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News To Know

Tuition meeting cancelled

The first of four scheduled meetings for the state Board of Regents' Tuition Task Force has been cancelled.

The meeting had been planned to take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday at the Pappajohn Education Center, 1200 Grand Ave., Des Moines, with invitations extended to legislative, economic-development, and business stakeholders.

"Unfortunately, we were not going to have a high enough turnout of presenters to hold the July 27 meeting," said Regent Larry McKibben, the chair of the task force, in a press release. "We need to be mindful of everyone's time and the use of state resources. As we are having three other task-force meetings, there are several opportunities to hear feedback from a wide variety of constituents, including, hopefully, those invited to the July 27 meeting."

Meetings remain scheduled in the three public universities governed by the regents – the University of Northern Iowa on Aug. 7, Iowa State University on Aug. 9, and the University of Iowa on Aug. 14.

Institutional heads will present five-year tuition plans at these meetings. All groups invited to attend the July 27 meeting are encouraged to submit written comments to the task force or attend one of the three meetings scheduled in August.

Big Ten meets in Chicago

The biggest conversations coming out of the first day of the Big Ten media days in Chicago include discussion about the Hawkeye quarterback position and a controversy-riddled Michigan State. **Sports, 8**

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McCain to return to Senate for health-care vote

Sen. John McCain, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive type of brain cancer, will be in the Senate today to cast his vote on health-care legislation.

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Downtown finds an arts director

The Iowa City Downtown District is taking an artistic step forward with the most recent addition to its staff: an arts director.

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Thomas Agran, the Downtown District's new arts director, sits on a bench that he painted on the Pedestrian Mall on Monday. Agran earned a B.A. in studio art from Grinnell College and an M.F.A. in painting from Indiana University. Being an artist and a director, he said, he wants to help create opportunities for artists.

Five years after its founding, the Iowa City Downtown District continues to grow with the addition of a part-time arts director, Thomas Agran.

Agran received a bachelor's degree in studio art from Grinnell College, then got an M.F.A. in painting from Indiana University. After earning the degrees, Agran and his wife

moved to Iowa City. His first piece of public art was a bench downtown for the city's benchmark program.

One of Agran's hopes is to strike a healthy balance between being an artist and being a director.

"It's a part-time job, so I can keep doing my own work," he said. "... It's exciting to make

these new opportunities happen for other artists. It's an exciting challenge."

In addition to the benchmark program, one of Agran's main goals is to provide more opportunities for local artists. Being an artist himself, he understands the struggles of starting.

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Pizza like a dream

The Maggie's Farm Pizza team aims for best pizza in the state at its new location.



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Maggie's Farm Wood-Fired Pizza will soon open in University Heights near the intersection of Melrose and Sunset.

By DENISE CHEESEMAN
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A second Maggie's Farm Wood-Fired Pizza location will appear in the Iowa City area, and owner and founder Jerry Zimmerman calls his decision "crazy."

The popular Iowa City Farmers' Market and Cedar Rapids NewBo City Market pizza establishment will open a brick-and-mortar location at 1308 Melrose Ave. early in August.

The goal? A classic Italian pizzeria with the very best pizza, antipasto, salads, and desserts, Zimmerman said.

Around a dozen new items will be added to

the menu at the new location, said Executive Chef David Wieseneck, and each will be designed to complement the pizzas.

Many might recognize Wieseneck as the former head chef at the now-closed Motley Cow Cafe, but he said Maggie's will be a new experience.

"There's a very focused product at Maggie's, one that I'm pretty familiar with, in the wood-fired pizzas. At the Motley Cow, the menu was so much more expansive, so the pizzas were less of a focus," he said. "I think it's going to be very refreshing to be able to isolate this product and really work

on making it the single best pizza in Iowa."

Zimmerman and wife Carolyn Brown approached Wieseneck after Motley Cow's closing was announced, Wieseneck said. He was attracted by the proposed atmosphere of the new restaurant.

"[Jerry and Carolyn] talked about this environment of a classic pizzeria: with its vitality, where the owner is there and is talking to you, and where you realize there's a lot of love embodied in the space," he said.

The couple also recruited General Manager Roc Kemmerer, whom

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RAGBRAI team boosts UI profile

The UI RAGBRAI team is biking across the state this week to promote the university's achievements and engage Iowa citizens in the school's work.

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A team of University of Iowa officials is pedaling across the state this week, each member donning black and gold to spread Hawkeye pride while participating in RAGBRAI.

The team, organized by the Office of the President, comprises officials from various university departments, bringing colleagues together whether they consider each other mere acquaintances or familiar faces.

"We were fortunate to be on the UI team last year and again this year," said Steve Roe, the UI director of athletics communications, in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "It was a great feeling to represent the university as we rode across the state and mingled with riders from all around the country."

Team member Steven Troester, the IT director for the UI Information Technology Services, participated on the UI RAGBRAI team last year and said he enjoyed bonding with other university colleagues.

"We really bonded as a group throughout the week, because you're basically spending the majority of every day with the same group of people," he said. "... You're staying overnight with these people and eating meals with these people, so you really bond as a group as the week goes on."

The Hawkeyes ride with a common mission: to speak with Iowans about the work taking place on the UI campus. But engaging with Iowans about the university's achievements can prove to be a challenge, particularly in the western part of the state that is more heavily dominated by Cyclones fans, Troester said.

Nonetheless, team member and Iowa native Cheryl Reardon, the UI chief human resource officer and associate vice president, said

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THE THRILL OF THE NON-CROWDS



Toni Ciek and Bart Gibney go on a date to Basta on Monday. The pair were "celebrating potential future retirement and the fact that it's not 110 degrees out." They also enjoy visiting local businesses while students are out of town.

DIRECTOR
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"We want to create a rich environment for artists to grow," he said. "A big achievement for downtown would be creating a community art center. Once I got the job, people immediately started writing me to tackle this project."

Part of providing more opportunities for local artists involves ensuring more of those opportunities are paid ones, Agran said.

"In order to get public-art commissions, you have to have a public-arts portfolio," he said. "It's difficult to get started, and I want to help these artists. Everyone deserves these opportunities, and I want to help create these."

The beautification leads to an increased traffic flow, which cor-

relates with more customers for local businesses, said Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Downtown District, at the June 29 State of Downtown meeting.

"We want to change the way-finding signs of the downtown," she said. "If it looks better, it will increase traffic."

Officially, according to the Downtown District's website, its goal is to "provide a leadership directive that advocates for the district mission and serves as a mechanism to more efficiently implement district-wide marketing, programs, events, and projects that support vitality for the benefit of all the businesses within it, the University of Iowa, community members, and the region at large."

The district laid out its goals, along with its roadblocks, in its annual strategic plan. The document outlined its hopes for increased creative



Thomas Agran painted this bench in the Pedestrian Mall before getting his new job as the arts director of Iowa City's Downtown District.

signage, more public murals, and the beautification of the downtown's alleyways.

Even for the UI — an institution often considered to be deeply intertwined with the city itself — the health of the Downtown District is significant, said David Kieft, a UI financial administrator, during the State of Downtown meeting.

"A healthy downtown is incredibly important for student success, faculty, and staff," he said. "It's all about attracting people who want to move to the downtown. Having a very healthy and vibrant area makes people want to move here."

Through art, Agran hopes to push forward the city's progress in making the Downtown District vi-

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brant. But there are roadblocks, one of the largest being funding. Commissioning public art is not easy with the Downtown District's limited budget, Agran said.

Despite this barrier, he said, he is optimistic about the future of art-work downtown and its effect on the community.

"Art is an indicator of the vitality of a place," he said. "It can either be something that celebrates a place, critiques a place, or shines light on it. If art is doing these things, to me, it's a sign that a community is working. I just want to make changes in people's lives."

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forming relationships with people — especially Iowa youth — is one of the things she enjoys most about RAGBRAI.

"It's one of those things that if you grew up in the state, you want to put that on your bucket list," Reardon said. "... What's so special about it is being able to see the small towns in Iowa and how those small communities are so excited to greet the riders, and then our ability to carry the Hawkeye spirit across the state is a great way for us to reach out to the citizens of Iowa ..."

From the construction of new facilities such as Hancher and the Visual Arts Building to the opening of the new Stead Family Children's Hospital, several team members said UI officials have a lot to brag about. The research and care provided through UI Hospitals and Clinics is one of those boast-worthy efforts, said Nike Fleming, deputy counsel for UIHC.

"We can provide care that not many places in the state



Riders pedal up a hill on their way to Ventura, Iowa, during the 41st Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa. Today is the third day of RAGBRAI.

and sometimes even the country can provide, and getting to talk about that is really rewarding," she said.

Team member Chris Traetow, the UI associate director of undergraduate admissions, said that because he oversees outreach efforts, RAGBRAI affords him a unique op-

portunity to reconnect with Iowans he has met during recruitment events for prospective students.

The best part of RAGBRAI, he said, is connecting with people from all over Iowa and the world as the team bikes from town to town on the blacktop, all while proudly sporting their

university jerseys.

"I'm looking forward most to going through towns that I have never explored before and meeting individuals from those communities and hearing stories about why they love living where they live," he said. "That's the best thing, just meeting the townspeople."

PIZZA
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Zimmerman describes as "the best front-of-the-house person I've ever seen."

"Until we got him, we didn't really consider opening brick-and-mortar," Zimmerman said.

Kemmerer has been in the restaurant business for 38 years, working in Iowa, Kentucky, Oregon, New York, and West Virginia, although his roots

go back to Cedar Rapids. He was wooed by Zimmerman's expertise and reputation.

"Jerry has put years and years of work into this — he's worked with pizza since he was 12 years old — and he has refined this to a point that we have, just through the small place up in NewBo and the Farmers' Market, a known brand in the area," Kemmerer said. "We use really high-quality ingredients and years of working at this to perfect

a great product."

That perfection is what it takes to stand out in a college town jammed with pizza joints.

"Pizza is pretty widely exploited, and I would also say pretty abused as far as what people call pizza and as far as what I would want to eat," Wieseneck said, "We're using the finest ingredients with the highest skill level and the best equipment to make something that is, hopefully, the best product in the region."

Fast Facts

What: Maggie's Farm Wood-Fired Pizza

Where: 1308 Melrose Ave.

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The Maggie's Farm team, consisting of founders Jerry Zimmerman and Carolyn Brown, Executive Chef David Wieseneck, and General Manager Roc Kemmerer, hopes to craft the best pizzeria atmosphere and food in Iowa.

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Democrat proposes expanding children's health-insurance plan

As individual health-insurance suppliers leave the state, a proposal by Iowa Senate Democrats could keep 11,000 of Iowa's children insured in 2018.

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Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, has proposed a plan to guarantee 11,000 of Iowa's children remain insured in 2018.

"There is a very real possibility that 72,000 Iowans could be without health insurance next year," she said. "More than 11,000 children belong to these families."

Petersen outlined the plan during a meeting at the State Capitol on Monday morning. Her plan would allow Iowa's low-income families to purchase insurance through the state's existing children's health-insurance program, Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa, which is provided through the Iowa Department of Human Resources.

Petersen urged Gov. Kim Reynolds to support the plan to expand access to hawk-i to families up to 300 percent above the federal poverty level.

The people in danger of losing coverage, Petersen said, are those in the individual health-insurance market.

"They are business owners, self-employed, or work for organizations that don't offer group plans," she said.

Right now, Medica — a health-services company based in Minneapolis and active in the Midwest — is the only individual health-insurance provider left in the state.

"Wellmark and Aetna have already dropped out of the ... market," Petersen said. "Medica intends to stay ... but it has requested a 43 percent rate increase."

In June, Medica filed with the Iowa Insurance Division to continue selling individual health-insurance products in the 2018 coverage year.

"Medica conducted a thorough evaluation of the Iowa market before committing to a state-wide filing," Medica said in a June press release. "The analysis became increasingly important as insurers announced their plans to withdraw from the state."

Geoff Bartsh, the Medica vice president of individual and family business, said in the press release that Medica filed to provide insurance for

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— Janet Petersen, state senator

all Iowans.

"When you find yourself as the only ones between people getting access to care and people not getting access to care, your view of the situation becomes very different," he said.

The same press release also announced the proposed 2018 rates Medica filed.

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— Geoff Bartsh, Medica VP

average filed rate increase is 43.5 percent," the release said. "Medica noted that a number of risks remain with its decision to provide coverage across Iowa, which is why it filed a 43.5 percent rate increase."

Bartsh noted in the

press release that such high rate increases aren't sustainable.

"We know this will impact people who do not currently receive a subsidy particularly hard," he said.

In the long term, he said, the individual health-insurance market must be

reformed.

"We will continue to work with federal and state officials to provide the certainty and stability needed for markets to succeed long-term," Bartsh said.

However, Petersen said, there is no guarantee Medica won't back out of Iowa later. Under her plan, she said, parents would be able to pay the full cost of insuring their children under hawk-i.

"This solution would not cost the state of Iowa additional money to help thousands of Iowa families," Petersen said.

And, she said, because the cost of insuring children is relatively low, the program should be affordable for most.

Amy Shriver, a general pediatrician in Des Moines who also spoke

at Monday's meeting, stressed the importance of providing children with health insurance because it allows early intervention and prevention. That can avert additional expenses and health problems later on.

"Children can become expensive adults if their health needs aren't properly addressed," Shriver



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Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, describes her plan to expand hawk-i eligibility at the State Capitol on Monday. Her plan, she said, would extend health-insurance coverage to 11,000 Iowan children in 2018.

said.

Without access to health insurance, she said, the children of low-income families end up in emergency rooms after health problems have become crises.

"If all children have access to screening, prevention, chronic-disease management, and referral services, overall future health costs would be dramatically reduced," Shriver said.

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Life in the hot-dog lane



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Last week (July 19, if you're going to be all persnickety about it) included at its apex National Hot Dog Day, and I just know that your excitement was as unbridled as mine. (Ever notice that excitement is always unbridled?) (Does that mean unwed?)

Americans tend to go hog-wild on National Hot Dog Day, what with perfectly sensible restaurants featuring free hot dogs, or reduced price (which doesn't quite seem so hog-wild), and hot-dog festivals featuring bands, and hot-dog art, and hot-dog artifacts. (Don't ask.) And, of course, national icon Joey What's-his-face from New York chomping down 40 dozen dogs or so in 12 seconds, thus proving something or other about quantum entanglement. Quite a to-do.

Actually, Joey What's-his-face does his stunt on the Fourth, but that's just an appetizer for The Day.

Just think: millions and millions of years of evolution, 200,000 years of Homo sapien existence, capped off by National Hot Dog Day. Ah, the wonder and mystery of it. Though not quite so mysterious as what's in a hot dog.

Well, the Big Day may be past, but the events of the past week have reminded us that every day is National Hot Dog Day in the West Wing.

There was our Great Leader lambasting Attorney General Jeff Sessions in an interview with the *New York Times* on July 19. Then, for good measure, the Trumpster went off on the assistant attorney general (Rod Rosenstein), the acting FBI director (Andrew McCabe), the former FBI director (famously, James Comey), and the special counsel probing the Russian morass (Robert Mueller). Had more on his mind than golf, for a change.

Sessions drew the Trumpster's ire because the former recused himself in the Russian-affair probe. "Sessions should have never recused himself, and if he was

going to recuse himself, he should have told me before he took the job, and I would have picked somebody else," our Great Leader said.

Right. Except, Sessions recused himself after he was in office, so he couldn't have known he was going to recuse himself before he was in office. But details, details. Being logical has never been one of the Trumpster's faults.

Rosenstein, in the Trumpster's universe, is at fault because the former appointed Mueller special counsel, which is akin to some sort of liberal plot to overthrow the republic. "A special counsel should never have been appointed in this case," the Trumpster opined, his mind reaching back to his legal-education days. (Oh, wait.)

Then the Trumpster took the gloves off, pronouncing that the president can order the FBI director to halt any investigation anytime the president pleases, because the FBI director reports to the president. "I could have ended that whole thing just by saying — they say it can't be obstruction because you can say: 'It's ended. It's over. Period.'"

Um, no. Period. That's not the way it works in this country. And the FBI director reports to the attorney general and the director of National Intelligence. Not the president.

In Russia, a country the Trumpster much admires (especially Russian money) and perhaps wishes to emulate, the president can halt any investigation he finds uncomfortable; Putin seems to do it by throwing the investigators into prison. Where they sometimes die. Just a coincidence, I'm sure.

And now, the Trumpster's minions are scurrying around trying to find conflicts of interest or some other dirt on Mueller and his team probing the Russian connection. Presumably, the Trumpster is looking for a reason to have the special counsel fired in order to halt the Russia investigation. Oh, sure, that will go over smoothly. I mean, it worked out so well for Richard Nixon.

Six months in, and one thing we know for certain: Our Great Leader sure knows how to hot-dog it.

GUEST OPINION

TRUMP'S REPORT CARD: Arrogance meets slapstick

July 20 was the six-month anniversary of Donald Trump being our 45th president; it's time to evaluate our president's actions.

Actions worthy of an A grade:

- Trump's greatest victory was the nomination and confirmation of strict constructionist Justice Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.

- Of the 22 Cabinet-level positions, the Senate only rejected one of Trump's nominees, Andrew Puzder for secretary of Labor.

- Trump was wise to bring two strategic and experienced military leaders to his Cabinet, Gen. James Mattis and Gen. H.R. McMaster, and turn up the heat against ISIS.

- Reducing federal regulations on many red-tape policies will permit all businesses to get down to working instead of filing unnecessary paperwork.

- Another best occurred in meeting China President Xi Jinping; Trump announced China was not a currency manipulator, as he had claimed during the campaign. The statement proved Trump was willing to pursue the interest of the nation by abandoning a campaign slogan.

- Trump also became presidential by moderating his pre-election views on such issues as NATO and relationships

with key allies.

Incomplete and unknown actions:

- It is too early to decide the net result of Trump's withdrawing America from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, backing away from the Paris Climate Accord, instituting immigration travel restrictions, renegotiating NAFTA, and trusting China will be able to control North Korea.

Actions deserving an F:

- Trump's unorthodox "so-called judges" declaration, questioning the veracity of the U.S. 17 intelligence agencies, and calling major news outlets "enemies of the American people" proved he's not a statesman.

- Trump broke 80 of his 663 campaign promises in his first 100 days of office; more promises fall off the table week-by-week.

- Promising to repeal and replace Obamacare on the first day of office evolved into a major failure, especially with a Republican-controlled Congress. Trump criticizing Republicans and not working in a bipartisan fashion

signaled he doesn't understand the legislative process.

- Trump's promise to provide "the biggest tax cut since Ronald Reagan" disappointed Americans when he unveiled a two-page tax-reform memorandum with no specific details.

- Trump's campaign promise of \$1 trillion infrastructure upgrade has fallen into a pothole.

- Only 48 of the 564 key government positions (8.5 percent) requiring Senate confirmation have come to fruition. The president cannot deliver on his policy agenda alone; top roles such as chief financial officers, general counsel, heads of agencies, and ambassadors make D.C. work.

- Trump reneged on his most important campaign promise, which was to "drain the swamp." Instead, the swamp became the sewer, with a combined net worth of \$13 billion in his Cabinet, and they came to work with very few skills related to the assigned job.

- There are a few other Trump miscues, such as refusing to release his taxes, violating the Domestic and Foreign Emoluments Clauses, restricting access to the White House visitors' log,

holding only one press conference, restricting TV camera access at White House press briefings, changing stories regarding Russia's involvement in the election process, berating members of the Republican's Freedom Caucus, 991 tweets, 40 rounds of golf versus the promised zero, mysterious 3 million to 5 million illegal voter allegations in the 2016 election, inauguration crowd size "alternative fact," 112 false statements (*New York Times*), imploding of the White House staff, pre-emptive White House staff "pardon" talk, disregard of America's heralded checks and balances system ... just to name a few. • Several names haunt Trump's presidency and speak for themselves: Putin, Bannon, Manafort, Flynn, Comey, Mueller, Kushner, and Donald Jr.

Overall assessment:

- Six As, five incompletes, and 34 Fs equals 0.755 grade point average or D-minus. With 185 days in the books and 1,272 days to go, Trump's legacy is off to a rocky start. It will only get better. Or will it?

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COLUMN

Defining privilege in reality



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Last week, colleague Laura Townsend wrote about the reality of white privilege. Her column relays the experiences of three college-age individuals who feel they have been affected by white privilege. This is an important topic that deserves a public discussion, because, as Townsend's column illustrates, there's some confusion about what white privilege is.

Not only is talking about race difficult, which makes talking about white privilege difficult, but it is necessary to understand the notion of privilege before we can understand the notion of white privilege.

Therefore, when talking about white privilege, it is prudent to at least mention the wider concept contained therein: that of privilege itself.

The relevant notion of privilege I define as the receipt of certain benefits wholly through accident of birth. It is undeniable that privilege itself is a reality. Any of us could have been born the unluckiest person on the planet, which, by definition, picks out precisely one person. But we all have the privilege of not being that person. We are all privileged by comparison.

There are many kinds of privilege besides white privilege: cognitive privilege, for example. We now know that intelligence is not something we have significant control over but is something we are born with. We are living in a society in which success is increasingly linked to one's intelligence. This is not to say that intelligence is the only factor that is important. All that is implied is

that below a certain threshold of intelligence, there are fewer and fewer opportunities. These opportunities are being shifted upward to jobs that require heavier cognitive lifting or else are being replaced by robots. Thus, the accident of having been born smart enough to be able to be successful is a great benefit that you did absolutely nothing to earn. Consequently, you have nothing to be proud of for being smart.

Once we have admitted the reality of privilege itself and identified some species of privilege, we are better able to talk about the temperature-rising topic of racial privilege.

But when doing so, we must also bear in mind the purpose of drawing attention to privileges. The purpose is not to instill a sort of Catholic guilt in someone's psyche, nor is it an excuse to make oneself feel better by demonizing another. The purpose of pointing out someone's privilege is to remind them of the infinite number of experiences that are possible and the very large number of experiences that are actual that they know very little about. The purpose is to enlarge their moral consciousness, to make them more sympathetic to people who are less fortunate than they are.

Feelings of guilt are natural when coming to consciousness of one's place in the scheme of things — and noticing that one has been conferred benefits through sheer accident — but guilt is an impediment to social-justice action, not a motivator (guilt slides easily into resentment). Keeping the general notion of "privilege" in mind allows us to notice that there are different species of privilege. We can debate whether "whiteness" is a sort of "master privilege" that overrules all others. Personally, I don't find this believable — I don't think our present society is that racist — but I imagine it once was. And that is enough to make one shudder.

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Cubs, finally, break out of disappointment

After a disappointing start to the season, the Cubs seem to have finally found a cure for their World Series hangover.

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When All-Star week began, the Chicago Cubs had played poorly enough to languish 5.5 games behind the first-place Milwaukee Brewers.

Their starting pitching had taken a huge step back from last season; Cub starters had posted an ERA of 4.42

Even their hitting, one of last season's biggest weapons, had regressed.

Other than Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo, none of the Cubs hitters had

been able to live up to the hype.

Kyle Schwarber, once thought to be the next great power hitter, was sent back down to the minors after starting the season with a dreadful .178 average.

What made their bad start even more disappointing was that they play in one of the weakest divisions in the majors.

After throwing the biggest party Chicago has ever seen last fall, it seemed as if the Cubs would need a whole season to recover.

But no one informed

Cub President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein, who is no stranger to making big-time trades at the deadline.

Epstein picked up the phone and was able to find a solution to the Cubs' pitching problem; fortunately for him, he didn't have to look far.

The day before regular-season play resumed, Epstein and the Cubs welcomed in the one-time ace of their crosstown rivals, Jose Quintana.

Through five and a half seasons, Quintana has been one of baseball's most

consistent pitchers, with a career ERA of 3.50.

Quintana has not missed a beat since his move uptown; in his first two starts with the lovable winners, he has gone 13 innings giving up just 3 runs on 8 hits, earning victories in both.

The Cubs may not be done adding to their starting pitching; they have been rumored to be in talks with the Detroit Tigers about acquiring ace Justin Verlander.

Whether it was due to the acquisition of Quintana, or the break of All-

Star week, Cub hitters have found new life.

Since the break, Addison Russel has hit .344, Jason Heyward has hit .364, and Javier Baez has been on a tear, swatting .407.

But no one has been hotter than Wilson Contreras, who has knocked the ball at a high clip all through the month of July, .339 with 6 homers and 14 RBIs.

After winning eight of 10 since the break, the Cubs have climber right next to the Brewers in the NL Central race.

They hope to continue the run, which may be easy, because their next three games are against their crosstown rival White Sox, who have won just once since the break.

The Cubs may not have jumped off to anything like a jackrabbit start, but there is no question that they have found their groove, and they hope to continue grooving into late October.

Right now, the Cubs are learning the true meaning of the phrase it's not about how you start, it's about how you finish.

MEDIA DAY

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"I'm ready to go," Vandenberg said. "It's been a very long off-season ... I'm excited. I'm champing at the bit."

There is still time before he gets to see the field, though. Fall camp will start July 30, and a key component for the wide-receiver group will be watching practice film and critiquing each other.

Vandenberg sees the time in the film room as critical for two reasons.

"The eye in the sky never lies ... Ultimately, what you put on tape is what you are. You can think you're the guy who hustles all the time, but then

we put on the tape, and you jogged three routes," he said. "The other thing, too, is that it's never as good as you think it was, but it's never as bad as you think it was."

Ferentz is not a curmudgeon

So he says when it comes to Iowa's uniforms. When asked about the possibility for an alternative game uniform, the head coach said it is a possibility.

Ferentz said he is not completely sure for which game the special uniforms will be revealed.

"I'm not sure what game. I kind of know what it looks like, it's alternative," he said. "I like our uniforms but ... I'm sure it will be well-received."

BIG TEN

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ing on the heels of a disappointing 3-9 campaign in 2016.

Running back Gerald Holmes said this off-season "definitely" feels like the longest one the team has experienced.

"The wait will be worth it," Holmes said. "[The goal is] to make sure the team isn't too focused on the outside things."

Past and present Hoosiers collide

Indiana head coach Tom Allen called the Hoosiers' season-opener against Ohio State the biggest in school history. Never has an Indiana squad faced a conference opponent, let alone a football powerhouse, in the

season's first matchup.

The competition doesn't end between the lines, however.

Ohio State hired former Indiana head coach Kevin Wilson as its offensive coordinator following Wilson's stepping down from his position with the Hoosiers. Allen, previously Indiana's defensive coordinator, was named the head coach.

"He's a great football coach; he has a great offensive mind," Allen said. "He's going to do a great job. [Ohio State's] system wasn't broke ... [but] I think he's going to have a chance to make them better."

Under Wilson's command, the Hoosiers ranked third in the Big Ten in total offense, putting up 426 yards per contest. Indiana's aerial attack ranked second in the conference in yards per game as well (273.8).

"Whatever he chooses to do, your guess is as good as mine," Allen said. "As I would say, the Good Lord has a sense of humor. You think about how this has played out. To be able to have this as our first game, my first game as the head coach, [Wilson] hired me — it's an interesting matchup for sure. It's not about him and me, it's about Indiana versus Ohio State."

Keeping it local

DJ Durkin hasn't been the head coach at Maryland for long, but he wants to keep the local ties strong on his team.

The coach stressed the local talent in the area and praised the high-school coaches for gearing their players up for a smooth transition from high school to college ball.

"I really feel like in

our backyard there's a strong group of talent every year, year in and year out, that if you do well in your backyard, you can survive and win a lot of games, win championships with," Durkin said. "I don't know if that's the case everywhere."

Other schools have relied on home-grown talent in the past to build success, and linebacker Jermaine Carter Jr. noted one school in particular that resembles Maryland's push for local athletes: Miami.

"I'm from the area, so when a guy from D.C. or Maryland commits, it means a lot to me," he said. "I think it changes the dynamic of the team. If everyone from the area comes together, it's a different bond. [With] guys in the past, everyone in Florida would go to Miami, they [were] kind of like brothers."

SOFTBALL

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started 160 games after walking on as a freshman, and she is top-15 for the Hawkeyes in career

home runs and doubles.

"We've had some great walk-ons in our program," Looper said. "Chip Mullarkey, Michelle Zoeller, those walk-ons were very important to our program. They became three- or four-year starters for us, and they

played a huge role. That's our hope with these try-outs is that there's someone on campus who's not ready to give up the game and can come make a difference for our program."

Once the summer concludes and Looper gets her roster fully assembled,

her focus will be on the upcoming season — she hopes the season can be a trailblazer for more success in the future.

"I'm anxious to get them all back in town and see where they left off last spring and what they've worked on this

summer," Looper said. "We had a great run at the end of last spring, but the challenge is last year is last year, it's gone, it's history. We will have kind of a sopho-

more-senior-laden team, and I'm excited about where we've gone in the off-season."

ROWING

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may seem monotonous, the team atmosphere and culture is like no other.

The buy-in and commitment across the board is something special that not many teams achieve.

With two to three practices daily, we are normally around each other for four to six hours. Our team culture has flourished to a point where we find ourselves spending time together outside of

training.

This component of our team is something that cannot be taught in a classroom.

We are competitors, and we challenge each other relentlessly, but above all, the women on this team are selfless. When the workouts get tough and the days get long, we turn to each other rather than against each other, something that makes our team truly one of a kind.

The atmosphere on the water, in the locker room, and outside training comes from a respect

for one another and the work being put in daily.

We pull hard for each other and we do our absolute best for the other women in the boat, rather than reverting to the "what's in it for me?" mentality. Racing in Canada is an incredible opportunity that we Hawkeyes will take full advantage of.

Every training session poses a new challenge, forcing us to adapt to being outside our comfort zone — an environment my teammates and I thrive in.

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- **University Heights Farmers' Market,** 5-7 p.m., University Club, 1360 Melrose Ave.
- **Dance with Center for Worker Justice,** 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
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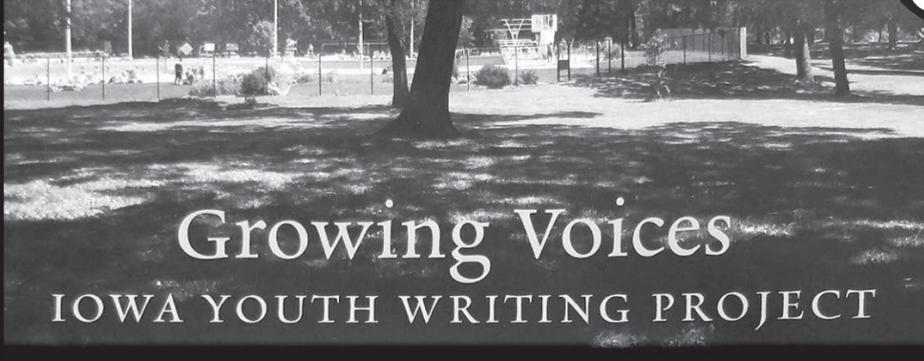
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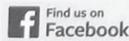
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THE B-SIDE is a loving portrait of a unique artist too often overlooked in considerations of 20th century photography. It revels in the intimate beauty of Dorfman's portraits and in her singular appreciation for the ordinary aspects of human life.



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Important consideration for investors
 - 5 Attire that may leave the chest bare
 - 11 Barely lit
 - 14 Demands
 - 16 Concluding musical section
 - 17 One of the premier clubs in the Premier League
 - 19 Native New Zealander
 - 20 A wee hour
 - 21 Southern region where blues developed
 - 28 Swift steeds
 - 29 Words said while running out the door, maybe
 - 30 Comics villain — Luthor
 - 31 Applesauce
 - 32 Die
 - 34 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
 - 35 Diamonds are weighed in them
 - 37 Item swiped by Indiana Jones at the start of "Raiders of the Lost Ark"
 - 41 Conversed
 - 43 Gerontologist's subject
 - 44 Crank (up)
 - 47 Hill that's steep on one side and gentle on the other
 - 49 Bush — or an anagram of BUSH plus one letter
 - 50 Annual Austin festival
 - 53 Halved
 - 54 Actress Mazar of "Entourage"
 - 55 Arrival and departure locales hinted at by 17-, 21- and 50-Across

- DOWN**
- 1 Volcano feature
 - 2 ___ moment (shortly)
 - 3 Phishing target: Abbr.
 - 4 Does awesomely
 - 5 Goulashes, e.g.
 - 6 Pilgrimage site in central Italy
 - 7 Wheel groove
 - 8 Unfold, poetically
 - 9 Negative linking word
 - 10 Roamer of the Serengeti
 - 11 "Pray continue ..."
 - 12 Conceptualize
 - 13 1979 breakout role for Mel Gibson
 - 15 Dominant faith of Iran
 - 16 French film/dom
 - 18 Places where lines meet
 - 21 When repeated, Hawaiian menu item
 - 22 Classic Camaro
 - 23 Sashimi go-with
 - 24 Wow
 - 25 Accept, as a lesser charge
 - 26 Component
 - 27 "How sweet ___!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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PUZZLE BY JASON FLINN

- 33 Cause of tree damage and downed telephone wires
- 35 Sandwich usually served with toothpicks
- 36 Answer to the riddle "What force or strength cannot get through / 1, with gentle touch, can do"
- 38 Dreadful, as circumstances
- 39 Cross to bear
- 40 Like the group you're in if you're out, for short
- 42 Sneeze sound
- 43 Waste container
- 44 Dwellers east of the Urals
- 45 One of the friends on "Friends"
- 46 Foul-smelling
- 48 Actress Hepburn
- 51 County divs.
- 52 Melodic subjects in music
- 56 Meas. of engine speed
- 57 ___-la
- 58 Up to, informally
- 59 Author LeShan
- 60 1977 Steely Dan album
- 61 Stove setting for simmering
- 62 ___ admin (IT pro)

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Big Ten chatter heats up



Hawkeye Josey Jewell fields questions during Big Ten media days at McCormick Place in Chicago on Monday. Kirk Ferentz appeared with players Sean Welsh, Matt Vandenberg, and Josey Jewell.



Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio speaks during the Big Ten Media days at McCormick Place in Chicago on Monday.

Spartans labor under black eye

The biggest conversations coming out of the first day of the Big Ten media days in Chicago include a controversy-riddled Michigan State.

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CHICAGO — Since three then-Spartans faced third-degree criminal sexual conduct charges, things have been tense at Michigan State, to say the least. Donnie Corley, Josh King, and Demetric Vance have all been dismissed from the football team, but there is no changing the past.

Linebacker Chris Frey compared the situation in East Lansing to the trouble surrounding Baylor.

“I think no matter where it’s at and who does it, it tarnishes the reputation, the name, and the brand of a team,” he said. “With that being said, it’s our job as a team to put that behind us and rebuild our name and our brand.”

Even though the players facing sexual assault

charges are no longer with the team, Michigan State took extra steps to educate its players on the subject.

Frey noted that every year, the Spartans have sexual-assault education classes right before camp begins. This year, however, things have changed.

“We’ve had three- or four-, maybe even five-hour-long classes,” he said. “We’ve had different people come in and talk to us about sexual assault. As a team, we do realize how serious of an issue that is. In the situation that we’ve been put in, the guys who are on the team, they know what’s right and what’s wrong. We’re looking forward to the future.”

The criminal activity surrounding the Spartan squad wasn’t the only issue heading into the upcoming season, com-

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Stanley jumps ahead at QB (maybe)

Hawks’ first depth chart of season lists Nathan Stanley as starter

By COURTNEY BAUMANN
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CHICAGO — Just before the first day of Big Ten media days at McCormick Place started, the Iowa football team released its first depth chart of the 2017 season.

Most eyes went directly to quarterback. Listed at No. 1: sophomore Nathan Stanley.

Even after the five weeks of spring practice, questions have surrounded the position. Even now, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz continues to say that the competition is neck-and-neck between Stanley and Tyler Wiegert. “Depth charts real-

ly are pretty meaningless almost everywhere this year,” Ferentz said on Monday afternoon.

“Don’t read into it, please ... In our minds, we don’t really have a No. 1.”

Neither Wiegert nor Stanley have seen significant game time in their careers. The former played backup for now-49er C.J. Beathard in 2015, while the latter was pulled from redshirt to do the job last season.

Sean Welsh speaks out

Last week, Iowa released a heartfelt Op-Ed from senior offensive lineman Sean Welsh. In the article, he detailed his battle with depres-

sion, which began during the 2015 season.

Welsh first spoke about it with his teammates during a summer leadership meeting, in which he gave a talk about the hardships of the mental illness and the support he has received at Iowa. From there, he said, the idea to speak out publicly “snowballed.”

Many people have reached out to Welsh over the past week.

“It’s all been overwhelmingly positive,” he said. “It’s really become a cathartic thing for me. I never thought in the beginning that it was going to be like. I’ve gotten messages on Facebook, Instagram,

Twitter, random email messages from people telling me their stories. It’s incredible.”

The return of Matt Vandenberg

It’s been nearly 10 months since senior Matt Vandenberg has suited up in the black and gold.

The wide receiver missed a majority of the 2016 season after sustaining a foot injury. He was granted a medical redshirt and is anxious to get back on the field.

“The foot’s healthy. The only thing I’m really working on is conditioning, making sure

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Rowers bear down with regatta in sight

An inside look at the Hawkeye rowers’ training regimen (by a *DI* staffer who is on the rowing team) in preparation for an August race.



By MEGAN SPRENGELER
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Over the course of July, the Iowa rowing team has trained day in, day out.

The select group of athletes has been preparing to represent their school, state, and country at the Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario, from Aug. 6-13.

Fortunately, I’ve had the privilege to be part of the countless hours that have been logged on the water and on the indoor rowing machine, the ergometer.

Coming off our breakthrough season, finishing 15th at nationals, my teammates and I have seen greatness, instilling a hunger among the rowers.

Preparing to race internationally is an opportunity we are grateful to have, because we know it will allow us to hone our technique and hammer the basics to make us even faster come the spring of 2018.

Since our training began at the beginning of July, we have made strides, and the rowers have begun to see progress they hadn’t seen before.

Our focus has mainly been working in small one-person and two-person boats, which are harder to stabilize. Any foul-up in technique is exposed 10-fold in the boats, which is why they are great teachers and especially helpful.

Though the days get long and occasionally

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Off-season sparks hope for softball

The Iowa softball team has spent the summer trying to add talent to the roster, as it prepares to make some noise in the upcoming season.

By JORDAN ZUNIGA
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Last season, the Iowa softball team started out stumbling, 2-16 with a 16-game losing streak. But the Hawkeyes stanch the bleeding, finishing with a 19-32 overall record and 9-14 in the Big Ten, which tied the squad with two teams for ninth.

So it wasn’t all bad for the Hawkeyes last season; after that rough start, they began April going 9-3.

Iowa head coach Marla Looper attributes her team’s later success to the Hawkeyes’ “lack of quit.”

She hopes that they can take last season’s experience of success after failure and turn it into an entire season.

“When the chips were against us [last season], we continued to fight forward,” Looper said. “I’m proud of our young ladies to do that. Had we not gone through that, this year wouldn’t be as great as it can be. People who have been great in their sport haven’t been great because they just showed up, they’re



Iowa pitcher Shayla Starkenburg throws a pitch during the Iowa-Iowa State softball game at Bob Pearl Field on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 2-1, winning the final game of the Cy-Hawk series for the year.

great because they’ve failed and learned how to work through failure, and that’s what our team was able to do, and they’ll, hopefully, take those lessons into this year.”

Looper has focused on adding talent to the roster, this summer adding transfers Elizabeth Deshields from Marshall and Mackenzie Ihle from Indiana State.

Both transfers have

had postseason experience, which Looper says will be crucial.

But she is not done there; as she has successfully done in the past, Looper hopes to pull some talent from the UI student pool.

The softball team will hold walk-on tryouts for any full-time students who wish to join the team.

“I think the biggest thing [we’re looking

for] is someone who can bring something to us that we don’t already have,” Looper said. “If we got someone who is maybe a different type of hitter or a fielder that can elevate our program and elevate our game, they’d stand a good chance.”

Throughout her seven seasons at Iowa, Looper has had a lot of success with walk-ons.

Recent graduate, Kaitlyn (Chip) Mullarkey

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