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Tibbetts reward money to be returned

The Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa announced Tuesday that most of the money raised to bring UI student Mollie Tibbetts home will be returned to donors. Nearly \$400,000 had been raised to help find Tibbetts, who was found dead Aug. 21 after disappearing from Brooklyn, Iowa, on July 18. Most contributions were made under the condition that Tibbetts would return home safe.



Tibbetts

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New Residence Education Model emerges

After University Housing & Dining moved away from requiring students to live in Living Learning Communities starting this fall, a new Residence Education Model has taken its place. The aim is to enhance students' experiences living in the residence halls and foster meaningful interactions with resident assistants.



Hawks build experience before Week 1

With a receiving corps boasting newfound experience, as well as Ivory Kelly-Martin settling in as the No. 1 running back, Iowa could have a strong offense against Northern Illinois. Sam Brinks, who is listed as a starter at defensive tackle, also seems to have found a home after making the shift inside.



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Bridging the gap between on- and off-campus

Neighborhood Ambassadors act as liaisons between off-campus students and on-campus resources.



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UI Neighborhood Ambassador Rachel Maly poses for a portrait on Tuesday. Maly serves as the ambassador for the North Side and Goosetown.

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The Office of the Vice President for Student Life at the University of Iowa has created a new program to better connect students living off campus with resources on campus.

Tanya Villhauer, the associate director for harm reduction and strategic initiatives, and Eric Rosow, the assistant director of IMU Outreach & Ser-

vices, have spearheaded the Neighborhood Ambassador Program.

They collaborated with Marcia Bollinger, the neighborhood outreach coordinator for Iowa City, to create an outreach and support system for UI students living off campus.

"These ambassadors will welcome students, provide resources, plan events, create newsletters, and interact with permanent residents to help foster a more cohesive community," Villhauer said.

She said she hoped the program would help students better understand the ins and outs of leasing and utilities. The program is not meant to replace on-campus resources; rather, Villhauer said, she hopes that Neighborhood Ambassadors can serve as liaisons between students and the resources they need.

Before the program kicked off, a website with

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Iowa considers implementing E-Verify

The employment of immigrants and the use of a state-level system to check the legal status of applicants is being considered after the slaying of UI student Mollie Tibbetts.



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Gov. Kim Reynolds speaks during Sen. Joni Ernst's Roast and Ride on June 9. The event raises money for veterans' charities and provides a platform for state and national Republican officials to speak.

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Gov. Kim Reynolds recently said she would be open to implementing a state-level system that would check the legal status of workers in Iowa.

The issue of employing immigrants in Iowa was thrust into the spotlight after authorities revealed the man charged with murder in the slaying of University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts, Cristhian Bahena Rivera, had worked on Yarrabee Farms under a false name and had not been checked through the E-Verify system.

E-Verify is an internet-based system run by

the U.S. government that allows employers to check the immigration status of applicants.

The Iowa Policy Project estimated in 2014 that undocumented immigrants represent approximately 2.5 percent of the state population — around 75,000 persons. The Pew Research Center estimated that 40,000 immigrants worked in Iowa as of 2014. That statistic includes both authorized workers and those here without documentation.

"The governor is open to discussing the creation of a state-level system, but she believes

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Uptown Bill's in danger of closing

A local coffeehouse and nonprofit organization known for its advocacy for abilities awareness and employment of people with disabilities is in danger of closing down.

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Uptown Bill's, a coffeehouse, bookstore, performance venue, and public gathering place on South Dubuque Street, may be in danger of closing its doors for good.

Since 2001, Uptown Bill's, cousin of the original Wild Bill's on the University of Iowa campus, has operated as a community for people of all abilities.

In addition to providing organic coffee, a wide selection of tea, milkshakes, and entertainment ranging from open mics to musical artists, Uptown Bill's has publically advocated for abilities awareness since its founding.

"It's just a unique place. It really is," said Brian, a regular customer at the coffeehouse. "The combination of the books, and the music, and the coffee ... it's a convenient place. A comfortable place."

Partnered with the Extend the Dream Foundation, a nonprofit organization aimed at serving people with disabilities, the coffeehouse welcomes people of all abilities. It provides employment for people with disabilities, including local business opportunities, and provides a community built on advocating for abilities awareness.

However, because of insufficient funds, the coffeehouse is in danger of closing. Largely made up of volunteer staff members and in

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STORMY WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT



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Lighting flashes across the Iowa City skyline as storms ahead of a cold front push through the area on Tuesday evening.

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a federal system would be best, because immigration is a federal issue," Reynolds' press secretary Brenna Smith said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Some of the jobs filled by immigrant workers are in the agriculture and livestock sectors.

"Immigrants who are here legally and hired legally are important, because those jobs are hard to fill and often hirees are gifted and skilled

with livestock," said Dal Grooms, the communications director of the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

While some states require employers to use E-Verify, Iowa does not.

According to the Migration Policy Institute, the use of E-Verify is required in 22 states, for some or all employers. The use of E-Verify is mandatory for federal departments and agencies, federal contractors and certain subcontractors, and certain employers previously convicted of hiring unauthorized immigrants.

The Migration Policy Insti-

tute reported that advocates of E-Verify say it is a tool that can be used to deter the employment of unauthorized immigrants. Critics of the system contend that mandating E-Verify would incentivize employers to move off the books, and even in states where it is mandated, it has not resulted in total compliance.

Director of American Friends Service Committee Iowa Immigrant Rights Program Erica Johnson said that, like with many government databases, the E-Verify system has flaws in accuracy and implementation, but it

doesn't address many larger problems.

"When we are talking about immigration policy and economic needs, it's not even a Band-Aid. It doesn't address the economic labor needs that our country has," Johnson said. "It doesn't address the violence around the world that pushes people out of other countries. It doesn't address family ties that when individuals migrate for any reason that they should be honored and people's dignity. It doesn't address the history of [U.S.] international intervention that causes upheaval in other countries."

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need of a new director and many utility upgrades, the establishment's goal is to raise \$30,000 to remain open.

The company has a Fundly page open for donations while it works to obtain more funding. With 46 days left on the page, 58 people have donated \$5,903.

"It is a place where people get together, a lot of people depend on it," Uptown Bill's Director Jason Grubbe said. "We do have different meetings here. I think people would miss the music we provide, we provide an open mic, a safe place for people to come express themselves. A lot of people really just find it a safe place to come; they're not going to be judged."

It's all in the spirit of the coffeehouse's eponym, Bill Sackter, an intellectually

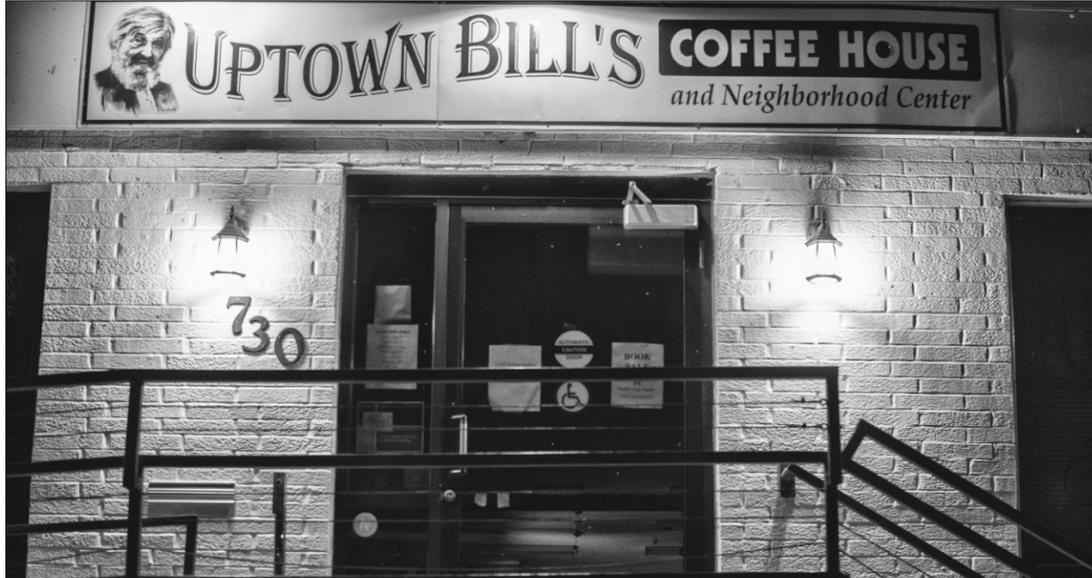
disabled man with a lovable, upbeat personality who went from being an abandoned inmate in an institution to a beloved and well-respected member of the Iowa City community and sole proprietor of Wild Bill's in the 1970s, according to the Uptown Bill's website.

Even after Sackter's death in 1983, Wild Bill's has continued to be run by the UI School of Social Work. Uptown Bill's, run by Extend the Dream, keeps Sackter's story and memory alive off campus.

In addition to raising money through the Fundly page, Extend the Dream President Mary Vasey said Uptown Bill's is looking to the university for inspiration.

Vasey noted that some students are taking a class in the Tippie College of Business to learn about various kinds of fundraising and how to get grants.

"Our goal is to be more



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Uptown Bill's is seen on Monday. The coffeehouse is at risk of closing because of insufficient funds.

sustainable and really get ahead so we don't worry about it so much," Vasey said. "A nonprofit always has a little bit of worry

because you're always depending on grants, and fundraising, and things like that."

Despite the financial dif-

iculties and the strain that inevitably comes with running a nonprofit organization, Vasey said, the spirit of the establishment is alive

and well in the hearts of the patrons.

"I don't think there's anything quite like this," she said.

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resources for off-campus students was created in the fall of 2017 to help students living off-campus exist with both the UI community and the broader Iowa City community.

The site addressed legal rights of tenants, the lease gap many students face in late July, and off-campus resources for renters. Now, the website has a link to offer more information about Neighborhood Ambassadors.

A press release issued in July said Neighborhood Ambassadors would be hired to serve seven neighborhoods in Iowa City: Bowery, Brookland/Roosevelt, College Green, Downtown, Longfellow, North Side, and Riverfront Crossings East.

There are currently six Neighborhood Ambassadors who have been hired, and the Division of Student Life is searching for more participants in the program and encourages all those interested to apply.

The selection process is not unlike that of other UI jobs. The position was posted on the HireAHawk website, Villhauer said, so that all

those interested could apply. Applicants submit résumés and cover letters before going through an interview.

Ambassadors will receive a yearly stipend of \$500, distributed in amounts of \$250 once per semester. They will work five to seven hours a week, spending most of their time on writing newsletters and scheduling outreach events.

UI student Elin Dejus, who lives in the College Green

neighborhood, believes students living off-campus would benefit from such a service.

"While I don't know the extent to which [the resources] exist, if they came to our door with newsletters with information, that would be more accessible than having to search for resources yourself," she said.

The students' first acts as ambassadors will be to appear at the Havoc on Hubbard stu-

dent-involvement fair and to send newsletters out to the students in their areas. The newsletters will serve as an introduction to the Neighborhood Ambassador Program.

Though it is still a pilot program in its inaugural year, Neighborhood Ambassador Rachel Maly is optimistic.

Maly said the program provides a resource in which students come to another student for help.

"... Sometimes it's hard to reach out to a resource in person because it's hard to know what they do," she said. "It's

easier to reach out to another student for help than to reach out to an organization for help."



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Houses in Goosetown are seen on Tuesday. UI student Rachel Maly serves as the neighborhood ambassador for the North Side and Goosetown.

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UI has new model for dorm living, education

UI Housing & Dining plans to enhance the dorm experience and create more meaningful interactions with residents and their resident assistants through implementing its new Residence Education Model.

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Beginning this semester, University Housing & Dining will implement a new residential curriculum, the Residence Education Model. The model is designed to improve living on campus at the UI and advance the responsibility of the students, said Danielle Barefoot, the coordinator for curriculum and assessment in residence educa-

to know their residents as individuals instead of lumping them into groups. "We know that each Hawkeye is a unique person with her or his own experiences, values, and goals, and we are committed to supporting all of our students," Barefoot said. The Residence Education Model has been implemented by peer institutions such as Purdue



Receptionists Christian Castano and Mackenzie Goss are seen at the University Housing & Dining Administration Building on Tuesday. Housing & Dining is ready to unveil its Residence Education Model.

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—Danielle Barefoot, UI coordinator for curriculum and assessment

tion at Housing & Dining. The program is committed to helping students achieve three main goals: Learning about Self, Discovering Relationships, and Engaging in Community, she said. The biggest changes will be in the RAs' responsibilities and how Housing & Dining is working with campus partners and resources to connect students with experts, Barefoot said. RAs will focus on getting

University, the University of Illinois, and the University of Michigan. "The new model will create a strong support system in the residence halls by requiring resident assistants to have one-on-one chats with their residents periodically, called 'Hawk Talks,'" said Jocelyn Roof, an RA at Currier. Alongside the new Residence Education Model will be an opt-out program for Living Learning Communities. In previous

years, students were required to choose an LLC in each residence hall. This year, residents were able to "opt-out" of LLCs and choose no community at all. Amy Baumgartner, the assistant director of residence education, said living in an LLC is not an experience every student wants, but the department is happy to offer options for those who do. "We anticipate that our

LLCs will see higher student engagement, because students who are living in these communities are the ones who really want to be there," Baumgartner said. Roof, who is an RA on a floor without an LLC, said many of the LLCs that remain are identity-based or career- and major-focused, such as Young, Gifted, and Black, Well-Beings, and Be-WISE. Residents share a common interest, she said, and they are able to

take a course in common with their dorm mates. "Because students choose whether or not they want to participate in an LLC, their experience varies depending on which LLC they choose and how much they gain from the experience," Roof said. "Even if students are in an LLC, there's always the chance they aren't actually invested in the curricula and activities of the community they chose. It all

depends on how much the students buy into the programming." Joe Briddle, a Currier resident and first-year student, said he has liked not having an LLC far more than he thought he would. "I have gotten to befriend people in lots of different majors and I always liked hearing about what other people are learning in their classes, so not being in a particular LLC has been great," he said.

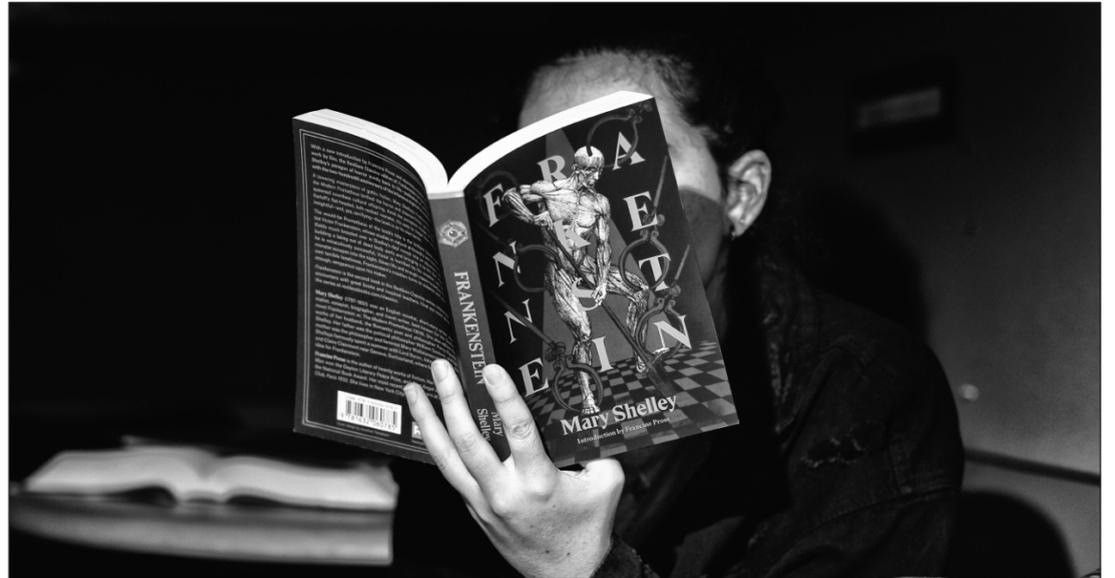
UI professor celebrates *Frankenstein*

The entire book will be read in one reading in front of the Old Capitol in October for its 200th anniversary.

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University of Iowa faculty and students will read the entirety of *Frankenstein* aloud to honor the groundbreaking novel's 200th birthday. The reading will take place on Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. in front of the Old Capitol. Participants will read the novel in shifts, each slot 20 minutes long. If there is inclement weather, Russian Adjunct Assistant Professor Anna Barker said she plans to go inside the Old Capitol. People can still sign up to be readers on the book-festival website. Barker has organized public readings of famous novels for a while now, such as "Don Quixote" in 2015. This year, she is doing *Frankenstein* in honor of the anniversary of its publishing. Other events on the same day include a panel at 7 p.m. based on the books that the creature in *Frankenstein* reads to learn about humanity and a double feature by FilmScene of *Frankenstein* and *Bride of Frankenstein* starting at 9 p.m. Aug. 30, 1797 was the day of Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin was born. However, she even-

tually became better known by her married name, Mary Shelley. She is the author of the book *Frankenstein*, which many people call the start of a new genre. "The idea that a woman started the science-fiction novel is really cool," UI sophomore Ryan Johnson said. When Shelley started writing *Frankenstein*, she was only 19. The novel was published in 1818, marking this year the book's 200th anniversary. "It's a book [that has] a remarkable longevity, not only a fabulous science-fiction narrative," Barker said. "It was written by a brilliant young woman." Despite being 200 years old, *Frankenstein* has not been forgotten. In fact, the novel is one of the top books assigned in college courses. "I am a professor of 18th-century romantic period British literature, so when I teach *Frankenstein*, it's almost always in the context of the course on British romanticism," Professor Eric Gidal said. "It also gets taught in the [general education] lit course a number of times, history of science-fiction courses. It gets taught in the context of



Katina Zentz/Photo Illustration

19th-century women writers." There are many reasons that it's still taught today. The meaning of the story still resonates with artificial intelligence, genetic manipulation, and the responsibility of humans to their creations. "There's a lot of *Frankenstein*

that's universal, especially the creature's perspective on what it means to be human," Johnson said. Shelley is not the only famous member of her family. She grew up in a time after the storming of the Bastille, which prompted many new political thoughts and

ideas. Her father was William Godwin, a famous anarchist who advocated for abolishment of institutions, and her mother was famous feminist Mary Wollstonecraft, who wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*. "When I teach, I teach it in terms of those biographies,"

Gidal said. "I teach it in terms of intellectual and cultural histories surrounding French Revolution, and I teach it in terms of the general questions that it asks and how the questions about human existence and how we see ourselves in the world arise."

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There is no politeness in politics — how do we change it?

The trials of Michael Cohen and Paul Manafort show the dark side of politics. We don't have to follow in their footsteps.



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Michael Cohen, Paul Manafort, Roger Stone ... one could only wonder how these men came to be and how their empires have crashed suddenly, after years of corruption and manipulation.

Cohen, a former lawyer for President Donald Trump, admitted making illegal payments to two women to keep them from informing the public of their affairs with the then-candidate. This not only violated campaign-finance laws but was added to other charges he pled guilty to, such as tax evasion and bank fraud.

Manafort, a former campaign chairman for Trump, was found guilty last week of tax fraud, bank fraud, and one count of failure to disclose a foreign bank account. Manafort's finances included millions of dollars that he made overseas. He

has a second trial scheduled for next month on charges brought by the special counsel. They include obstruction of justice, failure to register as a foreign agent, and conspiracy to launder money.

Roger Stone, a former aide to the president, believes he is next to be indicted as Special Counsel Robert Mueller investigates the 2016 presidential election. In emails sent to supporters, Stone requests donations toward his legal fund. Having seen other Trump allies convicted of crimes, he fears his time will come soon, too.

All three were heavily tied

to politics. Although they were not politicians themselves, they had a hand in elections and benefited from the candidates they supported.

The nature of politics can be described as "poor, nasty, brutish, and short." While I disagree with Thomas Hobbes that human beings are naturally driven by fear and personal gain, I think it is true for the political world we live in. Politics has become so polarized that officials have found themselves above certain policies because they believe they are working toward the greater good. Continued

lawlessness creates a slippery slope until justice is finally served, as seen in the Manafort and Cohens cases.

The "Trump Era" has created a generation of politically motivated young adults who will have to one day make important choices when faced with pay-to-play politics, threats, and intimidation tactics that could mean ending their careers. For their sake, we should continue to encourage morality in politics and shame those who have allowed the betterment of society to be compromised for political gain. We will not change the nature of politics, but we

can focus on our response to it, whether it be by voting or by media attention to the consequences Cohen and Manafort now face.

I know that I, along with many of my classmates, hope to make a difference in society and can learn from mistakes others before us have made. Personally, I don't know if there's a place for me in this political atmosphere we're currently in. I have seen more of the dirty side of politics in just a few days than I hoped I would in a lifetime, but Manafort and Cohen serve as a great example of what not to do.

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The stars are laughing comets at us

Gotta problem? Who doesn't. Somewhere there's an app for you. Or at least a reasonable facsimile.



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Dear Doc Grammar: I've been trying to heard my cat (a cute tabby/Kazakh rat killer mix), but all she ever says is "Me-Ow." What am I doing wrong?

Dear Cat Lover: You're doing nothing wrong, in the sense of Lenin singing "everything's wrong is right." Or words to that effect. His mind kept wandering when he tried to fix all the holes in life.

By the way, kill the cat be-

fore she discovers you were born in the Year of the Rat. Otherwise, things will wind up Kazakh and effect.

Dear Doc Grammar: What kind of medical degree is Doc? Is that the kind that comes in a piece of paper with seals and stuff?

Dear Skeptic Tank: Don't know about seals and stuff; you might be barking up the Phocidae. Which, admittedly, is a tree of sorts.

My degree is not a medical one; I have a Ph.D. in imagination. Which is to say, I imagine I have a Ph.D. and presto, phod for thought. But no seals. In you want a circus, you should go to D.C. when the government is in session. Or in Sessions.

Dear Doc Grammar: I can't get my mind around this thing called school. What should I drool?

Dear School Drool: Don't try to get your mind around something; that's your first mistake. Your second is drooling all the time.

Turns out, the mind works best in right angles. The ancient Greek rapper Pie Thag knew this, and, just speaking hypotenuse-ly, it hasn't changed since. So if you want, you can go around comparing peaches and onions, that's no skin off the rest of our Allium.

By the way, didn't you mean "do" instead of "drool"? Or did you have an internship with Hallmark Cards and now you can only speak in rhymes? (There's an app for that.)

Dear Doc Grammar: Our country seems to be at a crossroads. Is our country at a crossroads?

Dear Cross: You should only follow happy roads.

The renowned political commentator Robert Johnson knew that.

Failing that, you should remember the great sage and philosopher Rudy Giuliani, who famously said, "The truth isn't true."

He sounds like a Zen Master there. At least until you read some Zen Masters. Then he sounds like a confused old man who will say any old thing:

"New York is not shipping garbage by rail to the South, New York is shipping valuable recyclables by rail to China. Who knew the railroad tracks didn't stretch all the way to China?"

We couldn't have said it better ourselves.

Dear Doc Grammar: Sometimes I feel as if me, you, and everyone is off the wall. Is there any way to feel on the wall?

Dear Off: You could try imitating bad spaghetti (not so hard to find in this country) and see if that sticks.

Or you could remember that, in Australia, the Liberal Party is actually the party of the conservatives. And Australians are about to have their 15th prime minister in 16 hours.

There's a reason we call it Down Under.

Dear Doc Grammar: Sometimes I feel like our only hope is there might be some chocolate cake left. Is that pretty lame?

Dear Chocolate Cake: No, that's not lame. Lame is when a horse breaks its ankle and people scurry for the euphemism app to find out what to do.

Pretty lame is when the right wing cynically uses the homicide of a young

woman to further its political agenda.

"[The slaying] should have never happened ... the immigration laws are such a disgrace." The Great Buffoon

"If Mollie Tibbetts is a household name by October, Democrats will be in deep trouble." Newt Gingrich

"The CNNs, the MSNBCs, most of the print media in this country, and the Democrats, they are all accomplices in the death of this young girl." Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick

Actually, that's not pretty lame, that's just scum. Lower scum than Richard Nixon's scum. You know you're way surpassed pretty lame when your scum level is lower than Nixon's.

Enjoy the chocolate cake.

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EPA plan could devastate Iowa, but not without a fight

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller joined 18 others in opposing the agency's disastrous new direction on coal power.



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I often wonder if any of the controversy in the Trump administration really matters here in Iowa City, 900 miles or so from the White House. But buried underneath the dirty, polluted news cycle, there's actual pollution, and it very well might kill us.

That's not just me being

dramatic. The Environmental Protection Agency said so in its report of its new climate plan. EPA officials estimate that 1,400 Americans will die as a result of their plan to roll back regulations set during President Barack Obama's administration by rewriting the rules for coal power and other climate-change protections. Dirtying the air with more coal is expected to increase asthma attacks and other life-threatening respiratory problems. It seems that the EPA is no longer in the business of protecting the environment.

Let's break down what's going on here. In 2016, the United States signed the Paris Agreement with nearly every other nation. The basics

of the accords was for every country to set its own strategy for reducing its greenhouse-gas emissions. The U.S. plan, known widely as the Clean Power Plan, was proposed by the EPA in 2015, even before the Paris Agreement. The plan focuses on lowering the amount of energy produced by coal-powered plants as driving force behind cutting U.S. greenhouse-gas emissions. An ambitious outline for how to reduce emission was, and remains, the bedrock of combating global climate change.

Then Donald Trump became the president, endowed with the power of the EPA and selecting its leadership. This is the guy who said, "The concept of global warming was

created by and for the Chinese." He later walked it back as a joke, clarifying that global warming is "just a very, very expensive form of tax," but it's clear the current president prioritizes high-polluting energy over the well-being of the American people. Under the president's leadership, former EPA head Scott Pruitt launched a repeal of the Clean Power Plan in an attempt to please lobbyists for unsustainable energy.

But the plan isn't going in the trash just yet. Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller has joined 18 states, Washington, D.C., and seven other cities and counties in opposing the disastrous, radical changes. In its joint release, the coalition states that the EPA's

reinterpretation of the Clean Power Plan is "contrary to law and arbitrary and capricious."

While approximately 40 percent of state AGs is a formidable opposition, what's more impressive is the diversity of states involved: from Vermont to New Mexico to North Carolina. Iowa is joined by its Midwestern neighbors Minnesota and Illinois, as well. The cross-country effort was highlighted by Lynn Hicks, Miller's communications director.

"Federal solutions are necessary to address climate change," Hicks said. "Iowa could fully switch its energy generation to wind and other renewables, for example, but it would still feel the effects of carbon emissions from other states."

The new EPA plan isn't just bad for asthmatics near coal plants, it's bad for Iowa farmers, too. Because of rising temperatures, it's estimated that Iowa's corn yields could decrease 18 percent or more, costing farmers in our state billions of dollars.

I asked Hicks if there was some sort of plan if the costly and dangerous Clean Power Plan repeal went into effect. While he said that was outside the purview of the Attorney General's Office, he said the state Legislature discontinued its Climate Change Advisory Council in 2011.

Just like the Clean Power Plan, we don't get a second chance at protecting the Earth. If we lose it, there's no going back.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

Hands tied in voter identification

When voters go to the polls in 10 weeks for the midterm elections, the top 99 elections officials must stick to the rule-books despite some opposing a controversial Iowa voter-ID law.

The law, passed in 2017, will require voters to bring identification to the polls beginning in 2019 in an effort to secure elections against “fraudulent votes.”

“I’m against it. I’ll be open and honest,” said Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert, a Democrat. “We’ve gone how many years not requiring ID? We’ve done a great job in using ID to verify addresses when voters register.”



Weipert

Story County Auditor Lucy Martin, a Democrat, said she believes Iowa’s elections were already secured by requiring proof of address when registering to vote. Though, she said, she didn’t want to continue “banging her head against a brick wall” in continuing to argue about it.



Martin

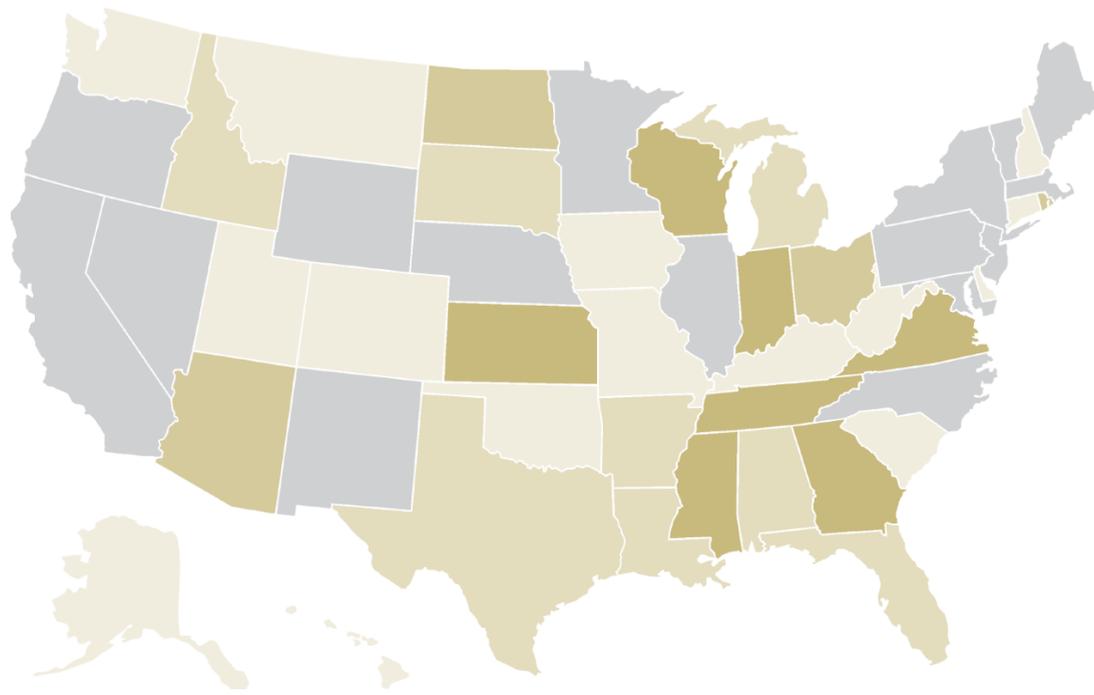
“What fell off in this entire conversation is how we verify our voters,” Martin said. “The whole point of voter registration is verifying people for an election. If your name is on the list, we’ve already approved you to vote ... You’re duplicating an effort that you’ve already gone through.”

In Iowa, county auditors operate as the chief election officials for their counties. As partisan officials, they are elected to four-year terms. Leading up to elections, their duties ramp up as they register voters and supervise ballot-printing and absentee voting for their counties.

This year, auditors are ed-

In interviews with more than a dozen county auditors, many believed Iowa’s voter-ID law is unnecessary.

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Voter ID Requirements by State



have implemented ID laws at the polls. The seven states with the strictest photo-ID laws passed the laws when Republicans controlled all three branches of state government.

However, county auditors stick to the rule books despite partisan opinions.

“I certainly have an opinion, but my opinion doesn’t matter at this point in time,” said Linn County Auditor Joel Miller, a no-party auditor previously registered as a Democrat. “Will it cause any problems? We’re going to find out this fall, when we have the general election and in 2020.”

of County Auditors, which represents all auditors in the state, opposed Iowa’s voter-ID bill when it was introduced in 2017.

Pate reprimanded county auditors in Iowa in a March 2017 conference for what he said were partisan gibes aimed at undermining the legislation, which was still being considered by lawmakers and had not been signed into law.

Auditors are overwhelmingly Republican in Iowa. Of the 99 counties, Republicans control 65 auditor seats, 31 have Democratic auditors, and three auditors are registered as no-party.

Now that the voter-ID bill has been signed into law, Linn County’s Miller said opinions would have to take a back seat to educating voters about how to vote.

“For some of us, our opinions at that time were ignored, so we are in the phase where we are governing and administering the law,” said Miller, who a few years ago announced he would exchange his Democratic status for a no-party status to advocate for nonpartisan county officials.

Not all county auditors agree about the law, but all concluded that their main priority would be boosting turnout of voters of both parties.

“You ask 99 different county auditors, you’ll get 101 different opinions,” Story County’s Martin said.

Marion County Auditor Jake Grandia, a Republican, said he didn’t think the law would impede voter turnout.

“... The rules are in place, and we will follow those, administer those, and generally, it’s just making sure everyone understands the requirements,” he said.

When it comes to the necessity of the ID requirement, some county auditors *The Daily Iowan* interviewed were unsure how to respond. Others had a ready answer.

“Parts of the law make it more difficult to vote,” Black Hawk County Auditor Grant Veeder said.

“Voters have to be well-aware in advance and have IDs. It creates unnecessary confusion about voters’ eligibility status.”

Voter fraud is rare in Iowa. Of the millions of votes cast, there have been 29 voting-fraud convictions since 2013, according to data from the Iowa Department of Human Rights Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning.

Nationwide voter fraud is also low. In January, President Trump abruptly shut down a committee that was supposed to examine evidence of voter fraud nationwide, which he claimed, without producing evidence, plagued the 2016 election.

Despite Iowa’s low voter-fraud numbers, Secretary of State spokesman Kevin Hall said, “One fraudulent vote is too many.”

“It’s just like locking your door when you leave your home — you secure what you value. The chances of your home getting robbed might be slim, but it’s important to add that level of security.”

Critics, however, contend such laws disproportionately prevent certain groups of voters from casting ballots while addressing a nearly nonexistent voter-fraud problem.

Julia Helm, a Republican auditor from Dallas County, was elected in 2016. She noted that she hasn’t been in the Auditor’s Office long enough to know if the ID law would affect turnout but

said, “Many voters are already used to bringing their IDs and getting them scanned.”

Dallas County is one of 92 Iowa counties that use electronic poll books on Elec-

tion Day to keep track of registered voters. As people arrive to vote, poll workers scan voters’ IDs to quickly verify they are registered

to vote in the county. Before the voter-ID law was passed, poll workers could ask for the person’s name and enter the driver’s license number.



Andersen

and enter the driver’s license number.

“The clear reason that laws like this are being implemented is to gain a political advantage. Voter-ID laws, at least those at the polls, have never been demonstrated to be necessary,” Andersen said. “We’ve never had any sort of systematic voter fraud at the polls.”

There is mixed evidence on whether the laws could affect the outcome of an election, but studies show stricter laws tend to decrease the number of Democratic and minority voters.

In a Michigan study of a law similar to Iowa’s voter-ID law, researchers collected affidavits signed by voters that affirmed their identities in lieu of IDs. After analyzing the affidavits, they found 28,000 voters, 0.6 percent of the population, didn’t have IDs. They estimated nonwhite voters were between 2.5 and 6 times as likely as white voters to lack IDs.

Iowa’s law has attracted national attention. President of Let America Vote and Democratic mayoral candidate for Kansas City Jason Kander rolled through Iowa last week, making stops by ISU and the UI to encourage students to intern with Let America Vote, which aims to create political consequences for elected officials who advocate for laws such as voter-ID laws.

“I’m here because unfortunately, Iowa has been thrust on the frontlines of voter suppression,” he said. His next stop will be Tennessee, a state that moved to implement a strict photo-ID law in 2011.

Most county auditors conceded that despite individual opinions on the law, the debate about the bill was moot. Now, it’s up to an ongoing lawsuit filed by Latinx advocates and an ISU

“For some of us, our opinions at that time were ignored, so we are in the phase where we are governing and administering the law.”

— Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

educating their constituents on the relatively new Iowa law, leaving some sandwiched between Iowa Code and what they believe to be right.

In the spring of 2017, Iowa’s Republican-dominated Legislature passed a law largely along party lines that would require registered voters to provide identification at the polls starting in 2019.

This November, in a “soft rollout” of the law, voters can sign an oath verifying their

Partisan tasks typically don’t emerge in a county auditor’s duties. They are charged with an array of nonpartisan responsibilities including advising on the county budget, providing recording help to county supervisors, calculating county employee paychecks, and sometimes providing general maintenance for county courthouses.

Elections are no different. When any state or county official takes office, each signs

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Fraudulent votes convictions in Iowa since 2013

Source: Iowa Department of Human Rights Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning

identities if they don’t have IDs. Next year, the oath option will not be available.

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate, a Republican, says the law secures Iowa elections to make it “easy to vote but hard to cheat,” as his office states, but critics argue the law is unnecessary and will deter voter turnout in Republicans’ favor.

Iowa is one of 34 states that

an oath to uphold the law, marking the official’s highest priority as the Iowa and U.S. Constitution. He or she must “faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, discharge all the duties of the office ... as now or hereafter required by law.”

But the officials can advocate for or against laws.

The Iowa State Association

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Iowa State University political-science Assistant Professor David Andersen said the “Iowa law is written about as well as it can be written,” noting that the Secretary of State’s Office and county auditors were sending free voter-ID cards automatically to those who didn’t have state-issued IDs.

student to decide the law’s constitutionality.

Auditors are lasering their focus on encouraging voters to come in flocks to the polls.

“County auditors, whether they supported the law or not, care about ensuring all eligible voters are able to cast ballots,” said Hall of the Secretary of State’s Office.

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fort to complete the project as soon as possible.

As the anticipation for the season rises, so does the excitement about the first home game in the renovated stadium.

"Oh, I think it's awesome. Yeah, unbelievable," Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz said during his press conference Tuesday. "But as cool as it seems from the field, it's really awesome on the field to see it, and it was good in April, but it's like way better now. Probably the nearest moment a week ago Saturday we were watching our scrimmage tape, and to watch the end zone cameras just looking — I can't tell you why, but seeing it on video was like, wow, that looks really — it's imposing. I can't wait to see the fans in it."



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Members of the media tour north end-zone construction at Kinnick Stadium on Tuesday. Construction is set to be finished by the 2019 football season, with outdoor club seating ready for the 2018 season.

Overall, the north end-zone renovation's cost rings up at \$89.9 million. The Hawkeyes will open

the season on Saturday against Northern Illinois at 2:30 p.m. "Hopefully, we're going

to make the fans be loud and not sit on their hands," Ferentz said. "That's a challenge for us."

BIG TEN

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hide his sin of failing to do more about the situation with his assistant coach.

What is perhaps most disturbing about the Michigan State and Ohio State scandals is that the NCAA did little to nothing in each situation. But don't worry, if any of the players got a free meal, it'll be all over

that. It seems the NCAA is more worried about programs maintaining the "amateur status" of their players than it is about programs' maintaining moral integrity.

At least Meyer got a three-game suspension handed to him by Ohio State, but it seems unlikely that D'Antonio will ever even hear about his scandal again.

Then, in another disturbing story headlining sports pages this summer, Maryland head coach D.J. Durkin and his staff may have played a principal role in the death of player Jordan McNair.

The strenuous workout routine, combined with what seems to have been a nasty culture of bullying in the program, culminated with the death of the 19-year-old.

There are zero excuses for that.

While the death of a player certainly outweighs the other scandals, it

doesn't diminish the others' seriousness. All of the offseason headlines are an embarrassment to one of the most prestigious conferences in all of college football.

As a fan, it's disturbing to watch this type of thing happen to the Big Ten, a conference I grew up regarding as the one college football conference that did things the right way.

That's not true anymore, but perhaps it never was, and the dirty laundry is just beginning to overflow the laundry bag.



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Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer addresses the media during Big Ten football media days in Chicago on July 24.

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we can do a lot more things. We're a little more versatile than maybe we were last year. I think we're moving in the right direction as a room and as a team."

Brincks developing on the inside

With defensive tackle Cedrick Lattimore suspended for Week 1 against the Huskies, Sam Brincks saw his name listed as a starter at the left tackle on the defensive line.

Listed as a defensive end originally, Brincks made 19 stops in 2017, with one going for a loss, and a pass breakup.

Brincks, who came to Iowa as a walk-on, has been playing both inside and out on the line for a while now. He played offensive tackle and defensive end at Kuemper Catholic in Carroll, Iowa, so the shift inside hasn't come with many challenges for the senior.

"I think it's kind of a normal transition," Brincks said. "As a defensive lineman, a lot of the fundamentals translate, whether you're at end or at tackle, so it's been pretty smooth. I've had all camp to adjust, so I don't think it's going to be too big of a problem."

Kelly-Martin leads running-back group

Akrum Wadley is gone, trying to stick on the Tennessee Titans' roster, leaving a backfield at Iowa with one career start and a combined 65 career carries.

Luckily for the Hawkeyes, Ivory Kelly-Martin and Toren Young gained a shred of experience last season, while Mekhi Sargent showed potential at Iowa Western.

It looked like Young would be the No. 1 running back going into the first week, but offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz said Kelly-Martin took over the job on Aug. 21, reminding the backs that the depth chart can constantly change.

Although listed as the No. 1 back, head coach Kirk Ferentz played it carefully in calling him the starter, saying he is comfortable with all three in the backfield.

Kelly-Martin said he moved on from the news and focused on the first game right after he was told.

With a year under his belt, Kelly-Martin is seeing the benefits, and they will keep him working.

"Definitely just having some experience and knowing, after going through a year, how fast your role can change on the football field," Kelly-Martin said about how playing as a true freshman helped him take the news.

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Cross-country gears up for stiff challenges

An experienced men's squad and a youthful women's team prepare for a landscape filled with tough competition.

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The men and women of Iowa cross-country are tightening their laces as the season quickly approaches, and it begins with a home meet. The Hawkeye Invitational will take place Friday at the Ashton Cross-Country Course, the first of six regular-season races.

Following the invitational, the Hawkeyes will face Nebraska's Woody Greeno, the Notre Dame Invitational, the Bradley Invitational, Wisconsin's Pre-Nationals, and the Illinois Open. Only the women will race at the Bradley event, and only the men will run at the Wisconsin Pre-Nationals.

After the regular season, the Hawkeyes will revisit Nebraska for the Big Ten Championships, Bradley for the NCAA Regional, and depending on their performance, Wisconsin for the NCAA Championship.

For the Iowa men, the roster is dominated by upperclassmen who have proved their worth. Juniors Brandon Cooley and Nathan Mylenek and seniors Ian Eklin, Michael Melchert, and Daniel Soto head into the season with broken records and top times under their belts. The upperclassmen will lead the Hawkeyes, including five underclassmen, into the season.

"The underclassmen are really going to see what we want this program to be



Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Andrea Shine rounds a turn during the Border Battle indoor track meet in the UI Recreation Building with Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois competing on Jan. 7, 2017. The Hawkeye women defeated Missouri and Illinois, 105-33 and 96-51, respectively, while the men defeated Missouri, 107-27 and fell to Illinois, 85-74.

about," Mylenek said. "We want to be a team where we show up to meets and people don't want to race us, so having the freshmen experience a bunch of upperclassmen who are really ready to roll, I think, will be a good thing for them."

This confidence is mirrored on the women's side, especially in senior Andrea Shine, who was Iowa's top

finisher in 2017. "I think we are coming in as a very underrated team," Shine said. "I'm looking forward to defying everyone's expectations and showing how strong we are."

Unlike the men, the women are loaded with underclassmen, making Shine only one of two seniors on the roster. This has created a new motiva-

tion for her final year as a Hawkeye.

"Last cross-country season was the first time that I was really tactical and was a front-runner in races," the senior said. "Now, I want to see if I can push my limits even more, because this is my last shot for cross-country."

Head coach Randy Hasenbank expects the re-

turning runners to use their experience as guidelines this season.

"I want to see them go out physically and mentally prepared and having a lot more confidence when they go up to the line in those big meets," he said. "I want that experience to matter and to count for something."

The Hawkeyes will need to use the experience as they

face the tough challenges on both the men's and women's sides.

On Monday, the pre-season NCAA Division-1 Regional Cross-Country Rankings were released by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association. The Iowa men were ranked No. 8 in the Midwest Region, a jump compared with the 2017 preseason ranking (11). The men will face five Big Ten teams that have been ranked in the top spots for the Great Lakes Region: Wisconsin (1), Michigan State (2), Michigan (3), Indiana (4), and Purdue (5). From the Mid-Atlantic Region, the Hawkeyes will face Penn State (5). In their home Midwest Region, they face Illinois (3) and Minnesota (4).

The competition is no weaker for the Iowa women. The women are ranked #12, a significant change from their nonexistent ranking for the 2017 preseason. Similar to the men, the Great Lakes Region has some of the leading teams of the Big Ten: Wisconsin (1), Michigan (2), Michigan State (3), Indiana (4), Ohio State (6), and Purdue (8). The Mid-Atlantic Region has Penn State (1), and the Midwest Region contains Minnesota (3) and Northwestern (7).

The next round of regional rankings will be released Sept. 10, after the first races have been run.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Hawkeye X-C squads earn rankings

The Hawkeyes will begin the season ranked No. 8 on the men's side, up three spots from where they were last year. On the women's side, Iowa will start the year at No. 12 after entering the season unranked in 2017.



Ekin

Four hurriers with a spot in the Iowa all-time top 10 are set to compete this weekend. Ian Ekin holds the school record in the 6,000 meters, running 18:10 at 2017's home event, while Michael Melchert ranks second after posting a time of 18:12 in 2016. Nathan Mylenek ranks sixth after running 18:26 last season.

Senior Andrea Shine is ranked seventh in the 4,000 meters on the women's side after running a time of 13:58 at the 2017 Hawkeye Invitational.

Big Ten announces soccer awards

Ohio State's Kayla Fischer earned Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors, Nebraska's Sinclair Miramontez won Defensive Player of the Week, and Mackenzie Wood of Northwestern picked up the Goalkeeper of the Week award.

Fischer played the role of hero in a 1-0 win over No. 5 Florida on Aug. 24, scoring the game-winning goal in the 56th minute. The goal was the first of her career, and the Buckeyes knocked off their highest-ranked opponent since 2004.

Miramontez helped the Huskers post two shutouts when Oregon and Oregon State visited. Along with holding the Beavers without a shot on goal, she also scored a goal in the win over Oregon State.

Wood recorded 2 clean sheets, as the Wildcats beat Iowa State and tied a ranked West Virginia squad at the Boilermaker Challenge Cup.

HAWK HISTORY 101

Aug. 29, 2015

On this day, Iowa volleyball opened its season with two wins over South Dakota State (3-0) and Pacific (3-2) at the Northern Illinois Invitational in DeKalb, Illinois.

In the win over the Jackrabbits, Lauren Brobst led the way for the Hawkeyes with 14 kills, and she posted an attack percentage of .650.

Jess Janota led the squad against Pacific, posting 17 kills, while Molly Kelly – a senior on this season's team – posted 3 aces. Brobst also finished in double-digit kills with 16.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Boy, I've got to check that depth chart. Have you got a copy of one of those? Right now Colten [Rastetter] will be our starter. That shows you how into depth charts I am."



– Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz on mistakenly listing Ryan Gersonde as the starting punter

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa cross-country has four runners competing in the Hawkeye Invitational who are on the program's all-time top-10 list.

4 Runners on all-time top-10 list

Backs and receivers experience takes shape

With game day getting closer, Iowa football has gained experience at running back and wide receiver while changing some things up on the defensive side of the ball.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa wide receiver Nick Easley speaks to members of the media at the Hansen Football Performance Center on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes will begin their season on Saturday against Northern Illinois at Kinnick Stadium.

BY PETE RUDEN

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Iowa is in a completely different place offensively heading into its season-opener against Northern Illinois than it was last year.

Quarterback Nate Stanley is coming off an impressive near-record-tying first season, while his targets are entering the new season with another year of experience under their belts.

Wide receiver Nick Easley didn't show his Di-

vision-1 inexperience last season; he led the team with 51 receptions for 530 yards, while also scoring 4 touchdowns. His newfound experience gives him the potential to shine even more as Stanley's security blanket.

The experience gained last year is more important for Ihmir Smith-Marsette and Brandon Smith, as they find themselves on the depth chart, knowing they are going to contribute more as sophomores.

Smith-Marsette posted an 18-catch, 187-yard season to go along with 2 touchdowns, including

the game-winner in a thrilling 44-41 win over Iowa State in Week 2.

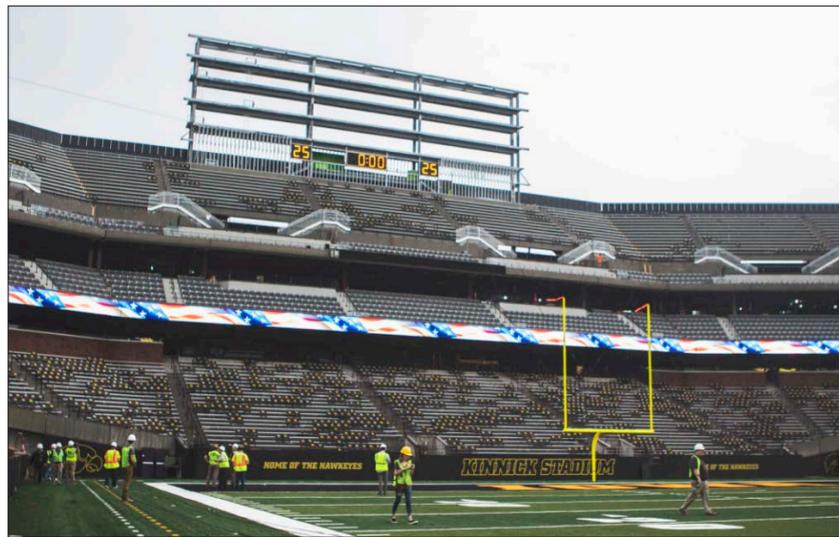
Smith, on the other hand, was used less often, catching 3 passes for 15 yards, and he fumbled on one of his touches.

"I think everyone's more comfortable," Easley said. "We've been in this system for a year. We've got guys, Brandon and Ihmir, who have phenomenal athletic ability, and size, and speed. I think

SEE FOOTBALL, 6

Kinnick construction continues apace

The North End Zone Project won't be completed by Saturday, but the basics will be intact for the Hawkeyes' season opener.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Members of the media tour the north end zone construction at Kinnick on Tuesday. Construction is set to be completely finished by the 2019 football season, with outdoor club seating ready for the 2018 season.

BY ADAM HENSLEY

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Members of the media were given a tour of the north end zone at Kinnick on Tuesday.

The outdoor club level is almost complete. The seats are all in place, but all that was missing was glass surrounding the back. The outdoor club level will have private restrooms and concessions stands when completed.

For now, there will be limited concessions for the season-opener against Northern Illinois.

"Rest assured, everything will be ready by game day," said Damian Simcox, the assistant athletics director for facilities, regarding the immediate renovations necessary to accommodate

fans for the opening game.

The seating will be completed prior to Northern Illinois and Iowa kicking things off on Saturday, but the new scoreboard, permanent restrooms, concession stands, and elevators will not.

According to the Kinnick Edge website, the outdoor club level features wider seating with armrests and drink holders and a larger concession menu featuring beer and wine.

Construction employees are working four days a week, 10 hours a day, according to Senior Construction Manager Mike Kearns, and this will continue throughout the season in an ef-

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COLUMN

The Big Scandal conference

Issues bigger than football marred the Big Ten this offseason.



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With all of the Big Ten teams kicking off the season this weekend, the focus should be on what the teams are expected to do on the field. Instead, the focus heading into opening weekend is on the disturbing stories that have come out from behind the scenes.

Just this offseason, there have been three scandals that have revealed some dirty secrets about a few of the Big Ten's premier programs.

It started in January, when a report came out that 16 women had been sexually assaulted by Michigan State football players since head coach Mark D'Antonio was hired. After a press conference or two of probing questions, D'Antonio was able to dodge trouble and it became old news.

Fast-forward to the summer, and Urban Meyer came under fire for a similar reason, not doing enough for an assistant coach who reportedly abused his wife several times.

To make matters worse, Meyer lied and deleted text messages in a further attempt to

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