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News To Know



Women's basketball triumphs in first game of Big Ten tourney

The Hawkeye women kept their hot streak going by beating Northwestern, 55-45, in Indianapolis. Iowa held the Wildcats to just 1 point in the first quarter, and the Hawkeyes needed it — Northwestern went on a late run to make it close. Iowa will face Minnesota at 1:30 p.m. today. **Sports, 8**



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Cultural-competency bill fails, but conversations continue

After a bill to require cultural-competency curriculum in Iowa high schools failed in the Legislature, the conversation continues about the importance of the coursework. "I think conversations about race, color, and differences need to be age-appropriate, and it needs to start early," said Yolanda Spears, the UI coordinator for the Critical Cultural Competency Certificate Program, noting the discussion should start in preschool. **News, 3**

Men's basketball loses to Michigan, 77-71

Jordan Bohannon hit a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left to send Iowa's game against Michigan into overtime, but the defending Big Ten Tournament champions still came out on top. Although the season didn't go the way the Hawkeyes wanted, head coach Fran McCaffery is proud of how his team kept fighting, especially in recent games. **Sports, 8**

Putting heads together in neurological research trials

NeuroNEXT, a network of neurological research that has a hub at the UI, applied for a five-year renewal in February. The network gathers experts in various specialties of neurology to analyze results of clinical trials. **News, 2**

Wrestling heavyweights have work to do

To put it simply, the Hawkeye higher weights don't have as many contenders for a Big Ten title as Iowa's lighter weights. While 165-pounder Alex Marinelli has a legitimate shot, many others will have to go on unlikely runs to grab the gold. Still, Iowa has three of the higher weights seeded in the top five: Marinelli, Cash Wilcke, and Sam Stoll. **Sports, 8**



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Mostly sunny, breezy.

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Fire hits central IC apartment

An apartment building roof went up in flames Thursday night.

Not too long after the sun set on Thursday, an Iowa City apartment went up in a blaze.

Around 8 p.m., fire crews responded to the reported fire at 432 S. Johnson St. At the time of the fire, firefighters said, residents evacuated the premises and no injuries were reported.

The cause for the fire has not yet been reported nor has a damage estimate been re-

leased. Witnesses at the scene said a large hole in the roof was visible, and the smoke and parts of the fire could be seen from a distance.

Officials at the Iowa City Fire Department said they weren't taking calls from the media and they would send a press release later.

— Charles Peckman



Local firefighters respond to a fire in the top floor of 432 S. Johnson St. around 8 p.m. on Thursday. *Olivia Sun/The Daily Iowan*

Forum delves into ending assault

Thursday's forum focused on finding ways to end sexual assault and what the social-media movement has potentially done to assist that.



Sid Peterson/The Daily Iowan

Five speakers from the Iowa City area participated in the #MeToo Iowa forum in Shambaugh Auditorium on Thursday. Audience members discussed ways to alleviate the threats of sexual assault and harassment.

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A Thursday night event took sexual-assault prevention into the digital realm.

A panel of UI faculty and rape-prevention specialists joined together to discuss effective ways to combat sexual assault and the effects of online activism in a forum called "#MeToo: An Inclusive Campus Forum on Stopping Sexual Assault and Harassment."

The discussion took place in the Main Library's Shambaugh Auditorium and focused

on a number of issues relating to the #MeToo movement and sexual assault. Among these issues were how different ways of online activism intersect and how sexual violence isn't always at a personal level.

After the primary discussion, speakers took questions from the audience. A few audience members talked about their own experiences with sexual assault and asked such questions as whether sexual education should be taught before middle school and how consent from non-American cultures differed from the general American standpoint.

One of the panelists, UI Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinator Monique DiCarlo, also presented a detailed flowchart relating to how the university handles such cases. She talked about the number of instances of alleged sexual misconduct that her office viewed in 2016 and how various instances could lead to different outcomes for the accused.

Melissa Tully, a UI assistant professor of journalism, talked about how online activism could potentially lead to individuals embracing

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UI to start search for new provost

After almost a year with no permanent executive vice president and provost, the UI chose co-chairs to lead the search for a replacement.



Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan

Interim Provost Sue Curry speaks during an interview in her Jessup Hall office on June 12, 2017. Curry began as interim provost in April after P. Barry Butler stepped down to take a position as the new president of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

BY MARISSA PAYNE
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The University of Iowa has filled the executive vice president/provost position on an interim basis for nearly a year, but Thursday, the institution announced it is starting the search to look for a permanent replacement.

Since the March 2017 departure of former UI Provost P. Barry Butler, who left to become president of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, the UI has been looking to fill the position but had not start-

ed the search process. Sue Curry, formerly the dean of the College of Public Health, was selected to fill the position as interim provost in April 2017.

Curry will continue to fill the position until a replacement begins working.

"It was important to appoint an interim who was not seeking the position permanently and would be willing to serve for an extended period without returning to their role as dean," UI President Bruce Harrelld said in a press release. "Sue hit the job run-

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COLUMN

No shots, much confusion at Currier Hall

Emotions ran high after a student called in a 'loud bang' that sounded like gunshots at Currier.



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At 11:11 p.m. Wednesday, I was listening to music in my room. My homework was done, and I decided to get ready for bed when I got two messages at the same time. One came from my RA, the other from my editors at *The Daily Iowan*, asking if someone knew what was happening at Currier.

Confused, I read my RA's message next. She told us there was something happening in or around Currier, and the police were advising students to stay in their rooms.

Later, I learned that there hadn't been any real situation, and everyone was safe. A statement released by the University of Iowa Department of Safety said a student reported a loud noise that sounded like numerous gunshots, but after police responded to the call, they determined there was no indication that shots had been fired,

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DAMSELS IN DE-STRESS



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

UI alumnae Dhyana Nesler-Perez (left) and Marissa Gordinier take a smoke break downtown on Thursday. "It's nice to de-stress in the sun," Gordinier said.

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ning and is moving the university forward, implementing the strategic plan and completing the review of our academic organizational structure, both of which will be extremely valuable to our incoming provost."

Several searches for UI administrators are ongoing,

including searches for three new deans in the College of Public Health, College of Law, and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Previously, Curry planned not to hire a new Liberal Arts dean before a new provost could be selected, but switched course in fall 2017 after faculty voiced concern about the university conducting its 2020 initiative without starting the search process for a new Liberal

Arts dean. The results of the 2020 initiative, they feared, might result in the breakup of the college, the largest on campus.

"I'm excited that we have reached the position to launch a search," Curry said in the release. "I'm committed to seeing these projects through and to working with our new deans during the coming academic year in order to ensure a smooth transition."

Gail Agrawal, dean of the College of Law, and Teresa Mangum, director of the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, will serve as co-chairs of the search committee for a new provost.

"Selecting a new provost is one of the most important decisions facing a university, which is why I asked Gail and Teresa to co-chair the search committee," Harrell said. "Both are strong leaders in their own right and

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activist positions in real life, something she referred to as "gateway activism."

The #MeToo movement has succeeded in spreading awareness about sexual assault, she noted.

"It's been successful as

to how it's brought these issues to light," she said. "There's been a lot of open, honest, public conversation that probably wouldn't have happened without the social-media side of it."

Tully was one of the journalism faculty members who organized the event.

"We were talking about having an event in which we could bring together differ-

ent community stakeholders to talk about some of these issues," Tully said. "We were trying to bring together different voices and to get into the complexity of some of these issues."

Panelist Cody Howell, a violence prevention specialist at the Women's Resource & Action Center, talked about how men are affected by sexual misconduct and

how they shouldn't be afraid of speaking out when assaulted.

Howell said education about consent is a good way to prevent sexual assault. "A lot of it comes down to giving more information about consent ... when somebody doesn't want to consent to anything, they shouldn't feel like that's on them. They should feel that it's OK to ac-

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that these disciplines must co-exist for the UI to provide a classic liberal arts education."

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and they were confident the sound did not come from a firearm.

I knew all this later, but at the time, I was in the dark.

My entire body went on lockdown. I couldn't move, just thinking about what could be happening in the building while my roommate slept. My mind jumped to a shooter roaming from floor to floor, trying every door to see if it was locked.

I looked around my room, trying to decide where the best place to hide if someone tried to break down the door

when I started getting more messages, telling of rumors about a student with guns in the building.

My pulse skyrocketed, and I briefly thought about calling my parents to tell them I loved them before deciding against it. I didn't know anything for sure, and I didn't want to scare them for no reason.

As soon as students got the all clear to leave their rooms, I raced through the hallway and down the stairs to the first floor. Heads poked out of doorways, and wide-eyed students clustered together, whispering, trying to figure out what was going on.

I ran into one of my friends on my way down the stairs, freshman Allie

Hopkins, and she told me around 20 cops with guns were in the lobby and made her leave the building when she was trying to get her mail. No one would tell her anything.

"I didn't know what was happening, and they had guns, it was ridiculous," she said. "With what has happened recently ... it was really scary."

By the time everything was done, it was close to midnight. I had figured out everything I could, the adrenaline was wearing off, and I ready to just fall into bed. When I tried to sleep, however, my mind wouldn't shut off.

What if there had been

a shooter? What would I have done? What if I became another victim of the shootings that seem to be a common occurrence? These questions kept me up for the rest of the night.

Hopkins had some of the same questions, and a few others about what she said she saw as a chaotic reaction from the police and residence hall.

"I'm angry, because I feel like Currier didn't have a protocol. What if there was an active shooter? It was a mess," she said. "I left my room not knowing what could have been going on downstairs, and I feel like there needs to be a more set protocol."

NeuroNEXT aims to understand brain disorders

NeuroNEXT applies for a five-year renewal to continue coordinating research trials.

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A consortium initiated by the National Institutes of Health, NeuroNEXT, is designed to bring together clinical sites and coordinating centers to perform clinical trials of neurological disorders.

As of now, there are 25 clinical trial sites across the country. The University of Iowa College of Public Health has been identified as the data coordinating center.

NeuroNEXT was initially funded in 2011, and the Clinical Trials Statistical and Data Management Center, a center in the Public Health College, applied for a five-year renewal in February.

"Set up for mid-level clinical trials, [NeuroNEXT] helps to determine whether interventions and treatments are powerful enough to go into the large informatory," UI data center Director Christopher Coffey said.

The Public Health College

is responsible for data management, protocol coordination, and monitoring the 25 academic sites that conduct trials, Coffey said.

NeuroNEXT is designed to provide expertise in clinical trial analysis both from a statistical and clinical standpoint, he said.

"The idea is it expands the accessibility to do these trials so that an investigator who doesn't have a lot of experience and might have trouble pulling these pieces together which might be a reprimanding step for them to get funding for that study, they can use the expertise through the network," Coffey said.

NeuroNEXT has had nine projects funded so far. Seven were by investigators who had never led a clinical trial before, Coffey said.

"Whereas, if the infrastructure [of NeuroNEXT] didn't exist, they would have to pull the various pieces together," Coffey said.

NeuroNEXT is not a disease-specific network, so it

can cover any disorder under the neurological-disorders umbrella, other than stroke, he said.

Neurological disorders are complicated because there are a lot of subjective outcomes possible. There are a lot of variations seen in these disorders, said Dixie Ecklund, the director of operations for the data center.

"If somebody has cancer, you can take a CT scan or draw blood and say they have cancer. [However,] for Parkinson's [disease], there's no blood test," she said. "If people have a constellation for symptoms, that eventually they get the diagnosis. And there is a lot of variability in the disease."

"The NeuroNEXT network is an important addition to finding treatments for rare neurological diseases by combining efforts of multiple centers, coordinated by clinical and data centers with experience in these diseases," Laurie Gutmann, director of site support and man-

agement, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

The network aims to get more active and passive participation from pre-grant and junior faculty so they get to learn how a clinical trial protocol works. It is now aimed at training people of younger generations, Gutmann said.

"Going further, we want to use this network from an educational perspective," Coffey said. "We are proposing to expand on training types of activities within the network."

The network recently published a study that played a vital role in getting FDA approval for a Spiroza, a drug for infantile spinal muscular atrophy, Coffey said. That is a genetic disease that affects a person's ability to walk in the long run.

"This type of network is important for gaining a better understanding of potential treatments for rare neurological disorders," Gutman said.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Quirky characters we now know

A former UI faculty member returns to read from his collection of short stories, *The Book of Wonder*.

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Imagine a librarian who adores books. Seems ordinary, right? But, he actually doesn't enjoy reading, he only likes the texture and look of the books he holds so dear. But a simple sentence like this one can be tossed into the "ordinary" bin of readers' minds.

Author Douglas Trevor, a former UI English Department faculty member, stirs up a spice-filled brew of fairly lighthearted short stories called *The Book of Wonders*.

Located in the midst of book shelves and warm coffee, Prairie Lights hosted Trevor and his interested readers and colleagues on Thursday.

Trevor read clips of each of his nine short stories, each with a wide range of plots and very interesting, very human, characters. From a Shakespearean scholar to professors as felons to librarians who never read, each quirky story orbits a similar theme.

"These stories are about the ridiculous and the not-so-ri-

dulous ways that people try to get out of ruts. Many of the stories look at people who are emerging from disastrous relationships," Trevor said. "And a number of the stories think about the relationships that people have with books and with other people they connect with through books."

All bookworms enjoy comparing their interactions and thoughts to their beloved, bound stories. For instance, one story tells of a woman with writer's block, and the twist of her writer's block ending may give present and future writers the jitters.

Trevor also asks the following questions.

"How dependent is storytelling on the medium in which stories are told? What does it mean to read a story on the page, as opposed to hearing a story, or dreaming a narrative? How is technology changing storytelling? What is the future of narrative?"

Trevor began reading from the first part of his book, which narrows into a New England town with a curious

adult daughter and an elderly mother whose tense aura radiates the household on Thanksgiving Day.

The Book of Wonders, as she calls it, sits atop a dresser, holding all her precious antique transactions, is at risk when her daughter's husband asks to take a look. With Anabelle's obsession for antiques, and two toddler grandchildren rambling about the house, her mind begins revolves around the '60s, her golden days.

In the story presenting the failed Shakespeare scholar, interested readers comment on the themes of the story.

"In some ways, it's facing a failure, but he is finally able to shake off his illusion of who he thought he was going to be," said Miriam Gilbert, a UI professor emerita of English. "It's about losing who you thought you were, but in a way, you're free to become somebody new."

At the age of 6, Trevor began writing his first short stories. Even at that young age, he hired an "illustrator," his sister. Once in college, he



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

started writing fiction seriously and was published at 23 years old.

Trevor has had many of his works published, including his books *Girls I Know*, and *The Thin Tear in the Fabric of Space* (winner of the Io-

wa Short Fiction Award). He said he is excited to be back in Iowa City after having been deprived of the City of Literature for so long. At present, he teaches creative writing and directs the writing program at the University of Michigan

and lives in Ann Arbor. "I was spellbound," Prairie Lights events coordinator Kathleen Johnson said. "I thought that he described the tensions between family members that was really relatable but also fresh and new."

ETHICS & POLITICS

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Cultural competency in high schools

Educators discuss the need for cultural-competency education after proposed legislation dies in the legislative funnel.

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House File 2204 bill was introduced in early February by Rep. Ruth Ann Gaines, D-Des Moines, a former educator; it aimed to mandate one-half unit of cultural-competency coursework for ninth-grade students in Iowa public schools.

While the bill did not make it through the first funnel in the state Legislature, meaning it was not voted out of the House education subcommittee, it was referred to after its first reading.

Yolanda Spears, the University of Iowa coordinator for the Critical Cultural Competency Certificate Program, said there is a need for students to learn about different cultural groups in society, and it should start earlier than ninth grade, as the bill proposed.

"I think conversations about race, color, and differences need to be age-appropriate, and it needs to start early," she said, noting the discussion should start in preschool.

The coursework would have included lessons on understanding the values, lifestyles, history, and contributions of various cultural groups, as well as recog-

nizing biases and the effect they have on interpersonal relations.

Gaines said cultural-competency education would not only create a more inclusive environment in the future but throughout a student's four years of high school by having the course as a freshman.

Spears said no matter where people go, they will encounter others who belong to various cultural groups, and it is imperative to understand the histories, struggles, and joys of those groups and what they bring to society.

Gaines, who is running for her fifth term this year, said she will continue to propose legislation similar to HF2204 if re-elected, but she noted that she does not take anything for granted.

The National Education Association defines cultural competence as "having an awareness of one's own cultural identity and views about difference, and the ability to learn and build on the varying cultural and community norms of students and their families."

Spears described cultural-competency education as the foundation for later understanding of how systems of oppression work as well as understand-

ing bias and discrimination. She also said it can unite people both at home and abroad.

Jesús Payán, the coordinator of Multicultural Programs at the UI Latino Native American Cultural Center, also described education as only the first step; the next step would be learning to be culturally responsive, which, he said, could come from having cultural competency embedded in the design of the education system.

He also noted that learning about different cultural groups and being more culturally responsive is important because it opens people to having new experiences.

"When you create these new experiences of meeting a person from a different circle, a different membership, a different community, it creates this new reality that you can now cherish the moment and experience a new reality that you wouldn't have experienced otherwise," Payán said.

Even without a legislative mandate, Gaines said, there are a variety of things educators can do to bring the ideas from HF 2204 into their classrooms. She suggested educators in all areas, not just social studies, could incorporate the contributions of different minority and immigrant groups into their lessons.

Gaines also noted the lack of diversity in rural Iowa may not give people the opportunity to

interact with people with different backgrounds.

"They come up against differences, and they don't know how to deal with them," Gaines said. "Well, this would facilitate that."

The Iowa Board of Education adopted new social-studies stan-

dards in May that aim to meet the need for people to adapt to new changes as a way to sustain democratic traditions.

Each level in kindergarten-eighth grade and in ninth-12th grade includes inquiry standards that define key skills in social studies, according to

state Department of Education documents.

The standards for K-eighth grade each have their own theme, or focus area, which are grade-specific.

The standards must be fully implemented by the 2020-21 academic year.



Spears



Gaines

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grassley responds to editorial on gun violence

The Iowa senator says every child deserves to feel safe in school, and we must work together to accomplish this.

School shootings strike a raw nerve in society and rightfully so. During my 14 county meetings last week in eastern Iowa, Iowans expressed passionate views on the issue of gun violence. Mass shootings rip apart the fabric of American life, creating a lifetime of grief and sorrow for survivors and the loved ones left behind. Every child deserves to feel safe in school.

Your Feb. 20 editorial, "After yet another school shooting, Congress must act against gun violence," deserves a response. As one of Iowa's elected representatives in Congress, I agree we must act. I have pushed for legislation that would keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals

and that would make schools safer, and I will continue to do so. In 2013, I drafted an amendment with Sen. Ted Cruz that would have put \$300 million toward making our schools safer, strengthened the federal background-check system for gun purchasers, studied the causes of mass shootings, and provided more rigorous prosecution of gun crimes. Although it garnered bipartisan support from the majority of the Senate, the Democrats blocked it from receiving 60 votes.

I also stand strongly behind the fact that the government did not "do a very good job" of preventing the massacre at Stoneman Douglas High. In fact, it's very troubling to learn that so

many red flags were missed or flat-out ignored regarding the troubled 19-year-old now charged with killing 17 people in Parkland, Florida. The people who knew him saw something, and they said something. Incredibly, law enforcement didn't "do something." At my request, my Judiciary Committee staff received a briefing from the FBI and Google last week to examine the mistakes so that they don't happen again.

We must work together to keep our schools and our campuses safe. Unfortunately, the causes of gun violence are complex, and there is no single law that would guarantee public safety. It will take a thoughtful, multifaceted

approach to address gun violence. That's why I support comprehensive measures, including strengthening and enforcing the criminal-background-checks system; looking at preventing bump stocks from turning legal firearms into automatic weapons; increasing mental-health services and screenings; improving reporting systems to avert threats of school violence; upgrading school safety infrastructure and holding government accountable for missing red flags.

Finally, your editorial informs readers about the Obama-era regulation that automatically put certain Social Security recipients on the federal gun-ban list. The Social Security Administra-

tion rule stigmatized persons with mental disabilities for being assigned a person to help manage their money. That's why a broad coalition of civil and disability-rights groups, including the ACLU, joined the call to repeal the flawed ruling. A person with say, an eating or sleep disorder, could have been put on the FBI list without due process. No one had to show a person was a danger to self or others before being put on the list. As a society, we must do more to destigmatize mental-health diseases and expand access to mental-health services, from the criminal justice system to improving suicide prevention for students and veterans.

I am deeply troubled by

gun violence on our streets and in our schools. Schools are a sanctuary of learning and opportunity. Let's keep them that way.

I welcome the renewed dialogue to address school safety, an issue that resonates with families in every neighborhood across America. Throughout my public service, I have made a commitment to keeping in touch with Iowans because it is essential to representative government. We are stronger united, not divided. We should focus on areas where we can find consensus and enact laws that will make a difference.

— **Chuck Grassley**
New Hartford, Iowa
U.S. Senator

COLUMN

Israeli corruption case mirrors U.S. politics

Strongman authoritarian rule has become more popular in world politics, particularly with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



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A divisive leader is at the center of an investigation into bribery, fraud, and breach-of-trust charges. He denounces the investigation as "fake news," calling it a "witch hunt." He's constantly working to discredit his own attorney general and police force. It might surprise you, but I'm not referring to President Donald Trump. No, I'm drawing a parallel between U.S. domestic politics, and the corruption scandals em-

broiling Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Israeli police have recommended the Israeli attorney general indict Netanyahu. In response, Netanyahu questions the integrity of Israeli institutions. As a master of media narrative, he could very well endure these charges. The message to the world will be loud and clear, "attack your own democratic institutions, undermine the public's trust in the government, and command the media narrative, and you can get away with anything." For this reason, the situation in Israel deserves our attention.

There are several threads to this web of allegations. I'm here to get that sticky cobweb out of your hair and all sorted out.

The first case in the police recommendations, Case 1000, involves Netanyahu allegedly receiving nearly \$300,000 worth of gifts from an Israeli-born Hollywood producer, Arnon Milchan. In return for these gifts, Milchan allegedly received massive tax breaks and Netanyahu's help in securing a U.S. visa. Milchan worked for Israeli intelligence, passing on nuclear secrets from the US to the Israeli government. He's been quite vocal about that — that's what got him into trouble in the first place.

The second instance, Case 2000, revolves around Netanyahu's alleged attempt to make a deal with Israel's largest newspaper, *Yediot Aharonot*, to secure more favorable coverage. Netanyahu

allegedly suggested to the publisher of *Yediot Aharonot* that he could negotiate with a rival newspaper and ally of Netanyahu, *Israel Hayom*, to limit circulation, thus increasing *Yediot Aharonot's* market share. In return, Netanyahu would receive first-class media treatment, free from such pesky items as criticism and scrutiny.

Things get even juicier with Case 3000. Long story short, Netanyahu bought submarines the Israeli military deemed unnecessary, and Netanyahu's second cousin/personal lawyer profited from the deal. We've seen a lot of this kind of cronyism in the White House. Just last week, Melania Trump had to let one of her advisers go because she was paid tens of millions of dollars for the In-

auguration Day celebrations. Trump has a habit of rewarding multimillion dollar contracts to small firms run by personal friends.

Last, the Israeli police are still actively investigating case 4000. This case alleges Netanyahu gave favorable regulatory benefits to a popular Israeli news website for more positive coverage. The website is now a pro-Netanyahu operation.

Look, the man loves his positive coverage. And who doesn't? It's a great way of stifling dissent and securing power.

We live in a time where countries across the world are sliding into strongman authoritarian rule. Just this week, President Xi Jinping secured the Chinese presidency indefinitely. In this

time of global uncertainty, the strongman leader can be tempting. But to preserve democracy, at home and abroad, we must stand up against leaders who seek to consolidate power through repression and autocracy. Israel is still far from an autocratic society, but its people must stand up against any politician who doesn't play by the rules, who believes he is above the law, and who makes it his mission to undermine institutions essential to a democratic state, such as a free press and independent judiciary.

Maybe Netanyahu is guilty, maybe he isn't. But he is still a citizen of Israel and should be held to the same standards as anyone else. And if it were anyone else, we'd have seen an indictment by now.

COLUMN

If Congress won't act, Americans must take leadership

Companies disowning the NRA and ending firearm sales is likely as effective as any legislation this government would put in place.



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The Parkland shooting has undoubtedly sparked a revolution. On Wednesday, President Donald Trump proclaimed that he would be in favor of resurrecting gun-control legislation opposed by his party and the NRA, saying, "It would be so beautiful to have one bill that everyone could support. It's time that a president stepped up."

As reported by *The New*

York Times, the president also called for "gun-control legislation that would expand background checks to weapons purchased at gun shows and on the Internet, keeping guns from mentally ill people, securing schools, and restricting gun sales for some young adults, and starting a conversation on an assault-weapons ban."

Our government is not solely composed of Trump, however, and our congressional branch is ferociously pro-gun. Without Congress' support, the president will not be able to get any bill passed, and it has been made clear that the NRA's Congress has no intention of backing gun reform.

Although members of Congress work for the peo-

ple in their districts, they often choose to make laws that favor of their largest donors rather than their constituents. When a government stops listening to its people, reform begins to seem improbable.

But we do not need the lawmakers. If the people band together with a common goal of ending gun violence in America, we can begin gun reform by ourselves.

As of Thursday, the following businesses have cut ties with the NRA: the First National Bank of Omaha, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alamo Rent a Car, Hertz, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Paramount RX. These are just a few of the many businesses that have sev-

ered connections with the NRA, revoking discounts for members of the association.

The NRA has labeled their actions as "a shameful display of political and civic cowardice." This couldn't be any further from the truth. With big companies courageously taking a stand against an organization that has dictated the gun conversation for more than a century, change becomes plausible.

Following in the footsteps of the companies who left the NRA, Dick's Sporting Goods and Walmart — two of the nation's leading gun sellers — took measures to improve gun safety on Wednesday.

Dick's Sporting Goods' chief executive, Edward

Stack, has chosen to immediately end all sales of assault weapons and will ban gun sales to anyone under 21, regardless of municipal laws.

"When we saw what happened in Parkland, we were so disturbed and upset," Stack said in an interview with the *Times*. "We love these kids and their rallying cry, 'Enough is enough.' It got to us."

Walmart will raise the minimum age for firearm and ammunition purchases to 21.

Imagine what would happen if every gun-selling company were to follow in the footsteps of those listed above. The restrictions that these companies have placed on their firearms

are likely just as effective as the restrictions our government would put in place, should it ever give in to the pressure to act.

By ostracizing the NRA and putting company-enforced restrictions in place sans Congress, we force its hand: It must do more. If baseline gun control is in place, then the laws Congress will work on must take the work we've done to the next level. And if it doesn't act, we vote the members out.

A revolution can only be successful when all supporters band together and refuse to give up until victorious. Let's unite, and with our actions, show Congress that when we say "Never Again," we mean it.

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Iowa takes deep team to Deep South

After a good start to the season, the Hawkeyes want their bats to heat up in Alabama.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Now sitting with a 6-1 record, Iowa baseball will head south for the third time in as many weeks to take on UAB.

The Hawkeyes are entering their first three-game series of the season with a team fresh off a 15-1 beatdown of Cornell College on Tuesday for preparation.

"It's definitely important to keep that momentum going," catcher Tyler Cropley said. "Just getting back out here and being outside again ... Head down there on Thursday and play Friday. It's some decent weather, so it'll be good."

The win over Cornell was positive in more than one way

for the Hawkeyes; Iowa got 14 position players into the game and seven pitchers.

The opportunity to get a lot of role players into a game doesn't come around that often, so it could be big that Iowa had a chance to show off its depth.

Of the seven pitchers who took the mound, only one allowed more than 1 hit, showcasing the strength of the staff.

"It's definitely a huge advantage to be able to get your feet wet," left-hander Trenton Wallace said. "The earlier in the season that we can get in and get these meaningful innings to us, I think it gives us a chance to settle into our roles and find where we are as a pitcher."

While the pitching has

been strong, the hitting hasn't reached head coach Rick Heller's expectations. Despite a 6-1 record and an average of 6.7 runs per game, there isn't one player who stands out.

Third baseman Lorenzo Elion leads the Hawkeyes with a .364 average, and right fielder Robert Neustrom trails slightly with a .357 average. Cropley rounds out the group above .300, hitting .308.

Heller thinks his team will pick it up eventually, just as it did last year. Still, he's pleased with the results so far.

"I wouldn't say that anybody's really hot right now," Heller said. "To be able to be 6-1 and be able to tell you that we don't have anybody hot offen-

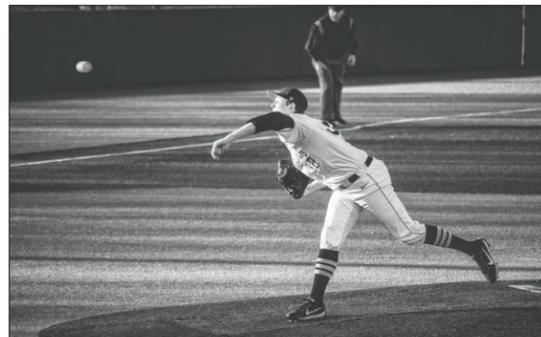
sively, and we've got five or six guys who are scuffling a little bit is a pretty good thing."

UAB, which has fallen to 4-3 after starting the season 3-1, returns six starters from its squad that went 24-31 last season. This year, the Blazers aren't expected to be much better — they were picked to finish 11th in the C-USA.

The problem with UAB this season has been its bats. Through seven games, the Blazers are hitting just .239 as a team with two players above .300, which Iowa can take advantage of with strong pitching.

UAB's staff on the mound has been strong, though. The Blazers have a team ERA of 2.18 and have given up just 15 earned runs.

Iowa has had a chance to



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Trenton Wallace pitches against Cornell at Banks Field on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes defeated Cornell, 15-1.

work on its mistakes, so it wants to show what it can do against a solid pitching team in Birmingham.

"The great thing about it is we've had a lot of games so far

where we really didn't play that well, so to be able to find ways to win and then be able to work without having to suffer has been great," Heller said. "I just hope that we can build this weekend."

Softball faces challenges in Golden Land

The softball team hopes to use its strong outing to prosper in the Judi Garman Classic in California.

BY JAMES GEERDES
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The Iowa softball team will take the field in Fullerton, California, this weekend for a full slate of games at the Judi Garman Classic.

The squad will face Stanford at 2:30 p.m. today, followed by Cal State-Fullerton at 9:30 p.m. On Saturday, the team has Cal Poly at 2 p.m. and Louisiana-Lafayette at 7:30 p.m. The Hawkeyes will cap the weekend with a March 4 game against Baylor at 11 a.m.

Head coach Marla Looper's

team is coming off an off-week, giving the players time to prepare for some talented lineups.

Before the Hawkeyes' off-week, they had a successful outing at the Texas A&M Invitational, in which they won three of five games and nearly topped sixth-ranked Texas A&M. A passed ball in the third inning was the difference between extra innings and an Aggie win.

"Every time we've stepped on the field so far, we've gotten better," Looper said. "That game was proof that we can be on the field with anybody

in the country, and the next step will be to control some of those 'controllables' so then we win that game with anybody in the country."

The week has given the Hawkeyes time to focus on their weaknesses and prepare for the challenges the Garman Classic poses.

"We're working out the kinks in our team, the things that aren't going so well," freshman shortstop Aralee Bogar said. "We know what our weaknesses are, and we know how to fix it now."

Iowa will have to fend off a 10-7 Stanford squad that is

hitting .394 as team and adds a staff 2.49 ERA.

Fullerton is 6-8, but 4-1 at home, while Cal Poly is 7-7 overall. Lafayette pounded Iowa in their first meeting this season on Feb. 11. The Ragin' Cajuns poured on 9 runs behind 11 hits, Iowa could not respond, and bingo, 9-0.

Since that poor outing, Iowa's pitching has improved immensely. At the A&M Invitational, three Iowa pitchers threw complete games: Lauren Shaw, Erin Riding, and Allison Doocy. Doocy has emerged as the figurehead of Iowa's softball team with her

strong pitching outings. She has posted a 2-2 record but has a 2.01 ERA, keeping the team close with the likes of Texas A&M.

"Our mentality is a lot better," Doocy said. "We're using our mistakes to push forward and get better. We're going to use our losses and wins from this weekend to better ourselves for the rest of the season."

Even with strong pitching, Iowa's bats will need to be hot to take down this weekend's strong talent. The team has adopted a new mentality in the box this season, Looper

said.

"This season, our mindset is just attack every pitch," she said. "Every strike we see, we just go after it, and that's been working really well so far this season. If you're struggling, go back to the basics. If you see a ball, just attack it."

In their last outing, the Hawkeyes scored 11 runs behind 12 hits against Tulsa on Feb. 18.

"We want to put up as many runs as we can, and we know that if they can hold them to as few runs as possible and we put up a couple, we're going to be fine," Bogar said.

FAST START

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It's a punch-first mentality that has helped their strong starts.

"We were ready to come out punching," guard Makenzie Meyer said. "Our goal was to get a lot of stops on defense right away. Nothing was really falling for them, so it played to our advantage big-time."

The first quarter was all Iowa. Other than a made free throw, Northwestern was unable to put the ball in the hoop. However, the Wildcats rallied a bit in the second quarter, outscoring the Hawkeyes, 19-9, to bring the lead down to 10 points.

A grind-it-out defensive third quarter set the stage for a competitive fourth. What made matters worse for the Hawkeyes was Megan Gus-

tafson picking up her fourth foul early in the fourth quarter.

Riding a 9-1 run, Northwestern cut the lead to 5 with just under four minutes to play, prompting head coach Lisa Bluder to call a timeout.

It appeared to be a well-timed; Iowa held Northwestern without a field goal for the rest of the game.

"It's kind of a gut check sometimes," Bluder said about the timeout. "They understand what they have to do. It wasn't anything that we chanced defensively, it was just a point of we've got five minutes left, let's play great defense."

Bluder's well-timed timeout certainly helped motivate Iowa's defense, but it was stellar all game, holding Northwestern to 27.4 percent from the floor.

The Hawkeyes are one of the higher scoring teams in the Big Ten, but oddly enough, the offense was lacking for Iowa.

With just 55 points, it was Iowa's lowest scoring output on the season. More unusual was a low-scoring output from Gustafson, the recently-named Big Ten Player of the Year.

She had a season-low 12 points on just eight shots, and for just the fourth time this season, she failed to snare double-digit rebounds.

"I don't remember the last time we won a game where Megan only had eight shots," Bluder said. "It's nice, actually, it's good for other people to understand that they need to step up in those situations."

Foul trouble and a tough defensive performance from the Wildcats contributed to Gustafson's less-than-stellar performance. But rather than being disappointed in her performance, Gustafson praised her team's performance.

"I got into some foul trouble today," she said. "It's really nice to be able to depend on

my outside shooters. I love the team basketball that we played today, and I'm just excited to move forward."

With Gustafson being contained, scoring was balanced for the Hawkeyes, with five players putting up at least 8 points.

Meyer was the point leader for Iowa, putting up 13 points while handing out 3 assists and grabbing 2 rebounds.

Now, Iowa has fewer than 24 hours to prepare for its next opponent, Minnesota. The game will take place 25 minutes after the conclusion of the Ohio State-Purdue game today.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan
Iowa forward Hannah Stewart attempts to maintain control of the ball during the Iowa/Northwestern Big Ten Tournament game in Indianapolis on Thursday.

DEFENSE

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the Hawkeyes, and shots that fell early failed to make their way into the bucket.

Iowa made four of its six 3-point attempts in its dominating first quarter, but the shots from deep tailed off; the Hawkeyes hit only two more 3-pointers from then on out.

Megan Gustafson, the Hawkeyes' stat-sheet stuffer, was hampered by foul trouble, and she wasn't her usual self on offense. She took only eight shots, scoring 12 points and grabbing 9 rebounds.

Northwestern's best offense came in the second quarter, when the Wildcats shot the ball at a 47 percent

rate. Eight of their 17 makes came in that quarter.

Iowa relied on its defense in what turned out to be a low-scoring, scrappy affair.

"They were able to come back in the second quarter, but I think down the stretch, we were able to finish and keep them from coming back all the way," Gustafson said. "I'm just proud of our grit. That's what's required in the game of basketball."

From the second quarter on, Iowa kept Northwestern's offense in check. The Wildcats made 24 percent of their shots in the third quarter and 38 percent in the fourth.

Just as Gustafson said, it was a gritty affair, for both teams.

Iowa's offense proved to be shaky, turning the ball over 18 times, but it made up for

those giveaways with 15 take-aways.

Thanks to the Hawkeye defense, the Wildcats' offense lacked rhythm. Consistent, fluid ball movement was not there; Northwestern only tallied 8 assists.

Northwestern entered the contest scoring 62.4 points per game, ranking 12th in the Big Ten. Meanwhile, Iowa's scoring defense ranked 10th in the league, holding opponents to 68.7 points per game — the Hawkeyes held the Wildcats to nearly 20 points below their average.

"I think it's the energy we bring on defense," Makenzie Meyer said. "We know when we need to get a stop, we need to lock down. We've been doing a really good job of that."

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- Iowa City Writers' Showcase, English Society, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- "Against Amnesia," William Pretzer of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, 7:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- Kantorei/University Choir, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Concert Hall
- Latitude Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., 2451 Voxman
- Motown: The Musical, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Nicole Peter, M.A. Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
- CAB Movie, The Commuter, 8 & 11 p.m., IMU Big Ten Theater
- CAB Movie, Jumanji, 8 & 11 p.m., IMU Iowa Theater
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 - Home of the first known pizza parlor
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MEN'S
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With Iowa trailing by 3 with 16 seconds left, Jordan Bohannon hit a huge 3-pointer to send the game into overtime and give Iowa another chance to come out on top.

After getting out to a quick 2-point lead in the extra period, the Hawkeyes were outscored 10-2 to finalize the heartbreaking defeat.

"I was proud of the way we came back," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said in a release. "I am proud of the way the guys executed. Even the shots that we missed in overtime that would have given us a chance to win was great execution, and they were good shots by good shooters."

A big reason Iowa had a lead at the break was the difference in 3-point shooting. Michigan went 0-of-7 from behind the arc in the first half and started 0-for-12, while the Hawkeyes were 5-of-9 in the first.

The Wolverines took advantage of Iowa's weak defense in the paint, scoring 48 points inside, good for 62 percent of their points.

Neither team had anyone stand out extensively on the offensive end, but both squads finished the game with four

players in double figures. Charles Matthews dropped a game-high 16 points for the Wolverines, while Xavier Simpson had 12. Moritz Wagner and Duncan Robinson rounded out the double-digit scoring for Michigan by scoring 11 each.

On the other side of the court, Iowa was led by Ryan Kriener in an unlikely turn of events. Kriener had 14 points, 1 shy of his career high. Tyler Cook and Luka Garza both scored 14, and point guard Jordan Bohannon had 11 on 3-of-14 shooting, a rough night from the floor.

The Wolverines are a much more experienced team than the Hawkeyes. Juniors and seniors flood Michigan's roster, while Iowa starts all freshmen and sophomores.

"Iowa is right there," Michigan head coach Jim Beilein said. "I mean, they're right there. Just a little young."

The loss caps off a disappointing season for Iowa; the Hawkeyes were widely expected to make the NCAA Tournament in the preseason.

"Even though the season didn't go as we hoped, these guys never quit on the staff, the staff never quit on them, and most importantly, they didn't quit on each other," McCaffery said in a release. "We kept grinding and trying to get better. You could see it, especially the last few games."

WRESTLING
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tle-ready. A prominent leader of the weights, Marinelli disputes that.

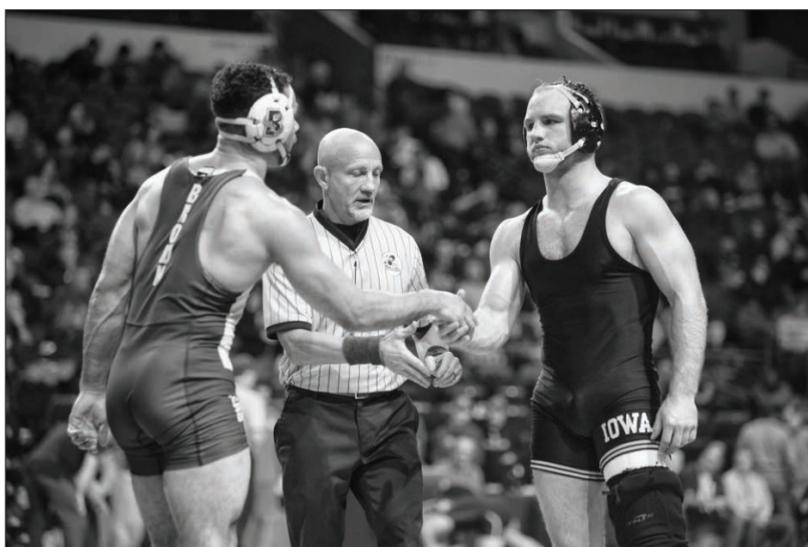
"It's all mental," he said. "We're all sharpened weapons here. We're all ready to go, so if you're not winning, it's on you."

Gunther, the winner of the deciding wrestle-off at 174, agrees. He agrees because he has to.

"Kaleb [Young] definitely pushes me," he said. "We push each other because we were both trying to get that spot. It keeps me focused on wanting to be the best every time and getting to the top every practice. It's time to peak. Get what you need to get, and give what you need to give."

Focus will be key to the wrestlers' success on the mats this weekend. For Big Tens, it's a matter of bucking down and winning three or four matches in a row.

"You just have to take it one match at a time," Marinelli said. "I've talked with Michael Kemerer and he said, 'You go out there, and you put on your best wrestling. After that, you can



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Iowa 165-pound Alex Marinelli shakes hands after a match during the second session of the 55th Annual Midlands Championships in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, on Dec. 29, 2017

relax. If you have a bye first round, you go eat, you relax, then you go put on a show.'

the same as you. So just put your best wrestling on the mat."

Marinelli has the highest chance of coming out on top. Wilcke and Stoll, with some underdog action, could also make it. Stoll, however, has fallen this season to all three wrestlers ranked higher than him, so he isn't so likely to triumph. Gunther and Bowman, on the lower end of the seeding, will certainly have their work cut out for them. The heavyweights have work to do if they want a gold medal.

'You take it one match at a time and realize everyone's human; they're looking to do the same as you. So just put your best wrestling on the mat.'

— Alex Marinelli, 165-pounder

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The heavyweights will certainly need to adopt this specific mentality and focus.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Question marks in Cook's future

Following Iowa's 77-71 loss to Michigan in the Big Ten Tournament, Iowa leading scorer Tyler Cook opted not to answer questions about his future as a Hawkeye.

"I can't really answer that right now," Cook told the *Des Moines Register* about his future at Iowa. "I'm still obviously disappointed about this game, but I'm going to take some time off, take care of my body, take care of my mind, and see where we go from there."

There have been rumors about Cook's potential transfer, but this is the first time he addressed his future in Iowa City.

Big Ten race tightens

There was some drama in the Big Ten today, as single digits determined every game on the men's side.

No. 12 Iowa lost to No. 5 Michigan in overtime, 77-71, after Jordan Bohannon hit a 3-pointer with 16 seconds left to send the game into the extra period. No. 9 Wisconsin got the best of No. 8 Maryland, and No. 7 Penn State topped No. 10 Northwestern.

No. 14 Rutgers then beat No. 6 Indiana to close out the night for the men.

HAWK OF THE WEEK

Jordan Bohannon

Sophomore, men's basketball
Bohannon had himself quite the week. After being kept scoreless at Minnesota on Feb. 21, the sophomore from Marion had back-to-back 25-point games against Northwestern on Sunday and Illinois in the Big Ten Tournament on Wednesday.

He followed that up with a clutch game-tying 3-pointer against Michigan in the tournament to send the game into overtime.

He also went viral on Sunday for intentionally missing a free throw that would have broken the legendary Chris Street's record for most consecutive foul shots made.

WEEKEND SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's basketball (Indianapolis)
Today vs. Minnesota - 1:30 p.m.

Wrestling (East Lansing)
Saturday - Big Ten Championships, all day
March 4 - Big Ten Championships, all day

Baseball
Today @ UAB - 4 p.m.
Saturday @ UAB - 1 p.m.
March 4 @ UAB - noon

Softball (Fullerton, California)
Today @ Stanford - 2:30 p.m.
Today @ Cal State-Fullerton - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday @ Cal Poly - 2 p.m.
Saturday @ Louisiana-Lafayette - 7:30 p.m.
March 4 @ Baylor - 11 a.m.

Men's Tennis
Friday vs. Cornell - 5 p.m.
March 4 vs. Oregon - 11 a.m.
March 4 vs. Omaha - 5 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Saturday @ Notre Dame - 11 a.m.
March 4 @ Northwestern - noon

Men's Gymnastics
Saturday vs. Penn State & Arizona State - 7 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics
Today vs. Southeast Missouri State - 7 p.m.
March 4 @ Texas Women's - 2 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're all sharpened weapons here. We're all ready to go, so if you're not winning, it's on you."



- 165-pounder Alex Marinelli ahead of the Big Ten Tournament

STAT OF THE DAY

Thursday was the first time **Iowa men's basketball** played an overtime game in the Big Ten Tournament, dating back to 1998.



One down, three to go

Iowa holds Northwestern to 1 point in first quarter to nail a victory in the Big Ten Tournament.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa forward Megan Gustafson and Northwestern forward Pallas Kunaia-Akpanah attempt to control of the ball during the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis on Thursday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 55-45. Iowa will take on No.4 Minnesota today.

Fast start propels Iowa tourney win

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The Iowa women's basketball team wanted a fast start to open the Big Ten Tournament on Thursday in Indianapolis, and the Hawkeyes got just that when they finished the first quarter with a 22-1 lead.

While they were unable to maintain a 21-point lead, they never let the Wildcats come closer than 5 in their 55-45 victory.

The first quarter has been huge for the Hawkeyes during their eight-game winning streak; they've outscored opponents, 169-88, during those opening quarters.

SEE FAST START, 5

Defensive hammer flattens Wildcats

It took Northwestern nearly 11 minutes to hit its first shot, and that's the kind of day it was, thanks to Iowa's lockdown defense.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
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It's not often in basketball when a team scores only a single point in a quarter, but that's just what Northwestern did in Iowa's 55-45 win over the Wildcats in the Big Ten Tournament on Thursday in Indianapolis.

"I think that might be the first time I've ever experienced anything like that," Hawkeye head coach Lisa Bluder said. "That was pretty amazing, [but] thank goodness for that first quarter and that good start, because we needed all of that to finish this game."

Thursday marked the fifth time this season

that Iowa has held an opponent to fewer than 50 points, but the first time since taking down Wisconsin, 56-46, on Dec. 28.

The Hawkeyes smothered the Wildcats early — they did not make a single shot from the floor in quarter No. 1. Northwestern's only point came on a free throw, courtesy of Pallas Kunaia-Akpanah.

Iowa managed to secure a 22-1 lead after the first quarter, thanks to its defensive heroics and a 64 percent shooting performance.

But for the remainder of the contest, the Iowa offense went dormant. The turnover bug plagued

SEE DEFENSE, 5

End-of-season blues floods Hawks

Iowa fought as hard as it could, forcing overtime, but it wasn't enough to beat the defending Big Ten Tournament champions.



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Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery reacts on the sideline during the game against Indiana in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 17. The Hoosiers defeated the Hawkeyes, 84-82.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Iowa didn't want to be done. After falling to Michigan twice in the regular season, the Hawkeyes had a solid game with a halftime lead and overtime to take down the defending Big Ten Tournament champions and keep their season alive for another day.

But Michigan ended Iowa's hopes for an NCAA Tournament berth with a 77-71 win on

Thursday in Madison Square Garden.

It didn't always look like the Wolverines would pull out the win, though. Iowa led 40-35 at half and seemed to have some momentum after going into the break with a pair of free throws.

Michigan made strides in the second half, going on an 11-0 run to start the final 20 minutes. Iowa didn't hit its first field goal until 5 1/2 minutes elapsed.

SEE MEN'S, 7

Higher weights face some challenges

Going into the Big Ten Championships, the heavyweights have work to do before going to battle.

BY TAYLOR MCNITT
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The Big Ten Championships are a day away, and the Iowa wrestling program is going to war.

Eight of the 10 wrestlers in Iowa's lineup are ranked in the seedings: true freshman Spencer Lee No. 2 at 125, senior Brandon Sorensen No. 2 at 149, sophomore Michael Kemerer is tied for first at 157, freshman Alex Marinelli No. 2 at 165, sophomore Joey Gunther No. 7 at 174, junior Mitch Bowman No. 8 at 184, sophomore Cash Wilcke No.

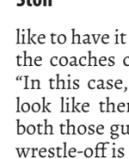
3 at 197, and junior Sam Stoll No. 4 at 285. Five of the eight wrestlers are ranked in the top three, which looks very good for Iowa.

Of those weights, 174 was the big question, and this did not sit well with wrestling head coach Tom Brands.

"Instead of picking one guy, I'd like to have it at least cut-and-dried enough where the coaches can pick the best guy," said Brands. "In this case, though, I even said at 174 it didn't look like there would be a wrestle-off, but how both those guys competed left us no choice, and a wrestle-off is the fairest way to do it."

After a relatively tumultuous season and with this aspect of uncertainty, some might think the higher weights on the team might not be bat-

Stoll



SEE WRESTLING, 7