

News To Know



Women's basketball star stays humble

Megan Gustafson has turned into a force to be reckoned with, but it's her unselfish play that fuels her fire for winning. Before the Iowa State game, Gustafson said she didn't care if she only scored 4 points, so long as Iowa got the win. **Sports, 8**



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New food-delivery service runs locally

Chomp is eating away at national food-delivery companies with a focus on local businesses and less expensive rates. The service was founded by the owner of D.P. Dough and is owned and operated by local restaurant owners. **News, 2**

Football defensive players earn recognition

After having outstanding seasons on defense, cornerback Josh Jackson and linebacker Josey Jewell earned consensus All-American awards on Monday. The pair of standout defenders made the Associated Press and Football Writers of America All-American teams. **Sports, 8**

Therapy dogs bring up spirits

During the stress of finals week, the IMU and Main Library bring in therapy dogs to give students a break from studying. The dogs will return today and Wednesday. "After weeks of intense studying, it was helpful to relax and just be with a dog before my final," freshman student Holly Hemann said. "It helped me calm down and stop freaking out so my final cramming didn't feel as frantic as it would have otherwise." **News, 3**

Gymnastics must adjust

The freshmen on the Iowa's gymnastics teams are at an interesting point in their seasons. Facing nerves and a different practice schedule thanks to finals week, the Hawkeye freshmen are figuring out how to adjust at the college level. **Sports, 8**



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Holiday Season in Iowa City

The Iowa City Downtown District offers many festive events throughout the Holiday Season each year.



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Spencer Smith the elf is seen at the Iowa Artisans Gallery on Dec. 4. The Downtown District has organized an elf scavenger hunt at downtown businesses.

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As the year comes to a close, Iowa City is celebrating the Holiday Season with a myriad of events for all members of the community.

Downtown District special-events assistant Christopher Hunter said he has seen students, community members, and children taking part in the holiday events, and that creates a feeling of community in Iowa City.

"Everyone's happy and excited to see what's going on, coming together, and participating in what we're getting to offer," Hunter said.

The Downtown Hunt for Elves is a kid-friendly

ly scavenger hunt around downtown inside local businesses that started Nov. 23 and will run until the end of the month.

"It's more catered toward the kids, but there have been a couple of adults participating this year," Hunter said.

Participating businesses name and hide an elf somewhere in their store alongside cards that say the name of the elf and the location where they were found.

Once participants find 15 of the many elves downtown, they can turn the cards to the Englert, Iowa Book, or the Children's Room at the Iowa

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Downtown Hunt for Elves

Nov. 25-Jan. 1, participating locations

Downtown Mystery Giving Shop

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Pop-up shop, Black Hawk Mini Park

Holiday Pop-up Market

11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday-Dec. 17, Pop-up shop, Black Hawk Mini Park

Downtown Mystery Giving Shop

11 a.m.-7 p.m., Dec. 18-22 and 21-24, Pop-up shop, Black Hawk Mini Park

Flippin' in for finals

The Pancake Man returns to the IMU to uphold a finals-week tradition.



Ashley Morris/The Daily Iowan

The Pancake Man checks a pancake in the IMU on Monday. Over the years, the Pancake Man has flipped hundreds and hundreds of pancakes for students during finals week. The event was part of a series of events to relieve the stress of students.

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The "Pancake Man" returned to the IMU to perform his renowned task of making and flipping pancakes all morning for University of Iowa students prepping for finals week.

From 6:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday, Jim Kuper, the Pancake Man, was the star of the show at "Flippin' into Finals" as he served up mounds of pancakes in the IMU Main Lounge as part of Finals@IMU.

Kuper's pancake business came to life 33 years ago, when he was looking for a business idea that would be fun to do.

He began by making pancakes in a church basement for two years. One day, someone asked him to do a pancake feed. This led to him putting on his first feed for 30 hunters.

After his first event, people kept asking him to make pancakes.

"[The business] did not really take off, though, until I started flipping the pancakes," Kuper said.

Kuper designed and built the grill he uses so it can fit in the back of his truck, allowing him to go on the road and flip pancakes at a variety of locations. He travels to schools, churches, fundraisers, and universities, including the UI, Iowa State University, the University of Nebraska, and numerous junior colleges.

While Kuper does keep the show on the road, he has some helpers who lend a hand. He has a few employees who step up and help him when help is needed.

One of such helper is Linda Haith, who has assisted the Pancake Man for about five years and enjoys doing it, for batter or worse.

"I keep [Kuper] on track," Haith said.

She said there are many facets to her job.

"The people are my favorite part of this business; The people make it interesting," Kuper said. "I also love college kids and getting the chance to meet people I normally wouldn't get to meet."

Sophomore Marissa Roseman and junior

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Never lost in space

Astronaut Peggy Whitson holds the record for longest time spent in space for any woman in the world.

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Almost two years in space is how much time one Iowa native has spent in her astronaut career.

Throughout her career, Peggy Whitson completed 10 spacewalks. With a career total of 665 days spent in space, Whitson holds the record of the most time spent in space.

This is longer than any astronaut in America and longer than any other woman in the world. The record is listed with countless others on NASA's website, acknowledging just how much Whitson has accomplished during her career.

"I have had a lot of opportunities," Whitson said. "It is very special to represent the fact that women are in space, and I'm proud to be that representative."

She said she has always challenged herself to live outside of her comfort zone and accept jobs that allowed her to embrace challenges. She said she first wanted to become an astronaut when she was 9 and witnessed Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the Moon.

"But when you're 9, you want to be lots of things," she said. "When I graduated high school, though, that was when they picked the first female astronaut, and that was when it made it seem real and achievable — something I could make a goal, so that's when I was really inspired to become an astronaut."

As she aspired to become an astronaut, Whitson now considers it lucky that she did not know how extremely difficult it is to become one. She said that she may have been discouraged had she known.

After completing her undergraduate and graduate work in biochemistry, she began working for NASA as a research scientist.

"I was researching epithelial cell structures and how that might be impacted in the fluid shed, which is what occurs in the human body during the space flight," Whitson said. "Then, I began studying kidney stones in astronauts because bones demineralize very rapidly on orbit, and we wanted to understand if that was going to



Whitson

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BOOKIN' AWAY



Charles Peckman/The Daily Iowan

UI students David Broughton and Hannah Sullivan study in a group room at the Main Library on Sunday. During finals week, many students spend time studying at such locations such as the library and the IMU.

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City Public Library to receive a prize and be entered to win a grand prize.

Another activity for kids has been visits from Santa Claus at FilmScene located on the Pedestrian Mall from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Visitors get to meet Santa and take photos.

Another holiday tradition in Iowa City is the horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown on Saturdays. The last day of rides will be held 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday starting outside Hills Bank and Trust on South Clinton Street. However,

Hunter encourages those who wish to take a ride to show up early because people begin reserving times at 11 a.m.

A new addition to the holiday celebrations in Iowa City is the holiday market pop-up shop in Black Hawk Mini Park on the Pedestrian Mall. The holiday market began as one-day event held in a heated tent in the same location, but Potter said the idea for a pop-up shop was implemented after finding a need for a better environment from the retailers.

The shops were designed by Sanjay Jani of AKAR Architecture and were modeled after a corn crib, a ventilated structure for storing unhusked corn, found in the Iowa countryside.

"It's a really phenomenal,

beautiful design, and I think one of the reasons it was chosen is because they really looked at it and put forth a retail-driven design," Downtown District Director of Operations Betsy Potter said. "Other places use storage units or they use pod containers, which is fun and kind of clever, but they really don't get down to a good retail shopping environment."

The shops have featured popular Iowa City destinations such as Molly's Cupcakes and RAYGUN, and they will run for two more weekends.

Part of the pop-up shop is the Mystery Giving Shop, which began on Monday and will run on Monday through Wednesday both this week

and next. All of the items are wrapped with two clues written on them. The proceeds from the shop will support United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties.

"Everyone has so much support for what the Downtown District does," Ellys Barkley of the Downtown District said. "It just brings people to the downtown area."

Hunter said the joy the community has with the holiday events is his favorite part about the holidays in Iowa City.

"Seeing them excited and hearing all the positive feedback from the community and individuals just makes me excited, because we're helping bring that to them," Hunter said.

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Dylan Cooke both experienced the Pancake Man for the first time this year. They found out about the event through the After Class website.

"This was a really great event, especially just for a positivity boost," Roseman said.

Cooke said the event was a great addition to finals week. "It was a lot of fun, and the

free pancakes were obviously a plus," he said.

Eric Rossow, assistant di-

rector of Outreach Programs and Services for Student Life, said the Pancake Man has been a staple during finals week for

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— "Pancake Man" Jim Kuper

rector of Outreach Programs and Services for Student Life, said the Pancake Man has been a staple during finals week for

around five years now. When he is here for one semester's finals week, they

his visiting other campus events throughout the year, such as Homecoming and Dance Marathon.

"We serve 1,100 to 1,200 students, or almost 300 students an hour, on the morning the Pancake Man is here," Rossow said.

He also said that the feedback they receive from students is positive about this event, part of the reason they keep it going.

"Give me a balcony or a stage, and I'll flip some pancakes; I love to flip," he said.

Chomping at food-delivery bit

Chomp, a new food-delivery service in Iowa City, works with local restaurants to deliver food at a cheaper price.

BY BROOKLYN DRAISEY
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A new food-delivery service in Iowa City helps local restaurants bring their cuisine right to the customers' doors.

Chomp is a delivery service that works with local restaurants and is "owned and operated by 20 of the busiest delivery restaurants in the Iowa City area," according to its Facebook page.

It currently delivers for nearly 40 restaurants, such as Nodo Downtown and Bo-James, and it is in the process of partnering with many others, such as Mama's Deli & Catering and Mesa Pizza. Customers can order either online or with Chomp's mobile app.

Bo-James owner Leah Cohen said the restaurant used to go through OrderUp for its deliveries, but after GrubHub bought that company earlier in the year, the collaboration became both more expensive and less personal.

GrubHub disbanded OrderUp's Iowa City office and raised the rates restaurants would have to pay in order to work with it, which could put a strain on the businesses financially, Cohen said.

"GrubHub is kind of a national chain, and it's rather expensive ... OrderUp tended to have a local office ... it was more of a locally owned sort of thing," Cohen said.

She noted that Chomp is locally owned and operated, and that creates a better and more personal relationship

between the restaurant and the delivery service. Chomp was founded by Jon Sewell, who also owns D.P. Dough.

"It's locally owned, it certainly strives to look at the small-business restaurants and what we're doing ... so it tends to work with you more," Cohen said.

Both she and Tim Skinner, the general manager at Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack, said things have been fairly successful so far with Chomp. Cohen compared its deliveries with OrderUp to the number they're seeing now, and said it's a little less, which she chalked up to Chomp's being a new business.

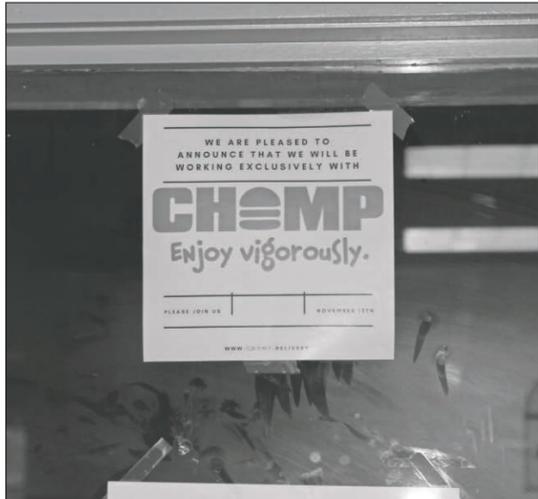
"It took [OrderUp] a little while to build up, and I'm guessing that Chomp will be the same thing," Cohen said.

Skinner noted that since Jimmy Jack's had never worked with a delivery service before Chomp, the restaurant people don't really have a basis to go on, but they think

'We were always sort of saying no to these bigger companies, but when Chomp approached us, it was kind of a no-brainer to support local ... Just seeing the number of other bars and restaurants doing it really helped us, because the more restaurants, the better for all of us.'

— Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack general manager Tim Skinner

it's going well. They started getting orders as soon as they were available, and they have been consistently getting deliveries ever since.



Ella McDonald/The Daily Iowan

A Chomp advertisement is seen on Monday. The new delivery service is run by 20 local restaurant owners.

"We get at least two or three orders a day, give or take," he said.

Jimmy Jack's had been wary of working with national

"We were always sort of saying no to these bigger companies, but when Chomp approached us, it was kind of a no-brainer to support local ..." he said. "Just seeing the number of other bars and restaurants doing it really helped us, because the more restaurants, the better for all of us."

University of Iowa freshman Emily Silich said she really enjoys Oasis Falafel but doesn't like having to walk there to get a meal, especially in the cold Iowa winter. Chomp has given her a cheaper way to get quality food efficiently.

"It's nice that I can support local businesses and get good food without having to walk in the cold," Silich said.

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Going to the dogs for relief during finals torture

A finals week tradition returns, but what do the Therapy Dogs of Johnson County do for the rest of the year?

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Warmth and comfort in the form of man's best friend appears on the University of Iowa campus to ease students' concerns and stress during the finals season.

Therapy Dogs of Johnson County is a local group of pet owners with Pet Partners, a national organization that certifies handlers and therapy animals such as dogs and cats.

The group is represented by Dog Teams, an owner and their pet. Dog Teams go around Johnson County and the Iowa City area to visit with people as a form of stress relief.

One of these Dog Teams is Erin McCormick and her dog Denali. McCormick, a veterinarian by trade, has been a part of the program for four years. She and Denali go to nursing homes, hospitals, and mental-health-care facilities

in addition to the stress relief activities on campus.

"She's just a dog that loves people; most of the teams are that way," McCormick said. "It's enjoyable for everyone."

A long line wrapped around the hallway to the IMU North and South Rooms on Monday night, filled with students waiting to spend some time with the therapy dogs. It served as one of the stress-relief activities that the IMU provided.

"I think it's a good way to relieve stress without getting me out of the mood to study," UI sophomore Hunter Andersen said. "You pet some cute dogs, chill out, then go back to studying with a newfound joy and revamped energy."

With Therapy Dogs of Johnson County, Dog Teams also go to schools and libraries for a unique reading program in which children read to the therapy dogs. At the events, the dogs are typically played with, fed treats, petted, and brushed.

"After weeks of intense studying, it was helpful to relax and just be with a dog before my final," freshman student Holly Hemann said. "It helped me calm down and

stop freaking out so my final cramming didn't feel as frantic as it would have otherwise."

The training is less intensive than that for service dogs and more accessible to the public. Dog owners and their pets can undergo testing and certification through their parent organization Pet Partners.

"I know how much joy dogs bring to our lives," McCormick said. "Just getting to share Nali with other people is pretty special." She said that for people who cannot see their pets in a nursing-home situation, the therapy dogs really brighten their day.

Currently, Therapy Dogs of

Johnson County faces a high demand for therapy-dog visits, and McCormick said that the group could always use some more teams.

Becoming a pet partner requires a two-part process. First, the pet handler needs to undergo a special handler course that teaches people how to be a pet-therapy team and then take an exam. Owners are not the only members of the team to take a test, as the pets also go through a "basic training" to make sure they have the temperament and obedience for the job.

Therapy-dog events will continue during the week at the UI Main Library at 4:30 p.m. today and Wednesday at the IMU at 6:30 p.m.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Students pet dogs during Ulowa Paws event in the IMU on Monday. Ulowa Paws (promoting animal welfare) will have therapy dogs from Cedar Rapids and Johnson County at the Main Library today and the IMU Wednesday to promote mental wellness during finals.

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increase the risk of forming kidney stones while astronauts were in space."

During Whitson's time as a researcher for NASA, she had several scientific opportunities to work with the agency's international partners. After 10 years of applying to become an astronaut, Whitson was selected to work with a crew at the International Space Station.

An average day as an astronaut includes a plethora of diverse responsibilities, but Whitson said that is exactly what she likes about the career.

Every day on orbit, she and her team also exercised about two-and-a-half hours, completing resistive exercises to prevent the loss of bone density and muscle mass that astronauts lose if they do not exercise a lot. For cardio-vascular exercises, Whitson said, they were often harnessed on the treadmill as they ran because of the lack of gravity.

"The most novel part is being in an environment where there is no gravity," Whitson said. "Everything you know, everything you've lived is all based on the fact that there is gravity pulling on you all the time ... learning to ... really live in an environment that is so completely different without that gravity ... is the most novel part about being in space."

As one can imagine, the view is also spectacular.

"The view while you're out there working is absolutely amazing," Whitson exclaims. "Not only do you have this amazing football-field sized structure that we built up in orbit traveling at about 17,500 mph — we built it while going that fast — while piecing parts that were sent up ... but when you look down to see our beautiful, beautiful planet below, it just gets so spectacular. It seems to me that the colors seem richer like they have more texture — it's a very impressive time."



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U.S. Vice President Mike Pence shakes hands with NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson (left) after a signing ceremony reinstating the National Space Council during an event on Monday in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.

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Clarification: A story published on Dec. 11 on known writers from the university's program failed to reference some historical attributions. Professor and UI librarian Jennifer Burek-Pierce gave the reporter background information, as well as led the reporter to the UNESCO City of Literature and the Writing University websites. John Kenyon, the director of Iowa City City of Literature, gave the reporter information on landmarks such as the brown house referenced as the location of where Kurt Vonnegut wrote a part of Slaughterhouse-Five.

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Opinions

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Trump again goes against Native nations

President Trump has an everlasting vendetta against Native Americans.



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President Trump's bias against Native Americans rang true well before he was in office, but his actions as president reflect repeated dehumanization of this population. In 1993, Trump stated before a House subcommittee that the operators of Native Americans "don't look like Indians." Those comments previewed his presidency; after pushing through the Dakota Access Pipeline, which trespasses on Native American land and taints indigenous lives and water, Trump worked to resurrect the Keystone XL Pipeline.

It would be no shocker to say that the latter pipeline has already leaked into local lands and has harmed Native lands. Even more recently, Trump believed it would be nothing more but ideal to thank three Navajo Code Talkers in front of a portrait of former President Andrew Jackson, who signed the Indian Removal Act. And of course, Trump couldn't resist making a joke about Elizabeth Warren, calling her "Pochahontas."

Let's not forget the most

recent manifestation of Trump's vendetta: his administration substantially shrinking two Utah National Monuments: Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears. With the support of the Republican congressional delegation of Utah, President Trump was granted their support and approval to change 10 areas to establish more development and extractive industries. In a video call, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, stated that the outcome of the deal will "strike an excellent balance where everybody wins."

'President Trump's actions have done nothing but been a direct attack on tribes.'

The real question here, however, is who truly wins? The answer is obvious, the 1 percent in Washington.

While the 1 percent gain land to conduct developmental projects, the Native American population loses sacred land in which money cannot begin to amount to in value. Native Americans expressed their concerns for the future of their tribes and status in the U.S.; Trump's actions have done nothing but directly attack Native American tribes.

Like the ones past presidents have done repeatedly. Considering the U.S. president is supposed to be the physical embodiment of the values and morals we are supposed to uphold, it almost seems as if it's a staple of the American people to blatantly disrespect the Native American population.

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Moore is less & other foibles of the U.S. scene

President Trump officially backs Roy Moore, who, in addition to sexual-abuse allegations, has made controversial slavery comments.



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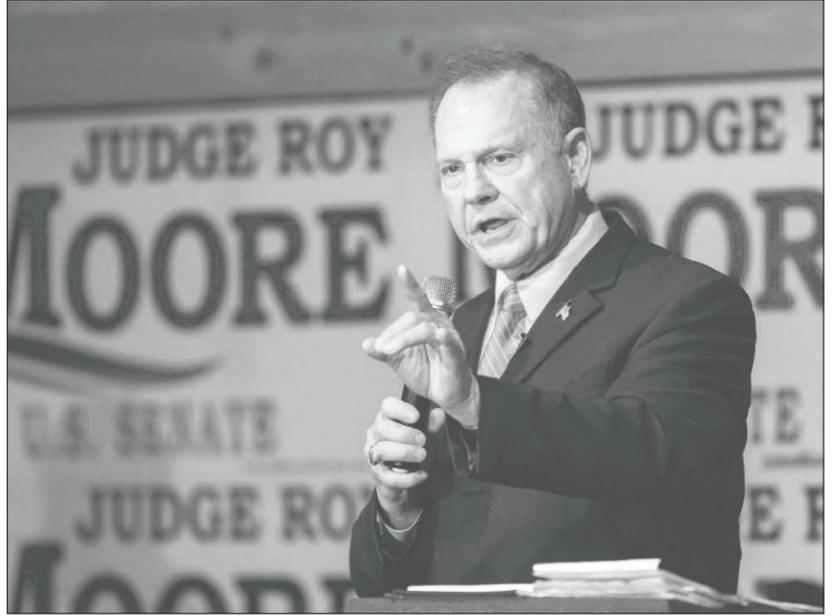
On the all-night train, there is nothing but darkness outside. That's why it's called the all-night train, Einstein. Dh-bum dh-bem, dh-bum dh-bem. Repeat. Darkness, darkness. Dh-bum dh-bem, dh-bum dh-bem. Now that the Trumpster has come out of the closet (no, not that closet; there's more than one closet; in fact, some physicists predict that there are an infinite number of closets in the universe, probably in parallel strings, and those owned by human beings haven't been straightened up and cleaned out in years).

Meanwhile, so now that the Trumpster has overtly backed an accused pedophile for an Alabama seat in the Senate — and the RNC has followed his lead with money, money, money in a tight, contentious race — it's not a bit difficult to discern what drives him and a section of the GOP. And it has nothing to do with principles or morality.

But then, so little does these days. Some days, huh? Maybe that should be some daze.

Dazed would be the word to describe the Alabama Senate race. The allegations from women, who contend that GOP candidate Roy Moore groped and molested them when they were teenagers, have continued to pile up in recent weeks. And Moore's denials have also continued to pile up.

These actions, the accusers allege, occurred when Moore was a prosecutor in the DA's office. You know, officer of the



Dan Anderson/Zuma Press/TNS

Judge Roy Moore, the Republican nominee for Senate in Alabama, speaks at a campaign event in Fairhope, Alabama, on Dec. 5, one week before the special Senate election.

court, defender of the law, and all that. Moore also, according to the allegations, cruised the malls in search of new teenage girls. Members of the DA's office at the time regarded his behavior as odd, according to reports. And he was banned from going to one mall because of his alleged cruising. Again, according to reports.

Those are not the only, shall we say, "curious" items in Moore's "curious" résumé. He believes, according to what he has said, that many of today's problems can be traced to giving women the right to vote. No word yet from the former judge (removed from the bench twice) on what problems can be traced to giving men the right to vote.

He also, for the record, believes Muslims should not be allowed to serve in Congress

and wants to make homosexuality illegal.

And slavery. Moore believes, apparently, given his words, that the slavery era was a great time for the U.S.: "I think it was great at the time when families were united — even though we had slavery ... Our families were strong, our country had a direction."

Well, it doesn't take a genius to figure out that the slavery era was not a great time for the slaves, and their families were not united. In fact, their families were routinely ripped apart, with children and men and women being put on the auction block. "Our country had a direction," huh? Yeah. That direction led inexorably to the Civil War.

Great times. That's the man the Trumpster wants in the Senate to help

him pass his agenda, such as it is. There the Trumpster was, stumping with some of his might, speaking at a rally (kind of sing-songy, actually), taping robo calls for Alabama voters.

I especially like the part about robo calls. I've long believed that the Trumpster was part bot. I mean, all those rapid-fire tweets were the first giveaway.

And the republic will survive, I suppose. I mean, it survived the Civil War. More or less. Fits and starts. Bumps and potholes. One tip-toe forward, two long strides back. Riding in the tunnel of history.

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Alleged predator Judge Roy moore, trumps values in Alabama election

Conservatives are clinging to their perverts instead of their Bibles, choosing to support Roy Moore.



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Several years ago, when scrolling through Facebook was still something everyone did, I came across a post that said something like, "When a dog attacks a child, it's put to sleep. Shouldn't we do the same with child molesters?" Another post claimed if a rapist ever touched his wife or daughters, he'd happily go to jail for murder.

That God-fearing, tough-

guy attitude used to embody a lot of conservatives online, but it looks like they've had a change of heart. In fact, they're even ready to put an alleged sexual predator in the Senate.

It shouldn't be a controversial statement to say a pedophile shouldn't hold elected office, but here we are. The Republican Party, longtime champion of family values and tough-on-crime legislation, has compromised its morals in favor of its nominee for the Senate election in Alabama, former state Judge Roy Moore.

Two things are true about Moore. First, he lauds himself as the moral Christian candidate who is will protect Americans against crime. His campaign rheto-

ric has been full of Evangelical conviction. In his nomination acceptance speech, he said, "We have to return to the knowledge of God" to guide our country. Second, he has been accused by nine women of sexual misconduct, including an attempt to have sex with a 14-year-old. These accusations make it impossible to reasonably view Moore as a moral or lawful superior.

A countless number of Americans have called for Moore to drop out of the race and expressed their disgust with his candidacy. Many of these detractors are local religious leaders and prominent conservatives. Dozens of Alabamian pastors signed a letter stating, "No person of faith can,

in good conscience, support him." Even the state's own Sen. Richard Shelby R-Ala., said, "I couldn't vote for Roy Moore ... The Republican Party can do better."

However, the final polls are still giving him the lead despite this contradiction of conscience. It's clear that most conservative voters in Alabama care more about winning elections than upholding their alleged values. Furthermore, the Republican National Committee has resumed its support for the former judge after initially rescinding its endorsement.

But the reluctance to throw Moore aside is understandable. As someone who has mostly left-leaning views, it would be difficult

for me not to vote for the Democrat in a close election, even her or his personal past was grotesque.

Maybe my liberal camp has contributed to some voter fatigue on these sort of issue, having long cried injustice at every possible chance. Perhaps our persistence has become annoyingly monotonous over time. But this isn't a situation pitting a rugged everyman against crybaby SJWs; it's an honest test of what conservatives claim to be their values. Moore doesn't represent Alabama's morality, or at least I hope not.

Those who align with Moore's beliefs might say, "What about Democrats? They have their perverts, too." While that is a fair

critique, the left side of the aisle members have begun to drain their swamp. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn. — formerly thought to be a possible presidential candidate — is gone. Former Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. — a lifelong advocate of civil rights — is gone. Liberals are taking out their garbage while conservatives refuse to acknowledge their own stench.

Even if Moore falls a few votes short, a near million Republicans will choose to elect an alleged child abuser. Conservatives in Alabama have shown they will vote for any man as long as he has the little letter "R" next to his name. Tell me again about Christian values.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Lineups, lineups everywhere

Two *DI* staffers debate which of Fran McCaffery's various starting lineups works the best for Iowa basketball.



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Iowa State lineup

Ever hear the phrase "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"? Well, the Iowa men's basketball team has had a lot of things broken with it this season, which has led head coach Fran McCaffery to flirt with several different starting lineups this early.

For the Iowa State game on Dec. 7, McCaffery went with the starting five of Jordan Bohannon, Brady Ellingson, Isaiah Moss, Jack Nunge, and Tyler Cook.

Though the Hawkeyes lost this game, there was still plenty of good to come from the game.

Bohannon is regarded as the main point guard for Iowa, but he's not a TRUE point guard. Yes, he has handles and can score the ball, but he's not the type of guard

that can dictate the tempo and do the little things a floor general does for his team to be successful.

That being said, we all know Bohannon as the Hawkeye's most dangerous 3-point threat. So, with another shooter who can also run the point such as Ellingson on the floor, this allows Bohannon to play more off-ball and look for his shot off a catch.

Against the Cyclones, Bohannon had one of his best games of the season, scoring 19 points and shooting 5-of-10 from 3.

Nunge had 16 points and 8 rebounds in 23 minutes. Cook wasn't himself as he battled fall trouble all night and ended up with only 2 points.

The big hole in Cook's game is his perimeter skills. That said, the idea of Nunge, who seems to prefer playing outside, is the perfect complement to Cook, because he makes a living in the paint.

There was some disconnect as these two aren't used to playing on the floor at the same time, but there's defiantly potential with this duo in the frontcourt.



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Southern lineup

I'm smarter than Sean Bock when it comes to a lot of things, but college basketball is not one of them. Despite that, I'm going to try to make my case anyway.

The Iowa men's basketball team put out a new starting lineup on Sunday against Southern, and it was the team's best yet.

Maybe not in sole numbers but because it resulted in a 91-60 win at home to break a four-game losing streak for the Hawkeyes.

It doesn't really matter that Iowa State or Indiana was probably a tougher opponent. A win is a win, and a win is what Iowa needed. Desperately.

The quintet of Bohannon, Moss, Nunge, Cook, and Nicholas Baer led the Hawkeyes to their first W



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Iowa forward Jack Nunge (2) dunks against Southern in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Iowa cooked Southern, 91-60.

in the United States since Nov. 16.

The lineup was pretty much the same against Iowa State, but Ellingson got the start over Baer. Ellingson had 7 points against ISU, while Baer had 4 against Southern.

From that, one could make the case that the line-

up against ISU was stronger. However, Iowa didn't emerge from Ames victorious, tacking on another loss to its sad record.

And then the Hawkeyes turned it around and put on a show for the loyal fans in Carver-Hawkeye that included both a blowout game and a Tyler Cook dunk that

could have caused an Iowa City earthquake.

My point is that you don't get to that win without that particular starting lineup. The win is all that matters, and the process to achieve that was started by Bohannon, Moss, Baer, Nunge, and Cook when they walked on the court.

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Offense has remained elusive since Iowa left for the Cayman Islands Classic, and the Hawkeyes failed to score more than 80 points in the four games leading up to Sunday, but after putting up 91 points against Southern, Iowa is on the right track.

More importantly than points, however, was the Hawkeyes' turnover count against the Jaguars.

After committing 18 turnovers in three-straight games, Iowa only turned the ball over 7 times against Southern — a season-low. The ball movement was clean, and there seemed to be a rhythm offensively, something that's been missing for quite some time.

That rhythm is big for such guys as Isaiah Moss and Maishe Dailey. Moss drained 4 of his 9 3-point attempts and Dailey 3 of his 6 in a game in which both appeared to be confident shooting the long ball — something Iowa needs from them each game.

But for one Hawkeye in particular, this game served as an immense confidence booster.

Freshman forward Luka Garza, who essentially disappeared since scoring 14 points on Nov. 22 against UAB in the Cayman Islands, finally resurfaced, and in a big way.

Garza scored a career-best 23 points and grabbed 13 re-

bounds. He did a little bit of everything, from draining a 3-pointer to flipping a pair of assists.

The Washington native was shooting an Arctic-like 41 percent from the free-throw line entering the game against Southern, not having made a free throw since Dec. 2 against Penn State.

Garza made 8 of his 10 free throws on Sunday. Iowa needs that consistent post presence that can eat in the paint but also not worry about bricking shots at the free-throw line.

At one point, Garza drained a mid-range jumper after the defense left him wide open. The next possession, the big man made his lone 3-pointer of the game.

Garza was psyched, just as Cook was after his emphatic jam. Hawkeye fans haven't seen that sort of hype and confidence in a while.

Southern is no solid Power-5 program, but nevertheless, Iowa needed an emotional, frustration-releasing victory to find its rhythm.



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Iowa guard Tyler Cook (5) celebrates a slam dunk against Southern in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Iowa beat Southern, 91-60.

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65 percent shooting with 10.1 rebounds as a sophomore. She also became the youngest Hawkeye to score 600 points in a season.

She finished the season ranked in the top-30 in seven different categories and was named to first team All-Big Ten by both the coaches and the media.

This year, she got better. Through 11 games, the junior has averaged 21.5 points per game on 70 percent shooting while grabbing 12.5 rebounds.

To put that in context of the nation, she is fifth in rebounds per game, second in field-goal percentage, and 19th in points per game.

The strategy often used against dominant post players is to foul them to send them to the line, but that won't stop Gustafson, who has shot 77 percent from the free-throw line.

Her stellar start was recognized by the NCAA, and she was placed on the Naismith Trophy watch list, the award given to the top women's college basketball player.

Despite the numbers and on-court dominance, Gustafson's biggest contribution to her team may come off the court. This Hawkeye team is as closely knit as an Irish fisherman's sweater, which means the team's biggest focus is on winning, not individual stats. It's the kind of mentality any coach dreams of, and it's something that Gustafson exemplifies.

"Megan was up in Coach [Jan] Jensen's office [Dec. 6] watching film," head coach

Lisa Bluder. "Jan was like, 'You know they're going to try to keep you out of this game.' [Gustafson] goes, 'I don't care, if I score 4 points and we win, that is just great.'"

Even though Gustafson wasn't named a captain, her humble example is followed by the team captains and the rest of the Hawkeye players.

"When somebody who's so important to our team sets

that standard that all we care about is winning — all we care about is each other — it's really easy to follow along, and everybody buys into it. It's been super fun," captain Kathleen Doyle said.

Gustafson will try to add another double-double to her stat sheet as she and the No. 25 Hawkeyes will take on Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls at 2 p.m. on Dec. 17.



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Iowa center Megan Gustafson and Florida State forward Shakayla Thomas prepare for the tip-off at the Iowa/Florida State Big Ten/ACC Challenge basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 29.



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Iowa sophomore Charlotte Sullivan prepares to perform on the beam during the Black and Gold Intrasquad Meet in the Field House on Dec. 2. The Gold team defeated the Black team, 13-7.

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bring a lot of depth to the team as the season and years go on.

The team this season has a stronger mentality compared with last season. The group meshes together well enough that it will bring a competitive advantage over other teams.

"If we're going to have the success that we're trying to have this year, it's going to be that they go on the floor together, and compete together, and have continuity across the lineup," Reive said.

"Time will tell here shortly."

Along with that mentality comes a discipline throughout the team that everyone's job — no matter how small — is important to the overall success of the team. Realizing each athlete's role goes into the cohesiveness of the group

of success this year."

Especially for the freshmen, a tight-knit group of teammates is important to help the nerves going into the first competition of the season.

Freshman Bennet Huang could potentially be a national champion in more than one event, Reive said. However, for this season, Huang is looking forward to getting out on the floor and competing as a group with his

'Their theme as a group is if we train consistently, we compete consistently. If that holds true, then they're going to have all kinds of success this year.'

— JD Reive, men's head coach

will be important throughout the season.

"Their theme as a group is if we train consistently, we compete consistently," Reive said. "If that holds true, then they're going to have all kinds

teammates.

"Being in high school, we had a team, but it's a lot different representing the whole school," Huang said. "This team is really like family."

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Pinstripe tickets available for grabs

Iowa Senior Associate Athletics Director Matt Henderson said on Sunday that Iowa has only sold around 1,000 tickets of its allotment for the Pinstripe Bowl.

While Iowa and Boston College are set to kick things off on Dec. 27 in the Big Apple, fans haven't exactly been chomping at the bit to purchase tickets through the university.

Iowa was allotted 7,500 tickets for the game (for the university to sell), so roughly 13 percent of the tickets of those have sold.

Henderson believes the ticket sales will grow.

Women's basketball cracks top 25

Behind dominant performances from Megan Gustafson, the Iowa women's basketball team cracked the Associated Press top 25 for the first time since 2015 on Monday.

Boasting a 10-1 record, the Hawkeyes enter the poll at No. 25. The last time Iowa was ranked, it was No. 23 on Dec. 7, 2015.

The Hawkeyes will travel to Cedar Falls on Dec. 17 to clash with Northern Iowa at 2 p.m.

Gymnastics earns top-25 mark

The Iowa women's gymnastics team earned the No. 20 spot in the Road to Nationals Coaches' Preseason Poll on Monday.

Earning 819 points, head coach Larissa Libby's squad finished last season ranked No. 18.

Gymnastics starts its regular season on Jan. 6, when it will travel to Tempe, Arizona, to face Arizona State and Iowa State.



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"Jan [Jensen] was like, 'You know they're going to try to keep you out of this game.' [Megan Gustafson] goes, 'I don't care. If I score 4 points and we win, that is just great.'"



— women's basketball head coach Lisa Bluder on Megan Gustafson's selflessness.

STAT OF THE DAY



Volleyball's **Annika Olsen** was Iowa's first Academic All-American since 1989.

2 Hawkeyes earn consensus All-America status

Monday was a big day for Iowa football defensive duo Josey Jewell and Josh Jackson.

The two headed into the weekend with the Walter Camp All-America honors and added two more Monday afternoon to become Iowa's 24th and 25th consensus All-Americans.

Officials announced that Jewell and Jackson had been selected for both the Associated Press and the Football Writers of America All-American teams. The two are in elite ranks of 13 other NCAA football players this

season who were awarded all three All-America honors. Among those is Heisman winner Baker Mayfield, as well as Heisman runner-up Bryce Love.

The two Hawkeyes definitely deserved the honors — Jewell led the Big Ten and was No. 4 nationally with 125 total tackles, even after missing an entire game. Jackson led the league in pass breakups (18), in-



Jackson

terceptions (7), and passes defended per game (2.1).

Jewell was recently given the Lott IMPACT Trophy, honoring the nation's top defensive player "for character and performance," while Jackson spent some time last week in Atlanta, where he was one of three finalists for the Jim Thorpe Award for best defensive back.

This season is just the fifth time in program history that two players earned consensus All-American honors. The last time was in 2003, when

Robert Gallery and Nate Kaeding were Hawkeyes. Before that, Eric Steinbach and Dallas Clark (2002), Chuck Long and Larry Station (1985), and Andre Tippett and Reggie Roby (1981).

In addition to the three big All-America honors that earned them consensus status, Jewell and Jackson were both named to the first team All-America teams by *Sports Illustrated*, *USA Today*, and *College Football News*.

— Courtney Baumann

Humble Gustafson dominates

Megan Gustafson may play like a typical college basketball star, but her humility off the court separates her from the rest.



Iowa center Megan Gustafson pivots to the basket during the Iowa/Quinnipiac basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 10. The Hawkeyes defeated the Bobcats, 83-67, for head coach Lisa Bluder's 700th career win.

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73.3 percent from the floor. She also picked up her ninth and 10th double-doubles this season.

Yet nobody around the Iowa basketball program was surprised by Gustafson's performance. In fact, it was just what everyone expected.

These heavy expectations for the 6-3 forward/center don't bother her though. In fact, it's something she embraces.

"I know that I'm depended on a lot by my teammates and my coaches," she said. "Knowing that, I really like to work with pressure, so being able to exceed people's expectations is something that I try to work on."

Last season, Gustafson averaged 18.5 points on

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Gymnasts focus on their future mindset

Leading up to the season, the freshmen will have to battle nerves and pace themselves through the schedule.



Iowa sophomore Breanna Fitzke performs on the floor during the Black and Gold Intrasquad Meet in the Field House on Dec. 2. The Gold team defeated the Black team, 13-7.

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Both the men's and women's gymnastics teams added strong groups of freshmen this year that will have to overcome a unique adversity to open up the season.

The setup for the season is unique. The women start immediately after the New Year with a road trip to Arizona, while the men open up their season a week later at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago.

With finals week also being a week of voluntary practice in which the coaches train, freshmen are often at a disadvantage with the pacing of practice and figuring out what they have to accomplish individually.

"In terms of [the pacing of school and practice] messing with how consistent they've been in practice, I think that's just the hardest part," women's head coach Larissa Libby said.

After finals week is over, the women's team will have two days of training with the coaches and then are off for eight days over Christmas.

"I do think that it affects [the freshmen] in a different way; it's definitely more negatively than a positive thing," Libby said. "The positive thing that they're getting to rest, but the negative thing that they've never had the opportunity to do that before, so they don't know what they're going to be able to do on the flip side of that rest."

For the men's team, it's all about controlling the mindset. When the freshmen come in, they learn a lot in a short amount of time, and then that has to translate into competition.

The men's freshman class is a good mix of what head coach JD Reive calls "superstars" and those who aren't quite ready yet but will

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COLUMN

Blowing away frustrations

Iowa's win against Southern wasn't a perfect game by any means, but it was a win Iowa needed to get back on course.



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With Iowa leading 59-41 against Southern on Sunday, Luka Garza dished a pass to Tyler Cook, who was camped out just in front of the restricted circle in the paint. Cook dribbled once, pivoted, and rose up with his left hand for a powerful flush on his Jaguar defender.

Cook hung on the rim for a brief second before he squared up with the defender he put on his poster and screamed in his face.

The referee, standing feet away, quickly issued a technical foul, but Hawkeye fans didn't care. Cook got a standing ovation from not only his teammates but from the Carver-Hawkeye crowd.

Cook's furious flush and roar summed up the pent-up frustration from Iowa's four-straight losses leading up to Sunday.

Iowa needed a win like it had against Southern to exorcise its offensive inconsistencies. Granted, Iowa isn't a high-quality opponent, but Iowa needed a dominating win to salvage some confidence heading into the final stretch of nonconference games.

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