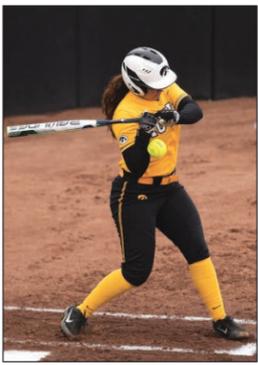


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Hawkeyes play two, take two
Led by strong pitching, Iowa softball snagged a pair of wins on Tuesday, taking down Green Bay. Pitchers Kenzie Ihle and Allison Doocy each kept the Phoenix batters guessing at the plate. Combined, the two starters struck out 19. **Sports, 8**

Editorial: We endorse Empower Iowa for UISG
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Like an RA, but for off-campus students
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The transition to center on the offensive line
James Daniels left the Iowa football program after his junior season, making the race for the Hawkeyes' starting center anyone's game. Keegan Render, who started at center in Iowa's season-opener last season (but started every other game at guard) is listed as Iowa's top snapper, and he said the transition has been smooth. **Sports, 8**

Life as a student and a purple rock star
On the weekends, UI student Austin Bernhard paints his face purple and plays rock 'n' roll on stage as the character "Purple Frank." The musician started his career at age 7 and hopes to keep it up after college. **News, 3**

School board addresses safety
The School Board took steps toward establishing a task force to address safety in schools, from mental health to dealing with an intruder or school shooter. Board members hope that the task force can focus on bullying, particularly cyberbullying, as many students have expressed this is what makes them feel unsafe. **News, 3**



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Voting in UISG election: a guide

Voting for student government is open, and current student leaders hope for higher turnout in light of increased participation.

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Voting for this year's UISG election officially opens today. Four tickets are running for office: Surge, Empower Iowa, Envision Iowa, and Student Collective Party.

Many hope to see a higher voter turnout than that in previous years. Student Election Commissioner Johanna Hetherington

said she imagines this year will see a higher turnout than years past because more parties are involved.

"I think each of the tickets does a good job of representing and trying to engage groups of people who maybe weren't necessarily interested before," she said.

Last year, the executive ticket of current UISG President Jacob

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UISG VOTING INFO

When to vote
The polls will open for the University of Iowa Student Government election at 8 a.m. today and close at 5 p.m. Thursday.

How to vote
1. Log in to your MyUI account
2. Go to the "Student Information" tab at the top of the page
3. Go to the "MY UIOWA" section and click "My Vote"
4. Select your preferred candidates

Hawkeyes focus on budget

On Tuesday, UI students took part in Hawkeye Caucus, advocating for a variety of issues at the Statehouse.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Students and state legislators meet at the State Capitol for Hawkeye Caucus Day on Tuesday. This is an event held annually to highlight accomplishments and services offered by the University of Iowa.

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Students and representatives from a variety of University of Iowa departments and areas met with state legislators on Tuesday to advocate for a number of university-wide measures.

Students focused on minimizing midyear cuts for the current fiscal year,

passing a statewide medical-amnesty law, and discussing sexual-assault measures.

"I think the most important part of Hawkeye Caucus is the ability for legislators to talk to students," said Ellie Paxson, the director of membership and partnerships for the Hawkeye Caucus. "I think they are lobbied by a lot of people with agendas of their own,

but with students here, they get to hear personal stories and get to see students' sides of the impact of their vote."

The main focus of the day for UI representatives was the request for legislators to support the state Board of Regents request for an additional \$5 million in appropriations for financial aid.

The Legislature has approved \$10.9

million in cuts to the UI and ISU for fiscal 2018. Gov. Kim Reynolds has yet to sign off on the cuts.

"We know that the Iowa budget is in a really tough place right now, and so of course we understand that cuts will be made," said Emily Fenner, the director of legislative relations of Hawkeye

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#MeToo founder Tarana Burke shares vision

Activist and founder of the #MeToo movement Tarana Burke shared her story, inspirations, and visions behind the movement that supports survivors of sexual abuse and misconduct.



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Tarana Burke, the founder of the "Me too" movement, speaks in the IMU on Tuesday. During the lecture, she spoke about her experiences regarding sexual assault and how she has advocated to stop abuse and help victims.

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#MeToo movement founder Tarana Burke shared her vision for the global phenomenon of solidarity with survivors of sexual harassment and assault Tuesday evening in the IMU.

Burke has been devoted to civil-rights activism and social-justice work for more than 25 years. She is the senior director of Girls for Gender Equity in Brooklyn, New York, and works to support survivors of sexual abuse. She was also featured in

a group of "silence breakers" as one of *Time's* 2017 people of the year.

Burke shared the moments that first inspired her to work to help survivors of sexual violence heal. While working at a youth leadership camp, a young camper revealed to Burke her story of sexual violence. At the time, Burke found it difficult to tell the young girl that sexual assault had affected her as well.

"The one thing I couldn't focus on and I

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Mental-health funding vexes Democrats

A mental-health improvements bill was introduced this year and Democrats are unsure how Republicans plan to fund it.

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A bill covering mental-health improvements was introduced this year in the state Legislature, and Democrats are concerned about the funding for the measure.

The bill, HF 2456, addresses people with more severe mental-health issues who are not necessarily in need of full-time care. The bill would implement something called access centers, which would provide beds for patients in more residential settings. The locations of these centers would not be determined by the Legislature.

HF 2456 would also provide crisis services in and outside the access centers, and intensive home services.

Sen. Rob Hogg, D-Cedar Rapids, said according to an assumption from the fiscal analysis, this bill would allow the state to provide 12 new beds by June 2019 and 48 beds by June 2020.

"It's not a lot, but it's a start," he said.

Hogg noted the state's need to improve its mental-health programs, particularly after former Gov. Terry Branstad cut psychiatric units in the past, citing a lack of funding.

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UI freshman Alex Alfaro works the tollbooth at Main Library lot on Tuesday.

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Simpson and current Vice President Lilián Sánchez ran unopposed on the Bridge UI Party in the UISG election; voter turnout was a meager 12.19 percent.

Their predecessors, Rachel Zuckerman and Lauren Freeman, won in a landslide election, and turnout was still low at 13.6 percent. The last truly contested race was in 2015,

which brought in a 30 percent student-turnout rate.

Simpson said he was excited by the turnout to both the vice-presidential and presidential debates — both debates packed the Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium, and overflowed crowded the aisles.

“I feel encouraged that students are coming out to learn about the election candidates, and that’s definitely something different between last year and this year,” Simpson said. “Not only will I hope for turnout to be

greater, but I’m also really happy with how people have been educating themselves about the people who are running.”

He said it doesn’t matter who is elected, he looks forward to working with the next administration to continue progress.

“What I’m looking forward to is, no matter who’s elected, sitting down to talk about the progress we’ve made this year and how we can transition administrations,” Simpson said. “What you always hope for is that the next administration is

better than the one before.”

Hetherington emphasized that it’s important for students to vote in order to make their voices are heard.

“I think it’s incredibly important that people get out and vote because a lot of people don’t understand the importance of UISG’s role,” Hetherington said. “There is obviously the aspect of the \$1.8 million that are allocated in student-activity fees. That’s a huge sum of money, and I’m sure every student has a vested interest in how that

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Fenner said that although many are aware of the cuts, their effect is severe nonetheless.

“When cuts are made to the state appropriations that state schools get, that necessitates funding from somewhere, and a

lot of times that funding comes from an increase in tuition,” she said. “We know how hard that is on students, so we really try to do everything we can to limit those added burdens on students. They’re already dealing with high tuition costs.”

Members of the Hawkeye Caucus believe that the appropriations are necessary in order to increase the value of education, Fenner said, and to make

investments for the university’s future. The UI has compromised its quality and accessibility to students, she believes.

Medical amnesty, an important issue for many, was another notable discussion point. The current UI policy protects students in need of emergency medical assistance from receiving disciplinary measures but not legal prosecution.

On March 15, 2017, the Iowa

Senate unanimously passed a bill providing immunity from specific alcohol-related offenses for individuals who call for help. However, this measure has not yet been passed the House.

Representatives also discussed UI topics seen as controversial, including Meatless Mondays, which some think can hurt meat producers; the Business Leaders in Christ student organization, which was

removed from campus and later reinstated after a discrimination complaint; and free speech, which some fear can devolve into discrimination. Fenner said it is important to talk about these issues in order to encourage open discourse and to alleviate taboos.

“I think that addressing controversial issues and opening up the conversation is the only way that we’re ever going to

money is dispersed. I think that it’s important that all exercise their civic duty and their voices in these matters.”

move past the controversy that comes with those issues,” Fenner said.

Overall, UISG Vice President Lilián Sánchez said, Hawkeye Caucus is an important steppingstone for students to have their voices heard.

“Any day that students are empowered to be advocates for themselves and the things that they care about is a successful day to me,” she said.

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“By 2020, it’s expected to cost \$6 million, so I’m a little skeptical of that,” Hogg said.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said that so far, Republicans have not described how they are planning to fund the measure. Bolkcom said Iowa does not have enough residential placements and not enough beds for people who

are chronically sick.

“This [bill] recognizes we have not done a good job dealing with that,” he said.

Because the state hasn’t had the funding for mental-health services in the past, Bolkcom said, it has not been able to prioritize the spending.

Gov. Kim Reynolds’ mental-health privatization is failing, he contended, and people with mental-health problems are being moved around and not getting assistance.

Bolkcom said one of the

main challenges of the bill is that the state is going to have to ask mental-health facilities to expand with the creation of the new access centers.

“There’s a lot of apprehension by providers who aren’t getting paid for the things they’ve always done,” he said.

Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said the bill would not affect the existing facilities. HF 2456 requires the Division of Mental Health and Disability Services to ensure the expenditures are funded

by Medicaid, he said.

“The access centers would be new facilities, and there would be one in Johnson County,” he said. “That’s why there has to be some resources out there, and it’s still unclear where [Republicans] would get that resource.”

Recommendations for the bill came from the Complex Service Needs Workgroup, and it wanted more “core services” ensured by the state mental-health division, Dvorsky said. The group was motivated by the lack of facilities and pro-

grams in place, he noted.

The reason the bill would not affect existing mental-health facilities, Dvorsky said, is that existing programs would not be able to deal with the proposal.

“It’s certainly more than a good first step,” he said.

Barry Schreier, the director of University of Iowa Counseling Services, said the UI does run mental-health programs individually, but they are not islands unto themselves.

In cases requiring more

expertise, he said, the UI will refer students to surrounding hospitals for further care, and there are not always beds available.

“It will not be unusual that we have people go to a hospital in Iowa City, and they get transferred to somewhere like Ames,” he said.

While the state’s mental-health programs are dismal, Schreier said, the UI has been able to increase its care because of student involvement on campus.

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couldn’t tell her was that this had happened to me, too,” Burke said. “As soon as she walked away, I realized that was all I needed to say.”

Burke said the movement was born inside of her in that moment.

Contrary to popular belief,

the #MeToo movement did not begin in 2017. Burke first coined the phrase in 2006 to support young women of color who survived sexual abuse. She founded Just Be Inc. specifically to assist young women of color.

“Me too really was born out of taking a step back and trying to think about what I needed at this age,” Burke said. “What could someone have said to me at 14 or 12 or 9 that would have changed the

trajectory of my life?”

The national conversation on sexual violence picked up wide-scale momentum in October 2017 after numerous powerful men, including movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, were accused of sexual abuse and harassment — the #MeToo campaign became rampant across social media.

Burke said 12 million people shared the hashtag in the first 24 hours.

Burke emphasized, however, that this was not a movement centered on taking down powerful men.

“This is a movement for survivors. This is a movement about making sure survivors have the resources they need to craft their own healing journey,” Burke said. “It’s about making sure that the most marginalized amongst the survivors have the resources that they need first. It’s about har-

nessing the power that we have as survivors.”

Burke’s lecture was hosted and coordinated by the University Lecture Committee and sponsored by the UI Interfraternity Council.

“Our committee is always looking to address the big issues facing not only our community but the country as a whole,” Lecture Committee member Caleb Bell said. “We want to be able to bring [the conversation on sex-

ual assault] to Iowa City.”

Lecture Committee member and UI student Jamie Porter said sexual assault is an issue that affects everyone.

“The UI, like many college campuses across the nation, has been affected by sexual assault and violence, [it] impacts everyone,” Porter said. “But like we have seen this past year, there are people who are wholly dedicated to ending sexual assault and violence.”

UISG tries to reach off-campus students

Alongside numerous bylaw changes, the last meeting for the current UISG administration passed an initiative to put in place off-campus ambassadors next fall.

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Off-campus students will have an additional touchpoint this fall after University of Iowa Student Government passed a last-minute funding initiative to support off-campus students.

In its last meeting of the year, the Student Senate voted to contribute \$7,000 to an off-campus neighborhood-ambassador program starting this fall semester.

Ten “neighborhood ambassadors” for eight Iowa City neighborhoods would be paid to help plan off-campus community events and serve as a liaison between residents and such groups as UISG or Center for Student Involvement & Leadership.

Off-campus students make up most of the students at the UI — 73.8 percent of the student body, and students make up more than half of the Iowa

City housing market, according to the legislation.

“We have a huge community of people who don’t have access or as easy of access to on campus resources that they would get through a [Resident Assistant]” UISG Sen. Loden Henning said. “An off-campus ambassador really is the way to bridge that gap between our off-campus students and campus resources.”

Applications will be available in the next few weeks for neighborhood ambassadors representing the neighborhoods of Bowery, Brookland/Roosevelt, College Green, Downtown, Longfellow, North Side, and Riverfront Crossings East. Applicants will be chosen in early April and go through training in the fall for the 2018-19 school year.

Each ambassador would receive a \$250 stipend per semester.

UISG will fund part of those salaries by allocating \$2,000,

or \$100 per semester per ambassador, to go toward salaries for its first year. The remaining \$5,000 will be available to cover event-planning costs.

After concerns about funding oversight were brought up, an amendment passed to approve funding for community events on a rolling basis, and leftover funds will return to the UISG contingency account.

The legislation passed with 75 percent of support from the Senate, though several senators questioned whether the initiative was a responsible use of funds.

“I also live off campus, and I am just unsure of the sustainability of the program involving community events. I know for me and for my roommates, we don’t have the time or the draw to attend an off-campus event,” UISG Sen. Alex Bare said. “I think there are already a lot of resources on campus that students could go to to

get information on rent and leases.”

Legislation sponsor and UISG Sen. Hunter Gillespie responded by saying that while programming would be open to all students, it mostly provides a helping hand to those who aren’t already involved. Ambassadors could also point students to on-campus resources that exist.

“This program is designed to target those students who are not really heavily involved, and those students that might not feel as connected,” Gillespie said.

Ambassadors will be expected to host two to three events per semester and spend about five to 10 hours per week completing their responsibilities.

In addition to event planning, ambassador responsibilities also include talking with residents and meeting with organizations partnering on off-campus initiatives. However, they would not be con-

sidered mandatory reporters or have any inspection duties, Henning said.

The new liaisons would be managed by the Off-Campus

Advisory Board. Created in November 2017, the board comprises UISG city liaisons, UI administrators, and city officials.



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Tristan Schmidt, the UISG director of academic affairs, address the UISG meeting in the IMU on Tuesday. UISG discussed neighborhood ambassadors, who could represent students in off-campus housing.

School Board takes step on school safety

On Tuesday, the School Board started to form a task force aimed at increasing the safety of students and faculty in local schools.

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The Iowa City School Board on Tuesday took steps to institute a task force responsible for school safety.

The task force will tackle issues ranging from mental health and bullying among students to advanced security from intruders following the Feb. 14 shooting in Parkland, Florida, as well as the large amount of community involvement in the strengthening of school security.

"There are many short-term and long-term things we have to do," board member Shawn Eyestone said. "With these horrific things happening around the country, we have these knee-jerk reactions, and we want to make sure that whatever it is we're going to want to put into place in our school in regards to safety and security, that it's a sustainable

and long-term, positive fix."

The formation of the task force is still in its early stages. Eyestone said the task force will serve a very specific purpose and hopes it will be broad-based, including parents, staff, law enforcement, and other community members.

The operations committee, of which Eyestone is a member, will oversee the chartering and recruitment of the task force.

Members of the board were concerned about the focal points of the task force. Board member Paul Roesler, for example, said he did not want the primary focus of the group to be intruder safety.

"I hope that when you do the charter, that you are very specific in what you are looking for," Roesler said. "I am less concerned with intruder safety than I am with actual student and teacher safety in the school from each other.

I know there are a lot of students and staff out there who are not safe."

Eyestone said another area the task force will look into is cyberbullying and social media. He said that based on results from a survey given to students at Iowa City schools, the most common response of what made students feel unsafe was cyberbullying and alienation from their peers.

Several community members also took the floor at the meeting. Each offered her or his own concerns about safety in schools and what kind of reform would be necessary for them to feel confident in the children's safety.

"I want to present the idea of having a mental-health professional in the school that is dedicated to only those kids who have anxiety and depression, beyond the learning disabilities that many kids have," said Rebecca Sanabria, a mother of



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan
A young attendee talks about his fear of school shootings during the Iowa City school board meeting at the Professional Development Center on March 27, 2018. Members of the school board discussed the possibility of creating a safety task force.

three children attending Iowa City schools. "Our counselors at our school say that these are not things that they are trained for, and they don't have the

time for it, because they are concentrating on the kids' developmental needs."

The board did not vote on the establishment of the task force

after entrusting its formation to the operations committee. The committee will report back to the board on its progress in early May.

ARTS & CULTURE

Part college student, part Purple Frank

Austin Bernhard paints his face purple, dons the character "Purple Frank", and plays rock music on the weekend.

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Austin Bernhard is a student at the University of Iowa by weekday, but with guitar in hand and some purple face paint, he becomes the lead singer and guitarist for the rock band Purple Frank.

Bernhard is from McGregor, Iowa, a town of fewer than 900 residents on the Mississippi River. He began his music career at age 7 in this small community.

As a young solo artist, Bernhard won a country-music contest in his hometown. The contest promised work with a record studio in Nashville, but the recording sessions never appeared.

"I played a Jack White cover, which is kind of funny when you think about it," he said. "I guess I'm kind of happy it never happened; I wouldn't want to be playing country music now."

Bernhard went on to form a band, The Sweet Jeebushs, with some of his high-school friends. The name for the band is a Bart Simpson exclamation-turned-meme that was frequently used

by one of the band's history teachers.

"I would bring my laptop to class and record him," Bernhard said. "We ended up using recordings I got from that class on our first album."

The Sweet Jeebush's first album, *Swumbino*, captures Bernhard's early recordings that he conducted in a basement using a single amplifier and a pair of Apple headphones to record vocals.

"We ended up doing a lot of stuff right," said Cole Wille, the drummer for the group. "The only thing we didn't do right was recording the drums correctly; we were way off."

Wille is now an audio-engineering student in Tucson, Arizona. He came to Bernhard as an interested musician, and during the time spent recording with the band, Wille fell in love with the audio-engineering component of music.

The band now has two

EPs, *Disco Asylum* and *Easy Breezy*, that it released in 2016.

When Bernhard entered the University of Iowa, the band struggled to stay together.

"We didn't ever 'break up,' but we couldn't play together regularly, so it was left up in the air," Bernhard said.

The undoing of The Sweet Jeebushs led to a void in his schedule. Aside from the projects he was completing during his freshman year as a cinema major, the down time became overwhelming.

"I would come back after class in the early afternoon and have nothing to do until class the next day," Bernhard said. "So I just decided, 'Let's write some music.'"

During this time, he began crafting the stage character Purple Frank.

"I just love the idea of a character," he said. "I love making music, and I love making films, so when the

two collide, it's a great feeling."

This characterization of Purple Frank can be seen in the music video Bernhard put up in January on YouTube for one of the tracks on his first album, "Thinkin' About the Rhythm."

During his freshman year he also met now friend, bassist, and roommate Matt Fetzter.

"There are about three instruments in our living room at all times," Fetzter said. "There is always someone jamming, which leads to others joining in."

Fetzter is a part of the group of rotating musicians that back up Purple Frank. Others include Colt Amborn, Brendan Higgins, and Jonah Hatten.

Upon graduation, Bernhard plans on reuniting with Wille on the West Coast. Wille has internships planned in the Los Angeles area, and he hopes that Bernhard can bring Purple Frank to join him.



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Bicyclists: Did you know?



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DI endorses Empower Iowa for UISG

Empower Iowa's experience and comprehensive solutions make it the most qualified for UI Student Government.

Four tickets are running for University of Iowa Student Government: Empower Iowa, Student Collective Party, UI Surge Party, and Envision Iowa.

All four tickets have their merits, ranging in experience and innovative ideas. They address similar hot-button campus issues: affordability, accessibility to UISG, diversity. *The Daily Iowan* has decided to endorse Empower Iowa because we believe with its unparalleled experience and thorough plans, its members will most effectively turn ideas into action.

Empower Iowa is led by presidential candidate Ben Nelson and vice-presidential candidate Nate Robinson. They and their 29 senatorial candidates have more than 30 combined years in student government, are involved with more than 60 campus organizations, and have written 37 pieces of legislation.

Empower Iowa has the most incumbent UISG members on the ticket, which may be unsettling to those who feel a change to the status quo is needed. But the party wants to ensure students are heard by inviting underrepresented groups to committee meetings, providing surveys each semester, and inviting students to weekly open-access presentations. Nelson best explained the party's philosophy on candidate experience at the presidential debate on Sunday.

"What experience teaches you is where the organization has been, and what mistakes it's made, and where it can go moving forward ... We have [also] brought in experienced student leaders [to our ticket] who have proven themselves elsewhere."

One of those student leaders is vice-presidential candidate Nate Robinson. He works as a Black Student Success Coordinator in

the Office of the Vice President for Student Life and as a resident assistant. He will bring a needed institutional perspective to the cultural centers, advocating for Supplemental Instruction tutors and an increase in the number of workshops and visits from professionals. He intrinsically understands the importance of representation in helping students succeed.

This experience in and out of student government is evident in the party's extensive list of an estimated 50 platform initiatives and 100 solutions. One very practical initiative aims to address the transparency of sexual-assault policies at the UI by centralizing information for survivors online. The website would distinguish confidential and nonconfidential resources, as well as provide a simple timeline for seeking help from the Women's Resource & Action Center, Rape Victim Advo-

cacy Program, and the UI police.

Nelson's experience as UISG city liaison will be invaluable to addressing off-campus housing and transportation; Iowa City landlords have historically taken advantage of student tenants, and Cambus routes are limited. Empower Iowa's initiatives in this area include advocating for background checks for landlords, redistricting Cambus routes through collaboration with Iowa City Transit, and creating a cross-walk on Madison Street in front of the IMU.

These are just a few of Empower Iowa's many achievable ideas, all of which set the party apart because of its feasibility and comprehensiveness. The ticket's website also has a space for students to submit ideas, a small token of the outreach the members have demonstrated throughout the campaign and have committed to continuing if elected.



Ben Allan Smith/*The Daily Iowan*
(From left) Nate Robinson, Ben Nelson, and Katherine Baer, members of the UISG ticket Empower Iowa, speak to the *DI* editorial staff in the Adler Building on March 19.

Whomever you choose to support, student government should represent the student body. Voter turnout for UISG elections in the last few years has been meager. According to statistics given at the presidential debate, 30 percent of students voted in 2015, 13 percent in 2016, and just 12 per-

cent in 2017. UISG is in charge of allocating the student-activity fees to campus organizations, services, and initiatives (that's \$1.872 million it shares with the Graduate & Professional Student Government). The *DI* encourages all students to vote on MyUI today and Thursday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ask your legislator to back the backfill

The Iowa Legislature should fully fund the backfill. In 2013, state law was changed to reduce the amount of taxes that local governments get from commercial and industrial properties. The backfill is a reimbursement from the state to local governments for this loss. The total payment for the current fiscal year was more than \$152 million, of which nearly \$1.5 million went to Johnson County, \$3.6 million went to towns in Johnson County, and nearly \$2.9 million went to schools in Johnson County. These reimbursements help ensure local governments aren't forced to drastically increase property taxes on your home or farm or to make cuts to the services you depend on.

Despite Gov. Kim Reynolds' full funding of the backfill in her proposed budget, there are two pieces of legislation before the Legislature that would phase out or greatly reduce funding for the backfill. Both bills are troubling for many reasons. First, the taxable value of commercial and industrial property hasn't even returned to the levels from before the legislation was implemented, so if the backfill is significantly reduced or eliminated, counties will receive less tax revenue than they did five years ago. Second, both plans call for reductions far too rapidly for most counties to absorb without significant property-tax increases or reductions in services. Third, the phase-out begins in fiscal 2019, and counties have already set their budgets for fiscal 2019, so this would force immediate budget amendments to raise property taxes or cut back on services.

As Johnson County works to continue to provide the high-quality local services that you deserve and depend on, we want to do so without putting the burden on you, local property taxpayers. We will continue to urge our legislators to back the backfill, and we encourage you to join us. Please ask your legislators to support the governor's

proposal and to fulfill its commitment to replace their reductions from commercial and industrial property-tax revenue.

— **Johnson County Board of Supervisors**

Iowa exemplifies good voter laws

This letter comes in response to an opinion shared by Ella Lee regarding voting in America. I noticed a problem with a key component of her argument that I would like to point out and hopefully clarify.

Lee notes that any American who cannot reach their assigned polling place on election day should either vote early or cast an absentee ballot. She claims that these two options are available to anyone in all 50 states. Unfortunately, that is incorrect. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 20 states that do allow absentee voting require a reasonable excuse to do so. Early voting is also unavailable in 13 of the states. Those states include large population centers such as New York and Pennsylvania.

Lee also discusses the challenges posed by the current system of voting in America, and we should look to Iowa for answers on what works. The key to a quality voting system is a process in which it is easy to vote but hard to commit fraud, and that is the balance that exists in Iowa. The people's active role in the electoral process, from caucus to primary to Election Day, is one of many reasons Iowans have the privilege of being first in the nation during presidential elections and why Iowa is consistently in the top 10 for voter turnout. Other states seeking to increase voter turnout should consider what Iowa has done under the leadership of people such as Secretary of State Paul Pate, maintaining ample opportunities to vote while also increasing security for those votes.

— **Caleb Bell**
UI student

GUEST OPINION

A vote for Surge is a vote for action

Surge Party is working to break down barriers between the student body and UISG.

Everyone participating in the upcoming UISG election wants the same thing: to make the University of Iowa better. However, only one ticket has proven time and again that it values student input and collaboration in achieving this goal. Surge Party has been out on the streets every day, asking students what they would like to see

at the university.

Dozens of Hawkeyes shared ideas, such as "Pay students a livable wage," and "Make sidewalks more wheelchair-safe."

These ideas are documented and will be pursued if Surge Party is elected. This commitment to elevating student voices is crucial to a successful UISG administration. The

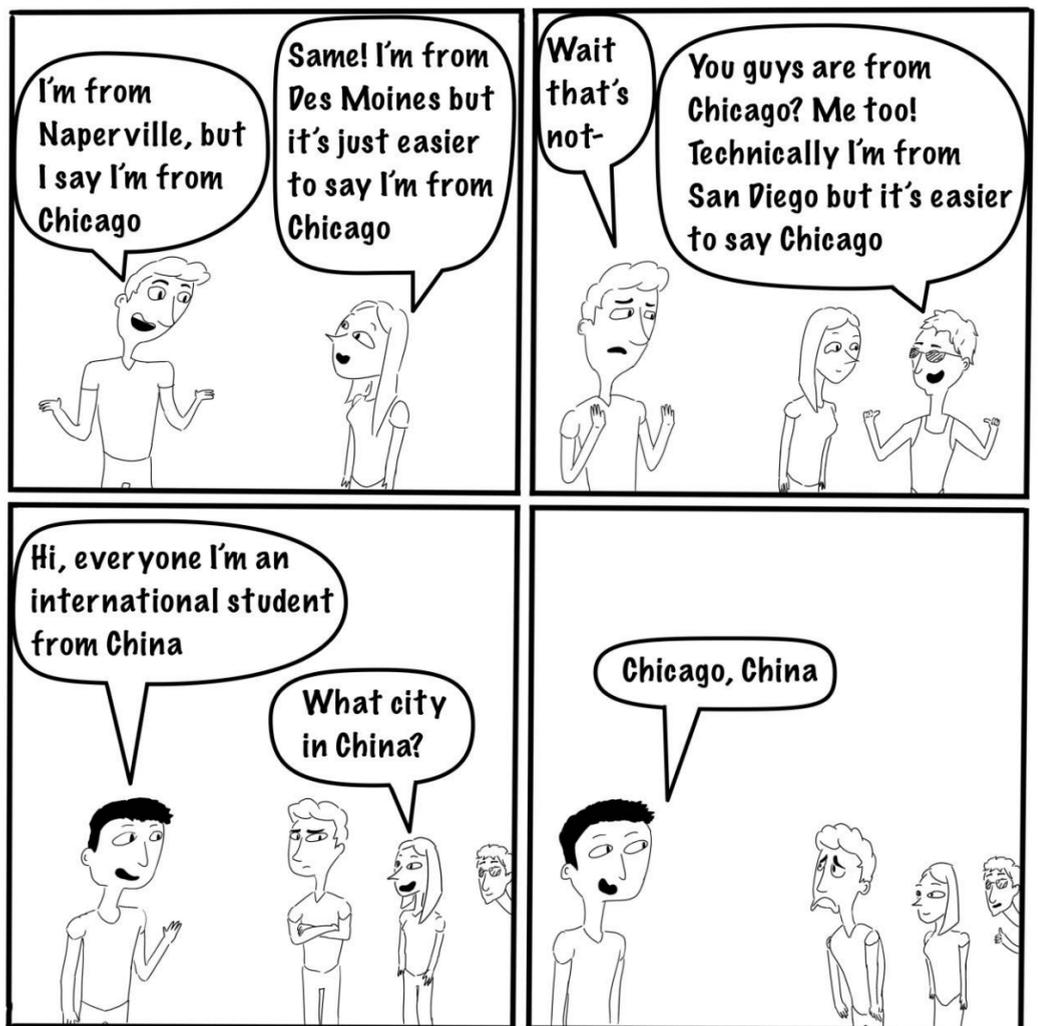
organization exists to represent and serve students, and the key to achieving that mission is communication.

At the recent VP candidate debate, a common theme was the vision of breaking down barriers between UISG and students, but Surge has been doing just that already. This party cares about representing,

growing, and empowering the Hawkeye community, not by assuming what students want but by actually asking. It's easy to make big promises but much harder to act on them. As the party has already proven, a vote for Surge is a vote for action.

— **Noel Mills**
Surge Party candidate

Chicago



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Softball transfer makes some noise

Kenzie Ihle has had a busy college career and is now turning into a strong addition in the circle for Iowa softball.

BY JAMES GEERDES
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On July 11, 2017, head coach Marla Looper announced the addition of senior transfer Kenzie Ihle to the Hawkeye roster.

Ihle has had a busy college career, in now three different uniforms. The Des Moines native and Ballard High prep started her freshman campaign at DMACC, where she stayed through her sophomore season. At DMACC, Ihle led her team to two Ju-co World Series and a combined 103-18 record in her two seasons. She was also a first-team All American.

After two illustrious seasons, Ihle took her talents to Indiana State. Her junior campaign featured a 17-14 record through 30 starts and 37 appearances. She posted a 3.52 ERA to lead the Sycamores in the circle.

Now, one move later, Ihle has made a home for herself on Pearl Field.

Her first start in the Black and Gold on Pearl Field was not be her prettiest. On March 21, Ihle, pitching against South Dakota State, allowed 4 hits in 6.2 innings and walked 6 to only 5 strikeouts. Ihle suffered her first loss at Pearl Field, 5-2, to the unranked Jackrabbits.

Ihle bounced back Tuesday against Wisconsin-Green Bay. The senior transfer scattered 8 hits and only 1 walk and gave up 1 earned run. She tagged on 8 more strikeouts to the 24 batter batters faced.

"My goal was to just get ahead of batters and rely on my defense to make plays, and they did a good job," Ihle said.

Behind Ihle, the team earned its first run-rule win of the season, 9-1.

"Ihle gave us a great game first game," Looper said. "They had a couple innings where they got a hold of a couple, but she made the adjustment she needed to, and settled down, and let us play defense behind her."

Ihle's performance against

Green Bay was the best of her season thus far. The senior has a 3.11 ERA and a 2-2 record through nine appearances and 27 innings pitched, but she credits her fellow Hawkeyes for her success.

"My teammates are great," she said. "They've really been supportive this year. I still throw the same pitches, but I've gotten a little sharper with those this year."

Teammate Allison Doocy will continue to haul the main load for the Hawkeyes, but Ihle, as well as Lauren Shaw and Erin Riding, provides a strong back-up option for Looper.

"She's done a nice job," Looper said. "She just looks completely different than Doocy, Shaw, and Riding, and as the season's gone on, she's gotten sharper."

On top of her pitching, Ihle provides senior leadership even as one of the team's newcomers.

"It's really nice to have another pitcher," sophomore



Ashley Morris/The Daily Iowan

Iowa pitcher Kenzie Ihle pitches at Pearl Field on Oct. 1, 2017. The Hawkeyes defeated Drake, 6-5.

Taylor Libby said. "She brings a lot of curve and movement, which contrasts Doocy, who throws up and down. Having her experience of being a senior is really nice."

Looper uses the senior guidance to propel the young softball team.

"She's a senior, so she's been there, done that, but she's actually refined her skills a little

bit," Looper said. "It's nice to see her in the circle and get some extended innings as of late, and I expect to see her continue to do that down the road."

BASEBALL

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as on March 21. "We scored 6 runs against St. Louis and another 6 runs [March 21], and that hadn't really been the case early in the season. We just need to stay consistent in scoring runs ... There have been some bumps in the road on every level, but as long as we stay consistent, we'll be all right."

Freshman lefty Trenton Wallace is set to take the mound for Iowa, and he has quite the performance to follow. In the Hawkeyes' last win, over the Hoosiers, Brady Schanuel pitched a gem, allowing 1 hit and 4 walks in 7 innings while striking out a career-high 11.

Schanuel's performance, along with Sunday's cancellation of the series finale, leaves the bullpen with a lot of innings in it.

"Brady was throwing strikes when he wanted to throw strikes it seemed like, when it really mattered," DH Chris Whelan said after Schanuel's outing. "His going deep in the ballgame is huge for our bullpen."



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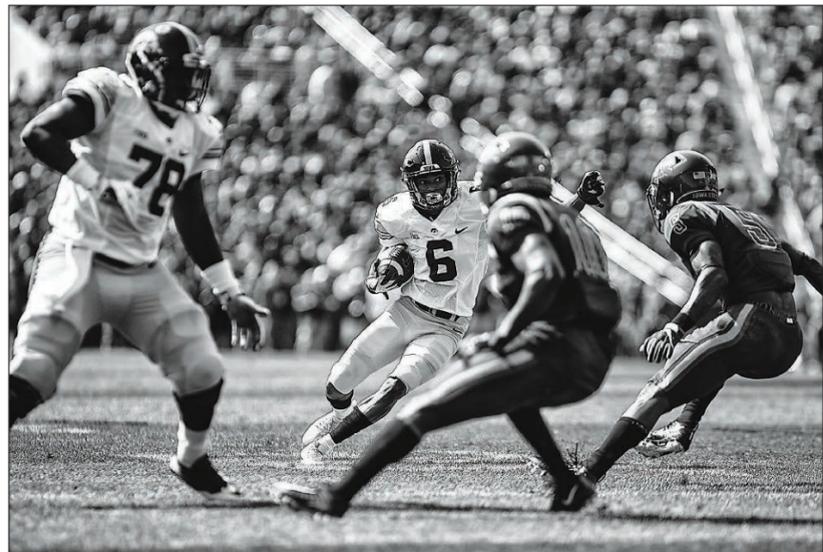
Iowa outfielder Robert Neustrom makes contact during Iowa's doubleheader against No. 11 Indiana at Banks Field on March 23.

The Braves will counter by sending right-handed pitcher Mitch Janssen to the bump. Janssen sports a 1-0 record but has an ERA of 8.10 after allowing 16 runs in 16.2 innings of action.

After having three games canceled and one postponed during the past week, Bradley hasn't competed since March 21, leaving plenty of fresh arms to battle the Hawkeyes.

Combine that with stellar hitting, and the Braves could cause some problems.

"We play Bradley every year in the midweek home and away. This year, I feel like they have a really good team," head coach Rick Heller said. "They've beaten some good teams, and they have a very strong offensive team ... They'll have plenty of arms to throw at us, and I'm guessing we'll see a lot of arms that he wants to get some innings for the conference games this weekend, and we're going to do the same."



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Ihmir Smith-Marssette avoids tackles in Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9, 2017.

FOOTBALL

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one at right guard.

The senior touched on his lone start at center last season, describing it as the main reason he's comfortable with the transition into the coming season was getting those live, in-game reps at his new position. That made it so that he was not thrown into the fire this season.

One thing Render is bracing for this season is opposing defensive coordinators throwing blitzes at Iowa's offensive line, something that happened quite often last season.

At center, he's in charge of recognizing defensive fronts and anticipating blitzes or which gaps the defenders will shoot.

"If Tristan [Wirfs] goes to the wrong guy, that's not on him. If

I made the wrong call, that's on me," he said. "It's just bigger picture than when you're not playing center. You [have] to know everybody's responsibility."

New season, more experience

Last season, aside from Matt Vandenberg, no Hawkeye receiver had caught a pass in a live, Division-1 game heading into spring ball. Meanwhile, Nate Stanley took over the starting quarterback job under then-new offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz.

Now, as all key players in the passing game return (minus Vandenberg), there's a different feel heading into this season — there's a stronger relationship between the quarterback and his receivers, and those returning, seasoned Hawkeyes are ready to step up from first-year starters into leaders.

"I feel more comfortable in

my role," receiver Nick Easley said. "Coming into spring, I feel like I got to be a leader. Last spring this time, I was just coming into the program. It's a lot different."

Whereas Easley came into last season with two seasons of junior-college ball before Iowa, two other receivers, Ihmir Smith-Marssette and Brandon Smith, came into last year with no experience at any level.

Throughout the offseason, their progression in particular stands out.

"They continue to get better every single day. They have a great attitude, and they come to work every single day," Stanley said. "They're both getting more physical as we continue to train in the weight room. They're learning how to play at this level, and they've done a great job so far of adapting to the higher expectations they've had on them so far."

SOFTBALL

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pulled after only one batter in the second. Sophomore Allison Doocy, arguably one of the Hawkeyes' best pitchers in the early season, replaced her. Doocy recorded three straight outs to strand the leadoff hitter.

"Doocy coming in relief, we don't usually have her in that position, but she's got to practice that, and that was a good opportunity to," head coach Marla Looper said. "I was hoping not to need to practice that, but she did a nice job coming in to just attack the hitters, and yeah, in Doocy fashion, she just pounded the zone."

To lead off the Iowa half of the second inning, Bogar reached on an error by the second baseman. She stole second base on the next pitch, and two groundouts later was around to score, giving the Hawkeyes a 3-2 lead. First baseman Mallory Kilian was up with two outs and roped a single past third base but was thrown out at second base for Iowa's second base-running out of the game.

Neither team scored in the third and fourth innings, and Green Bay put up a zero in its top of the fifth inning.

Three free bases and 1 walk later, Iowa threatened again in the bottom of the fifth. A hard-hit groundball to the shortstop by right fielder Schmiederer induced

a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

The sixth and seventh innings went by quickly, and Iowa emerged with a 3-2 win.

Doocy took the win, allowing only 2 hits in 6 innings of work. She racked up 11 strikeouts with no walks.

Tonight, Iowa will welcome Drake to Pearl Field for a second midweek matchup. First pitch is slated for 5 p.m.

The Bulldogs are 21-8 on the season, with the last regular-season matchup against the Hawkeyes coming on April 2, 2017. Iowa took down Drake, 2-0.

"We play [Drake] a lot, so we're pretty familiar with them, and it's just nice to get a big crowd out especially with those in state games," catcher Taylor Libby said.



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- **English Faculty Colloquium**, "Two Tales of Toxicity: Bhopal and Louisville," Barbara Eckstein, 3:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room A
- **Immunology Seminar**, Elizabeth Wohlfert, 4 p.m., 1289 Carver Biomedical Research Building
- **Hawks Don't Hate**, photo campaign by Associated Residence Halls & National Residence Hall Honorary, 5-8 p.m., Burge Dining Hall
- **Research help for students at The SEAM**, 5-9 p.m., 2012/13 Main Library
- **Hubbard Scholars**, 6:30 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center Main Lounge
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Patrick Nathan, *Some Hell*, conversation with Joseph Cassara, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **"The Interview,"** Melissa Shivers & Joy Melody Woods, 7:30 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- **Brian Stokes Mitchell with UI Symphony Orchestra**, William LaRue Jones, conductor, 7:30 p.m., Hancher

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Benefit of the Day



Music for Meals Benefit Concert

by Coralville Community Food Pantry

Elizabeth Moen, an Iowa musical legend-in-the-making, will headline this year's "Music for Meals" benefit concert--an event designed to raise vital funds needed to help the Coralville Community Food Pantry continue to transform Coralville into a place that is free of hunger.

Guests will enjoy food, drinks (wine & beer available for purchase), a silent auction, and live music showcasing the likes of Moen and other talented local artists. This year's event will be held at North Ridge Pavilion in Coralville, to create a more intimate atmosphere.

Tickets are \$20/person. Groups of 8 can reserve a VIP Table for \$200, which includes 8 complimentary drink tickets, and 8 silent auction \$5 coupons.

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- Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Domestic pursuits have your attention today and tomorrow. Creative efforts pay off big. Respect another's sensitivities. Restore something old to a new purpose.
- Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Dive into an investigation. Study the situation for a few days. Express your passion for the subject. Participate in a fascinating conversation.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** The profit potential rises through tomorrow. Unexpected benefits appear. Review financial priorities. Fluctuations could rock the boat. Rely on a trusted ally and common sense.
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- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Slow down and review your plan. Actions now can have long-term impact; carefully consider the predictable consequences of each choice. Think about dreams and visions.

- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Team projects take shape today and tomorrow. Collaborate for a heartfelt possibility. A brilliant idea comes from a young person. Love takes you by surprise.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A professional opportunity could require extra work. A conflict between career responsibilities and romance could frustrate. Delegate what you can. Walk and talk.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Romantic adventures beckon. If you can get away, go. If not, take time to plan an upcoming trip or exploration. Love energizes you. Follow your heart.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Join forces with another to get the funding necessary. Talk about a shared passion to define priorities and responsibilities. Gain more than expected.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Listen to your heart. Art, beauty and love inspire your creative expression. Share what you're learning with a respected partner. It's contagious.

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Wednesday, March 28, 2018
by Linda Black

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Talented Freshman adjusts to life as UI student outside of Carver-Hawkeye

Freshman Bennet Huang is burning bright in the Iowa gymnastics program, but college life can still be the real trick.

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For the first two full weeks of March, Iowa gymnast freshman Bennet Huang was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week. The second of those two weeks, Huang was also named the NCAA Freshman of the Week.

"Obviously he's a pretty stellar competitor; he's still figuring things out, but he's consistent, he's a performer," said men's gymnastics head coach JD Reive. "He likes to compete. He likes to win. He likes to get out there and lead that. And as a true freshman, that's a really important characteristic to bring, and I think it's helped bring everybody up and together."

These are qualities that Reive searches for when scouting future gymnasts.

But even before the recruiting process began, Reive knew what Huang had.

"Bennet actually came to my club program at Stanford, which was when I was an assistant coach there, [when] he was

probably 8," Reive said. "I worked with him for several years for his compulsory development, and when I got this job, he went off to another gym. I had known him and his family for a very long time. Very close with us — his mom helped raise my child, and I taught her kid gymnastics. As he became recruitable, obviously he was somebody I went after very aggressively because I wanted him to be here. It was a very, very natural fit."

The natural fit can already be felt just in the scores. Huang's meet participation is especially notable in how he excels as an all-around competitor. Nationally, he's ranked 10th in all-around, 17th on the floor event, and 22nd on the pommel horse.

Senior Mark Springett says Huang's participation directly affects the team.

"He brings a lot of potential to this team," Springett said. "There have definitely been some ups and downs with his performance, just like anybody else. I definitely see a future with Bennet."

With what Huang has shown already, his potential is especially exciting for the Hawkeye program.

But Springett's hesitation? That's thanks to Huang's habits outside the gym.

"For any freshman, it's a hard transition period — you have to figure out life on your own," Springett said. "For most of us, it's life outside of our own states. You have to get accustomed to Iowa, accustomed to some new coaches, and some new teammates — and that's always a tough transition."

Springett's explanation was the nice way of saying it.

For Huang, gymnastics isn't all there is to him. Arguably a better cellist than a gymnast, and touting an ACT score just 2 points off of perfect, talented is a good word to describe him.

Classes, laundry, waking up on time — navigating that can almost be harder than landing a flip for Huang. College is a whole new level, as Springett pointed out, and Huang, like every other freshman, is still



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Bennet Huang performs on the horizontal bar during a gymnastics meet against Penn State and Arizona State on March 3 in Carver-Hawkeye. Huang earned a 12.750 for his performance, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Lions and the Sun Devils, 404.050 to 396.550 and 376.150

getting the hang of it, much to his older teammates' consternation.

"[Life outside the gym] is

definitely a work in progress," Huang said. "It's getting there, and I'm really starting to get everything organized. It's a

change from high school, but it's something I need to get adjusted to, and hopefully I'll see progress."

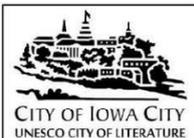
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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Gustafson makes another All-American team

The U.S. Basketball Writers Association tabbed Iowa basketball's Megan Gustafson as a second team All-American on Tuesday.

Eleven athletes were selected to two teams. Gustafson joins Kelsey Mitchell as the only two Big Ten players making either the first or second team. Gustafson's selection marks the fourth time in Hawkeye history an Iowa player was named to a writers' All-American team. The last Hawkeye to do so was Sam Logic in 2015. The other two Hawkeyes were Michelle Edwards (1988) and Necole Tunsil (1994).

Last season, Gustafson averaged 25.7 points and 12.8 rebounds per game while shooting 67.1 percent from the floor. During her 32 appearances, the Port Wing, Wisconsin, native led the nation in points per game, field-goal percentage, and field goals (320). The Big Ten Player of the Year stands second in double-doubles (28), third in total points (823), fourth in defensive rebounds per game (9), and fifth in rebounds (411) and rebounds per game.

Her honor isn't her first recognition of the season. Gustafson was a first team All-American by *Sports Illustrated*, second team by the Associated Press, *College Sports Madness*, *USA Today*, and third team by ESPNW.

Wadley's staring contest

Just as Texas punter Michael Dickson was asked to do so during a meeting at the NFL combine, running back Akrum Wadley was asked to participate in a staring contest while meeting with a member of one NFL team.

"One coach kept challenging me to a staring contest," Wadley said. "I can't remember ... he kept wanting to. I felt that was weird, but we had like three staring contests."

Wadley says he won.

HAWK HISTORY 101

March 28, 2015

On this day, Iowa baseball took down No. 19 Indiana, 5-1, for its second-straight win against the Hoosiers. The Hawkeyes then won game No. 3, completing the three-game-series sweep.

On the mound, Blake Hickman led the Hawkeye charge. He threw 8 complete innings, scattering 3 hits and allowing just a single run. He struck out 6.

The win moved Hickman to 3-1 on the season. Iowa struggled to find hitting in the top of its order. Leadoff man Eric Toole and Jake Mangler accounted for 3 of Iowa's 6 hits, but the middle portion of Iowa's lineup struggled to find any sort of connection.

Jimmy Frankos, Nick Roscetti, and Nick Day each notched hits, balancing out the rest of the batting order.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This kid's taking MCATs in June. He's studying right now. I hope he does surgery on me."



— football's defensive-line coach Reese Morgan on defensive lineman Matt Nelson

STAT OF THE DAY

Softball pitcher **Allison Doocy** struck out 11 of the 21 batters she faced in Iowa's 3-2 win over Green Bay.



Softball plays two, takes two

Iowa added two more wins in a midweek match behind dominant pitching.



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Iowa's Daniella Ibarra tracks down a fly ball against Green Bay at Pearl Field on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Phoenix, 9-1, in a run-rule game.

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Above-freezing temperatures on Tuesday helped erase the almost 7 inches of snow that had landed Pearl Field, making the field game-ready when Iowa swept its doubleheader against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

In the first game, Iowa took the win, 9-1, after a

walk-off run-rule triple by shortstop Aralee Bogar in the sixth inning. Starting pitcher Kenzie Ihle allowed only 1 run on 8 hits to record her second win for the Hawkeyes.

"My goal was just to get ahead of batters and then just rely on my defense to make plays," Ihle said. "I throw inside, outside, and mix in a change up, and I think Angela [Schmiederer] did a good job calling the change up when I needed to mix in

that pitch."

The second game didn't come so easily as the first.

Iowa erased an early 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the first inning to continue its offensive groove from the first game.

Pitcher Erin Riding, who started the game, was

SEE SOFTBALL, 5

Rendering the center position at Kinnick

Keegan Render started last season primarily at guard; now, he's the Hawkeyes' top snapper heading into spring ball.



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Iowa offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz celebrates with Keegan Render during the Iowa/Ohio State football game in Kinnick on Nov. 4, 2017. The Hawkeyes rolled over the Buckeyes, 55-24.

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Following James Daniels' decision to declare for the NFL Draft, Iowa football didn't have to look far for a replacement center.

The Hawkeyes turned to Keegan Render, who currently is the No. 1 center on Iowa's spring depth chart.

"I actually went and had a conversation with Coach [Tim] Polasek, telling him, 'If you think it's the best thing for the team, I'm more than willing to switch over to center,'" Render said.

"Me and James are good friends ... talking to him about it, he gives me pointers here and there. That helped to smooth the transition a little bit, too."

Render started at center in Iowa's season-opener, a 24-3 win over Wyoming, on Sept. 2, 2017 in Kinnick. From there, he bounced around at right and left guard throughout the season (four games at right, seven games at left).

The Indianola native also played in every game in 2016, with seven starts at left guard and

SEE FOOTBALL, 5

Hawkeye baseball battles tough Bradley

After an impressive win over a top-15 team, Iowa wants to keep its momentum going today.

BY PETE RUDEN
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On March 23, Iowa earned its most impressive win of the season with a 5-1 defeat of No. 11 Indiana in the second game of a doubleheader.

The Hawkeyes will try to keep that momentum rolling into their game against Bradley at 4:05 p.m. today.

The Braves, however, enter the bout with momentum of their own. Bradley is coming off of a dominant performance in which it beat Chicago State, 16-1, to improve its record to 12-5.

It'll be a battle of two offenses; Bradley has eight players batting over .300. The Braves are led by junior Luke Mangieri, who comes in with a .379 average and 9 RBIs.

Iowa, on the other hand, only has two hitters above the .300 mark, but those two have been as consistent as can be. Junior right fielder Robert Neustrom leads the team with a .346 average, 11th in the Big Ten. He also has 9 RBIs and 4 home runs.

Senior catcher Tyler Cropley, who hits behind Neustrom in the batting order, follows him in batting average as well. The native of McCook Lake, South Dakota, is hitting .342 with 2 home runs and a team high 17 RBIs.

The next best average on the team is more than 60 points lower; Matt Hoeg comes in with a .278 average, so the Hawkeyes know it's important to be more steady as the season goes on.

"I would say we need to stay a little more consistent," Neustrom said after Iowa's win over Lor-

SEE BASEBALL, 5