

## News To Know



### As the schedule intensifies for Iowa baseball, so does the competition

It's officially crunch time for Hawkeye baseball – Iowa hosts one of its toughest opponents this season in No. 12 Oklahoma State. The Cowboys bring power hitting and solid pitching, but the Hawkeyes have what it takes to counter them. **Sports, 8**



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### One more win to keep Big Tens possible

Iowa softball hasn't had the best of stretches recently. The Hawkeyes have won just one of their past 12 games, but Purdue (Iowa's opponent this weekend) is certainly beatable. Iowa needs at least one win to keep its distance from missing the Big Ten Tournament. **Sports, 8**

### Researching safety to protect farmers

UI grad student Kayla Faust is using the university's National Advanced Driving Simulator to research farming-related fatalities. She said she hopes to use the data in order to improve vehicle safety and to prevent farming accidents that may arise in dangerous yet unavoidable situations. **News, 3**

### Throwers highlight late-season success

Iowa track and field has this weekend off as it prepares for the Big Ten Championships on May 11. Coming off a strong showing at the Drake Relays, the Hawkeyes' field tandem of Laulauga Tausaga and Reno Tufuili are quietly surging ahead. **Sports, 8**

### Answers to the opioid crisis

Iowa is in the midst of an opioid crisis, and some of the university's best minds came together to discuss solutions as part of the "Science on Tap" series Thursday in Hancher. Some of the solutions included reducing prescriptions of the drugs and screening patients to detect susceptibilities to addiction. **News, 2**



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# MERGE-ing into the scene at 1

Started by the Iowa City Area Development Group in partnership with the University of Iowa, local co-working space MERGE will celebrate its first anniversary today.



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MERGE is seen on Thursday. MERGE will celebrate its first anniversary today.

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After a year of supporting local startups and entrepreneurship, MERGE invites community members to celebrate with a breakfast so they can get to know the space.

MERGE, 136 S. Dubuque St., is a collaborative office space for startups run by the Iowa City Area Development Group, the city of Iowa City, and the University of Iowa.

Before MERGE came to fruition, the lower level was owned by the UI Hospitals & Clinics, and there were a few retail establishments on the first floor that

were leaving, said Mark Nolte, the president of the IC Development Group.

"The city helped us get the lease affordable, and the university helped to build out, so we have been open for a year now, and it has been great," Nolte said.

The offices have been full the entire time, he said, and MERGE has witnessed several events and discussions.

"We are fulfilling our goal, which was to form a place in which collaborations and community conversations can happen and do more to bring ideas and innovations to the forefront in a public way," Nolte said.

There are approximately 20 companies that use

the space on a daily basis, he said.

"Now we're starting to see a turnover, so we're bringing in new ones ... so it's been great," he said.

As the economy continues to change, we need to a better job of starting the next generation of companies, and that is what this is about, Nolte said.

"MERGE is trying to create new jobs and wealth in the company that keeps everything else going," he said. "So it is critical that we have more robust entrepreneur ecosystem."

Andre Wright, the director of entrepreneurial advancement for the IC Development Group, connects

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# Stories of the world, frame by frame

A famous photojournalist has staked out the world as his beat.



Photo by David Guttenfelder

Evening commuters in the Pyongyang subway.

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David Guttenfelder is an internationally renowned photojournalist now working for *National Geographic*. After a stint at *The Daily Iowan*, he graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in journalism, anthropology, and West African studies.

Over his career, he has won eight World Press Photo Awards and is a seven-time finalist for the

Pulitzer Prize in photography. He's even bumped elbows with President Obama while covering a story for *National Geographic*.

Not bad for a farm boy from Waukee, Iowa.

"I always played around with cameras as a kid, and then I did a foreign-exchange study program when I was at the University of Iowa," Guttenfelder said.

That year abroad studying Kiswahili at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, helped lay the

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# FDA moves to snuff out underage e-cig use

JUUL launches a campaign alongside Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller to combat illegal use.

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The Food and Drug Administration released a statement on April 24 regarding new enforcement actions on the sale and use of e-cigarettes (namely JUUL) by underage individuals. The move is part of its comprehensive plan for tobacco and nicotine regulation that was announced in July 2017. In the statement, the FDA cited 40 retailers around the nation for selling JUUL products to minors.

Along with citing retailers, the FDA is also investigating the San Francisco company JUUL Labs Inc. for potentially targeting minors. The FDA said in its release that the JUUL e-cigarette helps "facilitate youth use" with such characteristics as the physical design, difficult-to-see emissions, and high levels of nicotine.

In a letter to JUUL, the FDA requested documents "relating to marketing practices and research on marketing, effects of product design, public-health impact, and adverse experiences related to JUUL products." The FDA also claimed the JUUL product to be "common in middle and high schools."

UI Associate Deam Shelly Campo told *The Daily Iowan* that tobacco companies have a well-documented and researched history of targeting minors with their advertisements.

"The tobacco industry wants their customers to start as young as possible to increase their likelihood of lifelong customers," Campo said in an email.

Responding to the release, JUUL launched a \$30 million campaign on April 25 to combat underage nicotine use. The company is forming a group of ex-

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FINDING THE LINK



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Christopher Hunter of the Downtown District hangs signs on a fence surrounding the Pedestrian Mall renovations on Thursday. The first phase of the Ped Mall renovations are scheduled to be completed by this fall.

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startups at MERGE with mentors and helps them garner resources. "[MERGE] gives entrepreneurs a chance to express themselves and build their companies," he said.

also have 16 rentable offices downstairs," he said. This gives them the platform to get the resources they need so that they can take their business and actually graduate outside of MERGE and go find space in the community, he said.

community development, [he or she] can be managed from this space," he said. The IC Development Group has worked for several years on how to enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region, said David Hensley, the executive director of the UI Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center.

"We saw MERGE as a great opportunity to have another place in which entrepreneurs, students, supporters of the ecosystem can come together, collaborate, and help to launch and grow to become successful businesses," he said. Establishments such as these will also help to keep the graduates of the university in the area, Hensley said.

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perts led by Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller. Miller has been an opponent of the tobacco industry for many years. Miller led the charge in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement in 1998, alongside the attorneys general of 45 other states.

Miller also sees potential in the popularization of e-cigarettes. "Tom is a big supporter of e-cigarettes as an alternative," said Lynn Hicks, the communications director for the Attorney General's Office. "He is sending a message to adult smokers: If you can't quit, consider e-cigs." Hicks said studies have shown e-cigarettes to be at least 95 percent less harmful than combustibles.

ports raising the minimum age of buying nicotine containing products to the age of 21." While Miller believes underage use may be an issue, he does not believe it is as pressing as many have seen.

"It is cause for concern," Miller said. "But it has not reached panic or epidemic stages. The best indicator of this is the only good data available on youth use of JUUL — that provided by the Truth Initiative. For 15-



Photo illustration by Lily Smith

to 17-year-olds, only 7 percent have ever tried or used JUUL in their lifetimes. And JUUL use is concentrated in higher socioeconomic areas." The FDA is continuing its efforts against underage nicotine use alongside the FTC, issuing warning letters to the makers of 13 products, including those with flavoring that could entice minors. The FDA also plans to continue its investigation into

the selling of JUUL products. "We're going to take more action going forward," FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said at a media event Tuesday. "The blitz continues. We're going to continue to look at retailers that could potentially be selling that product to use. We're going to try to continue to work with online retailers where children are accessing that product."

League of their own

Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan (From left) Jare Mendoza, Carolyn Hoemann, and Beck O'Brian pause at Happy Hollow Park during softball practice on Thursday. The three are part of the Eastern Iowa LGBTQ Coed Softball League.



Opioid epidemic spurs search for fix

Following an 'Opioid Ideas Lab,' participants came together to learn about the opioid crisis and discuss potential solutions.

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Participants at Hancher's Stanley Café came together Thursday evening to hear about the opioid crisis sweeping the nation and discuss ways to combat the issue. The evening, which was part of the "Science on Tap" series, featured presentations and small-group discussion on tactics to help with opioid-related issues. The community-engagement event was a follow-up of the "Opioid Ideas Lab" April 9-11, in which 30 academics representing eight University of Iowa colleges gathered to discuss the daunting opioid crisis and ponder potential solutions and strategies.

brainstorming activity. Kline said the participants broke up into teams throughout the three days before presenting their ideas to the group. "The ultimate outcome of the Ideas Lab itself was to harness the creative intellectual energy here on campus to come up with some new and unique ideas," Kline said. "It was bringing together disciplines from across campus and facilitating conversations with them to approach the opioid crisis from interdisciplinary aspects." Several ideas were developed to help with the rise in opioid-related problems. "One [of the ideas] was looking at big data and real-time data monitoring so that we can understand what's going on in the public and where people are overdosing," UI Clinical Professor of emergency medicine Christopher Buresh said. Outreach and services focused on these areas. For example, because fentanyl-laced heroin is a major cause of over-

doses, Buresh said, he wants people to be able to come in and test their drugs for purity. "There's another project looking at the mechanism of addiction and what makes people susceptible — we know about 15 percent of people are really susceptible to addiction, and others are more averagely susceptible," he said. Another idea looked at screening patients receiving opioid pain medications. UI Professor of mathematics Bruce Ayati, who participated in the three-day Ideas Lab, was involved with discussing the mechanisms of opioid use, which focused on the epigenetics and microbiomes related to factors that influence addiction. "It was in aspects to the physiology and in particular the microbiomes in your gut bacteria," Ayati said. On Thursday, Buresh gave a greater overview of the issue at the focus. He said 90 people die per day

of opioids, and the drugs have killed more Americans than in the Vietnam War. He said in 2017, there were well more than 200 opioid-related deaths in Iowa. Buresh said the CDC estimates Iowa will possibly be one of the states with the largest increase in deaths in the next few years. Afterwards, participants discussed possible solutions to issues related to opioids. This was modeled as a shorter version of the "Opioid Ideas Lab." Some of the ideas presented included increasing screening of patients requesting prescription pain medication, public-service announcements, increased education in schools on drugs, and more. The Opioid Ideas Lab and community-engagement event were sponsored by the Research Office. "I think this is one way we are able to showcase the knowledge we have here on campus and really try to make a difference in lives," Kline said.

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foundation for his future in journalism.

"I had a portfolio of pictures that I had taken over that year, and that was the portfolio I used to apply for a job at the *DI*," he said.



Guttenfelder

As a photographer, he was a generalist at the *DI* and covered a variety of stories from the News, Arts, and Sports desks.

"The thing that I liked most, where I really found my foot-

ing at the *DI*, was news," Guttenfelder said. "The last year I worked for the *DI*, there was the flooding on the Mississippi and in Iowa City."

The 1993 flood was the first international news story for Guttenfelder, which affected nine states and cost the U.S. \$15 billion in damage.

"I would just go out every day in a rowboat and walk through the flood in my hip waders," he said. "I was really set free, and that's when I realized I wanted to be a news photographer."

Guttenfelder said his experience gained at the *DI* gave him most of the tools he needed to do his job effectively. By the time he left, he had a firm grounding in ethics and creativity, and he had a strong work ethic.

"I learned the difference between right and wrong at the *DI*," he said.

But even then, there were some things that the *DI* couldn't teach him. Soon after graduating from UI, Guttenfelder was overseas with the Associated Press in Africa, covering stories in Kenya and throughout the region. In 1994, he covered the Rwandan genocide.

"Nothing can prepare you for things like that," he said.

His career overseas was just beginning. After 9/11, Guttenfelder shifted gears and spent more than a decade covering the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. During that time, he also started taking trips to North Korea, and he has been there more than 40 times in the last 18



Photo by David Guttenfelder

North Korean children perform at the Pyongyang Kyongsang kindergarten.



Photo by David Guttenfelder

In this Jan. 16, 2012, photo, light shines through a window on a tank with goldfish inside an office at the Korean Central News Agency in Pyongyang, North Korea.

years. He gained access through AP and helped create the agency's bureau in Pyongyang.

When he started covering North Korea, he began with the idea that his coverage would be critical. That changed. His biggest revelation working in the most secretive country in the world was that our stereotype of the people there isn't true.

"Because we know how the regime treats its people, we tend to place our hostility on the people themselves and think that the North Koreans themselves are not like us," Guttenfelder said.

His images contradict that notion; they have normal relationships and jobs, and they just try to get by day-to-day.

"It was surprising to find real life there ... It sounds obvious,

but it was really kind of radical," he said.

Guttenfelder continues his coverage overseas, including North Korea, but now lives in the United States for the first time in more than 20 years. Moving back home wasn't the easiest transition for him.

"I was used to traveling all over the world and never really photographed in my own country," he said. "I had to learn a new language and have something to say about my own country. In many ways, I feel like a stranger."

In recent years, Guttenfelder has also shifted gears again, covering more environmental stories on the national parks for *National Geographic* and helping spread awareness of veterans' suicides with such

organizations as Mission 22. He also had some words of wisdom for new journalists and aspiring international news photographers.

"It's a life calling ... Whatever you do, it's a long hard road, a lifetime commitment," he said. "It's a serious sacrifice. It's important for young journalists to know what they're getting into."

He also emphasized the inherent risk of covering international stories.

"I've lost friends and been in situations where people are badly injured or killed," Guttenfelder said. "I've been lucky and never really been hurt badly. But the most important thing, which often gets overlooked, is that if you're going to do it, have something to say through your work."

# Grad student studies farm accidents

UI doctoral student Kayla Faust has developed a simulation to study how farm equipment can be more safely operated to decrease the number of fatalities and injuries.

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According to data from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, there are approximately 120,000 farm injuries in Iowa per year, resulting in an estimated annual 1,200 fatal injuries. UI doctoral student Kayla Faust is attempting to change that statistic through the use of a specialized driving simulation.

As an undergraduate student, Faust began working with the university's National Advanced Driving Simulator, one of two such simulators in existence and the only one that is not privately owned, as a research assistant. She said she became fascinated with the simulation after assisting with an impaired-driving study and decided to implement the technology in her research.

"I have always loved and been involved with agriculture even though it is such a dangerous industry," she said. "While studying at the driving simulator, I realized the safety benefits of simulated driving research could be extended to farm equipment such as tractors."

Faust uses the Mini-Sim, a smaller version of the large-scale simulator. Faust's simu-

lation uses virtual reality to put farmers on rural roads, fields, and driveways while simulating the feeling of being in the cab of a farm vehicle. She said she hopes to use the data in order to improve vehicle safety and to prevent farming accidents that may arise in dangerous yet unavoidable situations.

"Kayla's project broadly aims to improve rural transportation safety," Deputy Director of the driving simulator Omar Ahmad said. "She has codeveloped a set of scenarios that she is using to collect data on farm-tractor drivers, and the data from her study could be used to improve farm vehicles and rural roads."

In order to achieve accurate data, Faust works to improve

upon the tractor simulator, and she seeks tractor drivers to comment on the accuracy of the simulation. She is looking for farmers over the age of 65 to drive the simulator and hopes to have at least 100 individuals participate in the study.

"The more farmers who make improvement suggestions, the better our simulator will be," Faust said.

According to the driving-simulator website, it is a "self-sustained transportation safety research center" housed in the UI College of Engineering. Research is funded by government and industries, and it uses the funding to conduct research for private and public sectors by more than 40 specialized faculty, staff, and stu-

dents. The simulator is also being celebrated for its 20th year in use. Students from across a wide variety of departments use the technology for their

work, said driving-simulator Director Daniel McGehee.

"It's a great application to show how our students are using the greatest advance-

ments in technology in their research," McGehee said. "It shows that the UI is at the cutting edge in research using these simulations."



Olivia Sun/The Daily Iowan

Kayla Faust operates the Mini-Sim at the National Advanced Driving Simulator. The Mini-Sim uses steering, pedals, shifters, and a seat from a tractor to replicate potentially dangerous driving situations

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

### Tax cuts mean deficits, unfulfilled promises for U.S.

Wealthy investors are making off with billions of dollars from Trump's tax cuts. We're still waiting for GOP promises to be fulfilled — and all signs point to more waiting.



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In December 2017, one of the least debated, least understood pieces of major legislation in U.S. history was signed into law. The GOP's tax bill dramatically reduced taxes for American businesses in an attempt to make U.S. businesses more competitive. Congress and the White House assured us that the massive tax breaks, aimed primarily toward the millionaire and billionaire classes, would provide a huge economic windfall for all Americans.

We still haven't seen any signs of the promised economic boom — instead, we've witnessed a series of historic corporate buybacks, handing billions of dollars over to a handful of investors.

It's frustrating, to say the least. We really could have used those trillions of dollars we handed over to corporations (many of which are making record profits). A trillion dollars would go a long way in repairing the U.S.'s crumbling infrastructure, for example. Or perhaps we could have spent some of the extra money on paying teachers a living wage through grants to states with razor-thin budget margins. Instead, we're left with a deficit the size of the Grand Canyon and an economy somehow even more advantageous for the investor-class.

It might seem too early to declare the tax bill a failure — it isn't. We weren't promised economic growth in 10 years, or five years, or next year, but now. Every month that wages and capital investment remain stagnant is another month the tax bill pours billions of dollars from Americans into a few very lucky hands. Even Sen. and popular invertebrate Marco Rubio voices some concern over the effects of the tax bill (which he voted for). As he told *The Economist* in a recent interview, "There is still a lot of thinking on the right that if big corporations are happy, they're going to take the money they're saving and reinvest it in American workers ... In fact, they bought back shares, a few gave out bonuses; there's no evidence whatsoever that the money's been massively poured back into the American worker."

This fact could be a major factor in the midterm elections, where Republicans initially planned to campaign on their tax bill. There's not much else to campaign on, after all, as this Congress' list of achievements is awfully short. A recent Politico poll found that just 25 percent of registered voters have noticed an increase in wages, and support for the tax bill itself is at just 45 percent — low enough to be avoided altogether by many Republicans running for re-election.

The GOP gave away trillions of dollars to the wealthiest Americans while producing no positive benefits for the U.S. yet. Ironically, the most positive effect of the GOP tax cut might be a change in congressional leadership.

## COLUMN

### Reynolds faces polarizing decision with 'heartbeat bill'

The Legislature has passed a bill attempting to ban most abortions after six weeks, pushing Gov. Kim Reynolds to make a polarizing decision.



Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds speaks during her Condition of the State address in the Capitol in Des Moines on Jan. 9. Reynolds became governor in May 2017. File photo/The Daily Iowan



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On May 1, Senate File 359 passed the state Legislature and was sent to Gov. Kim Reynolds for her approval. The Iowa Republican-led Legislature fast-tracked a bill that would put a ban on most abortions after six weeks. Reynolds has effectively been backed into a corner, facing infuriating thousands of Iowans regardless of her decision. With a strongly contested gubernatorial race in full swing, it seems the Legislature may have forgotten just how divisive the decision will be.

Scenario one: Reynolds signs the six-week abortion ban. Yes,

this will please a lot of Reynolds' voting base. But many Republicans and moderates do support abortion. A Pew Research study found that 27 percent of Iowan adults who believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases are Republican. If Reynolds signs the six-week abortion ban, it could deter them from voting for her.

Scenario two: Reynolds does not sign the six-week abortion ban. Of course, this would please moderates and Democrats, potentially winning Reynolds more bipartisan support. But this decision could easily infuriate a lot of Iowa Republicans. The same Pew Research study found that more than 50 percent of Iowa Republicans believe that abortion should be illegal in all or most cases. It is unclear whether this would deter Republicans from voting for Reynolds, but it certainly would jeopardize her relationship with thousands of voters.

Either way, Reynolds is forced to make a decision that will disenchant some of her potential voters.

The reality is, she will most likely sign the six-week abortion ban. She has always been strongly "pro-life." But even if she signs the bill, there will be pushback from organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union. This will most likely turn into a long, drawn-out legal battle that will suspend the law from taking effect for even longer.

The Legislature is truly bamboozling Reynolds by forcing her to make this decision while only months away from facing a competitive election. Even if Reynolds signed the ban today, it most likely would not go into effect until after the upcoming gubernatorial race. Which raises the question, why now? Why would a Republican-led Legislature burden the current

Republican governor with this decision as she is facing a highly contested election?

Legislators do have to appeal to their constituents in order to be re-elected. But for many legislators, their re-election is smooth sailing.

Ultimately, Reynolds is stuck in a dichotomy that will inevitably result in a loss of support. It's like forcing someone to decide if they like *Star Trek* or *Star Wars* better right before walking into a comic-convention. Either way, the decision will be isolating, and the person is bound to make instant enemies.

Abortion continues to be an issue that drives hostility in the United States. Forcing Reynolds to make a decision on such a polarizing issue this close to the gubernatorial race makes no strategic sense. I encourage everyone to call Reynolds and urge her not to sign SF 359.

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

### What's the impact of Kanye West's 'free thinking'?

Rapper Kanye West has received backlash on Twitter for wearing a Make America Great Again hat and saying slavery 'sounds like a choice.'



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#### Kanye West's influence matters

If you haven't heard, Kanye West loves the president almost as much as he loves himself. Over the past few days, Twitter has been in an uproar because the black entertainer has Republican leanings. This is surprising because according to the Pew Research Center, 70 percent of registered voters who identified as black were Democrats in 2016. That this even matters is ridiculous, but it has made an impression on West's millions of followers.

Many people believe celebrities shouldn't have any political influence, but the reality is that they do. Celebrities and public figures have a huge sway on the public, and unless we completely reboot the way our society works, that's the way it will be. People are more likely to trust and believe a celebrity or public figure, hence, why we see product and campaign endorsements.

So, given that what celebrities say does matter, they then have the responsibility to speak their truth based on facts. People are listening, and people are quick to form opinions based on information from someone they trust. I have no problem with West wanting to support the president — more power to him for adding a diverse voice to the narrative. However, he needs to seriously fact-check what he says.

During a recent TMZ interview, West said, "When you hear about slavery for 400 years. For

400 years? That sounds like a choice." This is not a fact, nor is it a valid opinion. As black man who has the time, money, and access to education, West has shocked me that he couldn't take the time to learn about America's relationship with black and African-American people nor the history of our political parties.

Instead, West chooses to fuel conspiracy theorists and racists with his statements. There's no problem with being a "free-thinker," but his words hold power. People of color in this country have always been stereotyped as a group based on the actions of one person. In this case, racists and white supremacists have found their poster boy, because if one black man thinks this way, they all should.

There is always the uncomfortable topic of African involvement in the slave trade and the idea that talking about slavery today is perpetuating the idea of white guilt.

However, West's statements concern neither. He is blatantly spewing falsehoods about history. He and other celebrities need to remember that they have a serious responsibility, regardless of what they believe.



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#### Kanye West shouldn't be taken seriously

Kanye West isn't the first entertainer to get involved in public discourse — two have been elected president — but just because people earn large followings for their artistic talent, that doesn't mean they know what they're talking about

when it comes to other subjects. Remember, West is an infamous provocateur. This is the "Imma let you finish" guy. This is the "George Bush doesn't care about black people" guy. Now he's the "400 years of slavery, that sounds like a choice" guy.

Of course, countless other celebrities have used their platforms to advocate for a cause or two, and that's a good thing. Using money and influence to make the world a better place deserves some celebration. But West isn't plugging a charity or bringing attention to an under-reported issue. All he has is a banal promotion of "free thinking," and probably his next album.

One of his most recent free thoughts came from a Tuesday interview with TMZ — not exactly an outlet renowned for serious ideas — in which he declared "400 years of slavery, that sounds like a choice." Obviously, West knows that's not accurate.

But when the backlash came, he used the old crutch of fake victimhood, tweeting, "Once again, I am being attacked for presenting new ideas." The problem isn't that his ideas are new, it's that they're wrong.

This isn't to say West is restricted from saying whatever he wants, but he shouldn't be taken seriously. We shrug it off when other celebrities start spewing gibberish like the planet is flat, and that's the same sort of response West deserves.

Take a scroll through @kanyewest on Twitter; what you won't find are wise musings on humanity, or politics, or philosophy. You'll find basic T-shirt slogans such as "love is infinite" and "break the normal" mixed in with random videos of clothes and pictures of modeling clay. He isn't revolutionary, or brave, or deep, he's just weird. And to entertain his nonsensical comments as anything else isn't dangerous, it's just dumb.

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# New leadership for men's tennis ready to step up

As two leaders say farewell to Iowa men's tennis, two more are in line to lead the squad.

BY LAUREN JIMMERSON  
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As Iowa men's tennis loses its two team leaders, Jonas Larsen and Kareem Allaf are in line to guide the team. The junior and redshirt sophomore have the tennis and personal skills necessary to continue building the Iowa program.

Larsen, who will return next season as the lone senior, has the most experience as a Hawkeye. As a freshman, the native of Koege, Denmark, spent time trying to find his position on the squad. He recorded 16 singles victories at Nos. 3-6 and 9 doubles victories at Nos. 1-3.

In 2017, Larsen landed his first winning records, finishing 18-15 in singles and 15-9 in doubles. This past season, the junior garnered the second-best team doubles record at No. 1 (17-8).

The junior was a Big Ten Sportsmanship Award Honoree this year, the only Hawkeye earning conference recognition. Assistant coach Matt Hagan believes Larsen has brought sportsmanship and leadership since the first day

he stepped on Iowa's courts. "[Larsen] can get kind of negative, maybe, at times, but at the end, he's very positive, and he's doing anything he can do to try to fight back in to a match and try to win," he said. "I think that's probably the most important thing you can do."

Larsen overcame deficits in three singles matches this year, dropping the first or second set and battling back to clinch a third-set victory. He is confident about his contributions on the court, especially during the outdoor season.

"Outdoors, we play on clay, so you can slide on the court, and the ball bounces a little higher," he said. "Everything is just a little bit different ... my game fits more to the outside environment than indoors ... always gets my confidence high."

The Hawkeyes had slim opportunities to play outside in Iowa City this season, but in their outdoor debut at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex, Larsen and Allaf cruised to a 6-2 doubles victory at No. 1.

Playing strong from the

backcourt, Allaf and Larsen reached their highest national doubles ranking this season, rising to No. 54. They both won a career-best five-straight doubles matches and took down four nationally ranked tandems.

"We know we are solid from the baseline," Larsen said. "We can win against any team from the baseline."

As a redshirt-sophomore, Allaf is no stranger to earning a leadership role on the team.

In two years, he's contributed numerous doubles and singles victories. He ended his second season on a nine-match win streak at No. 4 and holds a perfect 7-0 record against Big Ten opponents. Proving to be a strong asset in the middle of the singles lineup, the native of Dubai spent this season grabbing 22 victories at No. 1 doubles — the fourth-most in program history for a single season.

"He's 100 percent committed to his tennis, 100 percent committed to his studies, 100 percent focused mentally on the court, and he's really starting to believe in himself," head coach Ross Wilson said. "[Al-



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Jonas Larsen reaches for the ball against Indiana at the Hawkeye Tennis Complex on April 13. The Hoosiers won (4-3).

laf] has always been a really talented tennis player ... arguably, he may be our best player right now. If he can continue that, I think he can be a top-50 player in college tennis."

Allaf's early college success also shows he could guide the team toward more accomplishments in the next two years. The redshirt sopho-

more claimed 23 singles victories last season, tying for the ninth-most in a single season in program history.

The future for Hawkeye tennis will only get brighter.

"Throughout the time that I have been here, we have only gotten better every single year. I see that continuing," Larsen said. "We have some really

good recruits coming in, and the guys that are freshman right now have been having an outstanding year. I can only see them build on that, and they are getting more mature every day. I'm just excited to go out there and battle with those guys because I know they are going to [get] better and better."

## TRACK CONTINUED FROM 8

women's teams are moving in the right direction the last couple weeks, and today was a good opportunity for us to show where we are at."

According to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association, the Iowa women are ranked 24th in the nation, and the men are ranked 36th. It's the first time this season the women have cracked the top 25.

For both the men and women, their top throwers have played huge parts in the success and national rankings.

Laulauga Tausaga is ranked nationally in the shot put (16.74 meters) and discus (59.86 meters), and both of those marks are school records.



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Iowa's Laulauga Tausaga competes in the shot put during the 2018 Drake Relays in Des Moines on April 27. Tausaga finished fifth with a distance of 15.40 meters.

On the men's side, Reno Tuufuli is in the same position, ranked nationally in the shot put (18.53 meters) and discus (59.03 meters).

Tuufuli performed well in both events at the Drake Relays on April 27, but Tausaga

stole the show, winning the shot put and extending the school record she held.

"Tausaga is a very special individual and a great teammate. She shows up to practice every day with purpose and the intent to

be better than the day before," Iowa throws coach Eric Werskey said. "She will watch all teammates closely to better understand each event, and it's shown to help her in her own throws. She holds herself very accountable, which is big for a young person who wants to be successful, and it's been showing."

Though the Iowa women finished 11th at the Drake Relays, the team has a plethora of athletes with Big Ten-leading marks, and both teams are positioned well to make a run at Big Ten titles.

Despite the women's un-

derwhelming finish, Sommer Sharpe won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 59.73 seconds. She was the first winner in that event for

the Hawkeyes since 1998.

The team will head to Bloomington, Indiana for the Big Ten championships on May 11 through 13.



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- **New Play Festival Reading, *Kant in Vegas***, 1:30 p.m., 172 Theater Building
- **Laura Canelo Cohen, Flute D.M.A. Recital 2**, 3:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
- **First Friday, UI Stanley Museum of Art, Photographer Barry Phipps, *Between Gravity and What Cheer: Iowa***, 5-7 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **New Play Festival, *A Kingdom Jack'd***, by Scott Bradley, 5:30 & 9 p.m., Theater Building Thayer Theater
- **Old Gold A Cappella Spring Concert**, 6 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **UISG Free Coral Ridge Bus (UI students with IDs), Coralville Transit Night Route**, 6:10 p.m., Washington/Clinton; last bus home, 11:49 p.m., Ice Rink South Side
- **Horn Studio Spring Recital No. 1**, 7:30 p.m., 2451 Voxman
- **LOUI Concert, Center for New Music**, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Stark Opera Studio
- **Tuba/Euphonium Studio Recital**, 7:30 p.m., 2400 Voxman
- **Undergraduate Dance Event**, 8 p.m., Space/Place

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### Tully (R)

Marlo (Academy Award winner Charlize Theron), a mother of three including a newborn, is gifted a night nanny by her brother (Mark Duplass). Hesitant to the extravagance at first, Marlo comes to form a unique bond with the thoughtful, surprising, and sometimes challenging young nanny named Tully.

- **Bad Samaritan (R)**
- **Like Arrows (NR)**
- **Avengers: Infinity War (PG-13)**
- **I Feel Pretty (PG-13)**
- **Super Troopers 2 (R)**
- **Rampage (PG-13)**
- **The Miracle Season (PG)**
- **A Quiet Place (PG-13)**
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**KiKi's Delivery Service**  
Saturday, May 5 | 10am

13-year-old Kiki moves to a seaside town with her talking cat, Jiji, to spend a year alone, in accordance with her village's tradition for witches in training. After learning to control her broomstick, Kiki sets up a flying courier service and soon becomes a fixture in the community. But when the insecure young witch begins questioning herself and loses her magic abilities, she must overcome her self-doubt to get her powers back.



- Aries (March 21-April 19):** Prepare for a testing phase. Stick close to the basic structure. Experience pays off. Get outside support if needed. Seek expert advice.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Go explore. The completion of a difficult project opens time for something fun. Make reservations in advance. Listen to a friend who's been there.
- Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Collaborate with your partner to manage finances. Balance accounts and pay bills. Keep your files organized. Support each other to contribute to savings.
- Cancer (June 21-July 22):** Take care of business with your partner. Coordination and discipline win a satisfying reward. Hold on to what you have. Take practical action and then treat yourselves.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Focus on maintaining health and work routines and practices. Get in a good workout. Put your heart into your actions. Self-discipline pays off.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Love is fundamental and abundant. Play by the rules, and take it one step at a time. Experience is the best teacher.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Home and family take priority. Make domestic improvements and repairs. Clean up a mess, and reward your team with something delicious.

- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It's a time of intellectual insight and intense learning. The dynamics change. Keep your word. Stick to tested methods. When opportunity knocks, open the door.
  - Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Stick to your budget as you generate income. Do what worked before. Follow rules and regulations. Take profitable action now, and clean up later.
  - Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Personal discipline leads to long-term benefit. Aim for excellence. Pursue a golden opportunity. Persistence pays high dividends. Show up, and do what needs doing.
  - Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Find a quiet place for peaceful productivity. Routines give you strength. Silence soothes. Plan your moves in detail for later action. Rest and plot.
  - Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Teamwork is required to get the job done. Set up meetings, conferences or gatherings and invite participation. Share the load to advance.
- Today's Birthday (5/4/18)**  
A romantic partnership reaches new heights this year. Higher education provides long-term value. Summer creative projects reveal new possibilities as you shift professional direction before a domestic renovation or relocation flowers. Studies, classes, travels and conferences inspire you this winter. Share adventures and explorations.



Friday, May 4, 2018  
by Linda Black

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## The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Egg warmer
  - 9 A rutabaga is a cross between a cabbage and this
  - 15 Pavarotti standard whose name means "My Sunshine"
  - 16 "No bet," in poker
  - 17 "Ain't that somethin'!"
  - 18 Doctor's wear
  - 19 "Your Love Is King" singer, 1984
  - 20 Stupid
  - 22 Toshiba competitor
  - 24 "God created \_\_\_ so that Americans would learn geography" (line attributed to Mark Twain)
  - 25 With the bow, in music
  - 27 Like many Christmas traditions
  - 29 Some of Lockheed Martin's business
  - 31 \_\_\_ chain
  - 32 Committed
  - 33 Like some jacket hoods
  - 34 "100 Years ... 100 Movies" org.
  - 35 "And I get dumped on again"
  - 38 Ubiquitous Chinese character
  - 39 Like a three-pitch inning
  - 40 Low-lying areas
  - 41 Jerk
  - 42 School cafeteria food, stereotypically
  - 43 Stupid
  - 44 \_\_\_ tide
  - 46 D.O.J. branch
  - 47 Chicago airport code
  - 48 Businesses often near beaches
  - 51 Spike
  - 55 For three: Fr.
  - 56 Backspin producer?
  - 58 Style setter?
  - 59 High-profile merger, e.g.
  - 60 Riles
  - 61 Plant from another country
- DOWN**
- 1 Does some diamond cutting?
  - 2 Offshore
  - 3 Jell-O maker
  - 4 Like some reactions
  - 5 Safe place to crash
  - 6 "Your work inspires me"
  - 7 Italian poetic form
  - 8 "I won't be back till late"
  - 9 Strict, demanding parent
  - 10 Most-applied-to school in the U.S.
  - 11 Hit 1970s sitcom
  - 12 "Works every time"
  - 13 Summer drink with caffeine

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 14 Tie-breaking shots in soccer: Abbr.
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- 27 "Enough!"
- 28 Terror in Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Lost World"
- 30 Tom of old late-night TV
- 32 "Jeez, that's a shame!"
- 33 Preceder of first
- 36 Common ingredient in baked beans
- 37 Ethel Mertz, on "I Love Lucy"
- 43 Just what the doctor ordered
- 45 Essayist's writing
- 49 It may pack a punch
- 50 Hammer's end
- 52 Choppers
- 53 Thunderous sound
- 54 Slithery
- 55 Asia's \_\_\_ Darya River
- 57 Broadside, maybe

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**BASEBALL**  
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ropes, leading, 13-6, in the top of the eighth inning. But the Tigers exploded for 7 runs in the inning, and they added 2 more in the top of the ninth to take a late lead.

A Hawkeye run sent the game to extra innings, but Iowa just could not counter Missouri's 2 runs in the top of the 11th.

Regardless, the loss won't leave Iowa's record, but it proved to be a measuring stick for where the Hawkeyes are at this late in the season.

"[Those who] saw us play, we can compete. We can play," Robert Neustrom said.

Missouri connected on 24 hits, but the consensus was clear — it wasn't as though the Hawkeye pitchers were completely off their game, it's that the Tiger batters were getting the tough hits to go.

"I was fine with [Grant] Leonard, [Ben] Probst, [Cam] Baumann — those guys were pounding the zone, that's all you can ask," head coach Rick Heller said. "They weren't walking guys or making uncompetitive pitches, [the Tigers] were just hitting good pitches. What do you do? You tip your hat if that happens."



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Iowa outfielder Robert Neustrom prepares to swing against Ohio State at Banks Field on April 7. The Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 9-5.

As always, Iowa's pitching will need to be on its A game in order to shut down a Cowboy offense that's scored 8 runs or more in three of its last four games.

Oklahoma State boasts one of the league's best power hitters in Colin Simpson. He's sent 14 pitches over the wall so far this year, and he also leads the Cowboys with 50 hits and 43 RBIs.

Meanwhile, fans in attendance will be treated to what could shape up to be a pitching showdown at Banks Field. Oklahoma State Friday starter Carson Teel is fresh off an 8-inning, 5-hit outing on the mound. In that game (an 8-0 win over Oklahoma), Teel struck out 12 Sooners and kept any Oklahoma offense from reaching the scoreboard.

Iowa's Nick Allgeyer will counter, however. Allgeyer's last outing proved to be similar to Teels. The Hawkeye Friday starter pitched 7 innings, allowed 5 hits and just a single run, while striking out 8 Wolverines in the Hawkeyes' 4-2 win — a win that snapped Michigan's 20-game winning streak.

Given the potential for a defensive showdown, anything can happen — the Hawkeyes know this; three of their last four games have been decided by 2 runs or fewer.

"One swing can change the whole game," Neustrom said.

Iowa's first matchup with Oklahoma State begins at 6:05 p.m. today. Saturday's contest starts at 2:05 p.m., and game time on May 6 is slated for 12:05 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
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work on those. Then, get our minds right for Purdue."

Purdue is a better hitting program than Iowa, batting .239 compared with the Hawkeyes' .227. Purdue runners are also relatively unlikely to steal once on base; they are just 17-of-25 in the stolen-base universe, compared with Iowa's 47-of-53.

Boilermaker pitching lags behind the rest of the Big Ten. They have a team ERA of 5.24, giving Iowa bats an opportunity to light up before the Big Ten Tournament. Iowa's ERA sits at a 2.25, good for the third best in the conference. Sophomore Allison Doocy has been at the forefront for Iowa in the circle and will likely start twice this weekend.

Doocy led Iowa to its first win in 11 games on April 28 against Northwestern, tossing a complete game with 8 strikeouts and allowing 0 runs. If Doocy and Iowa can continue that momentum against Purdue, their odds for a series win are high.

"Every time [Doocy's] on the mound, she gives us a really good performance," catcher Angela Schmiederer said. "When things aren't clicking, we talk about the three aspects of our game: defense, pitching, and hitting. We had



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Iowa's Allison Doocy winds up against Western Illinois on April 17 at Pearl Field. Doocy pitched 7 innings with 9 strikeouts and 1 run on 1 hit.

those going on [April 28], and it was really fun to see and really fun to be a part of."

But Iowa's defense, pitching, and hitting haven't necessarily been intact all season. Iowa was inconsistent throughout April, dropping 12 of the 16 games.

"We really just have to stick to our game plan," Schmiederer said. "We need to make

those adjustments quicker, both on offense and defense, and just really being on the attack mindset. That will get us the most ready for the tournament, and that starts with Purdue."

Game 1 of the series will start at 5 p.m. today, with Game 2 at 2 p.m. Saturday. The final game will be 1 p.m. May 6.

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Van Heuvelen earns Big Ten honor

Hawkeye women's tennis player Elise van Heuvelen was named to the first team All-Big Ten, the conference announced on Thursday.

Van Heuvelen became only the seventh athlete in the Iowa women's tennis program

to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors twice in her career.

In six matches at the No. 2 position in singles, van Heuvelen boasted a 6-0 record. At the No. 1, she finished 8-8, 5-4 in conference play.



Reimchen

Paired with Anastasia Reimchen in doubles, the pair earned a 14-7 mark in 2018 and was ranked as high as 49th in the National Doubles Rankings.

Last season, the native of England earned All-Big Ten honors. She also claimed Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

Reimchen earned Iowa's Sportsmanship Award, the second of her Hawkeye career, which the Big Ten also announced on Thursday. Reimchen finished 13-10 in singles play this year.

### Swimming and Diving gives team awards

Hawkeye swimming and diving held its annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, handing out individual accolades for both the men's and women's squads.

## AWARDS

### Men's Co-Men's Swimming MVP Award:

Chris Dawson, Jerzy Twarowski, Kenneth Mende, and Jack Smith

### Men's Diving MVP Award:

Anton Hoherz

### Wally Ris Memorial Award:

Jack Smith

### Irving B. Weber Leadership Award:

Logan Samuelson

### Jim Marshall Award:

Colter Allen

### Strength and Conditioning Award:

Will Brenner

## Women

### Women's Swimming MVP Award:

Hannah Burvill

### Women's Diving MVP Award:

Jayah Mathews

### Strength of Character Award:

Morgan Rafferty

### Strength and Conditioning Award:

Mekenna Scheitlin

## WEEKEND SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Baseball

Today vs. Oklahoma State - 6:05 p.m.

Saturday vs. Oklahoma State - 2:05 p.m.

May 6 vs. Oklahoma State - 12:05 p.m.

### Softball

Today vs. Purdue - 5 p.m.

Saturday vs. Purdue - 2 p.m.

May 6 vs. Purdue - 1 p.m.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"We are here to recruit the best kids in the state of Iowa, and this really helps that we are the best program in the state. We are going to keep fighting to get the best kids in the state to come to Iowa ... [it] was a good opportunity for us to show where we are at."**

- Director of Track and Field Joey Woody on the importance of Iowa's win at the Drake Relays



## STAT OF THE DAY

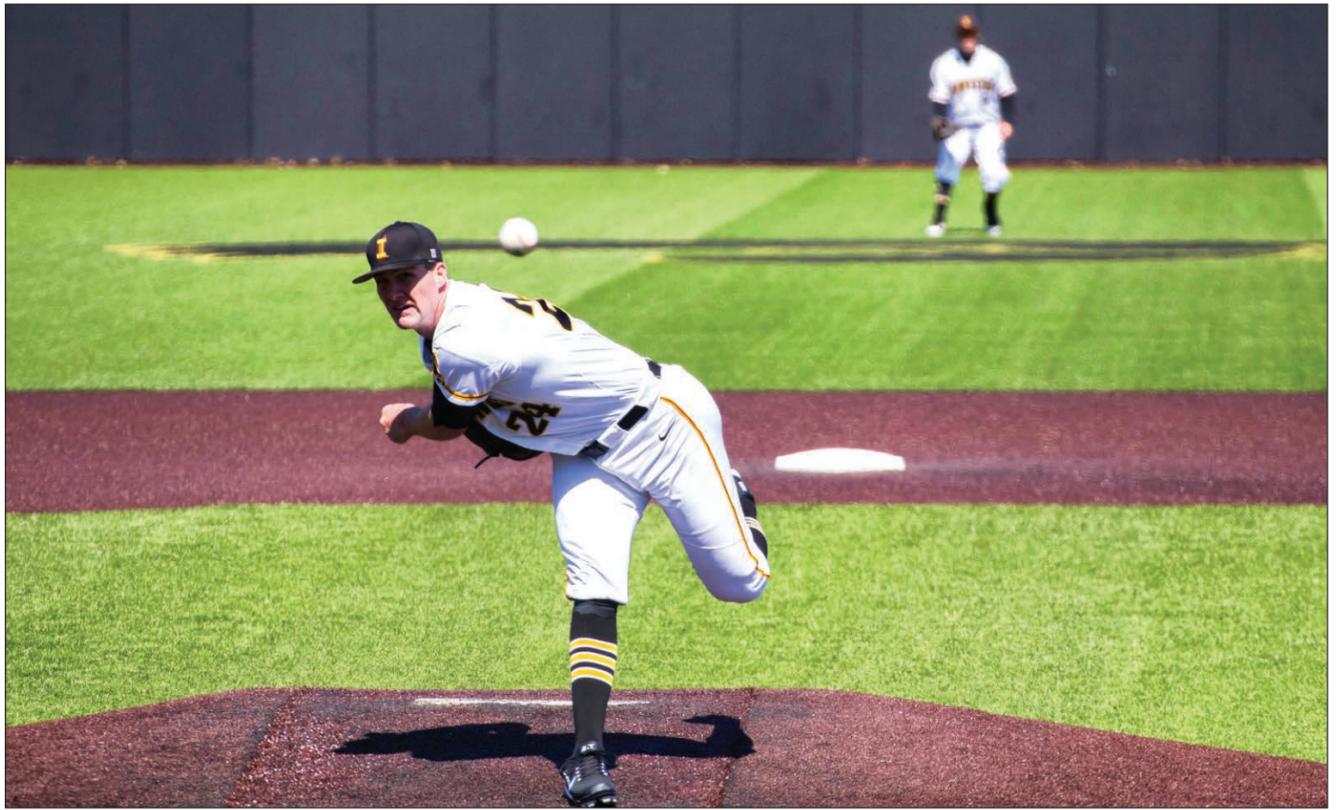
Kareem Allaf's 22 singles victories in 2018 are the ninth-most in a single season in Hawkeye history.



22 singles victories

# Crunch time for Hawkeye baseball

As Iowa's schedule intensifies, so does the competition — No. 12 Oklahoma State comes to Banks Field, presenting the Hawkeyes with a prime shot at a nonconference upset.



Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

Nick Allgeyer pitches against Ohio State at Banks Field on April 7. The Hawkeyes lost, 2-1.

### BY ADAM HENSLEY

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It's crunch time for Iowa baseball, and the Hawkeyes are well aware of that.

In its past two weekend series, Iowa has faced No. 25 Minnesota and No. 7 Michigan, losing the series to the Gophers but snaring two games from the Wolverines.

Starting today, the Hawkeyes will face with their third-straight weekend clashing with a ranked foe; No. 12 Oklahoma State travels to Banks Field for a three-game series, and while it won't count for conference play, the games have the potential to give Iowa a huge boost.

"It definitely gets us ready to go each week, especially with Oklahoma State coming in this weekend," Typer Cropley said. "They're ranked,

another ranked team, but every game on the schedule is circled."

Recently, Iowa dropped a midweek contest with Missouri — a game in which the Hawkeyes seemed to have full command late in the game.

The Black and Gold had its SEC foe on the

SEE BASEBALL, 7

## SCOUTING REPORT: Oklahoma State

Record  
**27-15**  
No. 1 in the Big 12  
No. 12 in the country

**46** home runs  
No. 27 in the country

Oklahoma State is just one of two teams in the Big 12 ranked in the top 30 for homeruns nationally.

### Player to watch

**Colin Simpson** is tied for 14th in the country with his 14 home runs. His 42 RBIs rank tin the top 100 nationally, and he is tied for 88th in the country in that column.

Today @ Banks Field @ 6:05 p.m.

# One last Big Ten series for Iowa softball

Going into the last series of the season, Iowa softball needs to get on the right foot before the Big Tens.



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Angela Schmiederer stops a ball in the dirt against Minnesota on April 12. The Gophers defeated the Hawkeyes, 8-0.

### BY JAMES GEERDES

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After this weekend, 12 of the Big Ten's 14 softball teams will travel to the Big Ten Tournament at the Goodman Softball Complex in Madison, Wisconsin.

Iowa sits in 11th in the Big Ten, just one game ahead of Purdue, which the Hawkeyes will face in a three-game series this weekend at Pearl Field.

This series is big. Penn State is half a game behind Purdue, so if Iowa were to lose two games, and Penn State were to win its three games this weekend, there was a chance Iowa could be knocked out of the tournament.

"We got to take care of business this weekend," head coach Marla Looper said. "Period. We can't stop, and look on paper, and say this is what should happen. We've got to play three very good ballgames against a decent Purdue team. Our outcome is in our hands, it's not in anyone else's."

Iowa will have to focus on fundamentals if it wants to continue playing this season. The team has won one of their last 12 games, and Purdue is beatable.

"We are going to get back to what we do well and work on that," Looper said. "The things that we've struggled with the last few weeks, we'll

SEE SOFTBALL, 7

# Track squads focus momentum on the show

Iowa track and field is riding a newfound wave after Drake, and a lot of credit goes to the throwers.

### BY ANDREW DONLAN

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The Iowa track and field team will not compete this weekend in an effort to gain fresh legs for the outdoor Big Ten championships. Heading into the final weeks of the season, the

Hawkeyes are riding a great deal of momentum from the Drake Relays.

The Iowa men took home the Hy-Vee Cup last weekend at Drake for the second-straight year, a key victory for the program for many reasons.

"This is a great thing that Hy-Vee does for track and field and the Drake Relays," Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody said. "To be able to come here and compete to win the Hy-Vee Cup is a big deal, and I am really excited about the opportunity to do that."

It's the last meaningful competition for the team before the Big Ten and NCAA meets, and it also helps the future of the program a great deal.

"We are here to recruit the best kids in the state of Iowa, and this really helps that we are the best program in the state," Woody said. "We are going to keep fighting to get the best kids in the state to come to Iowa. Both our men's and



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