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Women's basketball star receives Big Ten honors
Megan Gustafson had a regular season for the ages, shattering Hawkeye records and leading the team to a 23-6 record. On Monday, the media recognized Gustafson for her efforts, crowning her Big Ten Player of the Year. **Sports, 8**

UISG town hall addresses campus issues from concealed carry to racial bias

A sparsely attended UISG town hall Monday focused on campus climate and inclusion. Although the event wasn't attended by many, UISG President Jacob Simpson said he believes the conversations are important to have.

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Senior Night honors a roller-coaster Hawkeye career

Dom Uhl came to the Iowa men's basketball team with high hopes for what was to come. Four years later, Uhl finds himself logging a handful – if that – of minutes a game. Despite being buried behind younger players with greater potential, Uhl kept his head up. **Sports, 8**

Get your peanuts and cracker jacks

That's right. Baseball season, at least for Iowa, is in full swing. The Hawkeyes take to the diamond today in their home-opener against Cornell College at Banks field this afternoon – Iowa City's first look at this year's squad. **Sports, 8**

Column: Giving teachers guns is problematic

Trump's encouragement of arming educators with firearms will only lead to more budget cuts and more violence, and it will not deter school shooters. The president's solution could culminate in turning preconceived biases about students of color into threats. **Opinions, 4**

City justifies high bids for parks

Bids for upcoming Iowa City parks projects are higher than anticipated, but city officials aren't worried. The Parks Master Plan studies 40 parks in the city to analyze convenience, condition, and other factors, all in an effort to improve neighborhoods. **News, 3**



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Colleges across the nation back anti-violence protesters

Universities say students' admission status won't be affected for protesting gun violence as high schools threaten to suspend students who participate in such protests.

The following statements were made on official Twitter accounts of these universities.



"The University of Iowa respects and values the right to peacefully protest. Admission to UI will not be negatively affected for prospective students participating in nonviolent activism."

– University of Iowa



"A message to Future Cyclones: Iowa State University values the honest and respectful expression of ideas by both its current and prospective students. Disciplinary action associated with peaceful participation in nonviolent protest will not affect your admission status."

– Iowa State University



"The University of Wisconsin-Madison supports the rights of students to lawfully protest. Doing so will not impact one's prospects for admission."

– University of Wisconsin-Madison



"Future Illini: We support students engaging in dialogue that further informs their worldview. Non-academic disciplinary action as a result of participating in peaceful protest won't affect a student's admission decision."

– University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign



"Here at @Yale, we are proud to support all students for participating in peaceful walkouts for gun control or other causes, and we will not rescind admissions decisions for students who do so regardless of any school's disciplinary policy."

– Yale University



"For all our future Hoosiers: At IU, we encourage students to engage in meaningful, informed, and civil discourse regarding difficult and important issues. Disciplinary action associated with participation in peaceful protest will not affect your admission decision in any way."

– Indiana University-Bloomington



"Students penalized for meaningful, peaceful participation in demonstrations will not be negatively impacted in our admissions process because they participated. Protection and promotion of civil discourse is central to the Vanderbilt experience and values."

– Vanderbilt University



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High-school students around the nation are rallying to demand action regarding gun control after the shooting in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 dead — but some high schools are threatening to punish students for their

involvement in demonstrations and protests. Some universities, including the University of Iowa, have joined the conversation, backing high-school students' right to protest peacefully, saying disciplinary actions against the students for nonviolent activism will not affect their admission status.

"The University of Iowa respects and values

the right to peacefully protest," Assistant Vice President for External Relations Jeneane Beck said in email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Admission to UI will not be negatively affected for prospective students participating in nonviolent activism."

High-school students in Iowa City coordinat-

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Nontenured faculty rally to voice concerns

Instructors without tenure face job insecurity and lack of benefits.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Bill Harshbagger hoists a Democratic Socialists of America flag as undergraduate students speak to show solidarity for nontenured instructors on the Pentacrest on Monday.

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Around 50 members of the labor advocacy group Faculty Forward and their supporters rallied on the Pentacrest on Monday in support of unionizing nontenure-track faculty.

The "We Rise Rally for Workers' Rights" was part of a national day of action organized by pro-union groups in response to the U.S. Supreme Court case *Janus v. AFSCME*. The case, which the court heard on Monday, could strip public-sector unions of the ability to exact

membership dues from nonmembers.

"This case is part of a broader effort to weaken the bargaining power of working people," said English Professor Loren Glass, a tenured faculty member at the event.

Megan Knight, a UI associate professor of rhetoric and a speaker at the rally, said the case could be "disastrous" for unions in the public sector.

"I'm involved with because I've worked for Iowa for 20 years, I've been in the Rhetoric

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Physicians, legislators propose health solutions

Johnson County physicians met with their representatives to talk solutions for health concerns in the state.

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Iowa legislators gave Johnson County physicians a lowdown on what's next for addressing opioid abuse, mental-health care, and an extreme bill to limit abortion at a Johnson County Medical Society meeting on Feb. 24 at the University of Iowa Club.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, and Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, were in attendance along with approximately 30 physicians. Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, was unable to attend.

First on the agenda was addressing the opioid crisis. In Iowa, opioid deaths have quadrupled in the last 20 years, according to a report from the UI College of Public Health.

Legislators and physicians spoke favorably about a bipartisan bill eligible for debate on the House floor that would require prescribers to register for Iowa's Prescription Monitoring Program, an electronic database started in 2009 that tracks controlled-substance prescriptions so physicians can tell if patients are refilling prescriptions at numerous locations.

Currently, only 46 percent of Iowa prescribers are registered to use Iowa's database.

"I think the bill is going to move forward, and it's

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A LITTLE KLEMZER WEATHER



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The Papshey Klemzer Orchestra performs in Adler on Feb. 23.

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one piece of getting a handle on the opioid issue," Bolkcom said.

The bill would also require reporting within 24 hours, prohibit controlled-substance prescriptions of more than six months, and offer Good Samaritan protection in overdose situations.

In another effort on the topic of substance abuse, Sarah Ziegenhorn, co-chair of Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, noted legislation that passed committee to decriminalize approved needle-exchange programs to curb HIV and

hepatitis C transmissions from dirty needles.

Although legislators in attendance supported the measure, they feared the bill may be stymied on its way to discussion on the Senate floor.

"There is still a lot of stigma around needles, and there are still legislators who believe that by exchanging needles like that, you are condoning drug use," Mascher said.

Ziegenhorn, however, said she didn't think the bill could be kept waiting.

"I do run the illegal needle exchange in Cedar Rapids, and many of our participants who hear that this bill isn't going to pass will say things like why are people wanting me to die so much," Ziegenhorn said. "I

think there is some urgency with this."

Legislators also noted mental-health care in Iowa and praised a sweeping plan to address crisis situations moving through the Iowa Senate.

The bill would establish six crisis centers, a 24-hour crisis hotline, and double the current number of Assertive Community Treatment teams, which monitor those with chronic mental-health problems and encourage patients to stay on their treatment plans.

Human Services Director Jerry Foxhoven has said Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds supports the plan. However, legislators at the forum expressed concern about the bill's chances

to gain financial backing because the Legislature is working to make midyear budget cuts to make up for projected budget shortfalls.

"There's nothing to disagree with here; the challenge, I think, is actually putting the money up to make it happen," Bolkcom said.

The discussion steered toward the Fetal Heartbeat bill, which would effectively ban most abortions in Iowa. Johnson County legislators said they didn't think the bill would have enough votes to become law despite passing out of the Judiciary Committee.

"I don't think this is going to become law. It's really extreme, it's unconstitutional,

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ed a school walkout in opposition to current gun laws last week, and approximately 250 students participated in the march to the Old Capitol.

The Needville Independent School District in Texas warned its students they would be suspended if they caused any disruptions in protesting gun violence.

Needville Superintendent Curtis Rhodes said in a statement that was sent to families and posted on the district's Facebook page that students would be suspended for three days if they took part in any protests or demonstrations. The *DI* tried to reach Rhodes

for a comment but did not receive a response.

"Please be advised that the Needville ... will not allow a student demonstration during school hours for any type of protest or awareness!" Rhodes said in his statement. "Should students choose to do so, they will be suspended from school for 3 days and face all the consequences that come along with an out of school suspension.

"Life is all about choices, and every choice has a consequence whether it be positive or negative. We will discipline no matter if it is one, 50, or 500 students involved," he said.

The post has since been deleted from Facebook.

While some other schools have taken similar stances to

Rhodes', plenty of universities have come out against them.

Some of the universities included Yale, Vanderbilt, Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, Wisconsin-Madison, and Iowa State.

ISU voiced its support for students' right to protest on social media.

"A message to Future Cyclones: Iowa State University values the honest and respectful expression of ideas by both its current and prospective students. Disciplinary action associated with peaceful participation in nonviolent protest will not affect your admission status," ISU's statement said.

ISU Director of Admissions Katharine Suski said using the right of free speech is one of the core principles of the

university community.

"We support students' [right to peacefully protest] and their honest and respectful expression of ideas," Suski said. "We know and expect our students to do that when they are here on campus, and they learn those skills when they are in high school."

Suski said when reviewing a student for admission to ISU, if a student has a disciplinary violation that results in suspension from school, officials review it to determine if there is a threat to the safety of campus.

"When we look at this as a big issue, if students are involved in nonviolent protests or lawfully using their right to free speech regardless of the issue, we as a university support [it] as long as it's done in

a nonviolent, respectful way," Suski said.

A nationwide school walkout has been planned to pro-

test gun violence. The walkout, March For Our Lives, is scheduled to take place on March 24.

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Department since 1998, but my salary has remained flat since then," Knight said.

Knight said nontenure-track faculty, also called contingent faculty, have little power in the university despite forming "more than half" of faculty overall.

"We are tired of being the engines of our department and maybe being paid half what of what our tenured colleagues are paid," she said.

Brooke Larson, a visiting assistant professor of linguistics, said she agrees.

"A lot of people, when they think of who is teaching college courses, they think of tenured faculty with good salaries, good health care," she said. "But a lot of the courses are actually taught by nontenured faculty who don't have these things."

Larson said she hopes the rally will make students more aware of the effect that instructors' working conditions can have on their education.

"We are organizing because being in this situation hurts our ability to teach," she said. "It's very hard to teach a course well when you're not taken seriously or not respected in your position."

Kelly Keegan, a lecturer of English as a Second Language and a member of Faculty Forward, said contingent faculty face an "unfair" lack of job security compared with their tenured peers. She will lose her job in May despite previously being told that her position was safe.

"In our department, there's been a loss of enrollment, so we've been losing jobs," she said. "We went through a rehiring process and were told that our jobs were safe, but some of us received three-year contracts or one-year contracts, which was really just a way to cut our jobs. I feel that was a problem with lack of transparency."

Keegan hopes the rally will make the university realize that nontenure-track faculty "want change on campus."



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

UI Visiting Assistant Professor Brooke Larson addresses the crowd during a protest on the Pentacrest on Monday. The rally was held to raise awareness about the poor working conditions for nontenured faculty and about the Supreme Court *Janus v. AFSCME* case, which might negatively affect the ability to form unions among public employees.

Man charged with endangerment, indecent exposure

Authorities have accused a Washington, Iowa, man of exposing himself in front of juveniles in a University of Iowa locker room.

Brian Shepherd, 36, was charged Feb. 24 with invasion of privacy, child endangerment, and indecent exposure.

According to the arrest affidavit, Shepherd went into the men's locker room at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center at 12:30 p.m.

While there were juveniles in the room, the affidavit said, Shepherd began masturbating. Juveniles in the locker room

could see Shepherd looking through a crack through the door while this occurred, the affidavit said.

Shepherd was arrested and later released from jail, the affidavit said.

— Kayli Reese

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UISG town hall addresses diversity, racial harassment in its fourth installment

A group of UISG leaders hosted a public forum on Monday to discuss topics ranging from concealed carry to racial harassment.

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Campus climate and inclusion were the focus of a Monday evening town hall.

University of Iowa Student Government held its fourth town hall Monday to address the topics, in addition to diversity.

The forum was sparsely attended, with fewer than a dozen people outside of present UISG members. The lack of attendance, as well as the vagueness of the topic at hand, sparked much of the opening conversation.

The issues at hand were largely determined by the audience, and discussions ranged from concealed carry on campus to addressing issues of racial bias and abuse.

"The one thing I really value about town halls is that ... even though we have a small group in the audience, these conversations are so important," UISG President Jacob Simpson said.

He noted that reaching out

to specific student organizations that focus on particular issues might be a way to bolster attendance.

"For a lot of students, there's a lot of mystery around student government, and they're not sure what our role is," said Alex Bare, the chair of the UISG Justice and Equity Committee.

He advocated for paring down town-hall topics and hosting the forums in larger locations.

One idea brought up would be requiring Diversity and Inclusion general-education classes for all UI departments. The UISG members expected issues relating to diversity to be the primary focus of the event.

"I think we were expecting a conversation about ... how welcome or not students feel on campus, but the term 'campus climate' is not super clear," said Apoorva Raikwar, the director of the Justice and Equity Committee. "It's not a bad thing, with what we ended up talking about."

Conversations were also

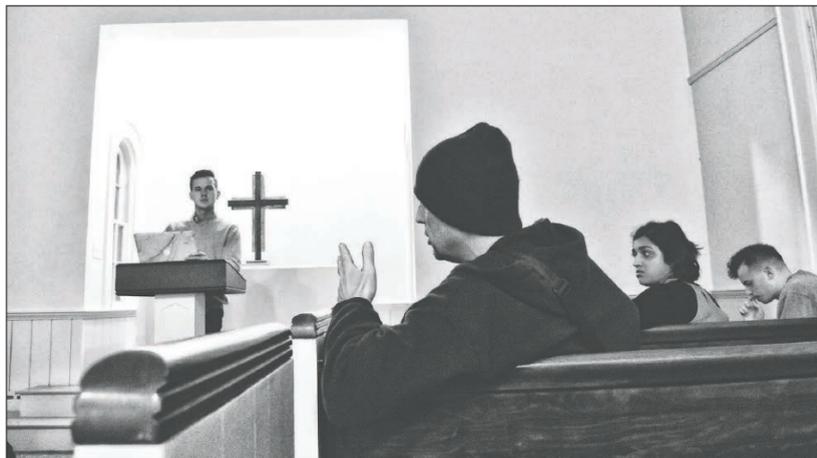
held about having plainclothes officers around campus to deter potential mass shootings and the possibility of using Hawk Alert or a similar application to report instances of racial harassment.

Another discussion revolved around having a more diverse representation of people at multicultural center events.

"A student talked about how we hold a lot of events that are meant to expose people to different identities, but what we see is that members of that specific identity group might attend that event, but people who don't identify with that group aren't going to those events," Simpson said.

The UISG officials also said the school has been considering revamping the multicultural centers entirely for about a decade. The idea would be to create one centralized building that services members of all identities instead of having houses that segregate a small handful of communities.

"We are missing representa-



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UISG holds a town hall meeting in Danforth on Monday. Three UISG executives discussed campus security, diversity, and racial bias with a small audience of students.

tion from very prevalent identities on campus through our cultural and resource centers, so it's important that we continue the conversation about serving students who don't specifically identify with one of those [groups] and make sure they

feel welcome," Simpson said.

The student-government members also said their group could do a better job bridging the communication gap with the general student population.

"Historically, students have sometimes viewed the UISG as

a kind of elitist organization ... we really want to break down those barriers," Bare said. "We want students to know what kind of programs we're working on and feel comfortable coming to us with suggestions and ideas for how to change our campus."

City eyes better parks despite high bids

Park bids are higher than expected, but the city director of Parks and Recreation says that is all for a good reason: to invest for neighborhoods of the present and the future.

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Parks and green spaces are a key element in Iowa City's communities, and many are set to see some renovations.

In September 2017, the city of Iowa City adopted its Parks Master Plan, which provides a comprehensive study of the local parks based on their convenience, condition, longevity, and desirability.

Parks make up 1,699 acres of Iowa City for a population of around 74,000. The park master plan estimates population to rise to 84,000 by 2030 — in order to keep Iowa City's acre per resident the same as it is now, the city would have to add 224 acres of parkland.

Juli Seydell Johnson, the

director of Parks and Recreation, said the master plan is a continual renovation that will affect all Iowa City neighborhoods.

"This plan studies and prioritizes 40 parks in the community," she said. "It is an investment in neighborhoods so people have gathering spaces within their neighborhoods throughout the entire city."

One current focus is Happy Hollow Park, adjacent to the intersection of Brown and Governor Streets. A main issue with this park is that its planning bids have been over budget.

"The bids are so high ultimately because there is a lot of construction going on in Iowa City," Seydell Johnson said. "As contractors are busy, prices go up."

University of Iowa Professor Cathy Cole said that although the Happy Hollow project is over budget, she supports the plan because another park in her neighborhood, North Market Square Park, has had a great outcome.

"North Market Square Park has been a blessing for our neighborhood," Cole said. "Our neighborhood is a mix of families, young professionals, and students. A nice park provides an opportunity for everyone to interact in relaxed and interesting ways."

Mike Fallon, another North Side resident, corroborated others' positive views of the parks.

"I've spent many hours with family and friends at this little gem of a park," Fallon said.

"Not a day goes by that someone isn't using the park for some type of leisure activity. In my opinion, Happy Hollow Park is a much loved destination and more than worthy of your time and support."

Aside from North Side renovations of Happy Hollow Park, the master plan would like to see renovations of all

districts by adding parks or improving existing parks over the next 10 years.

The city plans to have the parks added or updated with better signage, physical accessibility, maintenance and upkeep, addition of technology, equity initiatives for neighborhoods challenged by socioeconomic factors,

and reworking the roles of water resources.

Along with the park master plan, Iowa City has initiated a bicycle master plan that will create a more bike-friendly environment by implementing off-street, as well as on-street, bikeways, trails, and bike lanes, just in time for RAGBRAI.



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And the beast goes on and on and on

The mass shooting that refused to quietly drift away.



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It's been two weeks since the massacre at Stoneman Douglas, and the national debate over guns and gun violence remains, refusing, it seems, to be kicked off stage right.

That's the usual drill in the aftermath of mass shootings. Dazed survivors, grieving families and friends, thoughts and prayers from political types, hand-wringing commentators, some guest appearances by the "guns don't kill people, people do" crowd (you wish just

once they'd substitute the word "reptiles" for "people," but no), some more thoughts and prayers, some more hand-wringing, and then the whole show moves on into dim memory and the next national moment takes the stage.

It's like a grotesque variety show.

But this time around, the grief, the anger, the knee-jerk from the alt-right, the mumbblings from the West Wing linger. As does the debate. It's a bit odd for a country that boasts more firearms than people. Probably, this is a country that has more guns than reptiles.

Not to juxtapose him with reptiles or anything, but Our Great Leader has kind of been all over the landscape about guns. Especially when it comes to teachers and school shootings. He wants

to arm some teachers. Except when he doesn't. Here he is addressing CPAC this past weekend (blow-by-blow from the *Toronto Star*):

"10:58 — Trump promotes his idea to arm the 10 percent or 20 percent of teachers he claims are good with guns. Then he says, confusingly, 'I'm not talking about teachers.'"

Then he goes back to talking about arming teachers. Yes. Teachers again, even though he's not talking about them. Teachers are better than armed law-enforcement types. "They love their students," he proclaims.

Meanwhile, his buddies in arms, the NRA, of course did not remain silent. In fact, the spokeswoman for the group went right to the heart of the school-shootings problem: the news media.

It turns out, Dana Loesch of the NRA said, journalists love mass killings.

Well, yes, of course. We journalists just can't wait till the next mass killing. The waiting is the worst part; the tense impatience gets so thick you could cut it with an RPG.

That's why we all rushed hand over bottle to Rwanda during the genocide. Good Lord — enough blood and gore and torn bodies and muck and pink mist like the sea and heartbreaking stories for everyone. Talk about Nirvana for journalists. The grizzled veterans among us still talk about it, in measured, almost plaintive tones. Those were the days, they say.

Ah, yes. Of course, no school shooting would be complete without the alt-right coming out of who

knows where to blame the students. Yeah, you know — all those so-called survivors are professional crisis-actors. They criss-cross the country, from shooting to shooting, to play-act survivors. It's a liberal plot to take away our guns.

No, really. If only the liberal side of the universe could indeed be as organized as the right wing seems to believe that the lefties are. But no.

As the great activist and organizer Saul Alinsky once said about the American left, "They couldn't organize a successful luncheon."

Alinsky also believed a liberal was a person "who puts his foot down firmly on thin air."

So, yeah, the notion that liberals could somehow organize a bunch of teenagers to follow a script and cry

on demand could only have sprung full-blown from the mind of a person who also puts her or his foot down firmly on thin air.

Besides, organize teenagers? You should try something easier first, such as herding cats or negotiating an end to the Syrian civil war.

Meanwhile, the Florida House voted 71-36 to kill a ban on assault rifles and big magazines. The Stoneman Douglas survivors watched them.

You want to tell the Florida legislators: Hey, don't bother sugarcoating it like that. Tell the kids how you really feel.

I'm sure down the road, the kids will be thankful for the lesson you just taught them about real-life sausage-making. And the beast goes on.

COLUMN

Trump's idea of arming teachers is problematic

The proposal to arm teachers with firearms by Trump is implausible in the ways that it could enable more budget cuts to schools, not deter school shooters, and culminate in turning preconceived biases about students of color into threats.



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President Donald Trump has once again made disreputable and implausible claims to the public with his Feb. 23 tweet. In this tweet, he said armed educators who are adept in firearms and participate in annual training should get a yearly bonus to ensure the safety of students. He further said this would be inexpensive for the state budget and education budget. Trump also believes that giving teachers guns will deter school shooters because they will be struck with fear in the looming threat of death. He is wrong.

Teachers are some of the worst paid employees in the nation, and instead of paying them the money they deserve, education budgets will probably be cut some more to afford those "bonuses" Trump suggested.

Budget cuts aren't new to our educational institutions. Recently, Trump proposed a 2019 education budget that showcases a 5.3 percent budget cut that doesn't even include higher education. How are schools going to be able to award, as Trump says, "only the best" firearm-adept teacher bonuses if the government is cutting the already slim budgets? It isn't uncommon today for teachers to dip into their own pockets to buy around \$1,000 worth of school supplies for students annually, according to a report by NPR in December 2017. The government should focus on giving schools and teachers enough funds for supplies, resources, and programs instead of proposing ludicrous ideas like the expensive arming of teachers with firearms.

The point that giving teachers guns will deter school shooters because they will essentially be struck with fear in the face of death is just delusional thinking. A lot of the school shooters we've seen within the past two decades have a background of mental illness and have attempted or gone through with suicide. Columbine shooters

Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris killed themselves after murdering 12 of their peers and a teacher. Adam Lanza killed himself after shooting and killing 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook. Seung-Hui Cho killed himself after killing 32 people at Virginia Tech. Steven Kazmierczak killed himself after shooting people at Northern Illinois University, killing five and wounding 17. The list goes on. These shooters aren't afraid of death, they invite death. This is yet another fallacy that has been unveiled in response to Trump's recent political statements in support of the NRA and arming educators.

There is a problematic nature in teachers carrying guns in regard to what they might perceive as a threat. Police officers today struggle with putting aside their own personal bias toward people of color and acting out on that bias unjustly. Education Week Research Center reported in 2017, "In 43 states and the District of Columbia, black students are arrested at school at disproportionately high levels," enabling the school-to-prison pipeline.



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President Donald Trump meets with students, parents, and teachers affected by mass shootings in Parkland, Newtown, and Columbine, to search for policies to keep America's schools safe in the White House on Feb. 21, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

Who's to say that teachers won't succumb to their own personal biases? Will teachers' preconceived biases lead to a skewed perception of threats from minority students?

In the end, arming our educators with weapons is prob-

lematic and simply not plausible. Before jumping to arm more people, the government should look at the effortlessness it takes to obtain a gun in the United States because of loopholes that allow for no checks to an individual's background,

age, permit, and licensing, among other things. Trump needs to revisit his strategy for deterring school shootings because more guns won't solve the problem, higher security protocol and stricter processing of gun purchases will.

GUEST OPINION — #NoFundingNoFuture

Disinvestment in education bodes ill for future

Disinvesting in universities ultimately causes the loss of innovation and discovery that lie at the heart of graduation education.

After almost 20 years in graduate education, I continue to be amazed by the world-class research and scholarship conducted by University of Iowa students and faculty. As an Iowan, I'm grateful that my children had access to top-quality education and proud that they were educated at Iowa regent institutions. All three benefited from the support of high quality faculty who cared deeply about their welfare and success.

Yet alarming disinvestment in higher education is happening across the nation and in the state of Iowa. In the last 20 years,

our state budget has grown by nearly \$3 billion, but funding for the University of Iowa has actually declined. In fiscal year 2018, the UI received \$7 million less than in 1998, despite enrolling nearly 5,000 additional students.

For many, these numbers conjure images of undergraduate tuition hikes, costly living expenses, and rising student loans. But the impact spreads beyond the effects of budget reductions on those seeking bachelor's degrees in the state, there's another, less well understood cost — the loss of innovation and discov-

ery at the heart of graduate education.

Innovation developed through graduate education helps define the university as the ultimate public "good." For example, graduate research is on the forefront of health care, road safety, clean water, and K-12 education — protecting and improving lives of Iowans. Not everyone knows the details of nanoparticles targeting cancer, but we all benefit from improvements in cancer treatment. We may not be aware of the technology used to deliver online coun-

seling, but Iowa graduate research is finding ways to use these technologies to prevent suicide and improve access to mental-health services. Graduate research helps Iowans navigate our collective future.

More than 5,000 graduate students serve as an integral part of the undergraduate instructional mission as well as playing a key role in not only their own research and scholarship but also of our faculty and staff. Following their time at the UI, these graduates move on to ca-

reers that span every county in Iowa, as well as across the nation and the world.

Many of today's most in-demand careers require the advanced skills and experiences provided by a graduate degree. From nurses to educators to engineers, Iowa's professionals need to be highly educated, flexible learners, trained to provide the cutting-edge care to Iowans.

Without the intellectual capacity and training graduate students bring to our state, I fear that we will be relegated to a lesser stature among our regional and national peers, many of

whom are once again investing in their educational systems. The penalty incurred by disinvesting in education will be a situation from which it will be difficult to recover. Disinvestment in education, at all levels, is a disinvestment in the future of our society — and the future of Iowans.

—John C. Keller

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- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Ted Abel, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Operator Theory Seminar, Sergii Bezuglyi**, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar, Marc Herrmann**, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Microbiology/Immunology Seminar, Richard Kuhn**, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Neuroscience Ph.D. Program Seminar, Kelle Nett**, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **"Share Your Scholarship," Invisible Hawkeyes authors Lena & Michael Hill**, 4 p.m., Main Library Gallery
- **Research help for students at The SEAM**, 5-9 p.m., 2012-13 Main Library
- **Bijou Forum, Good Luck**, UI students free with IDs, 6 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Statistics Outreach Center Short Courses, SAS**, 6 p.m., N166 Lindquist; contact center website for info

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 - Rules as a monarch
 - Difficult endeavor
 - Put on TV
 - 87, 89 or 93, on a gas pump
 - With 25-Down, office request
 - Pro at tax time
 - In any place
 - Counterparts of compressions, in physics
 - Wear away
 - ___-X
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 - Word with circle or ear
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 - Opinion pieces
 - Nashville venue, informally
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 - Wait for a green light, say
 - Fire and fury
 - Peculiar
 - It doesn't get returned
 - Less sincere, as a promise
 - Make black, in a way
 - EI AI hub city
 - "Already?"
 - City straddling Europe and Asia
- DOWN**
- Diplomat's skill
 - Film editor's gradual transition
 - Leftover in a juicer
 - Olympic sport with strokes
 - Repeat
 - Calif.-to-Fla. route
 - Elongated, heavily armored fish
 - U-turn from SSW
 - Opening word?
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GUSTAFSON

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single-season records and Iowa's career double-double record for both men and women.

Gustafson's single season records include points (734), rebounds (370), field goals made (285), free throws made (164), free throws attempted (204), and double-doubles (26).

Along with those records, she picked up a conference-record nine Big Ten Player of the Week honors.

Her dominance made games easier for her teammates who, when in doubt, knew they could throw the ball down to the post almost certain that Gustafson would put up 2 points.

"Just chuck it into her; she'll catch it," Makenzie Meyer said.

Even when the pass isn't on the mark, Gustafson is a lock

in the paint.

"Yeah, I don't know how she catches some of the passes I make to her," Chase Cooley said. "Sometimes, I like to think I'm a pretty good passer, but sometimes, I'm like 'Go get it,' and she does. She makes some amazing finishes. It's fun to watch."

Watching Gustafson dominate has mystified her teammates and anyone who saw her play this season, but it is her humility through all the accolades that has been most impressive.

Gustafson has been as consistent in deflecting praise back to her teammates as she has been at putting the ball in the basket, and that is not lost on her teammates.

"Off the court just how humble she is that speaks to her personality so much," Meyer said. "She's a great teammate and a really fun person."

Gustafson wasn't the only Hawkeyes recognized during Monday's Big Ten award show. Sophomore Kathleen

Doyle was named to the All-Big Ten second team by the coaches and an honorable mention by the media.

Playing Morty to Gustafson's Rick, Doyle followed her All-Big Ten freshman team nomination, averaging put up 11.2 points per game while dishing out 6.6 assists per game.

The last Hawkeye to be honored by the Big Ten was Iowa's sixth woman, Hannah Stewart, who was selected as Iowa's Sportsmanship Award honoree.

The awards recognize the players for their stellar regular season and also signal the start of the postseason. Iowa begins its postseason riding a seven-game winning streak, and it is preparing to head to Indianapolis for the Big Ten Tournament.

A fifth seed in the upcoming tournament, Iowa's first game will be Thursday; it will play the winner of either Wisconsin or Northwestern, two teams Iowa has beaten this season.

UHL

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in the AP Poll and strung together nine-consecutive wins, including victories over No. 1/No. 4 Michigan State and No. 14/No. 22 Purdue.

It was also the best year of Uhl's career. A legitimate 3-point threat his sophomore year, the Frankfurt, Germany, native shot 45 percent from behind the arc and averaged 6 points and 3.6 rebounds a game in just over 17 minutes of action.

But this season has been a down year for both parties. Iowa finished with a lackluster 13-18 record and a 4-14 mark the conference, while Uhl averages 0.3 points per game and 1.1 rebounds amid

decreased playing time.

The success the Hawkeyes had in 2015-16 taught Uhl something about this year, when the team has struggled, and he is trying to pass that knowledge on.

"I just try to be there for the guys, whatever they need, just provide advice," Uhl said. "I've been through a lot, so I just tell them it's a long season, you just got to stay with it."

In his final game in Carver-Hawkeye, Uhl got the start and was serenaded by cheers seemingly every time he touched the ball. He finished with 2 rebounds and 2 blocks in eight minutes of play, and his team got the win, 77-70, in the regular-season finale of Uhl's Hawkeye career.

"Dom was good. Dom was really good," head coach Fran McCaffery said. "He didn't

play like he was nervous. He shouldn't have been, he's a senior, he's started before. He's been a big factor on NCAA Tournament teams, so he accepted the challenge, and I thought he was terrific."

An Enterprise Leadership major, Uhl hopes to play professionally for a few years in his home country of Germany before moving back to the United States.

The days as a Hawkeye are ticking for Uhl, who will walk across the stage and receive a diploma in May. But until then, he'll remain a leader for a team he has given four years of work to.

"We're happy for Dom and all the success he's had here and we're thankful to have that kind of leader and leadership role he provides," Garza said.

BASEBALL

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two more wins after the weekend, one coming in walk-off fashion and the other in an all-around solid performance.

Iowa recorded only 4 hits against Virginia Tech on Feb. 23, but outfielder Ben Norman hit a ball right at third baseman Sam Fragale; the ball went past him, and Kace Massner was able to reach home from second base.

It was Iowa's second game decided by a walk-off this season — the first one came in the Hawkeyes' opener against Toledo on Feb. 16.

"We're never really out of the game," Norman said after Iowa's first walk-off.

Iowa's matchup with Cornell isn't a high-stakes game by any means, but getting a win would extend Iowa's record to 7-1 — the best start to a season since 2015, the same

ing a run for the ages in the Big Ten Tournament, claiming the program's first conference title in school history.

"Honestly, I didn't look toward the Iowa program years ago," catcher Tyler Cropley said. "I don't know how many people really did until Coach

came in and turned it around. Now I think a lot of people are looking for us to go further than we did

last year, and the expectations are really high."

Today's game will feature a pitching matchup between Hawkeye Trenton Wallace and Ram Zachary Greenwald. In 1.2 innings this season, Wallace has a 5.40 ERA and only given up a single hit.

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— Tyler Cropley, catcher

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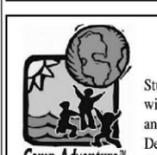
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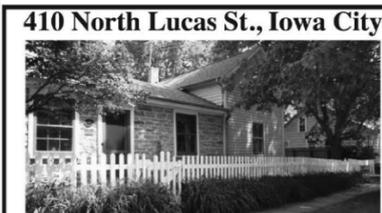
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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Hawkeyes make Big Ten teams

Iowa added some hardware today as the Big Ten season came to a close. Megan Gustafson headlined the Hawkeyes' honors by picking up the women's Big Ten Player of the Year.

Although she didn't win it in the coaches' vote, the media selected her as the winner; she averaged 27.7 points and 13.1 rebounds per game in Big Ten play.

She was also a first-team All-Big Ten honoree, and sophomore Kathleen Doyle was named to the second team by the coaches and honorable mention by the media.

On the men's side, sophomores Tyler Cook and Jordan Bohannon were named All-Big Ten honorable mentions.

The duo lead Iowa in scoring, averaging 15.3 and 13.2 points a game, respectively.

Big Ten wrestling reveals pre-seeds

Iowa wrestling seeded eight wrestlers in the Big Ten Tournament's pre-seeds.

Sophomore Michael Kemerer led the way for the Hawkeyes, sharing the No. 1 seed with Penn State's Jason Nolf. Kemerer and Nolf split 14 votes from Big Ten coaches.

Iowa's Spencer Lee, Brandon Sorensen, and Alex Marinelli each snagged the No. 2 seed in their respective weights. True freshman Lee and redshirt freshman Marinelli will make their postseason debuts for the Hawkeyes; Sorensen will make his fourth and final appearance at the Big Ten Tournament.

Joey Gunther is seeded No. 7 at 174, Mitch Bowman is No. 8 at 184, Cash Wilcke is No. 3 at 197, and Sam Stoll rounds out the Iowa list at No. 4 for heavyweight.

Iowa's 133-pounder Paul Glynn and 141-pounder Vince Turk are unseeded.

Field hockey releases team awards

Iowa field hockey announced its four individual athlete awards on Monday, with votes coming from team members and coaches.

MVP: Katie Birch

Birch ranked third in the conference with 14 goals on the year. She was also No. 2 in goals per game (0.78).

Nancy McLinden Carr Award: Maddy Murphy

Per a release, this award goes to the player "who consistently exudes enthusiasm, energy, and a positive attitude."

Dr. Christine Grant Leadership Award: Mallory Lefkowitz

This award goes to the Hawkeye that demonstrates leadership on a daily basis, according to a release.

Practice Player of the Year Award: Taylor Omweg and Sophie Sunderland

According to a release, this award goes to the athlete(s) who maintains the highest level of intensity throughout the year.

AP TOP 10

On Monday, the Associated Press released its top 25 poll. Virginia remained on top, seven other teams in the top 10 moved.

1. Virginia (48)
2. Michigan State (17)
3. Xavier
4. Villanova
5. Duke
6. Kansas
7. Gonzaga
8. Purdue
9. North Carolina
10. Cincinnati

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Terrible ... I was a facilitator."

— Men's basketball head coach



Fran McCaffery on if he was a good free-throw shooter back in his college days

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa basketball's win over Northwestern was its first victory of the season when scoring fewer than 80 points.

80 points

Bohannon's miss earns national praise

Jordan Bohannon's biggest against Northwestern play came on an intentionally missed free throw.

Iowa point guard Jordan Bohannon made national headlines on Jan. 16, 1993, when Iowa played Duke in Durham, North Carolina, and the record has stood the test of time.

During the game, many wondered if Bohannon had missed the shot on purpose. An 89 percent free-throw shooter, he rarely misses, and when he does, it's usually not by a lot, unlike his intentional miss.

The late Street set the record in on Jan. 16, 1993, when Iowa played Duke in Durham, North Carolina, and the record has stood the test of time.

With Iowa leading Northwestern by 8 and Bohannon tied with Street at 34-consecutive free throws, the Iowa guard left his shot from the charity stripe short to honor the Hawkeye legend.

He confirmed his intention after the game.



Bohannon

The story was featured on national media, including "SportsCenter," NBC Nightly News, and Bleacher Report.

Bohannon, however, wasn't expecting the miss to

make national news.

"It does surprise me," he said. "I was just doing what was right to me. I didn't think much of it at the time. I didn't think it was going to take off as much as it did, but I'm honestly glad it did, because it deserves to be known that the record deserves to stay in his name."

— Pete Ruden

Gustafson named Big Ten's best

Megan Gustafson caps a record-breaking season by being named as the media's Big Ten Player of the Year.

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA

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After an Iowa season dominated by Megan Gustafson's stellar play, the Big Ten media recognized her magical season by naming her Big Ten Player of the Year.

All season long, it seemed as though nothing could stop the double-double machine as she fought for an average of 25.3 points per game and 12.8 rebounds per game. She finished the year in the top five of the two aforementioned categories as well as six others, which contributed to her unanimous selection to the media and coaches All-Big Ten first team.

In typical Gustafson fashion, she credited her omnipresent humility after hearing that she won the award.

"This means a lot," she said in a release. "I've put in so much work the past three years at Iowa. My teammates, my coaches, and the support staff have all been amazing. It's a dream come true to play the sport that I love with the people I love. At the end of the day, I just have to thank my teammates, my coaches and my family."

As if winning Player of the Year honors weren't enough to show her dominance this year, she also sprinkled her name in the Iowa record book this season, rewriting six

SEE GUSTAFSON, 7



STATS PER GAME

Points: 25.3
Rebounds: 12.8
Assists: 1.4
Blocks: 2
Field-goal percentage: 66.7
Free-throw percentage: 80.4

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Iowa center Megan Gustafson celebrates after drawing a foul while making a basket against Purdue in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 13.

Uhl displays steady senior leadership

Dom Uhl's playing time may have faded this season, but he has remained a leader for a young Iowa team.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Dom Uhl (25) goes for a rebound on Seniors Day against Northwestern in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 77-70.

BY PETE RUDEN

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As Dom Uhl stood at midcourt on Sunday, fans gave him a standing ovation accompanied by loud cheers as he was honored during the team's Senior Night.

As deserving as the moment was for the senior who has stayed true to the Black and Gold, it was a reminder of how Uhl's career as a Hawkeye has been a roller-coaster affair.

After a solid sophomore season that gave a glimpse of his potential, he struggled to find consistent playing time on a roster full of up-and-coming freshmen and sophomores.

His lack of playing time became even more apparent this season, as evidenced by his 4.6 minutes a game in just 16 contests, down from

14.6 minutes in 32 games last year.

Despite the lack of impact he has made on the court, Uhl has displayed senior leadership and remained a source of positivity for the young Hawkeye squad.

"He's been able to [lead] since I got here," freshman big man Luka Garza said. "The experience he's had being here four years and on some of the great teams with some of the best players that ever played here, it shows. He's always out there trying to help us and talking to us before the game."

Interestingly enough, Uhl's career has resembled that of Iowa's past seasons. The 2015-16 year was one of the Hawkeyes' best seasons in recent memory, as they rose as high as No. 3

SEE UHL, 7

Baseball returns to Banks Field

Off to one of its best records in the past few seasons, Iowa baseball opens up its play at Banks Field with Cornell College tonight.

BY ADAM HENSLEY

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It's that time of the year again.

Iowa baseball makes its highly anticipated season debut at Banks Field today, taking on Cornell College at 4 p.m.

Aside from a shaky contest against Ball State over the weekend, Iowa enters its first Tuesday game of the season with a 5-1 record — a sizzling start for a team poised with Big Ten Tournament aspirations on its mind.

"The sky's the limit," outfielder Robert Neustrom, who's hitting .368 on the season, said back on Iowa's media day.

But postseason play starts in May, and the Rams will be the top priority on the Hawkeye radar this afternoon.

Today marks the 71st meeting between Iowa and Cornell, with Iowa taking 60 of those games. These teams met last season, but for only two innings. Rain after the two scoreless resulted in a cancellation.

The last time these teams played a complete game was in 2015, when the Hawkeyes took down the Rams, 9-1.

Last season, Cornell finished one game below .500 last season (19-20), but fared well in the Midwest Conference, winning 12 of its 20 games in league play. Today's game is the Rams' first of the season.

Iowa has six games under its belt in a young season, and the Hawkeyes are fresh off a three-game series in New Orleans at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Baseball Classic.

The Black and Gold flew back to Iowa City with

SEE BASEBALL, 7



Neustrom