with a 7-14 record. For Wiegand and the rest of the seniors, this weekend was an emotional and bittersweet time.

"It's a little bittersweet, good thing our season's not over, so it's not as sad as it could be, but I'm definitely going to miss play-

ing on Pearl Field," senior Katilyn Mullarkey said.

Even though the Hawkeyes were not able to come away with a win, their journey will continue on in the Big Ten Tournament, but their seeding has yet to be determined.

A common theme for the Hawkeyes this season was constant improvement and growth as a team. They refused to stay the same and established bonds because of that.

"Getting to know them as human beings has been

one of the best highlights as their coach," Marla Looper said. "I like that they are all different and they are all individuals. We are all individuals, and the moment we start mimicking people, the less we are ourselves. I want them to be themselves, and that's what I'll take from this point on."

In her final game at Pearl Field, Wiegand threw 2 strikeouts in 4 innings on the mound and allowed 2 runs, coming out from the bullpen as

usual. Unfortunately, Iowa fell to Northwestern, 5-2. Even in defeat, all Looper had was praise for her seniors and how they continue to lead her team.

"The biggest thing is they bought in to our pillars, they bought in to our program and our system," Looper said. "They continue to help transition that to the next class, and the next class, and the next class, and that's why our program is going to catapult because of that."

Even though the sea-

son has not yet come to an end, Wiegand and the other seniors have gained some perspective and are aware that their time spent in a Hawkeye softball uniform was not only worth it, but priceless. The friendships will not soon be forgotten.

"They're my best friends," Wiegand said. "I was meant to come here because I'm closer to these girls than almost all

the people I have known my whole life."

Wiegand will have one more run with her best friends in the Big Ten Tournament, something she hasn't been able to experience yet as a Hawkeye. Whether she comes into the game to preserve a lead or keep the Hawkeyes close, she will be happy to be in the circle, surrounded by her teammates.



Iowa's Elizabeth Wiegand pitches against Northwestern at Pearl Field on Sunday. On Iowa's Senior Day, the Hawkeyes fell to the Wildcats, 5-2. (The Daily Iowan/Alex Kroezel)

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which NFL rookie will shine most?

The NFL Draft is done with, and the players drafted are donning their new jerseys. Which player drafted will be named NFL Rookie of the Year during the 2017-18 season?

Myles Garrett

He's a freak athlete, the best in this year's draft, actually.

Garrett will have a chance to be Cleveland's best player, given his athletic ability and immediate chance to affect the team. He's one of the fastest linemen in the league; the 6-5, 272-pound defensive end ran a blazing-fast 4.64-second 40-yard dash.

The NFL's Lance Zierlein compared the Texas A&M product to future Hall of Famer Julius Peppers.

"[Garrett is an] elite edge rusher who possesses rare explosiveness and the fluid-movement skills and agility of an NBA shooting guard," he said on Garrett's draft profile. "His ability to explode into the backfield through a gap or around the edge gives him disruptive potential on every snap."

The Browns ranked 30th in sacks last season with only 26 on the year. Garrett finished his three-year Aggie career with 31 sacks in 34 games. He also piled up 47 tackles for a loss.

Garrett starred in Texas A&M's 4-3 defense, the same scheme Cleveland

uses. Brown defensive coordinator Greg Williams will have a perfect matchup nightmare to plague offenses within the upcoming season, giving Garrett a smooth transition from the college level to the professional one. The only knock on Garrett is his rushing defense, but even that isn't a glaring issue.

When it comes to defensive rookies, he commands the top all-around game in his class and has the best chance at taking home the award for Rookie of the Year.

— Adam Hensley

Deshaun Watson

Bill O'Brien and the rest of the Texans' organization are saying Watson will be the backup this season to Tom Savage. I don't buy it.

Maybe that's the plan right now, before Watson has thrown a pass as a Texan. But Savage does not give Houston a better chance at winning than Watson does.

Savage has a very low ceiling. He is a Brian Hoyer. Watson, on the other hand, has shown that he

is a special player. And I'll go as far as to say comparing Savage and what he has done in the NFL and what Watson has done in college football isn't even apples-to-oranges.

Watson absolutely shredded Alabama defenses two years in a row. Clemson scored 40 points in a loss in 2016 and 35 points this past season in a win over the Crimson Tide.

In those two years, Alabama has placed 11 defensive players in the NFL in the draft. That's an NFL team playing defense against the Clemson Tigers, and Watson, in his two games against the Tide, threw for 825 yards, rushed for 116 yards, and scored 8 touchdowns.

Once Watson beats Savage out for the starting spot (which will happen before Week 1), he will be able to make plays throwing to such guys as DeAndre Hopkins, Will Fuller, Braxton Miller, and Lamar Miller.

The Texans have been a quarterback away from being a Super Bowl contender for more than a few years now. Watson wins big games.

I think taking Watson at No. 12 was the pick of

the draft. With the weapons he has in Houston, he will put up big numbers.

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Ex-Hawk Ekakitie heads back to home country

When one door closes, another door opens. Former Iowa defensive tackle Faith Ekakitie probably heard something like that this past weekend; he was selected No. 1 overall in the Canadian Football League draft. Ekakitie was passed up during the seven rounds of the NFL Draft.

Ekakitie, a native of Brampton, Ontario, now gets to go to his home country and play football for Winnipeg.

"It's an honor, and it didn't happen just because of me," Ekakitie said in a release. "I have God, my friends, family, and parents to thank. They made this whole process possible — and the University of Iowa, of course. This is not just about me, there are a lot of people involved in this; anyone who has helped me in any way, shape, or form throughout my career, I have to give a huge thank-you to all of them."

Ekakitie was invited to a few mini-camps with NFL teams in the pre-draft process, but none took the leap and used a draft pick on him. Ekakitie said he could have kept on

with different mini-camps, but he chose to go back to Canada, where teams truly wanted him.

"It was a matter of whether I wanted to continue pursuing mini-camps and trying to make an NFL team that way or go somewhere where the organization wants me," Ekakitie said in a release. "Not only that, the fans are great in Winnipeg, they love their football. It was my decision, and I am making the right decision not only for me but for my wife, also."

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Bohannon dazzles as a newbie

Each year, the *Daily Iowan* Sports staff votes on a number of awards. Newcomer of the Year, Coach of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year, Male Athlete of the Year, and Team of the Year are awarded. Today, we hand out the Newcomer of the Year award.



Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon shoots a lay-up during the first-round NIT game against South Dakota in Carver-Hawkeye on March 15. The Hawkeyes defeated the Coyotes, 87-75. (The Daily Iowan/Joseph Cress)

By ADAM HENSLEY | adam-hensley@uiowa.edu

Jordan Bohannon didn't enter the basketball season as the top player to watch.

Peter Jok's senior season and the arrival of high-profile recruit Tyler Cook dominated preseason headlines, overshadowing the 6-foot, 182-pound point guard, who came off the bench for the first six games.

A lot can change during one season, however, and Bohannon is *The Daily Iowan's* Newcomer of the Year.

Bohannon earned a spot on the All-Big Ten Freshman Team and finished

as one of two freshmen nationally to record 175 or more assists and 85 or more 3-pointers in the last 25 years. He also broke Iowa's single-season freshman record for made 3-pointers (89) and freshmen record for assists in a season (175).

When he finally got his turn in the starting rotation, he did not disappoint observers. Instead, he gave Hawkeye fans a taste of his sharp-shooting ability.

Iowa traveled to South Bend, Indiana, for the annual ACC/Big Ten

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JORDAN BOHANNON

10.9 points per game
41% 3-point percentage
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2.3 assist/turnover ratio

- One of two freshmen in the past 25 years to record 175 assists and 85 3-pointers
- First Hawkeye to post three-straight double-doubles with points and assists
- Sank a freshman-record 8 3-pointers at No. 24 Maryland on Feb. 25

Softball drops finale on Senior Day

By JESS WESTENDORF
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The Iowa softball team had a different outcome in mind for the four seniors who played their last home game as Hawkeyes on Sunday afternoon.

"The best part of coaching these girls have been that they are a funny group," head coach Marla Looper said. "They're a quirky group. They're funny at times, they're intense, and they're stubborn, but that's what I love about all of them."

After the game, the Hawkeyes celebrated seniors Elizabeth Wiegand, Claire Fritsch, Kaitlyn Mullarkey, and Shayla Starkenburg.

"They each have their own personality," Looper said. "They bring it with them every day, and I want them to be themselves. I'm excited to see what they're going to do in the real world, but it's not time yet; we still have games to play this year."

The Hawkeyes on Sunday dropped the series finale against Northwestern, 5-2, in a hard-fought battle of defense at Pearl Field.

Northwestern was first on the board, wasting no time to ruin the mood of Senior Day. The Wildcats put a 2-spot on the scoreboard before the Hawkeyes had their first chance at the plate.

Sabrina Rabin was the first Wildcat to score.

After a Morgan Nelson sacrifice fly and a wild pitch, Rabin and Anna Petersen put Northwestern ahead 2-0.

The Hawkeyes responded in



The softball Hawkeyes celebrate after a walk-off win against Northwestern on May 6 at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes won, 7-6, in the 11th inning. (The Daily Iowan/ Nick Rohlman)

the bottom of the first, scoring a run of their own. Freshman Lea Thompson drilled a triple down the left field line and scored on freshman Brooke Rozier's sacrifice fly.

In the top of the second, the Wildcats retook the lead on a Krista Williams RBI single to deep left field.

Until the top of the seventh, both teams were quiet, doing little on offense. In fact, Iowa was stopped in its tracks each time it got a runner in scoring position.

"We just didn't execute on offense today," Mullarkey said. "We couldn't get runners across the plate, and that's what you need

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Baseball knocks off Spartans

By PETE RUDEN
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For the first time this season, the Iowa baseball team has recorded back-to-back Big Ten series wins, taking its series over Michigan State, 2-1, this past weekend and sweeping Penn State the previous weekend.

Following the sweep of conference foe Penn State and a loss on the road to Western Illinois, Iowa came

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Iowa

PLAYERS	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Pratt, LF	3	0	1	1	0	0
Thompson, SS	3	1	1	0	0	0
Mullarkey, 1B	2	0	0	0	1	0
Rozier, DP	2	0	0	1	0	0
Schmiederer, C	2	0	1	0	0	0
Wood, CF	3	1	1	0	0	0
Schneider, RF	2	0	0	0	0	1
Libby, PH	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fritsch, 2B	3	0	1	0	0	0
Killian, 3B	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cantu, PH	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
	23	2	5	2	1	2
PITCHERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Doocy (L, 9-14)	3.0	5	3	3	1	1
Wiegand	4.0	4	2	2	1	2

Iowa

PLAYERS	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Whelan, LF	4	1	2	0	0	0
Jenkins, PR/CF	0	1	0	0	0	0
McCoy, SS	4	4	2	1	1	0
Adams, 1B	5	1	3	1	0	0
Neustrom, RF	4	1	0	0	1	2
Cropley, C	4	0	2	4	1	0
Judkins, DH	5	0	1	1	0	2
Woods, PR	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoeg, 3B	4	0	1	0	1	2
Norman, CF/LF	5	0	0	0	0	3
Boe, 2B	3	1	2	0	1	0
TOTALS	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
	38	9	13	7	5	9
PITCHERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wood	3.2	4	1	1	1	1
Nelsen	1.1	4	2	2	0	1
Shimp	2.0	1	1	1	1	1
Martsching	2.0	1	0	0	0	1