

## News To Know



### Softball looking for something more

Iowa softball hasn't had a winning season since 2013. That being said, each year the team comes out with a focused mindset, ready to break the losing streak. This season, the team is focused on the work it can do in the batter's box, making a point to attack pitches more.

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### Exploring senior citizenship

The founder of the UI Nonfiction Writing Program will read from his book about growing old at the Senior Center today. Carl Klaus said he hopes that the audience will help him reflect more accurately on the collective experience of being a senior citizen. **News, 3**

### Men's basketball hosts the Spartans

Jordan Bohannon is a question mark for today's game against Michigan State, and that might open the door for Maishe Dailey and Brady Ellingson to step up. But, as in every game, someone must step up, as Iowa hosts No. 4 Michigan State. **Sports, 8**



Bohannon

### Dining halls go green with Meatless Mondays

In an effort to decrease the UI's impact on the environment, the dining halls are pushing going meatless on the first Monday of each month this semester. Meat production is responsible for 15 percent of the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, leading to climate change. **News, 3**

### Women's basketball shoots for a higher seed

Iowa snagged a pair of key conference victories in the past week, setting up a close race in the Big Ten for the rest of the season. As of now, the Hawkeyes sit as the No. 7 seed in the Big Ten Tournament, but with a very winnable schedule coming up, they have a chance to move up before the tournament. **Sports, 8**

### Trump might have a solution to partisan gridlock

"The gears of government aren't screeching to a halt; they're already halted, rusting over. But the president might be onto something to facilitate bipartisanship. Earmarks, an old trick, can be the grease that gets things moving again."

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Somewhat sunny early, increasingly cloudy, with wind chill and 60% chance of snow.

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# Fight over student group continues

Business Leaders in Christ, a group temporarily reinstated as a recognized campus organization, has received support from five student organizations.

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A campus Christian organization is being reinstated temporarily after the University of Iowa removed its recognition for violating the school's Human Rights Policy and the Iowa Civil Rights Act.

A federal judge ordered the UI to temporarily reinstate Business Leaders in Christ on Jan. 23 after it determined that the UI did not consistently and equally apply its Human Rights Policy.

Following the investigation of a complaint made by then-UI sophomore Marcus Miller, the UI deregistered Business Leaders in Christ as a recognized student organization in November 2017, citing discrimination. Miller contended that the group refused to allow him to hold a leadership position because he is gay.

The group was granted a temporary injunction to be reinstated as a recognized campus organization for 90 days by Judge Stephanie M. Rose — just in time to recruit at the Student Organization Fair.

The organization held its first meeting on Feb. 2 after being reinstated. Organization President Jacob Estell said the group was excited to see both old members and new members who were recruited at the Student Organization Fair.

"We are very excited to be back," Estell said. "We are just excited for the next couple weeks, when we can actually get back to [meeting] together in fellowship with each other."

Business Leaders in Christ filed a lawsuit against the UI in December 2017, citing discrimination by the university because the group requires its student leaders to embrace and follow its religious beliefs.

Business Leaders in Christ said in the lawsuit that they had declined Miller's request because he expressly stated that he rejected the group's religious beliefs and would not follow them.

The UI found that the group violated the school's Human Rights Policy and the Iowa Civil Rights Act, and it issued a statement saying it does not tolerate discrimination of any kind in accordance with federal and state law.

"Membership and participation in the organization must be open to all students without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, pregnancy, disability, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran, service in the U.S. military, sexual

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ETHICS & POLITICS

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## Caucuses pave way for political parties

The Iowa Democratic and Republican caucuses took place Monday evening. The nominees will be chosen at both respective parties' conventions this summer.



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Temporary Chair Jack Cameron leads the Johnson County Republican precinct caucus in the Iowa City Public Library on Monday. Cameron is responsible for Precinct 20.

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year caucus, the turnout is typically lower.

Across the river, an average of around 20 Democrats sat in each of six precincts. With upcoming gubernatorial races in November and hotly contested bills topping headlines from the Republican-majority Legislature, Democrats at the caucus were eager to show their support for the current minority party.

"I've been to off-year precinct caucuses where there were four of five people sitting around one table," said site coordinator Peter Hansen, 78.

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## Ferentz heads to court in neighborhood dispute

The Ferentzes will face off against their neighbors in court this morning.

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Kirk Ferentz and wife Mary will head to trial at the Johnson County Courthouse in a lawsuit filed by three neighboring families, as first reported by the Associated Press.

The Ferentzes purchased land on the road in 2001, early on in his tenure as the football head coach. A long-running dispute between the Ferentzes and their neighbors began that year after neighbors John and Ann Marie Buatti proposed subdividing 20 acres of property for development, according to court documents.

The Buattis also wanted to resurface and extend the gravel road to give their children more space on which to ride their bikes. The Ferentzes objected mainly because of privacy concerns, and according to John Buatti's deposition, Mary Ferentz told him, "You don't understand who I am" to back up her opposition to the changes.

To settle the dispute, neighbors, including the Ferentzes, formed an agreement in 2001 to create a homeowners' association, which was intended to establish guidelines for splitting road-maintenance costs.

Developer Gary Watts moved in after the Buattis subdivided their property, and Watts later paid to change the road surface to chip and seal in 2003 despite Mary Ferentz's opposition.

The Saddle Club Road Homeowners' Association was not formed until 2015, when the neighbors decided the road needed repairs.



Ferentz

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WINTER WONDERLAND



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Joel Smith, a groundskeeper with Landscape Services, shovels the sidewalk outside the Old Capitol on Wednesday. Many campus denizens struggled to walk through the accumulating snow on Wednesday, piling up faster than employees could get rid of it.

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orientation, gender identity, associational preferences, or any other classification that deprives the person of consideration as an individual," the statement said.

In the lawsuit against the university, the Christian organization argued that the university's Human Rights Policy is not applied to or enforced equally on all student organizations.

The constitutions of other student organizations such as Students for Life, the Korean American Student Association, and the University of Iowa Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance were submitted to the court showing that oth-

er student organizations are permitted to organize around their missions and beliefs.

The university said it only reviews student organization constitutions when a complaint has been filed.

Five other faith-based UI student organizations came out in support of Business Leaders in Christ being reinstated and agreed that leaders should adhere to the group's beliefs. The four Christian groups and one Jewish group — Chi Alpha, 24:7, Ratio Christi, Christian Medical & Dental Associations, and Chabad on Campus — filed an amicus brief in support of the group.

(Sometimes, issues in a case may have wider significance than just two parties, and other groups want to participate. An amicus brief, "friend of the court," allows

someone who is not a party to a case to offer information that the court may consider.)

The five student organizations that filed the brief are represented by attorney Caleb Dalton with the Alliance Defending Freedom, a national conservative Christian nonprofit that contacted the groups about submitting a brief to the court.

*The Daily Iowan* spoke with leaders from the organizations regarding what they believe when it comes to student leaders in their organizations.

"I would want leaders reflecting our belief system," Director of Chabad on Campus Rabbi Avremel Blesofsky said. "Regarding the student organization, I would seek legal guidance if such a situation arises."

The National Director of Christian Medical & Dental As-

sociations, Bill Reichart, said his organization would also want leaders to adhere to its Christian beliefs.

"We would agree with BLinC's position in that we wouldn't have a problem if someone who was wrestling with a same-sex attraction wanted to be a leader ... like BLinC, that situation wouldn't be an issue for us," Reichart said. "But also like BLinC, we would have a concern allowing someone to be a leader in our group who would be unwilling to align their sexual behavior within the boundaries of what is historically and biblically believed within Christianity ..."

"That view doesn't just single out someone who is gay, but it would also address someone who is heterosexual, too."

A leader of 24:7 said all groups, whether religious or not, should be able to have leaders who ad-

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Sixth District Court Judge Kevin McKeever determined in September 2017, however, that the Ferentzes were required to join an association under the

2001 agreement, but not the one formed in 2015 because it was structured differently from the association discussed in 2001.

A judge will rule Tuesday on

whether the Ferentzes trespassed by planting trees and installing pavers that neighbors say intruded onto Saddle Club Road.

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"It's just an organizational thing. It's a grass-roots, political thing. Theoretically at least," Johnson County Republican head Mark Decker said. "Parties are designed from the grass-roots up, and this is the start of that process."

Republicans who participated generally favored the incumbent Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Decker said he gets the impression that most people he talks to support Reynolds and noted he does not see any evidence of other Republican candidates standing a chance against her.

Peters said she is not certain about that.

"She's very likable, she's intelligent, she conscientious, she's a

woman, and has a lot of things going for her," Peters said.

In the West High Democratic caucus, participants were divided in their support for gubernatorial candidates, with speeches given in support nearly all seven.

The Democrats running are Nate Boulton, Cathy Glasgow, Fred Hubbell, Andy McGuire, Jon Neiderbach, John Norris, and Ross Wilburn.

"We need to stand united as a Democratic Party," said John Deeth in a speech before they broke off to caucus. He iterated that the Democrats' most important goal was to put more of the Democratic Party in state offices instead of dividing over several candidates.

Zach Wahls, a Democratic senatorial candidate for Iowa District 37, which includes Coralville, made an appearance and a short speech at the cau-

cus, welcoming everyone and making a quick shout out to his campaign.

He, however, made no endorsement for the gubernatorial race.

"I'm still getting my sense of who the candidates are. Four right candidates that are in that top tier, Fred, Cathy, John Norris, and Nate Boulton, Andy McGuire is five. We've got a great field, and I'm still trying to figure out which one I like the most."

West student Nina Elkadi, 18, will vote for the first time this year. With millions of dollars in funding cuts looming for public universities, she said, support for funding for public education is her No. 1 priority in a candidate.

Solomon Furious Worlds, 22, said one issue he wished he would see more of the Democratic candidates talking about

was race relations. He said that although there was a small percentage of African Americans in Iowa, they make up a majority of the prison system.

"It's an issue that the gubernatorial candidates are not talking about enough for my taste," he said.

Other issues important to him are public-education funding and water quality.

On the Republican side, Decker said he doesn't feel very strongly about platform resolutions, because candidates tend to argue about the platform, and then nothing notable happens as a result.

Peters, however, hopes to see the the push for medicinal-marijuana progress in Iowa, and she supports the ban on traffic cameras.

"[Platform resolutions] are kind of the cool part of [caucusing]," she said.

**RecycleMania cycles back on campus**

The RecycleMania waste-reduction program returns to the University of Iowa, aimed at encouraging smarter recycling practices among the campus community.

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For the next few months, recycling will become a competitive sport.

The University of Iowa Office of Sustainability has launched its 2018 RecycleMania campaign, aiming to get people to recycle more and recycle better.

RecycleMania is an eight-week competition, running from Feb. 4 to March 31, that pits universities across the United States and Canada against one another to try to recycle the highest percentage of waste possible.

"The overall goal of RecycleMania is to encourage and engage students, staff, and faculty to recycle more and landfill less," Kathleen Brown, an intern in the Sustainability Office, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Sustainability Recycling Coordinator Elizabeth Mack-

enzie and Brown organized the campaign, which the UI has participated in since 2013.

"It's becoming a part of the culture on campus," Mackenzie said. "People expect it."

Each week, students and others can complete certain recycling-related tasks for a chance to win prizes. Weekly goals include not using plastic bags during the fourth week and recycling paper during the sixth.

At the end of each week, prize drawings will be held for the those who participated in that week's challenge. Completing at least four of the eight challenges allows entry for a grand prize, in which three winners will receive a one-hour massage at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

The theme for the UI's RecycleMania 2018 program is to "Recycle Right," focusing on ensuring everything is recycled correctly.

"You want people to recycle,

but you also want to make sure people are putting the right things in the right bin," Mackenzie said.

George McCrory, a communications specialist for the Sustainability Office, said a lot of the activities are based on recycling better.

He gave the example of the recent cardboard ban that became law on Jan. 2, mandating Iowa City waste collectors not accept trash bins with cardboard in them.

"One little tip we're telling people is you can take the unsoiled top of your pizza box and recycle that, and the bottom half you can put in the trash," he said.

Additionally, Mackenzie said, because recycling laws often vary from town to town, RecycleMania would be used to integrate newer UI students with recycling in Iowa City.

Besides individual prizes, there will also be three trophies distributed each week

to the residence hall, general education building, and UI-HC building whose residents or faculty complete the most weekly challenges.

On an international scale, the UI is competing with more than 100 other universities to have the highest diversion rate.

This accounts for the percentage of waste material that was recycled during the competition. It is calculated by adding the weight of collected recyclable materials and composted waste and dividing it by the total weight of the school's trash.

In 2017, the UI had a 42 percent diversion rate. Though the university has never had the highest diversion rate among Big Ten schools, it did place second among the division in 2014 and 2016.

"Ideally, we'd like it to be higher each year, but I'm more focused on getting more people on campus engaged," Mackenzie said.



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ARTS & CULTURE

# Aging and the man

The founder of the Nonfiction Writing Program writes a work in progress about 'Tales of Aging.'

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Carl Klaus' writing form, composed of journal entries, enthusiastically reflects on his life as a senior citizen, focusing on anecdotal stories of love, widowhood, and memory. Klaus continues to examine the passage of time and the truth of senior citizenship.

The founder of the University of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program, Klaus will read from the progressing project *In My Eighties: Tales of Aging* on at the Senior Center at 2 p.m. today.

The event, which is sponsored by the Senior Center and TRAIL of Johnson County, will include a Q&A session during which Klaus will discuss his developing book, answer questions, and discuss life as a senior citizen.

Klaus has written *My Vegetable Love, Taking Retirement, Letters to Kate, Weathering Winter, The Made-Up Self, and A Self Made on Words* and co-edited *Essayist on the Essay*. These works are largely written in the form of journal entries and letters that reflect on his marriage, retirement, and work, as well as his views on time, mortality, and change.

*In My Eighties: Tales of Aging* is no exception to this style with a manuscript expecting to be finished and printed by the UI Press by 2020. Klaus said he hopes that the audience will help him reflect more accurately on the collective experience of being a senior citizen.

"I knew right off that a day-to-day record of things would be out of the question," he said. "So I decided to produce installments every six months, in the form of personal essays, each of which contains several episodes and reflections on various aspects of aging."

Klaus began working at the UI in 1962 and founded the nonfiction program in 1976. He writes

journal entries every day on information or incidents that he thinks might make an interesting full-length journal piece at the end of the six months. He typically looks for significant experiences or stories that relate to the overarching themes of the novel.

TRAIL (Tools and Resources for Active Independent Living) board member Joy Smith appreciates on Klaus' writing form, which examines the ongoing challenges of aging.

"The progressive structure of this work is interesting," she said. "Most important, it's damn fine writing. The first page of the work draws the reader in; the voice and style are rich in personal detail, humorous, self-effacing, and hopeful. Carl's 'journaling' touches on all the topics that one faces in the later decades of life — widowhood, new romance, medical crisis, money, how much you have and what should you do with it, the difference in one's self-perception and the perception of others about you, and the ongoing challenge of keeping life interesting."

TRAIL is a nonprofit organization that focuses on assisting older residents who don't want to live in traditional senior-living facilities. It offers assistance in transportation, home technology, health-care services, and house-sitting services. Additionally, they offer social events such as book clubs, coffee meetings, card games, and group activities.

Susan Shullaw, the chair of TRAIL's marketing committee, enthusiastically said members hope Klaus' new book will help discussions centered on aging.

"Our hope, as is the case with many TRAIL events, is to spark dialogue about aging-related issues and help people of all generations understand that aging is a process made easier when it takes place in a supportive and understanding community."

# First Meatless Monday occurs at the dining halls

A new initiative aims to help the environment in an unconventional way.

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On Monday, University of Iowa students may have noticed something different at the dining halls. As part of the theme semester "Climate for Change," the University of Iowa Student Government and Office of Sustainability came together to create Meatless Mondays.

The idea, which tries to provide meat-free options for students every first Monday of the month, originated from Abigail Simon and Sarah Henry, both UISG senators on the Sustainability Committee.

"Abby and I originally started working on bringing Meatless Mondays to UI when we went to UISG's fall retreat and spoke to Director of Dining Jill Irvin," Henry said. "[Irvin] spoke about dining's sustainability efforts, which formed an impressive list of composting, recycling, and local produce. We found there was a gap in efforts when it came to the actual types of food dining purchased and served."

According to the nonprofit group Meatless Mondays, livestock is responsible for 15 percent of greenhouse-gas emissions. Greenhouse gases trap the heat in the planet's atmosphere. Simon said there are many reasons students choose to eat vegetarian or vegan, but she stressed the idea of how detrimental meat is to the Earth.

"Raising livestock for meat consumption creates many negative impacts on our environment," Simon

said. "Meat production uses nearly a third of the Earth's land surface."

Simon and Henry partnered with the Theme Semester Planning Committee for the Meatless Monday project. Jordan Brown, the program coordinator for the theme semester, said

en't encouraging students to become vegetarians or vegans but rather encourage them to make more sustainable food decisions when eating."

Meatless Mondays have reported that going meatless once a week may reduce people's risk of chronic pre-

is to encourage students to look at the environmental cost of meat.

A carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere by consuming fossil fuels—Meatless Mondays can help reduce carbon footprints, Simon said.

Another Big Ten school, the University of Michigan, stated in a report that meat contributes to 47.6 percent of greenhouse-gas emissions.

Brown said everyone has been supportive of the theme semester in a variety of ways, and the contribution from Simon and Henry to incorporate Meatless Mondays has been great.

"I think it's a great way to connect students with sustainability and get them on the path to thinking about what more can be done," Brown said.

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— Jordan Brown, theme-semester program coordinator

the idea was the right fit.

"Our office thought it was a perfect match to partner with the Office of Sustainability to help promote, advertise, and advocate for the initiative," Brown said. "The Office of Sustainability works hard to support sustainable initiatives across our campus on this important issue to help secure ongoing support for this unique opportunity for students."

Henry and Simon said they have worked with University Housing & Dining Executive Chef Barry Greenberg and Dining Director Irvin and other Housing & Dining staff to discuss logistics of the initiative.

With the idea of cutting out the most popular protein choice, many people have expressed concerns to Henry and Simon about proper nutrition for students.

"Plant-based diets are nutritionally sufficient and may also reduce the risk for many chronic illnesses," Simon said. "We ar-

ventable conditions such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity. Not just helping with health, going meatless on Mondays can reduce people's carbon footprints and save such resources as fossil fuels and water.

Simon said the dining halls will still provide meat; the purpose of the initiative

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Why did the university temporarily deregister the campus student group, Business Leaders in Christ, back in November 2017?  
a. Not enough members    b. Insufficient funds  
c. Discrimination    d. Low participation

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

# Earmarks: an old trick to sweeten the deal to Democrats' taste

President Trump is onto something, and it might save the country from another shutdown, and end the partisan gridlock.



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Congress has been unpopular for a long time. It's unproductive, it's gridlocked, and it seems like nobody wants to get along. We already had one government shutdown so far in 2018, and we're primed for another one starting Thursday if another reluctant agreement can't be reached. The gears of government aren't screeching to a halt; they're already halted, rusting over. Earmarks can be the grease that gets things moving again.

We'll get to earmarks, but first, step back to 2011. Hannah Montana just ended, the cooler kids have Siri in their iPhones, and we're really hoping *Cars 2* isn't going to be terrible. And far away in Washington, where old

people wear suits and have real jobs, they're making cooperation just a bit more difficult.

That was the year Congress banned earmarks, known to Washingtonians as "congressional pork." Earmarks are additions to bills in which federal money is set aside for local infrastructure projects such as dams, roads, and government buildings. Their purpose is to sweeten the deal for otherwise hard-to-pass legislation, something members of Congress can show off during their next re-election campaigns. This was a major way bipartisanship worked before 2011, when Republicans took control of the House. The GOP threw out earmarks because of two big reasons: They claimed it wasted money, and it felt like bribery. The rules were adopted begrudgingly by Democrats, and that was that.

This was the status quo until President Donald Trump, the ultimate status quo demolisher, came out in favor of congressional pork. "Maybe all of you should start thinking about go-

ing back to a form of earmarks," he said at a January bipartisan meeting. "I'm there with you, because this system really lends itself to not getting along. It lends itself to hostility and anger." This suggestion was met with laughter coming from a Republican president, but Trump is on to something.

So do earmarks add lots of zeros to the taxpayers' bill? Not really. Officially banning earmarks didn't really make them go away, so the financial detriment is nonexistent. Most political scientists agree that all it really does is shift specific power from Congress to the president and his Cabinet. The money is still there, just without the specific tag to rebuild that post office or pave that road. Without earmarks, the executive branch can easily mismanage the funds Congress gives it. With earmarks, there's more specific instructions for the federal funds to follow.

But what about those claims of bribery? The an-



File Photo/The Daily Iowan

Donald Trump supporters stand on rafters in the Iowa Veterans Center in Des Moines on Aug. 5, 2016.

ti-pork movement makes a fair point, but the president covered that, too. "We have to put better controls because it got a little bit out of hand," Trump said. "Because our system right now, the way it's set up, will never bring people together." Of

course there should be limits in a new earmarks system; this isn't House of Cards where entire military bases are promised in exchange for a yes vote. But getting a few more yeses is going to be invaluable for the next several years, especially if the parties

split control over the House and Senate.

The president who claims he wants to unify the country might be a ham most of the time, but bringing back pork might just be what America needs to get moving again. Hey, Siri, where's the nearest barbecue?

## COLUMN

# Now showing in the crowded clown car

No matter the parallel universe, Democrats are earnest. Which translates, in all languages, as BOR-ING.



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So, we've been visiting this parallel universe (better to travel in pairs, a snap for us Geminis) called WGT170672. Wiggy, for short. Yeah, we know ugly. Big Data names all the universes. (Note to selves: Big Data might be a tad too big.)

How do you travel to a parallel universe? you ask. Well, you can't. Usually. The parallel universe let us in because we

never took any physics after high school, so they figured we weren't educated enough to know what's going on. Which was true.

But you don't need a knitting stand to know which way the strings blow, as Nobel Laureate political philosopher Bob Dylan once put it. And besides, the Irish have known about, and visited, parallel universes for eons; it's right there in the songs and poetry (putting the verse in universe). I mean, where do you think Gaelic comes from? Or, for that matter, *Finnegan's Wake*?

Wiggy is kind of fun, outside of making cauliflower a saint; Iowa has no snow and below-zero temps and all the trappings of winter that we believe devoutly builds character when actually, of course, all it builds is frostbite. Wiggy

Iowa has the weather like San Diego, only without the San Diegos. On the downside, the Padres drafted Kris Bryant.

Wiggy has another drawback: The Republicans are completely out of their gourds. Which explains why there are so many vacant gourds hanging around street corners, smoking cigarettes and generally being a nuisance. Hey, man, got any spare Republicans? they keep saying.

So you have all these Republicans littering the landscape, time on their hands, so they went into politics. And won. Apparently, the populace in Wiggy U.S. had some time on its hands and was bored, so it wanted some entertainment. And let's face it: No matter the parallel universe, Democrats are earnest. Which translates, in all languages, as BOR-ING.

Among the Republicans elected was a clown. Well, perhaps there was more than one. But this clown actually played a clown on TV, Trumpy the Clown. Apparently, he used to run around on TV sets and hit people in the face with key-lime pies. Whipped cream and all. Maybe you had to be there.

Anyway, Trumpy the Clown settled into the White House, and everybody laughed in anticipation of the zaniness that would ensue in a clown-car government.

But there was a blot on the horizon. Out, out, damned blot.

Turns out, the FBI was investigating the Clown's campaign. Illegal contacts with Russians. Nothing to see here, Trumpy the Clown said. Move along.

But people on his campaign kept being found having met Russians of nefarious backgrounds. Two, three, four, six, eight. Nothing to see here, Trumpy the Clown said. Then indictments started coming like the first snow fall, which was weird, because Wiggy doesn't have snow.

Nothing to see here, Trumpy the Grumpy Clown said. It's all a plot by Democrats, who have taken over the FBI. People who had become tired of clown capers pointed out that the Democrats were too earnest and BOR-ING to hatch plots. Or even eggs.

Then along came the Memo. The Republican Memo would ride in and save the day, proving that the Democrats' plot used the infamous Dossier to get the crucial FISA warrant. Aha. vindication. Aha. Peace

in the clown cars at last.

But. (Are we going to fast?) The Memo didn't show a plot. It showed the crucial FISA warrant didn't rest on the infamous Dossier, it rested on what campaign aide George Papadopoulos told the Australian about the Russians during a boozy night in London. (Is that too much geography?)

And the warrant probably rested on 50 or 60 other pieces of evidence. You can't just go down to the box store and buy a FISA warrant off the shelf.

Well, that's the news from Wiggy, the parallel universe. It'll be nice to get back to our universe, where things are sane. The stock market sails along like a great ocean liner heading for more and more luxurious ports, the Patriots win Super Bowls, and the clowns stay in the circus.

## GUEST OPINION

# We shouldn't trust the state to execute people

Although Iowa's death penalty ended in 1965, new legislation has been introduced in an attempt to reinstate it.

During this legislative session, there has been renewed discussion of bringing back Iowa's death penalty, which ended in 1965. There are opponents to bringing back the death penalty who have based their opinions on financial and budgetary concerns, opponents who have religious or moral disagreements with the death penalty, and opponents who believe it would give murderers additional fame and publicity when the media cover their death-penalty appeals. Without getting into those

debates, I simply raise the question if we should trust the state to execute people based on its previous history of carrying out executions.

We have no idea what a new death penalty in Iowa would look like once it gets out of the Legislature, and there are many scientific and case studies of innocent people imprisoned and even executed that should give us cause for concern. When emotions are high, we often make irrational decisions that have unintended consequences.

Proponents of the proposed death-penalty legislation claim that the new death penalty will only be used in rare cases. Whenever new legislation is proposed, it almost always starts small. As time goes by, the Overton window moves, and the Legislature grants itself more power and authority by passing additional laws. Before you know it, the original law looks nothing like what the new legislation is doing.

In addition to not knowing what would be in the legislation,

the government has a horrendous track record with criminal justice. The National Registry of Exonerations lists 2,164 criminal exonerations that have taken place, and 353 of them listed were exonerated from DNA evidence. In 2014, a study released in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences claimed that 4.1 percent of people sentenced to death in the United States were likely innocent. In 2015, the FBI admitted that the hair analysis, which was used in 32 death-penalty cases, was a flawed analysis.

Once people are executed, we cannot bring them back no matter what evidence we later find or confessions are made. Why should we trust the Legislature with the responsibility of passing legislation that would end human life when we may have such a high rate of innocent people being executed?

The role of the government is to protect life, liberty, and property. Bringing back the death penalty will not protect any of those things. In fact, based on previous studies and results, we know that it can be used to

end innocent lives mistakenly. Our state motto proudly says, "Our Liberties We Prize and Our Rights We Will Maintain." How can we live up to our motto if we execute even one innocent person?

The risks are too high. We cannot trust the state to execute people. The Legislature should kill this bill before it gets out of committee.

— Jake Porter  
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2018 Libertarian candidate for Iowa governor

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- **Operator Theory Seminar**, Richard Baker, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar**, Wayne Polyzou, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Unraveling & Mending: Art as Political Witness**, Amir ElSaffar, jazz, and Lisa Schlesinger, theater, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn
- **Career Series for International Students: Internship Search Strategies**, 5 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Maria Whiteman, Artist Research Talk**, 5 p.m., E125 Visual Arts
- **10 Rules for Dealing with Police, Student Legal Services**, 6 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- **IdeaStorm**, 6 p.m., MERGE, 136 S. Dubuque
- **Hubbard Group**, 6:30 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center Main Lounge
- **"Live From Prairie Lights," Carrie La Seur, Weight of an Infinite Sky**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Heqing Huang, piano, D.M.A. Qualifying Recital**, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall

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- UISG for U 10-11am
- Michael Minus Andrew News @ Noon 11am-12pm
- Sports 1-2pm
- Tuesday 3-5pm
- DJ Training 5-6pm
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**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Discuss unforeseen opportunities with your partner. Listen, learn and stick up for your interests without trampling anyone. Minimize risks and share the load.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Your past work reflects you well. Keep putting your heart into it. Practice makes perfect, and your skills keep growing. Physical action gets results.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Focus on the fun factor. Practice your favorite hobbies, sports and pastimes. Someone nearby is looking nice. Take a chance on a fine romance.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Get into a domestic project and discover a lovely solution. Tend your garden lovingly, and it flowers. Beauty gets revealed in surprising ways.

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**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Unforeseen opportunities for extra income present themselves. Keep batteries charged and expenses to a minimum. Hop into high gear, and figure out the numbers later.

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## The New York Times Crossword

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- Food \_\_\_\_ (Thanksgiving drowsiness)
  - Ocean predators
  - Get ready, casually
  - Insult
  - Writer Zora \_\_\_\_ Hurston
  - "Follow me!"
  - Disobey a rush order?
  - What prices do during hyperinflation
  - Longest river in Europe
  - Cataract site
  - Word after drum or press
  - How some solve crosswords
  - Vessel for Jack and Jill
  - Red Sea peninsula
  - Disobey a stop order?
  - "Now I get it!"
  - Where Ang Lee was born
  - Singer Lovett
  - Genre for 21 Savage and 50 Cent
  - Frittata ingredient
  - The Mormons, for short
  - Fish with more than 100 vertebrae in its spine
  - First lady's man
  - Author Hemingway
  - Sculptures, e.g.
  - Disobey a standing order?
  - Large artery
  - Cave residents
  - Amazon IDs
  - Nothing but
  - Ukraine's capital

- DOWN**
- Winter hrs. in Lake Wobegon
  - Patron saint of Norway
  - Fast-swimming shark
  - 2009 aviatrix biopic
  - Alternative to bottled
  - High-\_\_\_\_ monitor
  - Exhortation after "Supplies are limited!"
  - Salve ingredient
  - In stitches
  - Some Toshiba products
  - 2003, for LeBron James and Dwyane Wade
  - Smartphone notification
  - Jaunty
  - Light
  - Maestro Seiji
  - Like a person who might be called "chrome dome"
  - Disobey a pecking order?
  - Plays with
  - Setting for an outdoor party
  - Vegas hotel with a musical name
  - "Gotta run," in a text
  - Downhill rides
  - Like a half-moon tide

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the team working together for the good of the whole.

"I think No. 1 is go out and do your job for your team," Loooper said. "It's not about you individually, as much as everyone likes a pat on the back, it's not about them. It's about what they can do to contribute to their team."

The team has bought into that mentality.

"We've changed our mindset from last year, and we're all working as a team, getting better each day," Doocy said. "I love that we're all willing to work for each other rather than ourselves and want the best thing for the team."

Despite the goal to improve from past seasons, that isn't in the front of the players' minds.

The main focus now is on what this season will hold and what the Hawkeyes can do to be successful all year.

"We leave every season where it is, we try not to talk much about it after we move on," senior catcher/outfielder Angela Schmiederer said. "We have a new team here, some great new key people who have entered our program, so we're just taking everything one step at a time, working on the things that we can control."

**MEN'S**  
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igan State's starting five is the best in the country, and there is definitely a case in East Lansing.

Led by Miles Bridges at 17.4 points per game, all five Spartan starters average double figures in the scoring column and have the ability to put up big numbers.

With the depth they have as well, it's no surprise they've only lost three games all season — all to teams that are currently ranked.

There's no doubt whether this is one of the most talented teams Iowa will face all year. With a lineup full of future professionals, the Hawkeyes will have their hands full at all positions.

**WOMEN'S**  
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game with the utmost importance.

"Every game, we talk about the significance of every game," Bluder said. "Not only for the Big Ten standings, but for the NCAA Tournament, every game is important."

While it is tempting to look ahead to March, Bluder and

"[They've] got two lottery picks and three other guys got a good shot at it, at playing in the pros," McCaffery said.

For Iowa, one of the biggest keys will be improving its defense.

The Hawkeyes are still dead last in the conference in scoring defense and rank 12th in opponents' field-goal percentage.

They have been a solid team offensively, scoring 80.2 points a game for third in the conference, but inconsistency, such as the game against Penn State, are hard to overcome.

Poor play on the defensive end has affected the team on offense, making it hard to consistently get buckets, McCaffery said.

"Young teams don't work together defensively as well as veteran teams, and that's clearly been a problem," he

said. "We're giving up high shooting percentages too often, which puts incredible pressure on your offense to score, and we have had a number of games where we scored the ball really well, it's just they scored more. That's part of the growth process."

However, that the game is in Carver-Hawkeye gives the Hawkeyes a slight advantage. Iowa has won its last two home games by a combined 32 points.

The Hawkeyes have been a decent matchup against the Spartans at home in recent years, including a win over then-No. 1 Michigan State in 2015.

Iowa played well in the home wins over Wisconsin and Minnesota, but the Spartans are a much better team.

The home-court advantage didn't work against an-



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Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon drives the ball up the floor against Purdue on Jan. 20 in Carver-Hawkeye. The Boilermakers defeated the Hawkeyes, 87-64.

other Big Ten blueblood in Purdue, but Iowa seems to play more confidently in the Carver confines.

"I think there's a level of just being comfortable, especially with the rims and shooting," forward Luka Garza said.

"We've done so much practicing here, I think we shoot better at home sometimes. We have a good home-court advantage, we love our fans, so it definitely helps to be playing on our home court, especially against a team like this."

Company realize how important these last five games are if they want to be in the best position to succeed in March.

For the Big Ten Tournament, the Hawkeyes are a seventh-seed, meaning they will face the 10th seed, currently Indiana. As it stands, Iowa would play on the second day of the tournament and would have to win three games to get to the championship tilt.

With the lack of depth on the team, it would be ideal to

be able to get a bye. This is not impossible — the Hawkeyes are just two games behind Purdue for the last bye.

The positive news for Iowa is that two of the teams ahead of them — Purdue and Minnesota — each play two top-four Big Ten foes, while the other team ahead of them, Michigan, plays the Big Ten leader, Maryland, and Minnesota.

More welcoming news is how well everybody (not

named Megan Gustafson) played on Sunday — a good sign that things are starting to click again for the Hawkeyes.

"It's great to be able to depend on my teammates," Gustafson said. "I love seeing them hit shots. It's really exciting to see [Meyer] get her confidence back and Lexi [Sevillian] get her confidence back."

Iowa's goal remains to make the NCAA Tournament, especially considering its

two-year hiatus. A spot in the tournament doesn't seem to be at risk at the moment; Iowa currently projects to be a ninth seed, but if it would like to have a chance at a tourney run, it needs a higher seed.

Winning out would help that cause, no doubt, and the Hawkeyes have their first chance to keep their small winning streak alive Thursday at 7 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye, when they take on Penn State.

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Gustafson breaks conference record

Megan Gustafson earned the Big Ten Player of the Week award on Monday, her seventh of the season – a conference record. Ohio State's Jantel Lavender (2010-11) had held the record with six conference awards.

Gustafson averages 24.5 points, 12.6 rebounds, and 2.3 blocks per game while leading Iowa to a 18-6 record.

### Mock Draft holds Hawk-eye prospects

Matt Miller, Bleacher Report's NFL Draft analyst, released his seven-round, post-Super Bowl mock draft on Monday, and it featured five Hawkeyes – all projected to go in the first five rounds.

Josh Jackson, Iowa's top NFL prospect, went No. 18 to the Seattle Seahawks in the first round. James Daniels (second round, New York Giants), Josey Jewell (third round, New York Giants), Akrum Wadley (fourth round, New York Jets), and Sean Welsh (fifth round, Cleveland Browns) followed.

## AP TOP 10

The Associated Press released its men's basketball poll on Monday, and it featured a shakeup in the top five, thanks to Duke's loss to St. John's.

1. Villanova (48)
2. Virginia (16)
3. Purdue (1)
4. Michigan State
5. Xavier
6. Cincinnati
7. Texas Tech
8. Auburn
9. Duke
10. Kansas

## BIG TEN AWARDS

**Women's Player of the Week**  
Megan Gustafson, Iowa  
• Averaged 30.5 points, 16 rebounds, and 2.5 blocks per game in two wins

• 36 points and 17 rebounds in the win at Michigan State  
**Freshman of the Week**  
Lindsey Pulliam, Northwestern  
• Scored 33 points (career-high) in a loss to Indiana on Sunday  
• Leads the Big Ten in freshman scoring (15 points per game)

**Men's Player of the Week**  
Keita Bates-Diop, Ohio State  
• Averaged 24 points, 13 rebounds, and 3 assists in two wins  
• Career-high 35 points against Illinois

**Freshman of the Week**  
Isaiah Washington, Minnesota  
• Averaged 20.5 points, 5 assists, and 3.5 rebounds in two games  
• Career-high 26 points against Michigan

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I heard Terry at the end say, 'You ride him.' He told me real loud, and that just gave me motivation to ride him."**

– Alex Marinelli on his match against Minnesota's Nick Wanzek on Feb. 2

## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa softball has won 67 of its 209 games over the past four seasons

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of  
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games

# Mind over softball

Iowa softball is using its mentality to make this season more successful than the last.



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Iowa pitcher Allison Doocy speaks during softball media day at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 1. The Hawkeyes will begin the regular season on Friday against Illinois-Chicago in Lafayette, Louisiana. Later that day, the Hawkeyes will face Eastern Illinois.

BY ANNA KAYSER  
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It's no secret that the Iowa softball team has struggled in recent seasons, but with an improved mindset, the Hawkeyes have set themselves up to hunt for success.

Last season, Iowa finished the year with a 19-32 record, 9-14 in the Big Ten.

It's been five years since the program put up a winning record, but with each season's beginning comes a new mindset. This season, the focus is to attack in all aspects of the game but especially in the batter's box.

"We've had an attack mindset from Day 1, that's been a philosophy of ours," head coach Marla Loooper said. "It's hard, it's hard when you're up there

wanting your pitch and you're hunting your pitch, but if you get a good one, you have to attack it."

Capitalizing on the mistakes of one's opponent is a big part of softball. With a batter in the box, most pitchers attack the zone. When, or if, a good pitch is thrown, attacking that opportunity is the difference between an offensive advantage and a disadvantage.

"If we're in an attack mindset, we're on a positive side of the game," Loooper said. "If we're playing defense on offense, as we have been the past couple of years, that's a struggle."

In the pitching circle, attacking is just as important as it is in the batter's box.

During the offseason, an emphasis for the pitchers was attacking the zone (and thus the hitter) by throwing consistent first-pitch strikes.

"It is important, when I can get ahead, I have more control over the batter, so that's a big part of my pitching now," sophomore pitcher Allison Doocy said. "If I can get ahead, then yeah, I can kind of play with things and get in their heads rather than them getting in mine."

In every aspect of the game, the aggressive-attack mindset is finally starting to settle in.

"That attack mindset in the box, in the circle, and on the field defensively really will propel us where we want to go, hopefully," Loooper said.

That attack mindset is key in game, but the attitude both on and off the field is equally important.

Although individual statistics and accomplishments are important, what's more important is

SEE SOFTBALL, 7

# Challenges start with mighty Spartans

After a rough outing at Penn State, things get even more difficult for Iowa as it hosts No. 4 Michigan State.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Maishe Dailey (1) looks for an open teammate around Wisconsin's T.J. Schlundt in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 23. Iowa defeated Wisconsin, 85-67.

BY PETE RUDEN  
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It's not getting any easier for Fran McCaffery's Hawkeyes.

After suffering an 82-58 beat-down at Penn State, Iowa returns home to take on No. 4 Michigan State in what could be the seventh-straight win for the Spartans.

Even worse for the Hawkeyes, they might have to go into battle without one of their biggest stars — point guard Jordan Bohannon is suffering an illness.

Bohannon's absence would likely give Maishe Dailey more time at the 1. Brady Ellingson could

also get some minutes at the position; McCaffery said he expects him to play after missing the previous four contests with a concussion.

Dailey, whose emergence was a key for Iowa early in the season, has the chance to be the player the Hawkeyes need yet again.

"I like his athleticism and his ability to mix it up both offensively and defensively," forward Tyler Cook said. "He can score the ball and also distribute when he needs to. I think the more he grows in this point-guard role and the more he grows as a player, the better he'll get at that."

McCaffery said in terms of pure talent, Mich-

# Hawkeyes have hope for March

As the regular season winds down, Iowa hopes to spark a run that will take it deep into March.

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA  
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Last week, the calendar flipped from January to February, and it seemed that with it, the Hawkeyes also flipped a page and returned to their winning ways.

Sunday's win over Minnesota marked the first time Iowa recorded back-to-back victories since December, and the Hawkeyes hope to keep the momentum rolling through February and into March. Currently winners in three of their last four games, the Hawkeyes are poised to go on a run to finish the season strong.

"I don't see why not," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "If we keep coming out strong, there is absolutely no reason we can't make a good run."

Part of the reason for Bluder's confidence is the easier schedule the Hawkeyes have to close out the season. In January — in which Iowa went 2-5 — it played five of its seven games against the top-four teams in the Big Ten, and some of those games were played while down two starters on an 11-woman squad.

Now, one of Iowa's missing starters, Makenzie Meyer, is back, and she seems to be almost at full health. Adding to Bluder's confidence, only one of the Hawkeyes' remaining five opponents has a winning record in conference play.

The schedule may be softer, but the Big Ten is a tough conference, top to bottom, and after a rough month, the Hawkeyes are treating every

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