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Prison inmates find freedom in song

Oakdale Community Choir gives prison inmates a voice in song.



Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan

The Oakdale Community Choir rehearses at the Iowa Medical & Classification Center on Tuesday. The choir consists of inmates and outside volunteers.

What is a 'well-regulated militia'?

Students continue to march in solidarity with survivors of the Feb. 14 shooting in Parkland, Florida. A heated debate on the meaning of the Second Amendment continues, particularly on the definition of a "well-regulated militia." Professors, private citizens, and activist groups alike analyze the Second Amendment's meaning at both the local and federal levels. **Ethics & Politics, 5**

Don't give up free bases

After winning three consecutive games, Iowa baseball dropped its Tuesday contest with St. Louis, 7-6. Free bases caught up to the Hawkeyes, who allowed 15 freebies in the midweek loss. Iowa turns its attention to Loras today. **Sports, 8**

Hawkeye football is back

Kirk Ferentz held a press conference Tuesday, touching on various things such as the team's spring depth chart, injuries, and redshirts. Spring ball is fast approaching, and as Ferentz said, anything can happen. **Sports, 8**

Polish tennis player has a new mindset

Piotr Smetana hardly lost before coming to Iowa. On the tennis courts, he faced little challenges, but when he became a Hawkeye, that changed. Smetana remains in the midst of the transition to college life, 4,867 miles away from home. **Sports, 8**



Smetana home. **Sports, 8**

Column: The U.S. savior complex could not be more wrong

Some Americans think that they know best when visiting other countries, but that's simply not true. Americans go into foreign countries with an instinct to show other cultures how to be happy — when problems such as poverty persist right in their own backyards. **Opinions, 4**

Inconsistent pitching is hurting Iowa baseball

Pitching has been on and off for Iowa this season. But recently, it hasn't been up to standard. Iowa went through seven pitchers against UNLV on March 11, and Tuesday's loss to St. Louis wasn't any different; the Hawkeyes went through six in their loss. **Sports, 3**



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BY CHARLES PECKMAN
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"Big inhale, big exhale — let go of anything not related to tonight's practice."

Mary Cohen, the director of Oakdale Community Choir and associate professor of music at the University of Iowa, sits on a mobile set of stairs in front of a U-shaped sea of blue and chrome-colored chairs. The choir is composed of inmates from the Iowa

Medical & Classification Center and volunteers from the community.

Since the choir's inception in 2009, dozens of "Inside Singers" (inmates) and "Outside Singers" (volunteers) have filled the Oakdale prison with songs both new and old. As the choir's April 28 concert grows near, *The Daily Iowan* listened in on a rehearsal.

Cohen said in a 2014 interview with *Chorus America* that the Oakdale choir is one of at least nine nonreligious prison

choirs led by certified music directors in the U.S.

Josh Lusch, an inmate who has been a member of the choir since 2010, said his experience with the group has been "life changing."

"I tried the church choir at first, but it wasn't really my thing," Lusch said. "Before [the choir], you only had the opportunity to hang out in the yard, gym, or library. It's really opened a lot of doors for me, and when people come in from

the community, it was amazing that they treated us like people."

Lusch said incarcerated individuals are often treated like and looked at like "third-rate citizens," and the sense of community that comes from the choir is heartwarming. Joel Conrad, another inmate who has been a part of the choir for more than five years, echoed Lusch's statements.

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D.C. delegation mulls state school safety

Members of Iowa's congressional delegation agree that school safety is best handled on an individual basis by school districts.



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Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley stands at a hearing March 14 addressing oversight in the Parkland, Florida, school shootings, in which 17 people died.

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WASHINGTON — Members of Iowa's congressional delegation said school safety needs should be decided by individual school districts.

There have been no recent school shootings in Iowa. However, on Tuesday, another shooting incident occurred, this time at Great Mills High School in Maryland when a 17-year-old male student shot two other students. The shooter was killed by the school's resource officer.

In a sit-down interview with *The Daily Iowan* last week, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said school resource officers can play a vital role in school safety.

"It's a good thing to have school resource of-

ficers," he said. "They're there to not only protect the kids but to also create relationships with the students. We want the students to think they are there to protect them."

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said he is a Senate cosponsor of the STOP School Violence Act, a bill introduced by Rep. John Rutherford, R-Fla., passed the House on March 14, exactly a month after the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 dead. Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, is also a Senate cosponsor of the bill.

The bill aims to provide schools across the country with threat and security assessments, mental-health crisis training, coordination with local

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House move slashes UI, ISU budgets

The Iowa House is sending a revised budget bill, including around \$11 million in cuts to the UI and ISU, to the Senate for a final vote.

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Legislation to take back funding from Iowa's public universities as the end of the fiscal year approaches passed Tuesday in the Iowa House, making it the second year in a row the state Legislature has had to make midyear cuts to balance the state budget.

More than a month after the Iowa Senate passed Senate File 2117 on Feb. 8, the House voted 59-41 to make about \$11 million in midyear cuts to the fiscal 2018 budgets of two of the three universities governed by the state Board of Regents — the University of Iowa and Iowa State University — while leaving the University of Northern Iowa's budget intact.

The version of the bill that ultimately passed in the House puts the amount to be cut above its earlier proposal of \$8.1 million in reductions to the UI and ISU budgets, but below the \$14.6 million the Senate passed in February.

Total cuts to state programs and services as stipulated in the House-approved bill amount to \$35.5 million, which is below the Senate's initially proposed reductions of \$59 million.

The Senate could vote on the House's amended version of the legislation as early as today.

This appropriations-reduction plan hinges on the assumption that the state will see a \$33.3 million increase in revenue as the result of the December 2017 passage of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, as projected by the state's Revenue Estimating Conference.

Gov. Kim Reynolds unveiled her own tax-reform package Feb. 13 as promised in her Condition of the State address in January. Her plan includes cutting state income taxes by \$1.7 billion between fiscal 2019 and 2023.



Reynolds

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GUNSLINGER GUITAR



James Year/The Daily Iowan

Buckethead performs to a sold-out crowd at Gabe's on Monday. He is known for his elaborate instrumentals and is considered to be one of the fastest guitarists of all time, according to *GuitarOne* magazine.

SAFETY

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law enforcement, locks, metal detectors, and security training for personnel and students.

Grassley initially said no when asked if he thought Iowa schools were safe, then paused and rephrased his answer:

"No. Well, some and some not," he said. "Out of my 99 county visits, I try to do 15 high schools a year. There are a lot of high schools where you got to push a button and talk into a machine. Locking the school doors would be a big help to limit access."

Many high schools around Iowa and the nation have a locked door and buzzer system, including schools in the Iowa City School District, where individuals who want to get into the school must get buzzed in by the school's front office during classroom hours.

But there have been instances of getting around the system.

Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, had a locked-door system in place, but the assailant shot through the windows to enter the building, where he killed 26 people, including 20 children between the ages of 6 and 7.

In response to facts from the Sandy Hook shooting, Grassley said when a new high school is built, bulletproof windows could be installed on the first floor as a possibility to improve school safety.

Grassley said he does not want to pass a law to arm teachers with guns in schools, he said. Rather, he believes that decision should lie with school districts.

"The more local education issues are, the better off we are," Grassley said. "If there were going to be teachers with guns, that ought to be a decision for the school board."

School District Superinten-

dent Stephen Murley said the School District has built relationships with various law-enforcement agencies — the district serves five Johnson County towns and the surrounding rural areas.

"We're in a very fortunate position due to a great position with law enforcement. We have different municipalities, and we work really well with all of them," Murley said. "Money isn't an issue with us when it comes to training, and we don't need extra funds, but it would be good to have support."

The School District has done all of the infrastructure work with secure entrances and cameras. Iowa City schools have visitors buzz in at the buildings and sign in and out on a sheet when they enter and exit the school. The schools also have a network of cameras in public-access areas of the buildings and continually re-evaluate camera positions with some help from the students.

"High-school kids are good at finding areas without cameras," Murley said. "So we are always getting better at finding those places."

The School District uses ALICE training with the staff instead of traditional lockdown drills.

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) is described as a strategy that goes beyond the conventional lockdown, with numerous options for different scenarios to keep students safe.

The district has also set up a system in which students can send a text anonymously or by name and report bullying, sexual harassment, and other problems to the district.

"We've had good luck catching things before they escalate," Murley said. "We want to make sure students and staff are active participants to make sure incidents don't rise to the unthinkable."

Ernst said each school's

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"My plan combines meaningful tax relief while protecting our budget priorities," Reynolds said in a statement. "We've prioritized tax relief for middle-class taxpayers, small-business owners, teachers, and working fam-

ilies across the state. We're long past due for real tax reform that simplifies and updates our system while allowing Iowans to keep more of their hard-earned money in their communities."

After Reynolds released her plan, Senate Republicans passed their tax plan, Senate File 2383, on Feb. 28. To cut taxes by approximately \$1.2 billion annually. The Legislative Ser-

vices Agency issued a revised fiscal note Tuesday showing the plan would slash Iowa's general-fund revenues by more than \$1 billion annually.

"Republicans have a spending problem, and they have a priority problem," Rep. Bruce Hunter, D-Des Moines, said Tuesday on the House floor.

Once approved by the full Legislature, midyear funding reduc-

tions will leave the universities with just a few months to figure out where to make budget cuts; fiscal 2018 runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Uncertainty regarding the state funding situation has forced the regents to hold off on discussing tuition rates for the 2018-19 academic year. That discussion will now occur at the regents' April meeting, but Regent

President Mike Richards has indicated the regents are considering tuition rate increases of less than 4 percent.

UI President Bruce Harreld told *The Daily Iowan* March 7 that planning year by year rather than thinking long-term about tuition and state appropriations has been bad for students and their families as well as the university.

"... You know, 70-plus percent of our cost structure are people, and the state's going to take — as it did last year — \$16 million out of the University of Iowa," he said. "And we have to figure out where that comes from, 70 percent of that's going to come from laying off people. We go — we're start-and-stop, and we need a long-term commitment ..."

CHOIR

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Conrad said for one concert, people from six countries studying art as a tool for social justice came to the Oakdale facility.

"There was a man from Vietnam who brought in flutes his father had made," Conrad said. "Sometimes, there's a resistance to join a choir as a man in the U.S. ... you have guys that come in here with that 'tough guy' attitude, but that fades pretty fast."

The pain felt while incarcerated isn't limited to a cell — six-year choir member Phillip Yeoman has seen this firsthand.

"I lost a son a few years back, and then I lost my dad," Yeoman said. "There was another guy who had lost a daughter, and he really helped me through that."

Yeoman said he "wasn't much of a singer" when he entered prison, but a number of his friends made him go to rehearsal. He added that because he doesn't get visits, he "gets his visits on Tuesday nights during choir."



Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan

UI music-education graduate student and choir volunteer Cinnamon Kleeman coaches choir member Joel Conrad before a rehearsal for the Oakdale Community Choir at the Iowa Medical & Classification Center on Tuesday.

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Pitch count? No, pitcher count

So far this season, most Hawkeye pitchers haven't lasted more than a few innings. Iowa used seven pitchers against UNLV.

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Three ... four ... seven ... the average number of pitchers that roll through the Iowa lineup in a baseball game this season has been staggering.

The March 11 game against UNLV was a prime example: Iowa went through seven pitchers in the 13-3 loss.

Tuesday's game against St. Louis fell in line with the trend; by the bottom of the fifth inning, senior Nick Nelson was the third pitcher of the afternoon. Fewer than 20 minutes later, at the top of the sixth inning, freshman Jack Dreyer took over as the fourth Iowa pitcher.

Dreyer, too, only made it through one inning.

"I'm just doing what

they're asking me to do," said redshirt freshman pitcher Kole Kampen, who finished the game. "If they want me to throw a couple innings for them, I'll throw a couple innings for them. It's just like any other at-bat — just do your best to get the guy out."

Thanks in part to so many pitching changes, Tuesday's game stretched to 3 hours and 47 minutes. By the end of the game, six Hawkeye pitchers had dug their cleats into the mound to throw a couple innings — or fewer.

St. Louis, likewise, couldn't keep consistent pitchers on the mound in its 7-6 victory. Six Billikens were also on the mound throughout the game.

"All of them on the mound had wild pitches, hit-by-

pitch, nine walks," head coach Rick Heller said. "We'll throw a bunch of new guys out there tomorrow, and a few of [today's] guys will have to be right back out there tomorrow. The big play with those guys is that you've just got to do it one pitch at a time, and you can't let bad stuff in the past affect the future, because there's nothing you can do about what's happened. Guys not controlling themselves, guys not playing the mental game correctly and letting things snowball. A call that maybe they didn't get turns into three bad pitches, or maybe one ball turns into four — that's the stuff we have to stop, especially with our bullpen."

Solidifying the lineup, especially the mentality, will be a key area of focus head-

ing into the beginning of Big Ten competition.

In the last 10 games, only three have had as few as three pitchers through nine innings. The other seven have seen a pitcher count that climbed higher. Reversing this trend will be the focus.

"It's not acceptable to give up that many walks," said freshman catcher Brett McCleary. "You work all fall and spring just to get to know your guys. A lot of the younger guys pitching today, and you just try to get to know them."



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Ben Probst delivers a pitch against St. Louis at Banks Field on Tuesday.

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said. "We have guys that are experienced that probably shouldn't be beat out, but they still have to go and do it on the field. That's their job. Their job is not only to practice but practice well and improve."

Nixon to academic redshirt

Sticking with the defense, Ferentz also announced that three-star defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon, a transfer from Iowa Western, is going to academic redshirt this year, meaning he will not see the field.

While Nixon can still practice with the team and develop as a player, he won't make an impact in games as he could have before he was tagged.

Nixon has been on campus since January and is transitioning well, Ferentz said.

Ferentz said the coaching staff knew the academic redshirt was a possibility, and he thinks it will be good for Nixon.

"The good news is he's been on campus a couple months now," Ferentz said. "We know a lot more about him now than we did back in December. He's been great. He just has a great attitude. He works hard, and he's got a positive attitude. He's significantly talented on top of that, so it's going to be good for him."

Captain Nate Stanley

Stanley had an impressive season in his first full year under center, tossing 26 touchdown passes (one shy of the Iowa season record) to just 6 interceptions.

That performance, along with the leadership he has displayed, earned him a spot as a captain for the 2018 season.

While he certainly grew in numerous aspects throughout the season, there are still things he can improve on that could help his stats go up even more, which Ferentz hopes for.

"Probably being a little more decisive, a little quicker in everything he does," Ferentz said. "He grew tremendously in all areas, but one area I'll point out is leadership. I don't know how many votes for captain he would have gotten, and same with Josh [Jackson], I don't know how many votes they would have gotten for captain in August."

"Plus he's got a great attitude, and he's really improvement-driven. So those two things are a good combination."

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Opinions

COLUMN

Spring break not a break from stereotyping

Some Americans believe that just because they are from the United States, that gives them the ability to save other people. They could not be more incorrect.



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This spring break, I went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. While there, I of course had the time of my life with friends and family. Throughout my trip I went on tours, spoke to locals, and learned about their culture.

In doing this, I noticed some of my fellow Americans' attitudes were different from my own. Instead of wanting to learn about Mexican culture, they seemed to want to "save" the Mexican children and people they deemed poor or disadvantaged.

The truth is, as Americans, we seem to think that our culture is best. If people do not live up to our cultural standards, some Americans think it is their duty to save them. This idea could not be more wrong. Of course, I am all for helping people in

need. But just because people are from a different country or culture absolutely does not mean that we, as Americans, need to save them.

When I was on a tour in Mexico, an American woman in her mid-30s, who I will refer to as Jen, said something like: look at the boy there, I should just take him home with me. To which the tour guide responded, "Ma'am, that would be kidnapping." Jen looked ashamed, but followed up saying she would give the young boy a good home. The tour guide said the young boy already had a good home. The rest of the tour group laughed joyfully as if nothing wrong had just been said.

The notion that some Americans have is that our life as Americans is supreme or best. And for some people, it probably is. But, according to Happy Planet Index, America ranks 108th out of the 140 countries surveyed. Mexico ranks second. If Jen, the woman from my trip, wanted to give the young Mexican boy a happier home to grow up in, it looks as though the United States

would not be the answer.

According to Children International, 1 in 7 children in the United States is born into poverty. One in seven. That is absolutely insane. Yet, Americans such as Jen still go to other countries with a savior complex — as if the United States has zero children starving. We are not exactly the gold standard for economic equality.

Overall, I am sure that Jen is not a bad person. She probably did not think about what she was saying when she offered to bring a young Mexican boy back to the United States with her. But, Jen is not the only American with a savior complex. Helping others is so tricky. People have to do it in the right way. Let's be clear that kidnapping a boy from Mexico to give him a "better home" in America is not the right way to help people.

The truth is, there are people in America who have a ridiculous amount of money — more money than they need. And yes, these people should help those who are in need: the homeless, the starving, those who struggle



DANIELLE P. RICHARDS/THE RECORD/TNS

A vendor carries her infant on her back as she waits for customers in Cancun, Mexico. She will see little profit from college students on spring break because few of them ever leave the resort areas of Cancun.

to make ends meet. What we must stop doing is assuming that people in other countries have it worse than we do. There are rich and poor

people all over the world.

It would be great if there was far less inequality. It would be fantastic if there were fewer people who deem their lives

better than others based on unproven assumptions. We should all work on that. Yes, I had a great spring break, welcome back to campus.

COLUMN

Americas voting system desperately needs a makeover

Americans must vote, but America must make voting more accessible to the average busy U.S. citizen.



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Of the 245.5 million Americans ages 18 and older in November 2016, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that only 157.6 million registered to vote — and only 55.7 percent of that number actually cast their votes in the 2016 presidential election.

The Pew Research Center noted that the voter "turnout in last year's election puts the U.S. behind most of its peers in the Organization

for Economic Cooperation and Development, most of whose members are highly developed, democratic states. Looking at the most recent nationwide election in each of the 35 OECD member nations, the U.S. placed 28th."

Those numbers, America, are pathetic.

As a country that boasts about democracy, the dedication that the American people have to our government is, to put it bluntly, lame. Because of our power to vote, we are able to shape our country's history and decide how it is run. By giving up our vote, we dismiss the dream our Founding Fathers and those who fought for American freedom had for our country and its people.

The American people, however, are not entirely at fault. The way our voting system is designed makes it difficult for many working Americans to vote informed, or vote at all. To encourage Americans to perform their civic duty, the voting system needs a makeover.

Nonvoters often argue that they are simply too busy to make it to the polling places. This is an increasingly valid point. Most adults who are employed full-time report working an average of 47 hours a week, which adds up to roughly six full work days. After adding a family or commute into the mix, it's no surprise many Americans cannot make it to their polling places before they close between 7 and 8 p.m.

In order to counteract this complication, home-voting should be more widely encouraged.

As a college student who attends a university out of state, I used an absentee ballot to cast my vote in the Illinois primaries. Wrapping up in my favorite fuzzy blanket on a Wednesday afternoon, I brewed a big cup of tea and began working my way down my ticket. I had to leave for class at 3:30 p.m., so I left the ballot on my desk, returning to it later that evening to complete my votes. The next morning, I mailed it out.

Absentee voting, along with early voting, is available for any registered voter in all 50 states, but it is rarely discussed. Voters

who will not be able to reach their assigned polling places on Election Day should take advantage of this simple way to participate in our government from home.

Many voters also choose not to vote because by the time Election Day rolls around, they are still unsure about the candidates and their positions. Similarly, in a world in which fake news is a serious combatant of truth, it's hard to know what information you can trust. Offering an unbiased information hub at all polling places could dispose of this excuse.

By either providing information cards with each candidate's platform/position description or offering an online database with

impartial details on each candidate, people will be able to feel confident in the candidates they are choosing to vote into office, rather than simply picking the first name on the ballot or not voting at all.

Part of the reason America finds itself in a position in which our lawmakers don't listen to us is because we were not careful voters. By allowing incumbents to become far too comfortable with their positions, they stopped believing every demand of the people must be met.

But that's not good enough anymore. By implementing a better voting system — a system built to fit modern-day Americans — we can make our Founding Fathers proud.

GUEST OPINION

Student voices matter at UI to improve experience

The campus-wide survey is an open invitation to tell officials what is working and what needs work.

Students are the reason we are here. Hearing from you helps us make the university a better place for everyone. Thanks to feedback you have shared over the past several years, the UI has found better ways to schedule final exams, streamline the drop and add process, improve food-service programs in the residence halls, and create more and better spaces to study on campus.

Recently, many students said there is a need for extra help in challenging classes. Hearing from you helped us develop and expand the

Academic Resource Center, which offers free supplemental instruction for many classes, a tutor-referral service when you need one-on-one help, and study spaces throughout campus.

Two years ago, the university conducted a campus-wide survey of all undergraduates and learned more about student perspectives on financial concerns and the effects of working, campus climate for diversity, commitments to community service, and levels of satisfaction and interaction with faculty.

This semester, we are asking UI students to tell us more. In the days and weeks ahead, you will receive email invitations to take a survey about your UI experiences. This survey is an open invitation to tell us what has been working well — and not so well — for you as a UI student.

Faculty are working hard to help you succeed and challenge you to excel. Survey responses will tell us more about how you are experiencing your classes and majors, and ways we might be able to improve our support for your

success and the success of future students.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

The forever debate: guns & society

Citizens across the country continue to debate the meaning of the Second Amendment and how it should be applied today.



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Southeast Junior High eighth-grader Casper Ferreria and City High junior Illeana Knaap protest on the Pedestrian Mall on Feb. 19. The protest sparked after news of the school shooting, at Stoneman Douglas High, in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14.

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Thousands of students across the country marched to protest the inaction of Congress in response to gun violence this month.

Hundreds of Iowa high-schoolers from Des Moines to Iowa City and beyond joined the peaceful demonstrations. Organized in the aftermath of the lethal shooting at Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14, these walkouts have ignited a national debate surrounding the Second Amendment.

In the U.S. Constitution, the full text of the amendment reads “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The exact meaning of these 27 words has been chewed over by lawmakers, historians, lawyers, and private citizens since its ratification in 1791, but in more than 200 years of discussion, no single argument has won.

One of the most common controversies encompassing the amendment is found in its opening: the concept of what forms a well-regulated militia.

Eugene Volokh, a professor in the UCLA School of Law, said the original definition of a militia during the time of the founders was restricted to white males ages 18 to 45. The members of the militia bought, outfitted, and maintained their own weaponry, waiting to be called to muster should the community or nation be attacked.

“The Founding Fathers knew the difference between a militia and a mob,” said Saul Cornell, a historian at Fordham University. “An armed mob was a threat to liberty, a well-regulated militia was the proper defense of liberty.”

Eric Ruben, a fellow with

‘The Founding Fathers knew the difference between a militia and a mob.’

— Saul Cornell, historian at Fordham University

the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law, agreed with this concept, saying the Second Amendment was originally included in the Constitution as a safeguard against the threat of domestic or foreign tyrannical forces.

Ruben

weapons, did include regulations. Robert McWhirter, a criminal and constitutional lawyer from Phoenix, said the rules found in the groups were just one part of a larger context of gun control at the time of the founders.

“Guns have always been regulated; people seem to think that a right is abridged



McWhirter

weapons that they thought were unduly dangerous or often used only in crime,” Ruben said.

The 2008 Supreme Court case *District of Columbia v. Heller* brought some clarity to the modern debate over what regulations mean in a contemporary context. Clayton Cramer, a historian and author from Boise, Idaho, said the case settled the argument over to whom the right to keep and bear arms applied. The 5-4 decision meant that individuals had an inherent right to own a gun for lawful purposes.

The 2010 Supreme Court case *McDonald v. City of Chicago* further clarified what a state or local government could or could not enforce while regulating the right. It was brought forward in part by the Second

FAST FACTS

- **1791:** The Second Amendment was ratified
- **2008:** *District of Columbia v. Heller* clarified that an individual held right to bear arms
- **2010:** *McDonald v. City of Chicago* incorporated Second Amendment rights against states

to states and their political subdivisions.

“This is a more important ruling I think, than even *Heller*, because it opened up a lot of laws that have been passed over the last 75 to 80 years by states, counties, and even local municipalities that are egregiously restrictive on individual right to have a gun in your house,” Workman said.

Focusing with a more local lens, the Iowa Constitution and state legislation has been slowly shifting to become more inclusive toward the Second Amendment, with the passage of HF517 into law in 2017 marking the most significant piece of gun-rights legislation the state has ever seen.

“We’ve gained significant ground as far as recognizing the Second Amendment rights of Iowans, including even

cused on the U.S. Constitution.

These moves have raised some concerns among gun-control advocates at the national and local level.

“This is just a matter of straightening out the issue, a

kink in the system in a sense,” said Teagan Roeder, a core member of

Students

Against School Shootings, an Iowa City activism group founded in the wake of the Parkland shooting. “With freedom of speech, you can’t yell fire in a theater. There are restrictions in freedom of speech, and in my personal view — this isn’t the view of [Students Against School Shootings], it should be more or less the same way.”

With regards to how the Supreme Court will look at the Second Amendment in the future, historians and gun-control advocates remain realistic.

“The court is currently stacked, so to speak, in one direction with

respect to their understanding of the Second Amendment,” said Michael Gerhardt, a

scholar-in-residence at the National Constitution Center, an Ames-based NRA affiliate club. “It’s hard to imagine we can move that current majority of the court very far with respect to what can be done regarding the regulation on firearms.”



Roeder



Gerhardt

66%

of Americans support stricter gun laws

Source: Independent Quinipiac University national poll conducted between Feb. 16-19

tionary forces defeated the British, which they viewed as a tyrannical government, and it’s happening in the context of the drafting of the Constitution, which centralized power in the federal government,” he said.

There was some concern among anti-federalists that the newly enacted Constitution would be used as a tool to disarm the state-controlled militias, because it granted the federal government the ability to regulate the organization and arming of the forces, Cornell said. The Second Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights in order to ease some of these worries.

The militias, although in many ways more loosely restricted than private citizens today in terms of accessing

if you regulate it, but of course, that’s ridiculous. Every right was subject to regulation, including the right to bear arms,” Cornell said. “In the decades after the Second Amendment [was ratified], gun regulation got more robust, not less robust.”

Regulations on guns under the newly minted amendment ranged from the storage of explosive black powder to where militia weapons would be kept for use, often changing from state to state. There even existed prohibitions on certain types of weapons, similar in effect to the recent proposed bans on assault rifles.

“From an early time in our history, and this is going back to the 1800s, certain states thought it necessary to ban certain types of

Amendment Foundation, a Bellevue, Washington, advocacy group that defends Second Amendment rights.

‘We’ve gained significant ground as far as recognizing the Second Amendment rights of Iowans!’

— Derek Drayer, communications director for the Iowa Firearms Coalition

“This was a good case,” said Dave Workman, a spokesman for the group. “It’s part of a strategy; the best way to describe it would be strategic litigation. You find good clients to challenge bad laws, and you go to court.”

In a 5-4 split, the case incorporated the right to bear arms

carrying in our Capitol,” said Derek Drayer, the communications director for the Iowa Firearms Coalition, a Philadelphia based nonpartisan group fo-



Drayer

Daily Break

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Cup o' Justice, "The Place We Call Home,"** Sara Barron, 11 a.m., 347 IMU
- **Pharmaceutical Sciences & Experimental Therapeutics Seminar, Emad Wafa,** 12:30 p.m., 5538 Pharmacy Building
- **BI Community Meeting,** 1:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Anne Leonard, Guest Lecturer,** 3 p.m., 2 Voxman
- **Research help for students at The SEAM,** 5-9 p.m., 2012/13 Main Library
- **Brass Choir Concert,** 6 p.m., 2451 Voxman
- **Hubbard Scholars,** 6:30 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center Main Lounge
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Chris Glomski (Lit Up) & Geoffrey Hilsabeck (Riddles, Etc.),** 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Wok Wednesday, Food for Thought: School Meals & Student Health,** 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn
- **My Lai, Kronos Quartet, Rinde Eckert, Vàn-Anh Vanessa Vò,** 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- **Fabio Augustinis, M.A. Recital,** 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall

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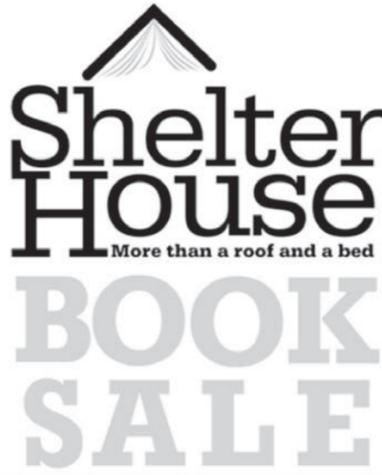
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- Sports** 1-2pm
- We Still Here Radio** 3-4pm
- Wednesday Whammies** 4-5pm
- Happy Hour** 5-6pm
- Science at Six** 6-7pm
- Descent Into Radness** 7-8pm
- Night Sports!** 8-9pm
- Tailgating a Funeral** 9-11pm
- It's a Date! With JT, John, and Max** 11pm-12am

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- Aries (March 21-April 19):** Read, write and edit. You're especially good with words today and tomorrow. Express what's in your heart. Share a shout out for someone deserving.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Keep showing up. Perform to the best of your abilities. You're earning accolades and valuable reward. Spend within the budget to get what you need.
- Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Allow more time for personal matters over the next few days. Nurture yourself with a new look. Indulge your own passions and enthusiasms.
- Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Slow down to consider options. New circumstances could change the game. Look for hidden opportunities. Consider what's best for your heart, mind, body and spirit.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Show up for your friends and they do the same for you. Share resources, information and comfort. Teamwork proves especially valuable today and tomorrow.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A professional prize is within reach over the next few days. Forge ahead and go for it! Your team is with you. Create opportunities.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The news could affect your decisions. Study your route and destination. Leave sufficient time to make your connections. Explore and investigate.

- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Handle paperwork and financial, legal or insurance matters today and tomorrow. Monitor and contribute to shared accounts. Pull together for common gain.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You and a partner cook up something delicious over the next few days. Compromise and stay receptive to another's view. Join forces for shared objectives.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Energy floods your work, health and fitness practices. Keep in motion to maintain momentum. Demand for your attention keeps you dancing. Rest well.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Integrate new faces into your circle of family and friends. Spend time with someone particularly attractive. Relax, and enjoy the company.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Home sucks you into its seductive enchantments. Create an inviting atmosphere with lighting, color and textiles. Cook up something wonderful for your family.

Today's Birthday (3/21/18)

Rising family fortunes shine on this year. Coordinate disciplined action for career growth. Summer home renovations set the stage for romance, once a community challenge gets resolved; prepare for breakthroughs next winter. Contribute, collaborate and pull together. Love grows when shared.



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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The New York Times Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Trio in "Macbeth"
- 5 Baldwin of "To Rome With Love"
- 9 Loving, maybe
- 11 435 members, for the House
- 13 Marina facility
- 15 Sometime babysitters
- 17 Actress Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 18 Goes after
- 20 Beginner: Var.
- 21 Anxious
- 23 Suitable for sinking one's teeth into
- 24 Gymnastics legend Comaneci
- 25 Furniture mover?
- 27 "There's many a man hath more hair than ___": Shak.
- 28 Thomas who lent his name to a "choice"
- 29 Part of Washington, D.C., known for lobbying firms
- 31 Home for Peter Pan
- 33 "Grand Ole" thing
- 34 Act as
- 36 Messes up
- 37 Swiss canton where William Tell lived
- 38 Vodka with a Russian name
- 39 Citi Field team, on scoreboards
- 41 Aussie animal
- 42 Game of "love"
- 44 Some univ. instructors
- 46 How the answer to this clue goes in the grid
- 48 Expressionist Schiele
- 49 Purple shade
- 51 Vise parts
- 52 Barack Obama and Jimmy Carter, at the starts of their political careers
- 55 "Fate would prove otherwise"
- 56 Hungers
- 57 Stories to be continued
- 58 Dark, dirty shade
- 59 Fair-hiring inits.

DOWN

- 1 Deepest feelings
- 2 Brilliant craftsmanship
- 3 Bloke
- 4 Pic
- 5 "We need a government, ____, because of the nature of humans": P. J. O'Rourke
- 6 Actor Cariou
- 7 Living room accent piece
- 8 They lead to love at first sight
- 9 Binge
- 10 Beat it!
- 11 Game

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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PUZZLE BY MARY LOU GUIZZO

- 12 Actress who played Mrs. Cunningham on "Happy Days"
- 13 Power failure
- 14 Attracted
- 15 Bad place for a bowling ball or the mind
- 16 Bastards
- 19 February honoree
- 22 Start of a rodeo cry
- 24 Fish-fowl link
- 26 Auto takebacks
- 28 2003 #1 hit for OutKast
- 30 Best
- 32 Furniture mover, maybe
- 35 Game's turning point?
- 38 One getting smashed at a party?
- 40 Unfulfilling work assignments
- 43 Self-denial?
- 45 World capital founded by a conquistador
- 47 Steak order
- 49 Bounded
- 50 Range rovers
- 53 County divisions: Abbr.
- 54 Parts of the body that may be wiggled

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TENNIS
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Smetana's strong offense pairs well with doubles partner Will Davies. After propelling itself into the rankings at No. 51, the duo will try to continue its 10-match winning streak.

Smetana attributes his success with Davies to their cohesiveness — both Hawkeyes are friends off the court.

With the support of Wilson and Davies, the Krakow, Poland, native feels right at home in Iowa City.

"Everything is kind of great ... Iowa is going to provide you with everything you need to get better," he said. "You just have to wake up every day, work hard ... there isn't a thing I can complain about."

Without complaints, Smetana noted the adversities his team endures on the road.

Traveling between venues brings different referees, dif-

ferent climates, and possible jet lag, but regardless, Smetana doesn't make excuses. To him, it's about facing problems and becoming a man.

But sometimes, facing problems is difficult, being so far from home.

"I'm really close with my family," Smetana said. "It kind of hurts me that I am not going back for the summer, but as I said, you [have to] be a man, you have to get better. You have to sort your priorities, and right now my priority is tennis."

The young athlete plans to that importance of tennis throughout the season and college. Enthusiastic about the Hawkeyes hosting the

Big Ten Men's Tennis tournament in April, Smetana aims to use his playing time toward advancing in his career.

"[Wilson and I] both think I

have great potential to play on the first spot here," he said. "I think a goal for me, the most common goal of all, is to play in a grand slam."

BASEBALL
CONTINUED FROM 8

the bases with 2 outs, and the Hawkeyes were close to at least cutting the deficit in half.

The number of hits collected in a game doesn't always matter if they're timed well. For the second hit of the inning, third baseman Matt Hoeg roped a single over the shortstop's head to plate Whelan.

Then in the seventh inning with the bases loaded, Hawkeye freshman Kole Kampen let Ritter out of the jam with a fly ball to straightaway center.

"Just like any other at-bat, just do what you can to get the next guy out," Kampen said.

"I don't really worry about who's on bases or not."

The Hawkeye bats were quiet after the seventh-inning stretch, but the Billiken offense didn't take a break. The lone run came from a long, high homer to left, making the score 7-4 in the top of the eighth.

After two quiet half-innings by both teams, the Hawkeyes entered the bottom of the ninth in a 3-run deficit.

After a walk and a single by Hoeg to start the inning, Ben Norman, who had entered the inning in left field as part of a double switch, roped a double to the wall in right center to cut the deficit to 1. But Iowa

couldn't bring in the final run to tie the game.

"To even have a chance after giving up that many free bases is pretty much a miracle," Heller said. "But at least we gave ourselves a chance in the end."

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HAWKEYE UPDATES



Basketball loses two

Iowa lost two basketball players on Tuesday. Brady Ellingson announced via Twitter that he will leave the program to play as a graduate transfer elsewhere with an "expanded role." Ellingson will earn his degree in enterprise leadership in May.



Ellingson

This past season, he averaged 2.8 points and 1.1 assists in his 26 appearances. Throughout his career (94 games), the redshirt junior drained 3-pointers at a 40 percent rate.

"We want to thank Brady for his contribution to our program over the past four seasons," head coach Fran McCaffery said in a release. "Brady is a hard worker, a terrific teammate, and a good student. We wish Brady good luck in his future endeavors. My staff



Wagner

and I will do whatever we can to help Brady during this transition." Ahmad Wagner took to Twitter as well, announcing that he would no longer pursue basketball at Iowa but rather a career in football (where, though, he did not announce). He will finish this semester at Iowa before choosing a new school for football.

"My plan now is to train and get my body into football shape so I can be ready for when I decide where I will finish my athletic and academic goals. Thank you, Hawkeye nation for your support and welcoming me when I first stepped onto campus," Wagner said.

This past season, Wagner averaged 1.7 points and 1.7 rebounds in 30 games. During his sophomore campaign, the Yellow Springs, Ohio, native averaged 4.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, and earned the team's Most Improved Player Award.

HAWK HISTORY 101

March 21, 2014

On this date, Iowa baseball toppled Nebraska, 2-1, in its Big Ten and home-opener.

The Hawkeyes trailed, 1-0, heading into the bottom of the ninth inning. Taylor Kaufman hit an RBI single down the left side, knotting things at 1.

Nebraska elected to intentionally walk Kris Goodman, which loaded the bases.

Trevor Kenyon went up to bat, and after he fouled on his first three pitches, he hammered a pitch into left field for the walk-off RBI single.

Iowa's win over Nebraska marked the program's first Big Ten opening victory since 2010.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"That is a depressing fact, but it is a fact."

— Kirk Ferentz on his team coming off back-to-back wins for the first time since 2011



STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa Softball's 12-10 record is its best start since 2013.



Free bases sink baseball Hawkeyes

The Hawkeyes drop a game that could have been won by a pitching adage: Don't give up free bases.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

St. Louis pitcher Charlie Sheehan delivers a pitch against Iowa at Banks Field on Tuesday.

BY ANNA KAYSER
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In its 7-6 loss against St. Louis on Tuesday, Iowa baseball learned quickly that allowing free bases and not capitalizing on existing runners can jeopardize one's chances of winning.

The Hawkeye pitching staff allowed 15 free bases that led to the loss.

"We were really sloppy on the mound," head coach Rick Heller said. "We had four free bases in the first inning and then followed it up with 11 more throughout the course of the game. You're not going to win many games doing that."

The Hawkeyes dug themselves a hole early as the Billikens scored 1 run on an error and a wild pitch in the first inning. St. Louis then tacked on another in the third inning on a homer to right

before Iowa had the chance to answer.

To lead off the first and third innings, designated hitter Chris Whelan kept the bases warm for the Hawkeyes by sneaking 2 singles through the infield.

It wasn't until the third inning that it mattered. Two walks followed Whelan's hit to load

SEE BASEBALL, 7

4,867 miles later, chasing the dream

Piotr Smietana traveled 4,867 miles to get to Iowa City; now, with the spring tennis season in full swing, he's ready for the challenges.



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Piotr Smietana hits during the match against Cornell on March 2. Smietana lost (7-6 [7-4], 2-6, 6-4) and the Big Red defeated the Hawkeyes, 4-3.

BY LAUREN JIMMERSON
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Four thousand, eight hundred sixty-seven miles. That's the distance Iowa men's tennis player Piotr Smietana traveled to chase his dream as a professional tennis player.

Before becoming a Hawkeye, Smietana easily carved up the junior tennis field, winning three Polish National Championships, two international singles tournament titles, four international doubles tournament titles, and a bronze at the 2016 Polish Senior Championships.

But while he had little to no problems with his competition on the court, the Iowa freshman's biggest challenge was his transition to the college game.

"It was really hard for me," Smietana said. "I had to make a lot of adjustments. Time manage-

ment was the first one ... the second key was to find a common ground with Ross [coach Wilson] ... and the last thing [was] the team."

The fall season was rocky for Smietana. The freshman lost numerous close matches but also learned about the college-tennis environment.

"Here, it's about energy," he said.

Taking that energy into consideration, Smietana honed in on a new competitive mindset, dug down while fighting, and made the most in big moments.

Rounding out October with a 3-7 record, Smietana and head coach Ross Wilson focused their efforts on his offense.

"My play style is pretty much the same," he said. "I'm really good from the baseline ... boys sometimes call me the Great Wall of China."

SEE TENNIS, 7

Hawkeye football back in action

After a Pinstripe Bowl victory in December, it's time for the Hawkeyes to get back to work.

BY PETE RUDEN
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It's football season again. Well, kind of. The Iowa football team will kick off its spring season today in preparation for its season opener against Northern Illinois on Sept. 1.

A new depth chart was released just before head coach Kirk Ferentz's press conference on Tuesday, and there are quite a few noticeable differences from last year's depth chart. Many of the conspicuous changes come on the defensive side of the ball.

At cornerback, Michael Ojemudia and Matt Hankins are listed as the starters over veteran Manny Rugamba, who was inconsistent last year after a solid freshman campaign.

Another impressive freshman last year along with Hankins is defensive end A.J. Epenesa, who is listed as the second-string right end behind Parker Hesse.

But perhaps the biggest difference is the change in the linebacker corps. With Josey Jewell, Ben Niemann, and Bo Bower all graduating, there are three open spots occupied by players without significant game experience.

Right now, Kristian Welch mans the mike linebacker position, while Nick Niemann and Aaron Mendis roam on the outside.

However, the depth chart isn't set in stone. There is still a lot of work to be done until the first game rolls around.

"I say it to our players every year, the depth chart right now is pretty meaningless," Ferentz



Ojemudia

SEE FOOTBALL, 3