

## News To Know



### Young stars will come in handy for Iowa wrestling future

After the NCAA Championships, Iowa's season came to a conclusion. Spencer Lee capped off the year on a high note, but the best has yet to come. Iowa returns four All-Americans, hinting at a bright future. **Sports, 8**



Lee

### Ocean wonder in the Midwest

An interactive exhibit created by a UI grad student brings ocean life to Iowa through artwork. The exhibit, open today, will educate the public on the dangers of ocean pollution. **News, 2**

### Whelan says goodbye to the bench

Chris Whelan missed Iowa's first 14 games this season recovering from Tommy John surgery. Against Evansville, he made his season debut, and he did not disappoint the coaches, teammates,



Whelan

or fans. The consensus is clear — head coach Rick Heller and the Hawkeyes are happy to have their leadoff man back. **Sports, 8**

### Webster City will soon get a sustainable makeover

The Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities selected Webster City as its next project, bringing students to the city to promote environmental sustainability, strive for economic progress, and address equity issues in the community. **News, 2**

### Rethinking student government funding

UISG officials realized the current funding system is broken, and hope to re-examine the process of how the organization distributes money as elections season for next year's administration rolls around. **News, 3**

### It's all about the Hawkeye mindset

Gymnastics isn't just physical — it's mental, too. For the Iowa gymnasts, homing in on the correct mentality is a top priority. Recently, that new approach has been successful. **Sports, 8**



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# Recycling, rental permits go hand-in-hand

Since the City Council passed a regulation requiring multifamily units and condominiums to provide recycling, the response has been fairly positive.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Cardboard recycling containers sit outside the Three Towers apartments complex on Sunday. Every multifamily apartment complex and condominiums will provide methods of recycling by the end of this year.

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More apartments in Iowa City will offer recycling as their rental permits are renewed.

Before the Iowa City City Council passed a regulation in November 2016 requiring property managers and landlords to offer recycling, many property managers and landlords didn't provide it as a way to save money, city recycling coordinator Jane Wilch said.

Now, every multifamily apartment and condominium will provide methods of recycling by the end of this year.

Wilch said the response from landlords and tenants so far has been positive. The city is enforcing the mandate for each unit when rental permits needs to be renewed.

In a previous *Daily Iowan* article, Senior Housing Inspector Stan Laverman said that of the 19,000 rental units in the city, approximately 600 multifamily unit buildings' rental

permits are up for renewal this year.

"If an apartment building needs to renew their rental permit, they cannot renew it until they have recycling in place at their facilities," Wilch said.

UI Sustainability Office recycling coordinator Elizabeth Mackenzie said students living off campus have wanted recycling for many years, and they raised their voices in support of getting the regulation passed. With this and cardboard being banned from the landfill, some

students have been confused about what to do with their cardboard if their building doesn't offer recycling.

"Because the cardboard ban went into effect, and there are some apartment buildings that still don't have recycling, we've had some questions come up about what to do about cardboard if the apartment building doesn't have recycling yet ..." Mackenzie said. "I think there's a

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## ETHICS & POLITICS IOWA POLITICS

# Delegation vows to protect state on trade

Fear of international retaliation against Trump's latest tariffs have led Iowa's congressional leaders to speak out against the president.



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Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, sits in his Washington office on March 12. Grassley said he opposes President Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminum because they could hurt Iowa farmers who rely on international trade to make a profit.

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WASHINGTON — Members of Iowa's congressional delegation vow to protect Iowans, particularly agricultural producers, as impending tariffs could lead to retaliation from foreign countries.

President Trump announced a 25 percent tariff on steel and a 10 percent tariff on aluminum earlier this month. The move aimed to increase domestic production of the two commodities, which are used in everything from cars to phones to canned goods.

Shortly after the announcement, Iowa's two senators and four representatives signed a joint letter to the president condemning his decision, citing their

concerns of retaliation from other countries.

The fear is that the Iowa's producers will suffer from the trade move.

"The easiest industry to retaliate against is agriculture," Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, said.

If retaliation does lead to harm for Iowa farmers, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said he will continue to try to persuade the president to reach a trade deal that would better help Iowans.

Grassley noted he would provide protections in the next farm bill, which could pass this year, such as maintaining crop insurance and scaling back the conservation reserve program, which removes environmentally sensitive land from production.

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# UI debate dominates, makes history

The Hawkeyes became the second school to have two teams as national champions at the same time.

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Intercollegiate debating had its own March Madness conclude with Iowa on top in a historic victory on Sunday.

Two University of Iowa debate teams reached and closed out the final round of the Cross Examination Debate Association National Tournament in a double victory, according to a press release. This is the second time in the history of debate that two teams from the same school share the national title. Emory University was the first to achieve the accomplishment, in 1998.

The teams argued in favor of the U.S. federal government establishing national health insurance.

Paul Bellus, the UI coordinator of forensics, said there's nothing wrong with making history of this kind.

"This victory epitomizes what it means to debate at Iowa," he said. "Each and every one of them understands their argument sets and have developed the expertise to operate independently at the highest level."

Seventy-five teams from across the U.S. participated in the tournament, hosted this year by the University of Puget Sound of Tacoma, Washington.

One of the teams — Geordano Liriano and partner Sam Gustafson — went undefeated during the preliminary debates, 8-0. To do so, they beat noted debate juggernauts in USC and Cornell and assumed the No. 1 seed in elimination rounds.

Gustafson dedicated his victory to his grandmother, who he learned died after the first day of the tournament.

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SKATE TOWN



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Jonah Waikeo skateboards at the Skateboard Park near the Mayflower on Monday. Waikeo only started skateboarding last week.

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bit of overlap that's creating some confusion."

UI junior and secretary for UI Environmental Coalition Denise Cheeseman, who lives in one of the buildings without recycling, said it's quite the hassle to get rid of her recyclables.

She noted that students seemed informed and involved in what is going on,

and her landlords have communicated with them about how to dispose of cardboard.

The Iowa City Recycling Center is focused on being a resource for landlords and tenants for information on what can and cannot be recycled. If someone throws items such as garbage or glass into the recycling bin, everything becomes contaminated, preventing it all from being recycled. Many providers have fees for contamination, so tenants need to know what is

allowed and what isn't.

"Once that bin is placed behind an apartment building or behind a row of condominiums ..." she said. "We want to make sure tenants are aware of what can be recycled and also especially what kinds of materials shouldn't be going into recycling bins to avoid that contamination."

UI Sustainability has given information on the new regulation and cardboard ban via its communication networks, and Mackenzie

said if students ask something she can't answer, she can send them to the city for more details.

"I'll get phone calls from students and I'll help them as best I can, and then I can connect them with the right people at the city to answer questions in more detail or provide information I don't have," she said.

Cheeseman said this is a great step toward a greener Iowa City, and she hopes offering recycling will give tenants and landlords more

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The second team — Coco Christophersen and partner Brooke Kimbrough — completed the preliminary debates with a 7-1 record, losing to last year's national champions from Rut-

gers University. They were seeded third in preliminary debates, and they avenged their loss in the Elite Eight on a 3-0 decision.

"Our founder, Dr. A. Craig Baird, famously stated, 'You're on the side of truth,'" Bellus said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "This motto drives our students, and this weekend,

truth won the day."

In addition to closing out the national tournament and securing the university's first co-national champions title, each debater won individual tournament honors. Debate has their own individual debater recognition, similar to football's Heisman Trophy.

All four Hawkeye debat-

ers were in the top-20 best debaters in the nation. Kimbrough placed second, Gustafson fifth, Liriano ninth, and Christophersen 18th.

For Christophersen, this is her second year of debating after being first exposed to it last year.

Debate has a storied history at Iowa; it was the first student program on cam-

pus in 1860. Bellus called it one of the best-kept secrets on campus. Now, he said, the UI is changing the game in the debate scene by the diverse arguments the participants bring to the table, and he likens them to introducing the forward pass to football.

"This was a tremendous feat that few predicted

when the season started," Bellus said in an email to the *DI*. "These four overcame so many obstacles to accomplish something that hadn't been done for more than two decades."

The future looks bright for UI debating; all of the winners are currently juniors and will return to the team next year.

# Pollution beneath the waves hits home

An exhibit for RecycleMania will be held this weekend to cover pollution in the ocean as part of the theme semester "Climate for Change."

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On Saturday, a free event will be held in collaboration with the UI Office of Sustainability for RecycleMania, honoring the spring semester theme "Climate for Change."

*Plasticity: Our Changing Oceans* will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building; it is an interactive exhibit educating the public on the dangers of pollution.

The project was brought to life by UI graduate student JD Whitman; it aims to educate the Iowa City community on the importance of conservation and how pollution affects marine life. The free exhibition allows patrons to venture inside of various inflatables, nearly 14 feet high and 12 feet wide, that have ocean scenes projected onto them.

The project imitates the experience of visiting a tunnel aquarium while educating the public on environmental issues.

"My main goal is to bring the wonder of the ocean to viewers — I want them to witness

the beauty of the immersive realm and be captivated by the uncanny organisms that thrive there," Whitman said. "I want viewers to be inspired by the life that exists beneath the waves and be made aware of how plastic pollution is threatening that life."

The exhibit is family-friendly and encourages children to engage through various educational activities. Patrons can hunt for marine species, help create a public art mural, and take part in recycling-theme games.

Whitman, who has been a scuba diver for 15 years, has seen a severe change in ocean environments, and she hopes to show the public the effects humans have on marine environments.

"The once pristine coral reefs and open waters have become wastelands of floating, ensnaring plastic trash," Whitman said. "Individual species and entire ecosystems are threatened due to the inundation of plastic that we allow to end up in the ocean. I wanted to create this exhibit to address my concern for this

growing, global issue."

Whitman took Assistant Professor Daniel Fine's Installations and Interactive Performance class last year, in which she did various versions of the exhibit for assignments. Fine worked with her on the development of the exhibit in addition to guiding her in an independent study using After Effects, which has helped her to create animations used in the exhibit.

"It's a really artistic, interactive, and immersive exhibit that's a really cool experience for students and family audience," Fine said. "Beyond the 'cool factor' of being inside of an inflatable that's being projected onto, the subject matter is a really important issue."

Ted Brown, a student in Fine's class with Whitman, worked on the technical aspects of the exhibit, helping with projections and technology. He said that after seeing the various iterations of the project in development, he agreed to help Whitman with her thesis exhibit when approached.

"What excites me about



Ben Smith/The Daily Iowan

The UI Office of Sustainability is seen in the University Capitol Center. UISG voted on a bill to allocate \$1,738 this year for a Renewable Energy Educational Development trip each semester.

JD's work, is its ability to teach and inform in a fun and visceral way," Brown said. "For those who go through the exhibit, I think they will gain an appreciation for what JD is trying to get across. Going through

the installation is an amazing experience."

Overall, Whitman said, the event seamlessly ties "Climate for Change" to the community.

"I think this exhibit gives people at UI and in the Iowa

City community a chance to experience the ocean in a fun, up-close, and creative manner," she said. "Since we are in a landlocked state, far away from any ocean, I am bringing the ocean to Iowa City through art."

# Enter sustainability, Webster City, Iowa

The Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities chooses Webster City, population 8,000, as its next community partner.

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The Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities has announced Webster City as the next community to partner with to promote sustainability. Webster City is a community located in Hamilton County with a population of 8,000.

The group aims to promote sustainability in Iowa communities while transforming teaching and learning at the University of Iowa.

When students work in the communities, they get a different experience than just learning in a traditional classroom setting, said Travis

Kraus, the assistant director of the Iowa Initiative.

"It benefits ... students who are learning in a unique way, but they are also building a network [and] are feeling a higher sense of purpose because they know it is going to improve lives of Iowans," he said.

The group enables projects that may usually get shelved for several years, Kraus said. Not just environmental sustainability but also economic sustainability and equity issues are important.

"Through such programs, students can achieve things that cannot be achieved in the classroom," said Linda Snet-

sezaar, the UI associate provost for outreach and engagement. "It helps students when they look for jobs."

Students involved with the program travel to the community approximately 10 times over the course of their project and get closely involved with locals.

However, there are also students who work remotely from Iowa City and develop technology for the awarded community.

"Webster City was awarded the project out of several applications that came in, and I think [what] makes us excited about Webster City is because it has strong leadership that

is interested in advancing the community and improving the quality of life for the residents," Kraus said.

The program will aim to help people have a more active lifestyle, because the community has great park space, he said.

There are other plans that will enhance the community's visual-arts culture and make it a great place to live in. Webster City will see 1,300 new jobs created with the coming of a new employer.

"There are going to be new people coming to Webster City from different backgrounds," Kraus said. "We want to know what this

means for them, and we are excited to figure that out."

Webster City is an example of what is happening in other communities, Snetsezaar said. Since Electrolux ceased operations, the community suffered a lot of job losses. The Iowa Initiative wants to help the community recover.

"It's a perfect time for this partnership," said Lindsay Henderson, the community vitality director. "There is a lot of excitement among the community, and [it looks forward to seeing] where we go from here."

Webster City has seen many changes in the recent years, Henderson said. The

city is witnessing an emerging younger population that is energetic.

"We are excited to have fresh eyes to see Webster City [from a new perspective]," Henderson said. "There are great things going on, and there is a lot of energy and excitement."

The partnership is for one year, but there is potential for it to renew, Kraus said.

"After it ends, I hope they view the UI as a strong partner and they have the tools and the leadership capacities that will propel them to continue to grow and make changes to their community [that] embrace the idea of a sustainable community," he said.

# Delving into UISG and student fees

Approximately 50 percent of UISG's student-organization funds returned to the organization this winter, prompting UISG members to re-examine its funding model as UISG election season rolls around.

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As students will soon elect their new leaders in the University of Iowa Student Government, *The Daily Iowan* broke down how current UISG leaders handle the organization's \$1.872 million budget it shares with the Graduate & Professional Student Government.

Every student pays \$72 as part of a student activity fee each year. This money makes up the two student governments' budget. The state Board of Regents, which governs the three public universities in Iowa, approves the student activity fee for each school.

In recent years, UISG has gotten back nearly half of the funds it gives student organizations, prompting UISG Director of Finance Jeremy Vogel and UISG Sen. Sara Bultsma to re-examine how efficiently UISG distributes money.

"We realized there was a systemic problem, and if we continued to pour money into a broken system, it was just going to bring it back to us again anyway," Bultsma said.

Student government first prioritizes part of its budget for wide-reaching student organizations such as Homecoming, Bijou, the Food Pantry, and the Rape Victim Advocacy Program.

The remaining dollars are then split between UISG and GPSG to fund their respective initiatives voted on by the student Senate. Approximately 77 percent goes to UISG and the remainder funds GPSG (23 percent).

UISG then directs money

to student organizations that apply for funding during four "funding periods" throughout the school year, and the remaining unused funds go into a contingency account. The Student Allocation, Budgeting, and Auditing Committee makes student-organization funding decisions for UISG.

"We have a large budget, and it's ultimately UISG's main position to empower students in using that money, allocating it fairly, and making it as accessible as possible," Bultsma said. "It's student dollars, and they should be able to use them."

However, UISG is making budget changes to encourage more efficient spending after several years of student organizations returning high rates of funds.

Last fall, approximately 50 percent of funds approved for student organizations went unused and were returned to UISG at the end of the semester, adding to its contingency account, where leftover money accumulates to fund UISG initiatives.

Last spring, a total of \$145,199 was returned from both semesters, inflating the contingency account to more than three times the maximum funding amount at the start of the 2017-18 school year.

This prompted Vogel and Bultsma to take a look at why student organizations weren't using the money they asked for.

The pair learned student leaders found the application confusing, leading them to apply for too much funding or insufficient funds, which caused the organization to cancel events and return the money to UISG.

The pair said they aim to start accepting funding applications biweekly instead of four times a year, as in the current process. Vogel said the change would allow UISG to work more closely with student groups to ensure they get the funds they actually need and guide leaders on how to spend wisely.

"We will hopefully be looking at a smaller batch of applications, and we will be able to give a more detailed examination of each application," Vogel said.

President of Active Minds Sammy Stoll said the group has worked closely with UISG to make the funding application process less confusing.

"I can still say I always feel a little clueless regarding funding even though I have done it myself and even purchased services for events and gotten reimbursed for them," Stoll said in an email to the *DI*. "My experience has always been guessing what to do and asking questions the entire way."

Editor in Chief of *Fools* magazine Madeline Smith said she completed a funding application process for the first time this spring since for an easier, one-time funding application, because it was simpler than applying for a funding period in the fall of 2016 when the magazine was founded.

*Editor's note: Smith was a reporter for the DI in the spring of 2016.*

"We had applied for the funding periods before, and we never got any substantial amount of money that would help us or benefit us," Smith said. "So we just took other routes to get money, we asked for more money from our sponsors or we

would encourage student [organization] fees."

The unused money from student groups are called "reversions" and are added to UISG's contingency account at the end of the year. The account keeps a balance between \$60,000 and \$120,000 by the end of the year to act as emergency reserves.

At the start of this school year, fiscal 2018, the UISG contingency account had \$375,950.51, Vogel said. After several UISG-funded projects, including the Hawkeye Retention Grant and the First Generation Summit, the budget is on track to reach \$96,000 by the end of the year.



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Former UISG President Rachel Zuckerman holds a candidate-interest meeting on Feb. 22, 2017. Campaigning for 2018 UISG election began on Sunday.

## TARIFF CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"I would never lead farmers of Iowa to believe that the farm program is going to guarantee them profitability — it's a safety net," Grassley said. "There's so much with farming — natural disasters, political decisions, or international affairs that affect income of farmers that they have no control over, so we have a safety net to protect them."

One of the biggest international markets for Iowa is China, which tripled in exports between 2006 and 2016, according to the U.S.-China Business Council. Sixty percent of Iowa's soybeans go to China, and the country just opened itself to beef trade with the U.S. in November, which was a big win for the Hawkeye State.

If China chooses to slap tariffs back onto the U.S., Iowa's congressional delegation fears the grain- and livestock-producing constituents will suffer.

Despite her disagreement about Trump's decision, Ernst said she still agrees with the administration's intended goals. Ideally, the action would have more targeted China, she said. A statement from Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said China has used "unfair trade practices" that have "distorted" markets for steel and aluminum.

However, organizations such as the Iowa Soybean Association highly value their relationship with China and are worried about how these tariffs could affect their trade. Director of communications for the Iowa Soybean Association Aaron Putze said his organization plans to send a delegation to China later this month.

"We must ensure that these current waves of discontent in trade between our two important countries do not disrupt agricultural trade," Putze wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Another concern is the possibility of increased prices on goods. Farmers need steel and aluminum to produce food, and individuals use products containing these commodities on a daily basis.

"There's not ... 10 minutes that go by when we're not touching steel or aluminum," said Rep. David Young, R-Iowa.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, agreed with his fellow delegates that the president's decision was wrong.

"[International trade] affects so many different people in so many different ways, and that's

why we have to be particularly vigilant," Loebsack said. "I think when we're considering actions to take against trading partners, how might

that help us and how might that hurt us, and I don't think a lot of thought was put into what the president decided to do."



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# Opinions

## COLUMN

# Ernst, Young clear up NRA misconceptions

Joni Ernst and David Young address accusations of being bought by the NRA.



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As printed in *The Daily Iowan* Monday, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, and Rep. David Young, R-Iowa, recently reacted to claims that they have received millions of dollars from the National Rifle Association.

The video attached shows Ernst explaining that she does not personally see the money given to her by the NRA. In reality, the money spent on ads by the NRA does not go through Ernst at all. Like all outside groups, it is free to spend its money where it sees fit — to support or attack candidates who do not support its cause.

This was just one common misconception about

the NRA. Another misconception that was demonstrated through a Cedar Falls gun-control protester's sign that read, "Fund my education, not the NRA."

The NRA generates funds through citizens who wish to protect their Second Amendment right in the event that they should have to use their firearm in self-defense. According to CNN "Money," everyday examples of funding of the NRA include: small town pharmacists, commercial pilots, gunmakers. To state it more simply, donations are made by individuals, not the government.

George Takei, a prominent political celebrity, took to Twitter to showcase his ignorance on the NRA as well, tweeting, "The NRA sells guns to Americans, then when those guns get used for the purpose for which they were designed, the NRA sells Americans ways to fortify against the effects of those guns. Quite a racket they have going ..."

Despite the common belief that the NRA is an arms dealer, the only items for sale from the NRA are memberships, clothing, accessories, and gear. Takei perpetuates the falsehoods that conservative members of Congress have to fight hard against, confusing many voters on where to focus their concerns with gun legislation.

Ernst and Young unapologetically displayed their support for the Second Amendment in their interview with the *DI*. Ernst noted that she was a member of the NRA as a private citizen and believes that all citizens should have the right to defend themselves. By today's standards, her personal experience with the NRA would qualify her as an expert on the topic. However, it is highly unlikely that gun-control advocates will address her personal experience and instead accuse her of being bought by the NRA.

Young defended his stance on the Second Amendment, because to him, "the NRA is



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Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, speaks during an interview in Washington on March 14.

not as a large group but as the smaller group of constituents he represents in Iowa's 3rd District." He said NRA members are mothers who want to protect their family and hunters who would like to hunt responsibly. He recognized

the individual and did not lump their identity into those of murderers with "blood on their hands."

If the NRA did not exist, there would still stand a Constitution that confidently defends the right of the people

to keep and bear arms. The NRA may be an easy target for those angrily and passionately fueled to reform gun laws in the wake of the Parkland shooting, but legislation and personal attacks cannot be based on ignorance.

## COLUMN

# Amid firing game, lots of minds on vacation

Right in the middle of the NCAA tourney, fake life intrudes.



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In the midst of March Madness, news comes (how dare they interrupt the tournament) that Russian President Vladimir Putin has won re-election with a mere Godzilla-ion percent of the vote.

No word yet on whether Russia will accuse the U.S. of meddling with the election with millions of false ads on Facebook (Russian version: wanted posters) and

bot-generated tweets, but that's probably coming.

Da, the Russian special counsel to the FSB will say, Putin should have had three Godzilla-ion percent of the vote. But nyet, Putin only had one Godzilla-ion. U.S. electronic fingerprints all over this case. America probably responsible for poisoning that dude and daughter in London, too.

Meanwhile, back in the USSA, life has been pretty ordinary. Outside of the NCAA Tournament. Inside the tournament, don't ask. Millions of Titans hitting millions of icebergs all over the country. Even in the desert, especially the Arizona desert, which has raised some eyebrows.

Life has been so ordinary that when the Trumpster re-

leased a barrage of tweets over the weekend against Special Counsel Robert Mueller, scarcely anyone stirred.

Well, scarcely anyone stirred except for several thousand journalists and pundits, Democrats, more Republicans than you'd expect, political junkies, ex-political junkies in recovery programs, and Post-Times, the Trumpster's imaginary White House cat. Fake cat, in layperson's terms.

The Trumpster let loose with the tweets even though the message of the day (Monday), according to the White House, was supposed to be the opioid crisis.

Maybe Grumpy Trumpy believes Mueller is an opioid dealer. Maybe he believes Mueller is an opioid.

Grumpy Trumpy set off the tweetstorm against Mueller probably because he heard something on Fox News that roiled his bunions. Or maybe just because he's tired of the Russia investigation. Or maybe because his staff wasn't awake yet and thus couldn't remind him how presidential he seemed in getting Attorney General Jeff Sessions to ax FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, that miserable hardened Democrat, one day short of pension-eligible.

Never mind that McCabe is actually a Republican. As is James Comey, the FBI director Grumpy Trumpy fired last year. As is Rod Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general who hired Mueller and caused all

this trouble in the first place. But none of that matters. If you don't kiss the Trumpster's frisky feet, you're a hardened Dem and an enemy of the state. Firing's too good for you.

Waterboarding's probably the ticket. Luckily, the Trumpster has nominated Gina Haspel to head the CIA.

Amid all the furor, the intense speculation (Washington invented intense speculation) was, Will he fire Mueller? Stop the Russia probe?

Democrats warned of a constitutional crisis. Some Republicans rose up and said, Whoa, horsey. (We assume they meant it metaphorically.) Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said firing Mueller "would be the beginning of the end of

his presidency ..."

You know, the more he screams about stopping the Russia probe, the more he tweets in all caps NO COLLUSION (then adds an exclamation point, because all caps aren't enough), the more he seems guilty.

And then the Cambridge Analytica shoe dropped. Data mining the profiles of 50 million people from Facebook and giving the mining to Trumpster's presidential campaign, as reported in the *Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*.

We have seen the future. It occurred in the spring and summer of 1974. Richard Nixon was holed up in Fortress White House. And the Watergate shoes kept dropping.

## GUEST OPINION

# UI medical students oppose fetal-heartbeat bill

Senate File 2281 is detrimental to medical training for Iowa's students and the health of Iowans.

Medical students at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine are in danger of losing vital aspects of their training in obstetrics and gynecology. According to medical student surveys, the OB-GYN training rotation is one of the highest-rated rotations. Any medical student will attest to the fact that delivering a baby is an important and unforgettable training experience. The entire OB-GYN residency program for new doctors in the state of Iowa is in jeopardy. This threat to medical training is a direct result of Senate File 2281, the fetal-heartbeat bill.

SF 2281, passed in the Senate on Feb. 28, bans all abortions that do not directly threaten the life of the mother after a fetal heartbeat is detected, which normally

occurs at six weeks gestation. Regardless of the mixed stances on abortion, the very real consequence of SF 2281 is the elimination of Iowa's only OB-GYN residency program. According to the Council for Graduate Medical Education accreditation standards, OB-GYN residency programs must offer family-planning training, including contraception and "training in the provision of abortion."

Training in abortion is required because it is one of the most common surgical procedures in OB-GYN. The bill would prevent the residents from getting the adequate number of abortions needed for training. In addition, the resident would not get adequately trained in abortion

procedures for older fetuses. The bill's significant limitations on abortions would make our residency program fail to meet accreditation. This damages the training of resident physicians and medical students alike. More importantly, this bill hurts the health of our patients, the people of Iowa.

The OB-GYN residency program increases the number of OB-GYN doctors in Iowa. Iowa ranks second to last in number of OB-GYN doctors per capita of woman, according to 2017 data from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The residency program at the UI is one of the highest-ranking programs in the U.S. and attracts some of the brightest obstetricians. Without

the residency program, it will be increasingly difficult to recruit OB-GYN physicians to come to Iowa to train future generations and provide exceptional care to the women of Iowa.

According to Kim Leslie, an OB-GYN physician and teacher, the bill would affect more than just the OB-GYN residency program. After warnings and probation by the Graduate Medical Education Council, the OB-GYN program will lose accreditation. This would also cause the loss of our fellowship programs (specialized OB-GYN training), putting our neonatology, a program specifically meant to care for premature and newly delivered infants, and family medicine training programs at risk.

There are other states, such as North Dakota, that have similar fetal-heartbeat legislation as the proposed SF 2281. However, North Dakota does not have an OB-GYN residency or neonatology training program. The circumstances are not comparable. Our Iowan patients deserve our best level of care. Doing so requires an OB-GYN residency and contingent fellowship programs in cases in which pregnancies may be high-risk or complicated.

We respect the diverse individual beliefs of the moral and ethical considerations of abortion. Our statement is strictly on the practical concerns of the fetal-heartbeat bill. We fundamentally care for the people of Iowa as our patients, friends,

and family members. SF 2281 may be intended to preserve life, but the reality is that it directly jeopardizes the lives of pregnant women and neonates alike by eliminating the training that would be quintessential to their medical care. We strongly advocate against legislation that jeopardizes our training as future physicians and the health of our patients.

— Thomas Kun Pak & Nicole Westergaard  
Students of UI Carver College of Medicine

91 students from the UI Carver College of Medicine signed this letter. All their signatures are posted under this story online.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Sweet 16 is here and not a busted bracket (just yet)

16 teams remain but only one can take home a national title. Which teams have the best chances at snagging a national championship?



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**Villanova**

Last year, we did a similar PCP in which we predicted an NCAA champion when the Final Four rolled around. I chose North Carolina and won.

So it's time for me to defend my title. After all the madness that has already taken place, Villanova is going to win a national title this year.

The only teams that could come close to challenging the Wildcats are Kansas, Duke, and Purdue. But all of those things have something in common: They have been plagued by inconsistency throughout the season.

Kansas is not as good as Kansas usually is. Although I don't see it happening, Duke could somehow blow its chance and lose to Syracuse, just as the Blue Devils did against Lehigh

and Mercer in the past. Purdue is certainly capable of playing some great basketball, evidenced by the 19-game winning streak it went on earlier this season, but the Boilermakers can also lose their magic just as fast; they went on a three-game skid right after the big streak.

Villanova currently has six players averaging in double figures, so they can spread the ball around, and each one can get the job done on any given night. None of those three teams can say the same.

Jalen Brunson and Mikal Bridges are too talented on the offensive

end to lose in this tournament.

Sure the Wildcats have lost some games against some questionable opponents at times, but when it's all said and done, Jay Wright is going to have another ring on his finger.



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**Duke**

As long as Grayson Allen stops tripping over his ego (no pun intended ... OK, maybe a little), the Blue Devils could have a shot at a national title very soon.

I'll be honest — in my mind, there's no way they get past Villanova to get into the finals in the first place. However, a 16 seed beat the 1 seed in the South, so anything is possible.

Into the logistics. Entering the tournament, Duke was the only team with top-10 rankings in both offense and defense, by Ken Pomeroy. That top-10 ranking

is started by the first five guys on the floor each night. Allen, the only senior on the roster, is accompanied by four freshmen at tip-off. There are only three upperclassmen on the team, total.

Duke is a young team, with inexperience — especially on college basketball's biggest stage — and that could prove to be the difference, even under the direction of a thousand-plus-game-winning coach.

Despite the outcome of this year's madness, one thing is for sure. The young Blue Devils could be tough to beat in upcoming years.

# Women's tennis gets much-needed win

Iowa wasn't at full strength against Michigan State but the Black and Gold got the job done against the Spartans.

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The Iowa women's tennis team got its first Big Ten victory on Sunday in a 4-3 victory over Michigan State.

Sunday's game at the Hawkeye Tennis Complex was a vital one for the Hawkeyes. Dropping the first of their matches earlier this week in part to some crucial injuries against Big Ten opponents Penn State and Michigan made Sunday's match for head coach Sasha Schmid a crucial one to win.

"Today was an absolutely incredible match for us," Schmid said. "We've been through tough stretch as a group, and it's been tough to have some setbacks that were really out of our control."

And those injuries have not only put the Hawkeyes in a tough situation in the conference standings, they have also felt it on the court, having to mix and match new partner combinations.

"We've had to completely change doubles teams, so for us to come out and get the doubles point with new combos was incredible," Schmid said. "I think we closed out matches well [Sunday] in doubles and singles."

Despite Iowa's injuries, the match went back and fourth beginning in doubles play. Iowa secured the doubles point with two-straight victories behind Elise van Heuvelen and Anastasia Reimchen (7-5) and Zoe Douglas and Adorabol Huckleby (7-5).

The Hawkeyes didn't stop there; sophomore van

Heuvelen kept the momentum going with a strong victory in straight sets (6-3, 6-1) in singles against Aslina Chua.

Injury-riddled senior Douglas lost her match as she returned after forcing a third-set tiebreaker (6-1, 3-6, 6-2). This opened the door for the Spartans, and they cut into the lead, trailing 2-1. That was until junior Huckleby bounced back, coming off two-straight losses in conference play singles matches earlier in the week. Huckleby defeated Davina Nguyen (6-3, 6-4).

The play of Huckleby exemplified what Iowa is going to need in order to make a comeback in the Big Ten standings.

But not all of Iowa players were able to rise to the occasion Sunday afternoon.

Danielle Burich lost her match handily (6-1, 6-1) at the No. 6 position. The young freshman got her first taste of conference play as she filled in for injured freshman standout Yufei Long, who has run up a 12-2 record in singles.

It's wins such as this with key players missing that Schmid loves to be a part of, because some matches are tougher than others, and this one was just that.

"Today, they fought with such incredible spirit," she said. "I know this win just looks like a win, but for those that are a part of this team and this program know, the way these women showed grit and tenacity to and came back from a setback is something that none of us will ever forget. Of



Iowa tennis player Montana Crawford celebrates scoring a point during a match against Marquette University on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018 at the Hawkeye Tennis Complex. Iowa swept the match and Crawford won her match 6-3, 6-4.

course, it's good to get that first conference win, but this one mean more to us." The Hawkeyes will try to

spark a winning streak as they go on the road to face Wichita State at 11 a.m. March 23.

# Hawkeyes coast to easy victory in Big Ten opener

The Iowa men's tennis team kicks off Big Ten play with a victory against the Nebraska Cornhuskers.



Iowa's Will Davies hits a backhand against Western Michigan at the Hawkeye Tennis Complex on Jan. 19.

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The No. 40 ranked Iowa men's tennis team crushed Nebraska in its Big Ten opener on Sunday 6-1 at the Hawkeye Tennis Complex.

Will Davies and Piotr Smietana, the 51st-ranked doubles team, kicked things off for Iowa. The pair swept Nebraska's No. 3 tandem, followed by a 6-1 win by Iowa's Joe Tyler and Jake Jacoby — their fourth

straight this season.

Kareem Allaf and Jonas Larsen, the 54th-ranked doubles team, left their match unfinished tied at 5.

Nebraska's Linus Erhart snagged the only Husker point in singles over Allaf (7-5, 6-4). Tyler reached doubles digits in singles wins for the season, picking up the second point for Iowa (6-3, 6-1), followed by Larsen (6-3, 6-2).

Davies won his eighth-consecutive match over Nebraska's Chris Dean (6-1, 6-4). The freshman has secured wins in straight sets in seven of his eight matches.

Smietana started his match strong, taking a 3-1 lead before Nebraska's Dylan Bednarczyk retired because of an injury.

Larsen clinched the match for the Hawkeyes after a long-fought battle. He defeated William Grat-tan Smith of Nebraska (6-3, 6-2).

Last to finish for the Hawkeyes was senior Josh Silverstein. After dropping the first set (6-4), Silverstein bounced back to claim the second (6-2). The senior pre-

vailed in the third (10-8), to claim his first Big Ten victory.

Assistant coach Matt Hagan was upbeat after the Hawkeye victory.

"[Sunday] was a lot of fun," he said in a release. "We came out and competed at every spot, and we played well. Seniors Jake Jacoby and Josh Silverstein get their last Big Ten opener wins, and you have to feel good about that. Today's win really set the tone for the rest of the season."

The Hawkeyes traveled to the Hogan Tennis Center in San Diego on March 12, falling (4-2) to No. 31 Texas Tech.

Iowa once again took the doubles point — only the fifth Texas Tech opponent to do so this season. Allaf and Larsen claimed a victory (6-2), as did Tyler and Jacoby (6-1), securing the early team lead.

Smietana and Davies fell behind (4-3) against the 70th-ranked duo Jackson Cobb and Alex Sendegeya, before the match was left unfinished.

Davies grabbed the only other Iowa point throughout the match. The freshman conquered Cobb (6-2, 6-4).

Texas Tech claimed the remainder of the singles matches.

Silverstein fell first to the Red Raiders (6-2, 6-3), followed by Smietana, who dropped the first set tie-breaker and lost the second (6-4). Allaf and Tyler competed for three sets, but eventually Texas Tech seized both singles points to clinch the match.

"Texas Tech is a well-coached

team and very talented," said head coach Ross Wilson in a release. "We played well in doubles and lost three close three-set matches. The guys competed well. I really like where our team is at going into the Big Ten season."

The No. 42 Hawkeyes will continue Big Ten play against Minnesota on March 23 at the Hawkeye Tennis Complex at 3 p.m.



## GYMNASTICS

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in a really incredible way," said men's gymnastics head coach JD Reive. "There's a pure amount of pressure, and support at the same time, for those guys to show up and do what they need to do in practice. [They] get the underclassmen to understand that what we do in here is what we can expect on weekends. The weekends are not magic. There's nothing that occurs on weekends that doesn't happen here in training."

When talking about seniors who pave the way for underclassmen, for the men, two come to mind.

Senior Dylan Ellsworth, one of the leading gymnasts on the team in the statistics, is one of them.

"[A good mindset is] something that most athletes learn," Ellsworth said. "Most of our seniors and older guys do pretty well, so the younger guys need to understand that when the pressure's on, that's when you need to hit. We're trying to teach that when the pressure's on, you've got to hit; you can't fall. [You need to be] able to do your routine when you're tired and when

you feel really well [to] hit it under no circumstances."

The practice and example piece is necessary for the development of the athletes. The way training is presented is a big part of the picture, as well as repetition, analysis, and tight interactions among teammates and coaches.

Senior Mark Springett takes this a step further.

He likes to shape the mindset even as the meets are underway by easily being the loudest one on the floor.

"You'll see me kind of just goofing off," Springett said. "[We asked,] 'What can we do beyond just practicing our routines to change the atmosphere of competition?' And one of those things is definitely making sure we stay tight as a team, as group. Not worrying about what other teams are doing, not focusing on the scores, not being caught up in the team totals. Just doing the events, cheering each other on, and then move on to the next one — just take it one by one."

With championship season approaching, both teams need to take what they've established and keep the ball rolling. As long as they relax and focus on the details, Hawkeyes might just unthink their way to the top.

## BASEBALL

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top of the lineup, we're carrying our chest up a little bit higher."

Head coach Rick Heller praised Whelan for not only his performance over the weekend but for what he brings to the team.

"It's really big. [Whelan] really helps our offense a ton," Heller said. "Not only is he a really good hitter, but he finds ways to help out in other ways. He gets on base.

His leadership when he's playing is even better than when he's not playing. He's loose and keeps the guys in the game."

Before he could get out on the field, though, the waiting game was tough for Whelan.

"I've never really had to have that much patience in my life," he said.

Bu that patience paid off, both for the Naper-ville, Illinois, native and the Hawkeyes, who moved to 11-6 on the season following their three weekend wins.

Iowa has two more games before Big Ten play kicks

off on Friday, when Indiana comes to Banks Field, but first comes St. Louis — a Big Ten killer.

The Billikens swept Purdue in a three-game series this past weekend, winning 15-1, 11-9, and 7-3.

St. Louis boasts Jake Garella, hitting .338, at the top of its batting order. Two more hitters, James Morisano and Carter Hanford, have each hit 3 home runs through 18 games this season.

Iowa and St. Louis previously squared off during the Snowbird Classic in Port Charlotte, Florida, in 2015.

The Hawkeyes snagged the win, 4-2.

The Billikens enter today's match with an 11-7 record — just one more loss than the Hawkeyes, who fell into a four-game slide after losing to UAB and getting swept by UNLV.

Iowa got back on track, and against Evansville, there was a bit more swagger in the lineup, especially at Whelan's No. 1 batting spot, and that trickled down to his teammates.

"I try to be a positive guy," Whelan said. "If guys are having a bad day, I try to bring them along for the ride."

## WRESTLING

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nized," Iowa's 157-pounder Kemerer said. "It's just so business-like, his approach. He does everything the right way. If I'm trying to make a decision, I'll always ask him, because I'm pretty confident in his decision-making."

While Sorensen won't be easy to replace, the Hawkeyes do have someone who could contribute right away at 149 pounds: Edinboro transfer Pat Lugo.

In his last season at Edinboro, Lugo qualified for the

NCAA Championships, where he was the No. 8 seed.

He followed that up with a 7-2 record this year, competing unattached while he red-shirted. He earned a fourth-place finish at the Midlands Championships, recording two pins in the process.

Iowa also has 197-pounder Jacob Warner and 141-pounder Max Murin coming off redshirt years. Warner posted a 15-4 record competing unattached this season, and Murin went 16-3. Both placed in the top six at Midlands and could have big impacts come the 2018-19 season.

Combine those three

wrestlers with Iowa's returning All-Americans, and the Hawkeyes could be a dangerous team.

"We're moving in the right direction," Sorensen said. "We've got great recruits coming in. Obviously, you see some of these freshmen in the finals, that's what you want. We've had some true freshmen, the redshirts who have had good years. Here's the thing: You get a class like that, they push the older guys, too ... These guys are freaking fighting tooth and nail for everything."

Iowa placed third at NCAAs, which is certainly a step up from its fourth-place

finish at the Big Ten Championships, but it is not where the wrestlers wanted to be.

The Hawkeyes finished with 97 team points, trailing first place Penn State by 44.5 and the second-place Buckeyes by 37.5.

While it was a good performance after a rough Big Tens and could be a sign of things to come, the Hawkeyes know there is work to be done.

"It's not where we want," Marinelli said. "We want to beat Ohio State and Penn State. We all know we can do it. Next year is the year. This year we didn't get it done. I think our team, they believe in themselves. We can do it."

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES



### Spencer Lee's winning ways continue

The regular season may be finished for Spencer Lee, but that doesn't mean his winning is coming to an end any time soon. On Monday, *Amateur Wrestling News* named Lee the winner of the 2018 Hammer Award, given to the college wrestler who wins "what is perceived as the toughest bracket at the NCAA Championships," according to a release. Lee capped off his stellar freshman campaign with a signature win over Rutgers' Nick Suriano, 5-1. Before losing to Lee, Suriano had not surrendered a single point during the NCAA Championships. Lee, a 125-pounder from Murrysville, Pennsylvania, is set to receive the award at the 2018 United World Wrestling World Cup in Carver-Hawkeye on April 7 and 8.

### Grant Leonard finishes the job

Late in Iowa baseball's 4-3 win over Evansville on March 18, the Hawkeyes held a 4-2 advantage before the Aces scored a run, making it a close game. With a runner on base, head coach Rick Heller turned to freshman pitcher Grant Leonard to finish the game.

Leonard faced a full count with only one out to work with. He struck out the Ace batter — much to the delight of a rowdy Banks Field crowd — before the final Evansville batter flied out.

It was Leonard's first career save. "Grant came in a tough spot," Heller said. "It was great to see. He just continues to go in and pound the strike zones, doing a good job for us."

### Gymnastics wins conference awards



The Iowa women's gymnastics team had three members earn Big Ten awards on Monday.

Lanie Snyder, Nikki Youd, and Nicole Chow all earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. Monday marked the second time in as many years that Snyder earned such recognition; it was the first time for Youd and Chow.

According to a release, the selections involved calculating each individual's regional qualifying score, which are made up of the top six performances in an event, dropping the highest score, and averaging the remaining five, with three of those scores coming from away meets.

The GymHawks will swing back into action on Saturday in Champaign, Illinois, in the Big Ten Championships.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I didn't think I would ever walk out to the Pokémon theme song, but that was the plan if I made the NCAA Finals. And I chose to do it."**



— Wrestling's Spencer Lee on his walkout song at the NCAA Championships

## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa softball currently has six more wins at this point in the season (12-10) than it did at this point last season (6-16).

**6** more wins

# Hawkeyes want to bring back more than bronze

With four returning All-Americans, the Hawkeyes want to take the next step toward becoming No. 1.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa 165-pounder Alex Marinelli takes down Riders' Chad Walsh during the NCAA Wrestling Championships in Cleveland on March 16. Marinelli defeated Walsh by decision, 7-6, advancing to the semifinals.

BY PETE RUDEN  
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At the NCAA Championships, Iowa had five All-Americans. And it could have just as many or more next year.

Of the five, only Brandon Sorensen will depart, leaving national champion Spencer Lee, Michael Kemerer, Alex Marinelli, and Sam Stoll with chances to earn spots on the podium.

But the absence of Sorensen will not be an easy thing for the Hawkeyes to adjust to.

In his time in a black and gold singlet, Sorensen was a four-time All-American who placed fourth, second, third, and fifth at the NAAs.

While his production on the mat certainly isn't easy to replace, neither is the leadership he provided. As the only senior in the starting lineup, Sorensen had plenty of experience and wisdom that came with his success that he could pass down to

younger teammates.

Head coach Tom Brands said there was never any drama with Sorensen, noting that he was invaluable to the program and perfectly represented what the team is about.

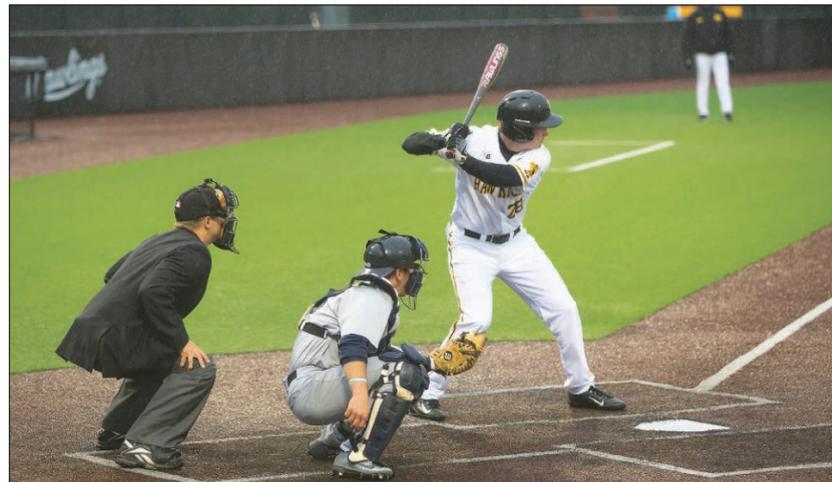
His approach on and off the mat isn't easily replicated.

"He's real on top of everything, he's real orga-

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# Baseball's Whelan returns after surgery

After missing considerable time recovering from Tommy John surgery, Chris Whelan made his season debut this past weekend.



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Iowa's Chris Whelan bats during Game 1 against Penn State at Banks Field on April 28, 2017. The Hawkeyes swept the rain-delayed, late-night double-header, 4-2 and 8-2.

BY ADAM HENSLEY  
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Chris Whelan didn't suit up for Iowa during the first 14 games of the season.

Recovering from Tommy John surgery, the junior grappled with the waiting game, eagerly anticipating his first action of the season.

"Spending a lot of the last month on the bench, I got to learn a little bit about what it takes to come back and appreciate the time you've taken off," Whelan said.

On March 17, his 2018 debut came, and he did not disappoint coaches, players, or fans in his usual leadoff position.

In the first of Iowa's two games against Evansville, Whelan notched 2 hits in his 5 at bats, scoring 2 runs. In game No. 2, he matched his hitting and run totals from the previous game.

In the series finale, with a sweep on the line, Iowa and Evansville were deadlocked at 2 runs in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Whelan sparked an emphatic Hawkeye run, singling into right-center as the first Black and Gold batter of the inning. Kace Massner came into pinch run for him, and he eventually scored.

"[I've] fallen back in love with the game again," Whelan said. "I kind of have a newfound appreciation for the game and a little bit more energy out there when I play."

Thanks to Whelan's leadoff momentum, Iowa rallied for a pair of runs, which ended up being the deciding factor in the Hawkeyes' 4-3 victory.

"It's unbelievable; Chris brings a different kind of energy," Kyle Crowl said. "He's just a great guy to have around. Having him in the

SEE BASEBALL, 7

# Beyond the physical, Iowa gymnastics focus on mentality

With championship season approaching, both Iowa gymnastics teams need to hone their mentality.

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Coming out of a confidence-boosting spring break and looking forward to upcoming championships, Iowa gymnastics can pin its early shortcomings and recent successes to one key aspect of the sport: mentality.

"You have to feel comfortable in what you're doing to know that you can go the next notch up to get the details," said women's gymnastics head coach Larissa Libby. "You can't be worrying about whether this gymnastics is hard for you — you can only be thinking about how it's easy so you can take it up to another level."

Both the women's and the men's squads struggled to solidify their routines by the time competition rolled around, and it showed.

A clear example was the number of falls the men's team counted early on in the season. The women, likewise, have struggled with being timid.

"We have a lot of new people in the lineups, so that's a difficult thing for us to get over," Libby said. "It's taking us this long to solidify who's going in and making that stable. Which, again, works against us when your philosophy is, 'Consistency is everything.'"

The teams each only have four seniors in the lineups. Otherwise, the teams are made up of relatively young athletes still getting their feet beneath them.

"Our captains have come in, our seniors,

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