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Heller magic

From the moment he stepped onto Hawkeye territory, Rick Heller transformed the Iowa baseball team. He has won wherever he's been, but head coach of the Hawkeyes has been his highest position, and he's completed a resurgence of Black and Gold baseball. **Sports, 8**



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Ped Mall construction slated to begin

Officials say construction will stop for this summer's high-profile events, but the improvements, including new lighting, more seating, and a new stage area, will take six months to construct, costing \$7.4 million. **News, 3**

Softball's record falls to 19-19

Minnesota smacked Iowa, 8-0, at Pearl Field. Thankfully, though, one game doesn't decide the three-game series, as head coach Marla Looper said postgame. But the Hawkeyes have serious ground to make up if they want any shot at evening the series against the Gophers. **Sports, 8**

Legislation aimed at preventing HIV dies this session

Needle-exchange legalization in the Iowa Legislature, largely started by advocacy work of a UI medical student, will likely have to wait another year to be signed into law. The legislation would have legalized needle exchanges, allowing intravenous drug users to exchange used needles for clean needles for free. **News, 3**

Hawkeyes host track and field at Musco Twilight

Iowa track and field hosted its first outdoor meet of the season, the Musco Twilight, on Thursday, and the Hawkeyes did not disappoint fans or coaches, going all out for the first time on a Thursday in the meet's 20-year history. **Sports, 8**

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Cloudy, windy, 70% chance of rain/storms. Snow this weekend, just because there's no business like snow business.

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Regents at crossroads



Left: Regent President Mike Richards listens during a state Board of Regents meeting in Council Bluffs on Thursday. **Right:** UI student government leaders speak to the regents about tuition. **Bottom:** UI interim Provost Sue Curry, UI President Bruce Harreld, and Senior VP for Finance Rod Lehnertz listen to presentations. Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

UI halts campus construction to cope with budget cuts

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COUNCIL BLUFFS — School officials have suspended campus construction projects at the University of Iowa as a result of state budget cuts the Legislature made late in the fiscal year.

University administrators said they made the decision in light of the state making \$5.49 million in midyear cuts to the institution's budget with fewer than three months left in the fiscal year, which ends June 30.

UI Senior Vice President for Finance Rod Lehnertz initially announced the moratorium on project work Wednesday at the state Board of Regents' Properties and Facilities Committee meeting.

"This will be an effort to shed cash spending and cash flow in the final quarter," Lehnertz said.

The five-month moratorium was enacted Thursday, putting an end to all campus physical care and improvement projects until Sept. 12. From there, the UI will decide whether it will end the moratorium based on levels of state support.

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Board of Regents retains top two leaders

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COUNCIL BLUFFS — The leaders at the helm of the nine-member governing board that oversees Iowa's public universities will remain in office for another two years.

Mike Richards and Patricia Cownie will remain president and president pro tem of the state Board of Regents, respectively, the regents determined in a unanimous vote at the regents' meeting at the Iowa School for the Deaf on Thursday. Regents Subhash Sahai and Milt Dakowich were not in attendance.

Elections of regent presidents and presidents pro tem occur during even-numbered years, but Richards and Cownie were elected May 1, 2017, to complete the unexpired terms of former President Bruce Rastetter and former President Pro Tem Katie Mulholland, which were set to end this spring.

Since the departure of Rastetter in April 2017, Richards has been credited with making the governing board more transparent and ac-

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UI students voice concerns about rising tuition

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COUNCIL BLUFFS — Iowa's regent universities have struggled to strike a balance between raising tuition and maintaining quality, but among the uncertainty, student leaders have found predictability: They can rely on the state to disinvest in higher education.

After delaying tuition discussions for nearly six months, students from the institutions governed by the state Board of Regents spoke out on the regents' tuition proposal at the regents' meeting on Thursday to bring attention to the effects of tuition increases on the accessibility of higher education in Iowa.

The proposed tuition rates for the 2018-19 academic year include base resident undergraduate increases of 3.8 percent for the UI and ISU, 2.8 percent for UNI, which scales back on plans the university presidents proposed in August 2017 of 6 to 7 percent across the three institutions, provided state support remained flat.

UI Student Government President Jacob

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ETHICS & POLITICS

IOWA POLITICS

Iowa officials back National Guard deployment to southern border

President Trump recently requested that National Guard troops be sent to the U.S.-Mexico border; Iowa has a history of contributing to requests such as this.

BY JULIA SHANAHAN
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President Donald Trump recently announced he would send National Guard troops to the Mexican border in an attempt to secure what he labeled a "surge" in illegal activity.

In a release from the office of Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, said she supports the president's decision, and that troops at the border would be a step in ensuring Americans' safety.

"The reality is, the border remains unsecured — meaning that drugs and crime continue to flow into the United States while illegal immigration and human trafficking flourish. We must act," Ernst wrote in the press release.

Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds also agrees with the president's decision.

"The governor supports a safe, secure border and supports the rule of law. If that requires the Iowa National Guard's involvement, then she supports answering that call," the Governor's Office wrote in a statement to the *DI*. "Currently, the Iowa National Guard has not been asked."

In Iowa, there are approximately 9,000 National Guard troops, said Michael Wunn, the



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Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen announces that President Trump will soon sign an order to deploy National Guard troops to the U.S. southern border during a press conference on April 4 in Washington.

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Iowa Artisans Gallery staff arrange glassware in the store on Thursday. The gallery was established in 1984 by 12 artists.

PROJECTS

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Per the regents' capital plan, the UI planned to construct three buildings this fiscal year:

- The Museum of Art, \$50 million
- Entrepreneurial center for Tippie, \$30 million
- Golf club house, \$10.8 million

million Other work includes:

- Renovations across the campus, \$188 million
- UI Hospitals and Clinics extension to the Coralville Iowa River Landing clinic, \$120 million
- UIHC renovations, \$120 million

"We regret this action," UI President Bruce Harrell told regents Thursday. "However,

the current and pressing need to account for such a large decrease in just 90 days forces our hand."

The action will defer approximately \$5.5 million from the general-education fund budget, Harrell said, but noted the UI will need to look for other solutions in the long-term.

A few exceptions to the moratorium include projects that have been bid and

awarded, are already under construction, address safety or code concerns, or are needed because of an emergency.

"The project moratorium could have numerous consequences," Harrell and Lehnertz wrote in a statement Thursday. "The condition of facilities may suffer, and repairs may become more expensive in the future."

LEADERSHIP

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cessible, allocating up to 30 minutes at the start of each meeting for members of the public to comment on issues and bring concerns before the regents in person. Previously, the regents held transparency hearings across the regent campuses that often saw little or no attendance from the public.

However, Richards has taken a quieter approach to his work, often forgoing the opportunity to deliver a president's report during the regents' meetings to publicly address the issues facing the

regents and the universities they oversee.

Ahead of the leaders' re-election, their colleagues commended Richards and Cownie for their leadership in a time where the state has continually slashed funding for public higher education.

"I think Mike Richards has done a fabulous job as a leader during these difficult times," Regent Nancy Boettger said. "I appreciate his expertise, his diligence, and his kind manners."

In around 12 months alone, the three regent universities — the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa — have seen their budgets cut by more than

\$40 million. In March, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed off on cuts to the UI and ISU amounting to \$10.9 million.

Students and families have called upon the regents to establish more predictable tuition increases after the regents hiked tuition for a second-consecutive summer in June 2017 above previously approved tuition rates. Mid-year budget cuts prompted the regents to go back on the rates set in December 2016.

The regents responded to those concerns over the course of summer 2017 by organizing a Tuition Task Force to discuss solutions to the unpredictability with state funding and its effect on tuition rates. As a result

of that work, Richards announced in February that come fall, the regents will look to set a projection of baseline ranges of tuition rates for the next five years.

UI President Bruce Harrell told *The Daily Iowan* in March he is optimistic about the outcome of the plan because of the input gathered in its formation.

"We go — we're start-and-stop, and we need a long-term commitment, and the same thing's true with tuition, so I think what Mike is on..." Harrell said.

The terms of both Richards and Cownie are set to expire in 2021, though they could be reappointed by the governor.

TUITION

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Simpson told the regents that students understand the need for tuition increases in response to state funding cuts, but they find the state's "generational disinvestment" in higher education disheartening.

UI UNDERGRAD TUITION PLAN

Resident	
Current	Increase
\$7,486	\$284
Proposed	
\$7,770	3.8%
Nonresident	
Current	Increase
\$29,130	\$606
Proposed	% Inc.
\$29,736	2.1%

"As our tuition increases to cover the decreasing contribution of the Legislature, it becomes more difficult for students to afford their education and succeed from the moment they step on

campus the first time to the moment they graduate," he said.

According to the 2016 Student Experience at the Research University survey, 52 percent of students reported worrying about their financial situations "often," and 24 percent of students indicated they were "very concerned" about financing their education for the next year.

Even though UI tuition is low relative to its peer institutions, the data make it clear that students struggle to afford a UI education, Simpson said. Financial-aid policies and practices must be reviewed and reformed to help increase retention and graduation rates and decrease student debt, he said.

"We must define our own future for the well-being of students," he said.

UI graduate students would see similar rate increases under the regents' proposal. The UI would see different rate increases for certain graduate programs.

Grant Jerkovich, the vice president of the UI Graduate and Professional Student Government, said the regents carry a great re-

sponsibility to maintain the balance between affordability and quality in students' education.

"The state has interrupted that delicate balance," he said. "The state sees tuition increases as a readily available, ordinary revenue-generating device, when it should be an extreme measure taken on when this board sees no other option. However, it's not really a choice when the options are the degradation of the universities or shifting financial burden onto students."

UI GRADUATE TUITION PLAN

Resident	
Current	Increase
\$9,427	\$358
Proposed	
\$9,785	3.8%
Nonresident	
Current	Increase
\$28,163	\$563
Proposed	% Inc.
\$28,726	2.0%

Fiscal 2018 funding cuts amounting to \$10.9 million

request would then be sent to the Guard.

"The last time the [Iowa National Guard] troops were requested was in September of 2006-2007, and we sent approximately 40 Army National Guard soldiers," Wunn said.

This was for a mission called Operation Jump-Start in which President George W. Bush sent 6,000 National Guard troops to the Mexican border to help support the National Guard to the southern border.

Those troops were there for two years and freed

hundreds of Border Patrol agents to then perform apprehension checks on illegal migrants and drugs, according to the National Guard website.

The operation cost \$1.2 billion, according to the U.S. Army website. The operation cost \$110 million in its first year, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Wunn also said the National Guard rarely sees high activity at the U.S.-Canadian border and that he is not aware of any recent deployments to that area by the Iowa National Guard.

MEXICO

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state partnership director for the Iowa Guard. Of those 9,000, 7,000 are Army National Guard troops, and just under 2,000 are with the Air Guard.

Wunn said the Iowa National Guard has currently not been requested to deploy to the southern border, but if the troops were, it would require a request from the federal government to the Governor's Office, where the

sion called Operation Phalanx. Since that operation, the National Guard was able to help seize 14,000 pounds of illegal drugs and contribute to the apprehension of 7,000 illegal immigrants, according to the U.S. Army website. The operation cost \$110 million in its first year, according to the Government Accountability Office.

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TECH



Needle-exchange reform seems to falter

Harm-reduction advocates are likely going to have to wait another year to legalize syringe- and needle-exchange programs, legislators say. One UI medical student has her sights set on expanding services.

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As the Iowa Legislature prepares to wrap up this session, one bill has been stymied on its way to the governor's desk. Health officials said the bill would have put one more tool in Iowa's inventory to prevent an HIV outbreak and combat the rising number of hepatitis-C cases and a nationwide opioid epidemic.

The bill would have legalized needle exchanges. Already legalized in 19 states, the programs allow intravenous drug users to dispose of used needles, and receive clean needles for free.

Once legalized, the move accompanies services already provided by organizations such as eastern Iowa's Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, whose leaders played a significant role in bringing the legislation to the Capitol.

However, advocates will likely need to wait another year to see a legalized exchange program.

"I hate to say it, but it looks like the needle-exchange bill is probably dead for this session," Sen. Tom Greene, R-Burlington, said. "I am fully in favor of a legal exchange program, but I don't think it will be moving

through the Legislature this year."

The harm-reduction coalition, founded in December 2016 by University of Iowa medical student Sarah Ziegenhorn, provides outreach services for people who inject drugs and has begun the initial groundwork for a needle-exchange program if the Legislature were to give the OK.

Each weekend, volunteers travel to either mobile or stationed outreach sites in Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines, where volunteers distribute condoms, Naloxone, HIV and Hepatitis-C testing, resources related to community treatment and housing programs, and safer injection supplies such as cotton, alcohol wipes, and sterile water. Basically – everything except needles and syringes.

The coalition is the largest provider in Iowa of Naloxone, a medication designed to reverse opioid overdoses. Ziegenhorn said volunteers have tallied 101 reported cases of clients who have used it for overdose reversals since June.

After growing up in Iowa, Ziegenhorn worked in Washington, D.C. as a public-health-policy analyst for a think tank during the day. By night, she volunteered

for a harm-reduction organization and syringe-exchange program, which is legal in D.C.

When she moved back to Iowa in 2015, she said, she found herself in a place with limited harm-reduction policies and programs, prompting her to create the coalition. She said she sometimes works for as long as 90 hours a week going to outreach locations, organizing supplies, and building relationships with clients.

"It was mostly disappointing that this type of work was not happening in Iowa, and I wanted to continue to be engaged in that type of work," Ziegenhorn said.

Such work would be expanded by a legal needle-exchange program.

Under current law, possession of drug paraphernalia, including hypodermic needles and syringes, manufactured or used for an "unlawful purpose," is a simple misdemeanor, which can result in a fine from \$65 to \$625 and a sentence of up to 30 days in jail.

The proposed bill would have clarified "lawful purpose" to include needles distributed by an approved needle-exchange program.

Although there is always a small chance for a last-minute amendment to be passed

in other bills, legislators are setting their sights for renewed work next year.

"I have a bill today that passed after I'd been working on it for three years. You're going to have to educate people," said Rep. Kevin Kinney, D-Oxford, a member of the Opioid Epidemic Evaluation Study Committee.

Syringes and needles can be legally purchased at pharmacies without a prescription. However, some pharmaceutical providers, such as CVS, require a proof of prescription for purposes including insulin injection for diabetes.

The bill was introduced in February 2017. Ziegenhorn said that at one point this session, she and her advocacy team received commitments of support for the bill from 44 of the 49 Iowa senators.

Despite widespread support, the bill was never brought to a vote in the Senate; it didn't make it out of a committee in the House in time to survive two funnel deadlines, the legislative rules put in place to weed bills out of the House and Senate.

A letter from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention sent in November 2017 determined that Iowa

was in need of needle-exchange programs to prevent a future HIV outbreak.

Hepatitis-C cases in people under the age of 30 have more than tripled in the last seven years, according to a fact sheet from the Iowa Public Health Department, and it's partially because of the increasing use of injectable drugs.

Ziegenhorn said those who oppose the Legislation think needle exchange programs condone and support drug use. However, according to the CDC, people who participate in syringe service programs are 5 times more likely to go into treatment, and more likely to reduce or stop injecting.

Kinney said he had hoped the measure would have been included in another bill addressing the opioid crisis. That bill passed the Iowa House on Feb. 26 and awaits passage by the Senate before it can be signed into law by Gov. Kim Reynolds.

In January, at the start of the legislative session, the Iowa Public Health Department published a checklist of ways to combat the opioid crisis in the state as a part of an updated report. Legislative liaison for the Public Health Department Deborah Thompson

said in collaboration with the CDC, the state agency listed 10 policies as a to-do checklist that have worked in other states. Thompson said that while the current opioid bill being considered checks off seven boxes, sustainable syringe and needle exchange was one item left unchecked.

She said, however, the Public Health Department was neutral on needle-exchange legislation.

Currently, there are 10 public-health centers run by the state agency whose services would be well-suited to house the needle-exchange programs, Thompson said.

And it wouldn't cost the state any extra funding. According to a March update from Public Health, federal funds already appropriated to the centers for HIV and Hepatitis-C services would also pay for staff and supplies of a syringe-exchange program.

"What we would benefit from is the close relationships those people have with the at-risk population we are trying to target," Thompson said. "[Syringe-service programs] add value to their offering; just like any business, it would be an additional value service that would attract people to their facility."

City unveils Ped Mall plans, including story walls and seating

A meeting discussing renovations to the Ped Mall assures no interference with summer festivities. Construction will begin later this month.

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The final public meeting on the Pedestrian Mall updates took place at the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday evening, where community members expressed their thoughts on the updates.

Scott Sovers, the senior civil engineer for Iowa City who is in charge of the reconstruction, led the presentation.

In that presentation, he said no construction work will be done during the Downtown Block Party, Sidewalk Sales, RAGBRAI, and Taste of Iowa City.

The presentation also said the Ped Mall will have utility upgrades, including new LED pole lights.

"Power pedestals will be placed in planting areas," said Angie Coyier of Genus Landscape Architects. "This will better support all of the programs that have been successful across the area."

The enhanced planting areas, according to the presentation, will have numer-

ous types of different trees and new plants scattered throughout.

"There is a diverse tree palette to be installed," Coyier said. "It's a nice range."

The officials described the art story walls that will be placed on the Ped Mall, with one titled "A Mark Was Made." The story wall will describe celebrities who have shaped and influenced Iowa City. The pieces, whose names can be removed and changed for future names, will be located in Black Hawk Mini Park.

The second story wall, "Writers in a Café," will have a poem by Marvin Bell printed on it. The wall will be located on the east side of the Ped Mall. The Wells Fargo ATM will not be relocated.

Other new items include new furnishings, both movable and fixed, and a drinking fountain, according to the presentation. A recycling system will also be added.

Families need not to worry about the play structure next to the Public Library. Coyier said it will

stay where it is.

A permanent stage canopy will be put into place at the bottom of the hotel featuring will include integrated lighting. The structure can be used for both large and small performances, Coyier said.

"The statues throughout the Ped Mall will be relocated during construction and then reinstalled," Sovers said.

The total project has a two-year construction period and will comprise two phases.

Phase 1 will begin April 30 and is set to end Oct. 31. The first phase runs from Black Hawk to the hotel. The middle of the Ped Mall containing the fountain is scheduled to be completed by July 31.

Phase 2 reconstruction will begin on May 13, 2019, and is set to end on Oct. 31, 2019. Phase 2's location are the entrances along Clinton and Gilbert Streets and stop at the heart of the Ped Mall.

"The interior part of the mall will be torn up, and new paving will be put in," Sovers said. "The pedestri-

an traffic will be pushed up against the buildings and 6-foot-high fencing will be added for their travel."

Sovers said the projected cost of the project is \$7.4 million.

"I think it's an exciting time for downtown, the updates I'm hoping will continue to attract people of all ages," said Veronica Tessler, the owner of Yotopia. "I think in the end, we can all hope for all the good that will come with these enhancements. In the meantime, we kind of just have to grit our teeth and get through construction."



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Opinions

GUEST OPINION

Engineering students against proposed energy legislation

The UI American Society of Mechanical Engineers Solar Car Team speaks out against Senate File 2311, which would place caps on taxes for energy-efficiency programs.

Dear Representative,

The legislation addressing the modification of various provisions relating to public utilities, known as Senate File 2311, is of paramount interest to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers — Solar Car Team, a 50-person student organization that is part of the University of Iowa College of Engineering.

We are a group of students that gravitated from very distinct backgrounds toward engineering because we see it as a way to solve problems. Additionally, we are aware of the current problems surrounding climate change. When you put those together, a Solar Car Team becomes an obvious choice to spend our time on.

Our mission is to design, build, and race a solar-powered car and use it as a tool to positively affect our community and the environment. In doing so, we are raising awareness about climate challenges and the sustainable solutions available to solve them. In other words, we feel very strongly about clean technologies and solar energy in particular.

The proposed caps on energy-efficiency programs, the option for consumers to opt out of efficiency programs, and the one-sided transparency about the cost of the programs will indirectly affect the future to which we are committed, a future with clean and affordable energy for all. This is what prompted us to write this letter.

We feel this topic has been extensively discussed by both those who will benefit and those that will lose from the proposed policy changes. Nonetheless, we wanted to write to express our concern about the policies described in SF2311. We believe we offer a different perspective on this subject, one that takes the side of the future parties and is not directly affected by the outcome of this bill.

We understand that the details about this are very important to some. However, we wanted to open the scope of the conversation to a bigger picture, the picture of tomorrow. We are the citizens of the future: the mothers and fathers to be, the incoming workers and the tomorrow's

taxpayers, and most importantly, those who will inherit your generation's problems and decisions. This is to say, as young students, we represent the future citizens of the state of Iowa and of the world.

Therefore, backtracking on energy-efficiency programs is not the way to ensure a clean and sustainable future. This is not the time to scale back any programs that push us in the sustainable direction, but the time to multiply them and create urgency in the matter. This is the time to build on our clean-energy legacy and expand it to different areas. Now is the time to re-establish Iowa as a leading state in the fight against climate change in the United States and in the world!

We feel it is important to stress that this is not a fight between interested parties, this is a fight against time. Every day we get closer to the point where the wrong we do to our planet becomes irreversible. And this bill doesn't buy us any time but sells it for short-term profits.

This is the core message we would like you to con-



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The Seaman Center is seen on Oct. 2, 2017.

sider. We understand that the savings you can offer your constituency today will be much appreciated, but please consider the effect of that in the long run. Please consider the lack of appreciation future generations will feel when they see themselves trapped between unsurmountable problems and a world much

different from the one we currently enjoy.

Although we have read reports of your peers' positions in the newspapers, we realize that may not reflect your viewpoint. Therefore, we will look forward to your reply expressing your opinions, and your current stance on the issue.

Thank you for your consideration of our viewpoint on

this matter. We believe it is an important issue, especially as it plays a fundamental role on one of the problems of the century: climate change. We would like to see the legislation be amended to ensure the continuation of current energy-efficiency programs.

Sincerely,
ASME — Solar Car Team

COLUMN

Extreme poverty will never end without help from the 1%

The world's billionaires are not in the habit of giving charitable donations, but without them, poverty is inevitable and inequality will persist.



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the questions that kept me up at night.

I still sometimes wonder today what it would be like to be a billionaire, but now, asking different questions: Could my money make a difference for those less fortunate? Would I choose to use my money to make that difference?

These are questions I'll likely never know the answer to, but many billionaires already do.

In a report by *The Atlantic* from 2011, it discovered that "the wealthiest Americans — those with earnings in the top 20 percent

— contributed on average 1.3 percent of their income to charity. By comparison, Americans at the base of the income pyramid — those in the bottom 20 percent — donated 3.2 percent of their income."

So why don't the rich donate? The answer is rather simple. Although people who come from low-income backgrounds are not proven to be more generous than others, research shows that wealthy people tend to be less generous.

Although the wealthiest of the world tend to avoid charitable donations pertaining

to religion and poverty, this is not to say they do not offer donations at all — it is just a matter of where they offer them. Billionaires are known to donate millions of dollars to universities, museums, and political campaigns.

While I happen to believe that education, the arts, and civil engagement are vitally important, I also believe that everyone deserves to indulge in them.

Oxfam International, a charity organization for the impoverished, wrote in the same report that "eight men own as much wealth as the 3.6 billion people who make

up the poorest in the world, and one in 10 people survive on less than \$2 per day." With billions living in exceptional poverty, it is simply absurd to imagine so few people having so much wealth and not using it to assist those in need.

Still, the top 1 percent includes far more people than just those eight.

It is wholly possible and entirely realistic for billionaires of such caliber to donate to programs they deem important and to assist in ending poverty; Oxfam wrote in the same report that with how much the world's 2,042

billionaires earned last year alone, they could end extreme poverty seven times. By just donating a sliver of their overall wealth, the world's wealthiest could end a problem that has plagued the Earth for longer than most like to consider.

Income inequality is nothing new, and neither is poverty. But with the top 1 percent on track to own two-thirds of the world's wealth by 2030, it is hard to imagine a world in which poverty no longer dominates a majority of countries without assistance from those who retain almost all the money.

COLUMN

Gun safety on mindless testosterone

Rep. Ralph Norman, R-S.C., pulled out a loaded gun at a coffee shop in a meeting with his constituents. This was inappropriate.



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gaging discussion needs to be made, but the abrupt placement of a gun on a table at a meeting with your constituents is not the most responsible move. In fact, it is rather appalling and distasteful as a legislative leader in the community.

On Fox News, Norman said, "The only reason I pulled a gun out, well, placed the gun on the table, was to prove the point that the gun doesn't shoot by itself." He furthermore wanted people to understand that guns are only dangerous in the hands of criminals and people should trust him more because they know he can protect them with his gun.

This is an absolutely ridiculous statement. Why would his pulling out a concealed weapon at a coffee shop for about five to 10 minutes make anyone feel safer? His actions and thought process in his performance, so to speak, are not only illogical but illegal; in South Carolina, it's against the law to "present or point" a firearm at people. At around 8 a.m. in a coffee shop, one can only imagine the number of people who were there and how a gun was being presented or pointed at them with his blatantly illogical placement of the gun on table.

Lori Freeman, a member of the

South Carolina Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said, "Rep. Norman's behavior today was a far cry from what responsible gun ownership looks like ... I felt unsafe when he insisted on showing us his loaded gun and keeping it out on the table for much of our conversation." Testaments like this one from his constituents show the dangerous NRA-extremist mindset that Norman has in instilling a sense of fear in others. His performance at a quaint coffee shop was wildly distasteful. The once cozy coffee shop was filled with anxiety at the presence of a loaded gun.

Norman also referenced

former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who was one of 20 people shot at a constituent meeting in 2011. Since then, Giffords has become a pioneer for ending gun violence in America. "I'm not going to be Gabby Giffords," Norman said when talking to *Post & Courier*.

This is a completely uncalled for and inexcusable statement by Norman. Comments such as this basically taunt Giffords for her inaction against a mass shooter and are inappropriate. The idea that had she carried a gun, she wouldn't have been shot is baffling and plain inconsiderate.

A post by Gifford's husband and retired astronaut showcases the wrongful nature in which Norman approached the topic of gun violence. He invited rightful resentment towards himself by taking an ungracious dig at Giffords.

I'm sure when the Second Amendment was created, the founders didn't intend for performances such as Norman's, where handguns are pulled out in a public place for no reason other than to intimidate others and coerce them into believing his argument that guns aren't the problem in an extreme and radical show of power.

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BASEBALL

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After being stuck in mediocrity for decades and achieving only five winning seasons from 1991 to 2013, the Hawkeyes enjoyed their best four-year stretch from 2014-17, achieving at least 30 wins each season. Iowa also made two NCAA regional appearances in that span and picked up its first Big Ten Tournament title just last season, giving tangible proof that something special is happening at Banks Field.

But how did the program get turned around in the matter of four years? The answer is pretty simple. Heller.

Heller, whose contract was extended through 2024 in December 2017, put the Big Ten on notice by using his personality in his coaching and recruiting the players he knew would help the program become better on and off the field.

"He's a great guy," right fielder Robert Neustrom said. "He's always laughing about goofy things. He's just a good coach. He works really hard, too. He expects a lot out of you, which a coach at this level should. I think it's great. You get the best of both worlds — a guy who can laugh and a guy who can be serious at the same time."

It was Heller's previous coaching jobs that taught him a lot and helped him get to where he is now. Before coming to Iowa, he made stops at Upper Iowa, Northern Iowa, and Indiana State, and he learned one thing from all of those places in particular: how to be resourceful.

When Heller was hired as head coach at Upper Iowa in 1987, he was just 23 years old.

Although the opportunity was perfect for a young coach trying to get his foot in the door, Heller had competed with many of the players on his team, so he needed to be careful not to get too close to them.

Still, he found ways to talk with the players in a professional way, which he says taught him about the dynamic between players and coaches.

As the head coach for the Peacocks, Heller said, he didn't really have a plan or system in place, but he knew what he wanted from a team culture.

The difficulties of not hav-

ing a specific plan were combined with limited resources and funding at the school, but he found ways to work within the budget.

"We didn't have the resources like we have [at Iowa] or a practice facility like this," Heller said. "I mean, we were practicing in a gym in a batting cage that looked more like a dungeon than a batting cage, and you had to wear catcher's equipment so you didn't get hurt when the ricochets hit you in the head. We spent hours and hours and hours in places like that to just figure out a way to improve and get better."

Despite the limits he faced, Heller found some unusual ways to help his squad grow. For instance, he decided to get more training as a player in order to pass more knowledge on to his athletes, so he signed up to play baseball in summer leagues, where he played until he was 36.

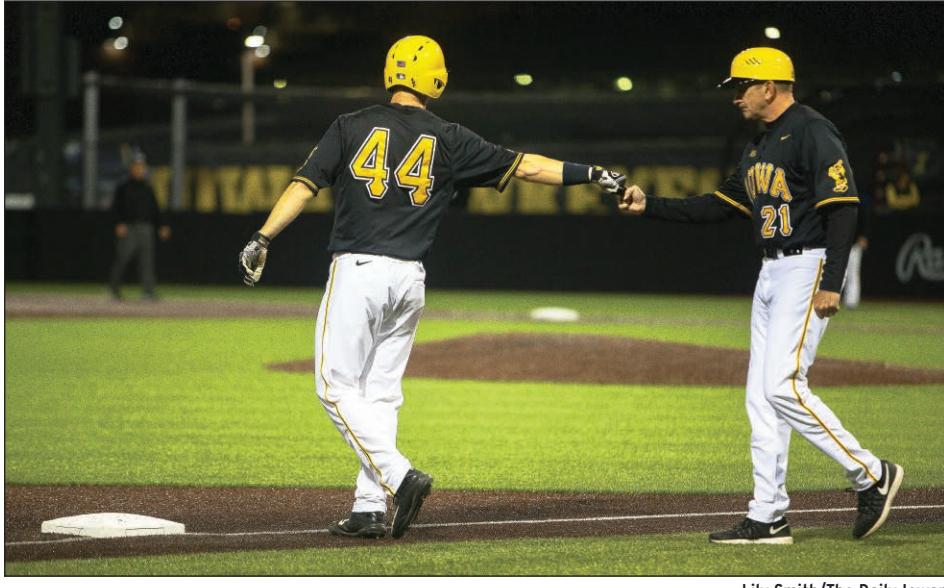
As he kept competing, he kept learning. Heller intentionally played a few games

In a strong four-year run at the helm for the Sycamores, Heller led Indiana State to its first outright Missouri Valley title and earned the 2012 Dan Callahan MVC Coach of the Year award.

Heller took that winning tradition to Iowa City. In addition to having success through adjustments throughout his career, his skill on the recruiting trail helped Iowa become the conference contender it is now. In his time as the Hawkeye head coach, he has displayed a knack for keeping talented high-school players from Iowa in the state.

Talent in the Midwest often gets overlooked, and Neustrom is just one example of that. Neustrom, who was voted the Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year, only received one call from a Division-1 school, and that was Iowa.

And even though Heller was the only Division-1 coach trying to get the Sioux City native to sign, Neustrom said



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Robert Neustrom fist-bumps coach Rick Heller during the game against Rutgers at Banks Field on April 22, 2017. The Hawkeyes fell to the Scarlet Knights in the second game of the series, 5-3.

at the same time, the Hawkeye staff can tell a lot about potential recruits by simply watching them on the diamond.

Heller noted observing players when they fail and whether they hustle on the field. Simple things, he said, such as how they warm up and how they interact with teammates, say a lot about them.

"We're always looking for someone who's humble," Heller said. "I've never had a player in 31 years who overachieved who wasn't a humble kid. That doesn't mean I haven't had plenty of kids who weren't humble. It's not a perfect world. You can miss on guys. But if you're selfish and you get a team that has a lot of selfish guys, you might win games, but you'll never have a chance to win a championship."

— Rick Heller, head coach

at catcher, so he could have a better perspective of what his players were facing.

"I went to a lot of clinics, I read a lot of books, I watched a lot of videos," he said. "When I started to feel like, 'Hey, you know what, this makes a lot of sense to me, this is what I like,' I'd take it and try it that summer. If it made me a better player or helped me be more consistent, I'd feel more comfortable teaching it to our team."

Heller took that knowledge with him to Indiana State, where he became the head coach in 2009. Everything was different in Terre Haute — especially the budget. Although it was still in the Missouri Valley Conference with Northern Iowa, Heller said, it felt as if he had won the lottery because of the more advanced facilities and resources.

Heller still made him feel like a prized recruit.

It has worked out so far — Neustrom has piled up accolade after accolade to help lead the team, hitting .345.

Trying to find recruits who match what a program stands for is not an easy thing to do, but Heller found a way to keep Iowa's team chemistry going throughout the years.

"Obviously, if you do a poor job of recruiting and don't get the right fit, it can go down in a hurry," Heller said. "Team culture is something you can't take for granted. It has to be built each and every year. You can't sit back and say, 'OK we got it going now,' because every team in every year is different."

When going on recruiting visits, Heller and his staff ask questions to find out what a player is like off the field. But

"He's obviously had huge success, and I'm sitting here trying to figure out, 'OK, what is it that's made him successful?'" Iowa pitching coach Desi Druschel said. "And I think one of the things is he's open to new and different ideas. We're not doing the same things today that we did last year, or the year before, or the year before that."

Heller's consistency in coaching style and holding players accountable mixed with his infectious personality revitalized a once-dormant baseball program and put Iowa on the map.

"I wanted to be a part of something special," Neustrom said. "Coach Heller was building that culture around here."

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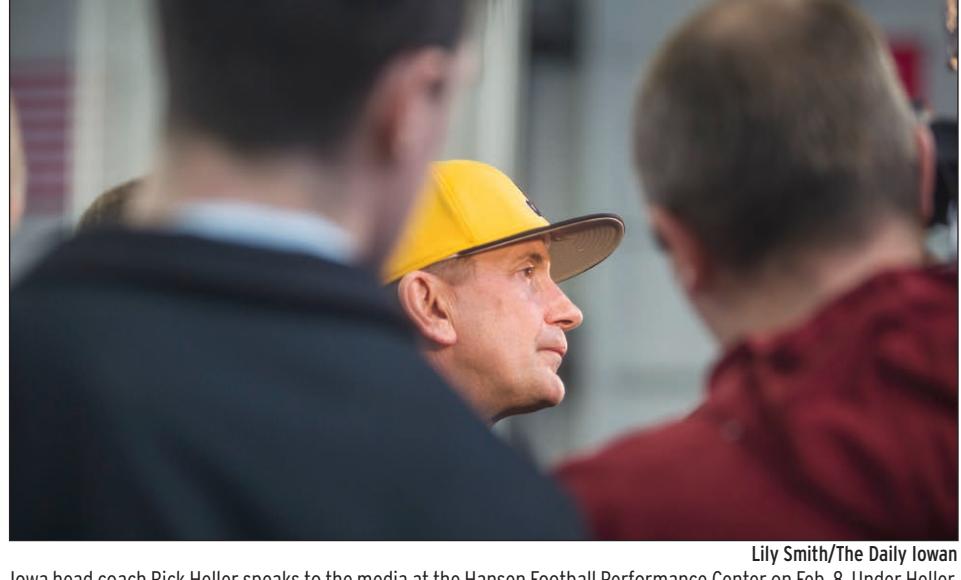
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- Arab Formal and Charity Event, 6:45 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- "Seeding Change," Mónica Ramirez, 7 p.m., C20 Pomerantz
- South Asian Studies Film Screening, *Riding on a Sunbeam*, 7 p.m., 101 Becker; RSVP <http://evite.me/28a3B1jDPB>
- *Cosi Fan Tutti or The School for Lovers*, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- *Ears on a Beatle*, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theater, 213 N. Gilbert
- *Kinky Boots*, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Sarah Plum, Guest Violin, Timothy Lovelace, Piano, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Concert Hall
- *Early Man*, 8 & 11 p.m., IMU Big Ten Theater
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Taurus (April 20-May 20): Review strategies, and keep organizing. Luck follows your carefully laid plans. Anticipate changes and tricky spots. Rest, and let your subconscious remind you what's still needed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your friends are there for you. Make sure what you're building together is solid. Pull together for your community. Share gratitude and appreciations.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You're on a roll at work. Plans previously laid come into play; develop and expand. Take on more responsibility, and ask for help if needed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Expand your frontiers through higher education or travel. Discover new views and ideas. Read, research and explore. Try new flavors and perspectives.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have more than you thought. Go over the balance sheets. Review your resources. Find unconsidered assets. Study ways to increase shared account balances.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk about dreams, visions and crazy ideas with your partner. Include a water element. Encourage each other to develop promising options. Inspire some romance.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The excellent work you've been doing reflects you well. Walking outside or in nature inspires fresh ideas. Visualize perfection. Get your heart pumping.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Prioritize matters of the heart. Love feeds you. Share sweet moments with someone dear. Savor delicious flavors, fragrances and beautiful views.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dig in the garden. Plant seeds for later flowering. Share water and food. Birds and bees thrive around your hive. Fill your home with love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Words come easier now. Express emotions, feelings, visions and dreams. Capture them into your art. Write and sketch. Share your thoughts and views.

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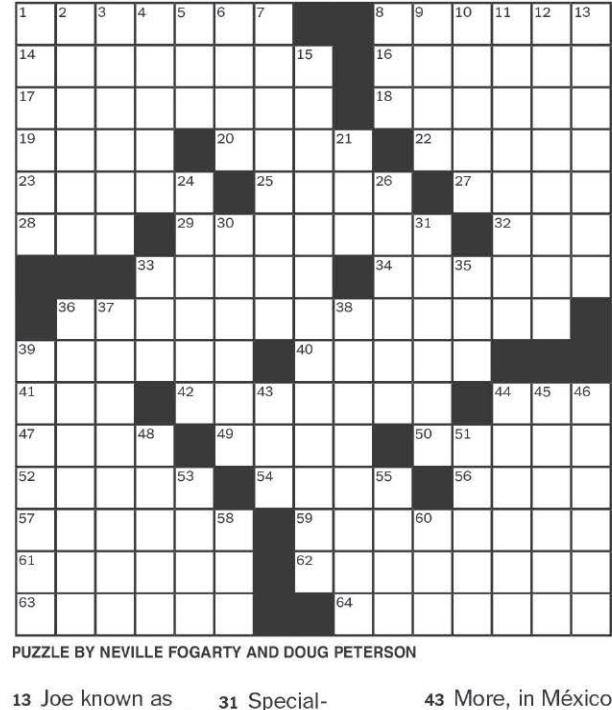
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- 2 Classic arcade game with lots of shooting
- 4 Like Istanbul
- 6 Emphatic admission
- 7 First world capital, alphabetically
- 18 Like clothes buttons, generally
- 19 Unexciting poker holding
- 20 2008 Bond girl Kurylenko
- 22 Bedevil
- 23 Car once promoted with the line "The thrill starts with the grille"
- 25 Speaker units
- 27 Prefix with -gon
- 28 Nocturnal acronym
- 29 Strange things
- 32 Super 8, e.g.
- 33 Group of female seals
- 34 Powerhouse in Olympic weightlifting
- 36 Gradually
- 39 Animated character who graduated from Hogwarts University
- 40 The "R" of 28-Across
- 41 Circular parts
- 42 Formidable opponents
- 44 Campaign aid
- 47 "The Old Curiosity Shop" girl
- 49 Touched
- 50 Rail center?
- 52 Express stress, in a way
- 54 Gulf of _____
- 56 Santa _____, Calif.
- 57 Juiced (up)
- 59 Jacob's partner in "A Christmas Carol"
- 61 City nicknamed "The Old Pueblo"
- 62 So-so, as support
- 63 Acropolis figure
- 64 Spots

DOWN

- 1 One going against the grain?
- 2 Poem greeting the dawn
- 3 "What's past is past," e.g.
- 4 Giant competitor
- 5 Last name of cosmetics giant Mary Kay
- 6 "See ya"
- 7 Bad way to go
- 8 Buffalo's home: Abbr.
- 9 Has---
- 10 Source of stone used to build the ancient Egyptian pyramids
- 11 Flag-waving and such
- 12 Musical "girl who can't say no"
- 15 Cause of bad dreams, in modern lingo
- 21 Follower of bon or mon
- 24 Show immediately preceding another
- 26 Scuffle
- 30 For adults only
- 31 Joe known as "The Comeback Kid"
- 33 Bottom line?
- 35 Tom Sawyer's half brother
- 36 Request for food delivery
- 37 Someone who's pretty darn good
- 38 It could be on the tip of your tongue
- 39 ___ rap

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- 43 More, in México
 - 44 O.C.D. fighter, maybe
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SOFTBALL

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oey, and Brandt advanced to third. Another run scored when Jensen stole second and the throw to Bogar bounced off her glove to score Brandt on the error. Doocy was able to force two final pop outs to end the damage.

Iowa failed to respond in the bottom of the second but held the Gophers hitless in the top of the third.

Looper and her squad started to string together something in the bottom of the third inning. Angela Schmiederer earned Iowa's first hit, singling on a ground ball between the catcher and the third baseman. Daniela Ibarra popped up a bunt attempt to the catcher, and Pratt reached on a fielder's choice, but the Gophers ended Iowa's hopes by forcing another pop fly to the second baseman.

Doocy set down the Gophers in order in the top of the fourth. Starting the Hawkeye's half, Sarah Kurtz tallied Iowa's second hit of the night with a double down the right field line. Two outs

later, Kurtz advanced to third on a passed ball. Mallory Killion earned a walk to put runners on first and third. The Iowa threat was ended quickly as McKenzie Schneider struck out swinging.

Minnesota extended its lead to 5-0 in the top of the fifth with a single from Jensen and a 2-run homer yanked to left field by Kendyl Lindaman.

Ihle took over pitching duties for the Hawkeyes in the top of the sixth. Parlich singled and stole second with ease. Brandt brought her home with a double over center fielder Allie Wood's head.

Minnesota kept attacking Ihle with a line drive to the first baseman to advance Brandt to third. The Gophers tagged on another single to score another run. Lindaman struck again with a single to right field to extend Minnesota's lead to 8-0.

Iowa failed to put up a run in the bottom of the sixth inning, and that made its record 19-19.

"I'd like the sun to come up tomorrow," Looper said. "Let's hope the skies don't fall on us. That's the nice thing about a three-game series. We get another chance to step on the field. We can learn some lessons from this."

TRACK

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On the men's side, Reno Tuufuli won the discus with a throw of 58.08 meters. He is currently sixth in the country in the event.

On the track, Kyara Avant had a monster day. She won the 100 meters with a personal best time of 11.88 seconds and the 200 with a mark of 24.02 seconds.

Sommer Sharpe ran a personal best time of 59.2 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles to win the event and move into fifth in school history. Right behind Sharpe was Sarah Plock at 59.54 seconds.

Jenny Kimbro won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.77 seconds.

The men's 4x100 relay team (Collin Hofacker, Antonio Woodard, O'Shea Wilson, and Mar'Yea Harris)

good for sixth in school history. Addie Swanson took third with a time of 1:02.23.

"We haven't been outside to train much for [the 400 meters], so they really put some good things together," Woody said.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Chris Douglas finished second with a time of 14.05 seconds. He only trailed former Hawkeye and now-professional runner Aaron Mallett, who ran a time of 13.55 seconds.

Jenny Kimbro won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.77 seconds.

The men's 4x100 relay team (Collin Hofacker, Antonio Woodard, O'Shea Wilson, and Mar'Yea Harris)

won the event with a time of 40.37 seconds.

The women's 4x400 relay team (Talia Buss, Sharpe, Kylie Welch, and Kyle Morken) took first as well, with a time of 3:43.67.

In the distance races, Madison Waymire picked up ground in the last stretch of the 1,500 meters to win the event by 0.04 seconds with a time of 4:31.86.

Luke Sampson won the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:28.37.

Next weekend, the Hawkeyes will split up to compete in numerous meets: the Long Beach Invitational in Long Beach, California, the Azusa Pacific Invitational in Azusa, California, and the Mt. SAC Invitational in Torrance, California.

"I think our men's and women's teams are setting up really well right now as far as where we are on paper," Woody said. "We just have to finish strong."

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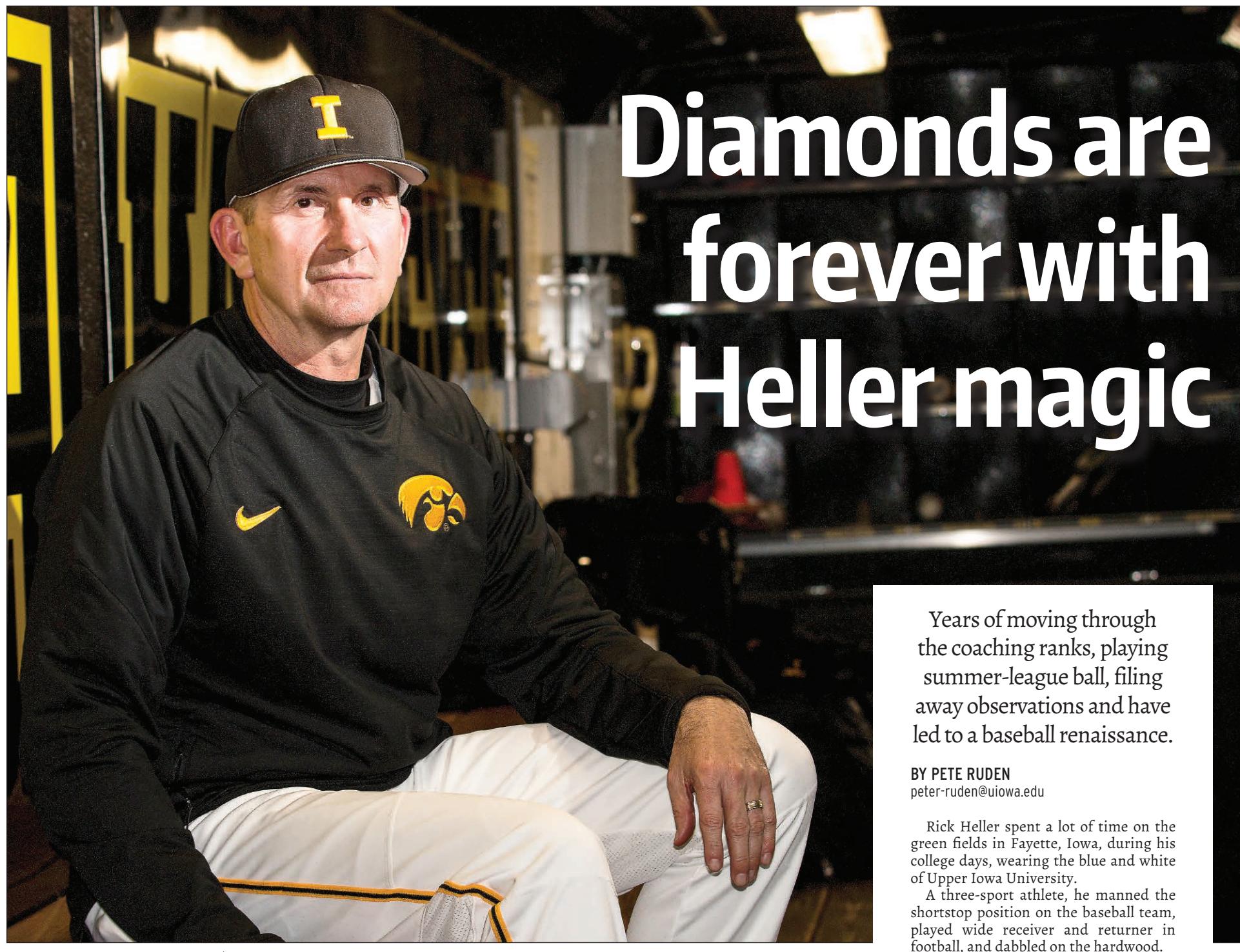
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Sports



Diamonds are forever with Heller magic

Years of moving through the coaching ranks, playing summer-league ball, filing away observations and have led to a baseball renaissance.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Rick Heller spent a lot of time on the green fields in Fayette, Iowa, during his college days, wearing the blue and white of Upper Iowa University.

A three-sport athlete, he manned the shortstop position on the baseball team, played wide receiver and returner in football, and dabbled on the hardwood.

While playing for the Peacocks, the Eldon, Iowa, native started on the diamond for four years and also lettered on the gridiron and in basketball.

Eventually, the versatile Heller turned his love of sports into a career.

"I could've told you when I was 12 that I was going to be doing something in athletics," the fifth-year Iowa baseball coach said.

From putting everything he could into a professional baseball career to now serving as a Big Ten Tournament-winning head coach and the man who turned the Iowa baseball program around, it's clear Heller made the right decision.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Men's tennis adds transfer

Hawkeye men's tennis announced on Thursday that it had signed former NC State player Morgan Lohan for the upcoming season.

"Lohan has been one of the best players in Ireland throughout his tennis career and he is an exceptional student," head coach Ross Wilson said in a release. "When Morgan arrives on campus this summer, we expect him to make an immediate impact on our team."

The native of Ireland is a five-time Irish national singles champion and made the Irish national team four times.

SCOUTING REPORT: Rick Heller

Record at Iowa

160-97

61-43 in the Big Ten

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WEEKEND SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

Today @ Nebraska - 2:05 p.m.
Today @ Nebraska - 6 p.m.
Saturday @ Nebraska - TBA

Softball

Today vs. Minnesota - 5 p.m.
Saturday vs. Minnesota - 2 p.m.

Men's golf

Today @ Hawkeye Invitational - 1:30 p.m.
April 15 @ Hawkeye Invitational - 9 a.m.

Men's tennis

Today vs. Indiana - 6 p.m.
April 15 vs. Purdue - noon

Women's tennis

Saturday @ Nebraska - 11 a.m.

Rowing

Saturday @ Princeton - all day

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'd like the sun to come up tomorrow. Let's hope the skies don't fall on us."



- softball head coach Marla Looper on the remaining two games against Minnesota

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa baseball coach **Rick Heller** was 23 years old when he got his first coaching gig at Upper Iowa.



No bats to be seen, lessons to be learned

Iowa softball's record fell to 19-19 after a series-opening loss to Minnesota.



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

Iowa softball player Aralee Bogar drops the ball against Minnesota on Thursday at Pearl Field. The Gophers defeated the Hawkeyes, 8-0.

BY JAMES GEERDES
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Iowa's bats fell silent against Minnesota on Thursday night at Pearl Field, and the Hawkeyes wound up on the losing end of the mercy rule in their series-opener with the Gophers, 8-0.

Pitcher Allison Doocy held Minnesota to just 5 hits through her five innings of work, but she allowed 5 runs. Kenzie Ihle came in and allowed the rest of the Gophers' 3 runs needed to secure a the mercy-rule win.

Minnesota's pitcher Amber Fiser struck out 6 Hawkeyes and held them to just 2 hits.

"We didn't make the adjustments we needed to," head coach Marla Looper said. "Fiser's a

good pitcher, and they play solid defense, and they swing the bats. But we talked about this in pregame. If we don't take care of us, it doesn't matter what the opponent does."

The Hawkeyes fell behind early in the game. Doocy gave up a lead-off walk to Dani Wagner but forced the next Gopher batter to pop out. But Kaylen Krueger connected on a ball and sent it to right center field for a double to score Wagner.

Krueger then advanced to third on a ground out to Doocy and scored on a bloop off the bat of Minnesota's Carlie Brandt just over freshman shortstop Aralee Bogar's head. Jensen singled on a hard-hit ball back to Do-

SEE SOFTBALL, 7

Hawkeyes dominate in the Musco

Thursday marked another successful outdoor meet for Hawkeye track and field, but this time, Iowa City hosted the event.

BY ANDREW DONLAN
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The Iowa track and field team ran away with the Musco Twilight XIX on Thursday in its first home meet of the outdoor season. The event was supposed to take place on Saturday, but the Hawkeyes rescheduled it because of a chilly weather forecast.

The meet included Iowa, Loyola, Northern Iowa, Iowa State, Minnesota State, Iowa Central, and Bradley. It was the first time the Musco Twilight took place on a Thursday, but the warmer weather made the schedule change worth it.

"We had some nice weather, so we knew we had to take advantage of it. A lot of the teams in the Midwest haven't gotten many chances to compete," Director of Track and Field Joey Woody said. "There's no better training than competition, so I'm glad we were able to take advantage of this."

Laulauga Tausaga's dominance continued on Thursday. Last week, she set school records in both the discus and the shot put. This week, she again won the women's discus with a mark of 56.69 meters. She leads the Big Ten in the event.

Konstadina Spanoudakis finished second in the discus (49.92 meters), and Kara Misel finished fourth (45.47 meters).

Amy Smith won the pole vault by clearing 3.7 meters.

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Tausaga