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Iowa and Pittsburgh combined for just 22 wins during the 2017-18 season. But with a new coaching staff, the Panthers have turned things around with a 6-0 start, while the Hawkeyes are 5-0 and in the top 15. To keep its streak going, Iowa will need to focus on its aggressiveness on the offensive end.



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# Cereal bar to open in downtown Iowa City

A few close friends will bring the idea of an all-day cereal, breakfast, and sandwich diner to downtown IC.

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"An unconventional atmosphere, food that straight slaps, and a staff you'll wanna DM," advertises an upcoming twist on breakfast on Melk's newly launched Instagram page.

Melk, a diner and cereal establishment that will open on Washington Street the week of Dec. 3, held nothing back when it came to announcing its fresh and adventurous take on downtown dining.

From Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal shakes to made-to-order savory smash-burgers, the restaurant wants to let its customers explore dozens of breakfast and lunchtime combinations, offered all day long.

"We're just trying to do something different, be different," said 21-year-old Jacob Pajunen, the owner of the diner.

Pajunen thought up the idea for Melk with a few of his close friends. A City High alum with a strong background in business, he said the opportunity to open a cereal bar and diner downtown arrived when Food Republic moved out of the space.

The diner will offer both breakfast and lunch options, Pajunen said. After winter break, he said, he and his partners hope to extend the restaurant's hours to 3 a.m.

The menu will offer more than 25 cereals, an assortment of milk options, and fresh fruit toppings, a standard breakfast menu, and a variety of burg-

SEE MELK, 2



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**TOP:** The storefront of Melk, a diner and cereal bar located in the old Food Republic space on Washington Street, is seen on Monday. **BOTTOM:** Boxes of cereal line the shelves inside Melk, a diner and cereal bar, on Monday.

## UI student named 2019 Rhodes scholar

Austin Hughes will begin studying English and Japanese language and literature at the University of Oxford next fall.



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After being named a Rhodes scholar, UI senior Austin Hughes said he "cycled through anxiety, joy, worry — the whole gamut of emotions."

On Nov. 17, Hughes became one of 32 Rhodes scholars from the U.S. selected to study at Oxford University starting in October 2019. Hughes is majoring in English, creative writing, and Japanese language and literature.

The journey to becoming a Rhodes scholar began for Hughes at the end of the past summer. Throughout the application process, he acquired letters of recommendation from professors, wrote essays, was endorsed by the UI, and finally interviewed for the scholarship in Chicago, Hughes said.

Studying at Oxford is the perfect next

step for him, he said. While there, he will be able to start learning classical Japanese, a rarer form of the language. Through learning the language, he will be able to read texts that predate the 1800s, he said.

By learning classical Japanese, he hopes to be able to compare the Japanese texts to English texts of the same time period, Hughes said. He hopes to do a comparative-literature dissertation through his studies in the English and Japanese languages while at Oxford.

The first year of his studies will consist mostly of classes and the second year will focus on his dissertation, he said.

"My ultimate goal is to become some sort of educator," Hughes said. "I want to reinvigorate the interest of humanities in America."

Melissa Lauer, a UI senior majoring in English, creative writing, and studio arts, was also a Rhodes scholarship finalist.

## ETHICS & POLITICS IOWA POLITICS

# Auditor's Office probes Iowa Medicaid organizations

While current state Auditor Mary Mosiman investigates the 'savings' of Iowa's Medicaid program, state Auditor-elect Rob Sand has plans to continue to investigate the system in the future.

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The investigation into Iowa's privatized Medicaid system has recently developed into a focus of the state Auditor's Office.

Auditor-elect Rob Sand was the only Democrat elected to a statewide office on Election Day, and on Jan. 1, he will bring his background in public-corruption prosecution as former assistant attorney general with him to the Auditor's Office.

Throughout Sand's campaign, one of his main promises was to investigate the state money funneled into the two managed-care organizations that oversee patients on Medicaid. Though as auditor he doesn't have the ability to prosecute wrongdoing if he finds any.

Sand said that as long as someone is spending taxpayer money, the Auditor's Office is able to investigate how the money is being used in order to determine if it is being handled appropriately, legally, and responsibly.

"We'll be taking a look by talking not just to managed-care organizations but to providers and also to patients as well, making sure we're looking everywhere we can for as much truth as possible about what's going on," Sand said in a phone interview with *The Daily Iowan* after the election.

The role of state auditor is commonly described as the taxpayers' watchdog.

More specifically, Iowa State University Professor (and head of the Accounting Department) William Dilla said the two main duties of the Auditor's Office are to handle routine financial audits of government-



Sand

HOLIDAY SPIRIT



Brothers Nick and Jay Tieri drink beer in Bo-James to fend off the chill on Monday.

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MELK

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ers and sandwiches in the afternoon.

Melk's executive chef, Gabriel Caballero, also aims to increase vegan options for diners after per-

der vegan options," he said. Caballero's main goal is to bring higher-quality food in a wider variety of options for people with dietary needs. He plans on getting tofu from a local company and including items such as vegan bacon and other vegan "meats" on the menu.

wanted to make Melk more than a typical small downtown restaurant.

"When we were choosing names, we wanted something that wasn't directly related to being a diner or our location," Pajunen said. "We wanted something that seemed bigger."

Ferreira said the idea was one of his primary goals when it came to designing the diner's logo and social media. Though he has had experience producing designs for events, his age and lack of impact on Iowa City made this the perfect opportunity for him to get involved in something larger.

"This is the biggest branding project I've ever taken on," he said.

Pajunen said he wants the diner to be a place in which people feel free to experiment with different combinations, particularly when it comes to the cereal bar. Whether customers want a quick bowl of cereal or prefer sit at the bar and mix it up, he said, there are

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— Jacob Pajunen, Melk owner

sonally experiencing difficulty eating downtown on a primarily plant-based diet.

"When I go out to eat downtown, I struggle to find good, solid short-or-

Seth Ferreira, the restaurant's creative director and marketing head, said the business' name came after a short period of tossing around different ideas. He and Pajunen agreed they

the nominating process and is the head of the committee for choosing students to apply to be a Rhodes scholar, she said. She meets regularly with the applicants and guides them through the process.

When looking for Rhodes scholars, she looks for students who are "hyper-literate," Thornburg said. She

wants students who have an interest in other people's stories and value perspectives that aren't their own.

"They have to have a vision for what is not only coming next for them immediately but a couple layers beyond that," Thornburg said. "They have to have a sense of themselves and that getting started on their work is possible."



The storefront of Melk, located in the old Food Republic space, is seen on Monday.

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no wrong answers. "Melk is definitely going to be the spot at 1:30 in

the morning once the students get back," Caballero said. "A late-night party

is the best kind of party, especially when food's involved."

SCHOLAR

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One of the people Hughes said was a huge influence through the entire process was Kelly Thornburg, the UI Honors' director of scholar development.

Thornburg is in charge of

When he had Hughes as a student, Blaine Greteman, a UI associate professor of English and former Rhodes scholar, said he noticed right away that Hughes was a strong and charismatic student. He then recommended that Hughes contact Thornburg about the Rhodes scholarship.

The opportunity to study

at Oxford allows Rhodes scholars to connect with a network of people, Greteman said. The opportunity will allow Hughes to pursue the kind of learning he wants to and make important friendships and connections, he said.

Students at state schools may not plan to apply for scholarships such as the

Rhodes, Greteman said. Students may not feel like they can compete with students at other institutions, such as Ivy League schools, he said.

"Iowa students tend to be humble and modest and don't consider themselves as good," Greteman said. "I think that modesty gets in the way of realizing how good they are."

SAND

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tal units and lead special investigations when suspicion of corruption or financial wrongdoing arises.

Special investigations are what Sand proposes for Iowa's managed-care organization system. Those would involve examining exten-

tion in the form of reports, it does not have the power to take the case any further. The case is handed over to other agencies with the power to prosecute, such as the Attorney General's Office.

"[State auditors] can do the first step in building a case," Dilla said. "They themselves can't actually take the case to court. This has to go through a state agency. If it's at a city or

'[State auditors] can do the first step in building a case. They themselves can't actually take the case to court.'

— William Dilla, ISU chair of accounting



Iowa Auditor-elect Rob Sand speaks to supporters during the Democratic candidates' watch party in Des Moines on Nov. 6.

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sive financial information in order to discover and provide a report on the illegal or irresponsible action.

Dilla said it is important to note that although the Auditor's Office can produce evidence of wrongdoing, such as embezzlement, financial irresponsibility, or corrup-

county level, it will probably have to go through a local prosecutor."

Current state auditor and Republican Mary Mosiman released the results of a monthlong investigation of Iowa's savings from Medicaid Monday after a request from Sen. Pam Jo-

chum, D-Dubuque.

Previously, the savings estimated by the Department of Human Services ranged from \$234 million for the budget period in January 2017, \$47 million in December 2017, and \$141 in May 2018. The fluctu-

ating numbers drew criticism from opponents of the Medicaid transition.

Iowa Medicaid, an insurance program that enrolls approximately 600,000 low-income, disabled, or elderly Iowans, from state management to

contracting with for-profit insurance companies for patient coverage in 2016.

Mosiman's report indicates that around \$126 million was saved this financial year and that the methodology used to estimate savings in May 2018

was most effective.

"The May 2018 savings of \$141 million reported by the department was an accurate estimate based on the information available at the time," according to the report released by Mosiman.



## WHAT WE'VE WITNESSED

A series reflecting on major stories that have impacted our campus.

# From *The Daily Iowan* to the AP

Associated Press reporters Grant Schulte and Ryan Foley got their starts at the *DI* Metro desk in the early 2000s.

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Associated Press Reporters Ryan Foley and Grant Schulte only spent a couple of years at



Schulte

*The Daily Iowan* together, but they both made their mark on the publication and went on to make careers doing the same thing: covering state policies and writing national news. Foley is an AP correspondent based in Iowa City, and Schulte is a correspondent in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Foley

## Working at the *DI*

Foley joined the *DI* in 1999 as a Metro reporter, only a couple of years before Schulte. He said the first few weeks on the job were pretty stressful, and he had thought of quitting at the risk of losing his scholarship and facing the wrath of his parents.

"I stuck it out, and I'm really glad I did..." he said. "I loved all four years at the *DI*, and it's helped me get a really interesting career."

Some stories came to Foley during his four years at the *DI* that many reporters will never get to experience. One of those was 9/11.

"Covering that story and seeing how the *DI* came together and covered it from so many angles — everyone pitched in for weeks — was amazing," he said. "That was a really informative, interesting experience."

He also had the opportunity to expose wrongdoing. When he was Editor-in-Chief, the *DI* carried out an independent sting operation in which reporters caught Hancher selling alcohol to minors (one of

the reporters). The story led to some changes in the university, but it also brought the *DI* under scrutiny because the newspaper didn't work with police on the operation.

Schulte began working at the *DI* before he even entered college, starting out as a Metro reporter in the summer before his freshman year, in 2001. He started out on the courts beat and ended up writing about a double murder just a few months into the job.

During his five years at the *DI*, Schulte moved among roles as a reporter, Metro editor, managing editor, and a kind of senior reporter, which hadn't yet been officially made.

"I was sort of like a senior writer at that point; they didn't really have that position, but I sort of just made it, because I had enough seniority at that point," Schulte said.

One of his final stories was a 2,000-word feature about a blind UI student and his life. The story took two months of work, Schulte said, and it ended up gracing the front page. Because the *DI* is student-run, it had the ability to decide what went up on the front page and what got put on Page 3, which gave the editors more freedom than they might have later in their careers.

"When you're at the *DI*, you have more control over the publication than you will at any other stage in your career," Schulte said.

## The path to the AP

"I've always been kind of fascinated with the AP," Foley said.

After his time at the *DI* ended, Foley took an internship with the *Wall Street Journal* in Washington, then came back to Iowa to take a temporary position in Des Moines with AP. He worked there for around a year before taking an AP position in Madison, Wisconsin, and stayed there for six years. In 2010, Foley came



back to Iowa City and took an AP position here.

"Going back to my time with the *DI*, it gives me great historical perspective on Iowa news," he said.

One thing Foley said he's seen at AP is a shift from writing daily news, like much of the work at the *DI*, toward longer, more in-depth pieces.

"There's less of a desire for run-of-the-mill daily stories and more of an emphasis on doing something that's unique, that's going to be worthy of a front page and impactful," he said.

Schulte said he can trace back any job he's had to the *DI* and the connections he made there. After his time at the *DI*, Schulte went to the *Des Moines Register* after someone at the *DI* told him about the opening. He stayed

until 2011, when he received an email from Foley, his former editor-in-chief, telling him about an AP position in Lincoln, Nebraska. Schulte took it and has worked as a correspondent there since.

"So many opportunities that I've had I can attribute back to the people I worked with at the *DI*," he said.

When the state Legislature is in session, Schulte covers it and state policies. When the legislative session is over, he writes some longer national stories, such as ones on the Keystone XL

Pipeline. Another story he wrote that made national noise was the story of Whiteclay, Nebraska, a tiny town that sells millions of cans of beer to residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where alcohol is forbidden.

Both reporters said the *DI* did a great job of preparing them for the real world of journalism. Learning how to meet deadlines every day and handling the pressure of deciding what should be written about and having people question stories gave them the tools they needed to succeed as career journalists.

Endurance was needed to do all that while also juggling classes, Schulte said, and the opportunities they had to stumble and make mistakes get young journalists ready for what's to come.

"Going to J-School and working at the *DI* full-time; it was so stressful, I still have nightmares about it," Foley said. "So by the time I graduated, I remember going to the AP, and I was like, 'Are you serious? This is so easy.' ... You're off at 5 o'clock if there's no huge news going on, it's crazy. I was beyond prepared to work in the real world."

## Program pushes healthy eating habits in Iowa schools

The UI College of Public Health has partnered with the Agriculture Department to create a program encouraging healthy eating habits in K-12 schools.

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The University of Iowa College of Public Health is making strides to give K-12 students healthier meal options in their lunchrooms, particularly in rural school districts.

The Healthy Schools/Healthy Students program is nationally administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is overseen in Iowa by the Public Health College. The program's goal is to implement strategies that aim to reduce childhood obesity, provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students who may not have access to healthy foods, and start healthy eating habits at a young age.

A group of UI students and researchers has worked with 30 schools across Iowa — 10 elementary, 10 middle, and 10 high schools — in two-year cycles since 2013. The program will conclude in May 2019.

Natoshia Askelson, a UI assistant professor of community and behavioral health who oversees the program, said the school interventions try to change elements of lunchrooms to make healthy choices easy and fun.

"The most recent inter-

vention was with elementary-school students who had a nutrition education component in the classrooms and lunchrooms and have cafeteria coaches," Askelson said. "Older students from high schools came down and ate lunch with elementary-school students to coach them and [engage in] good eating to provide good role models."

The program focuses on two components: one directly in lunchrooms, and the other in fourth-grade classrooms using Serving Up My Plate, an education curriculum.

The curriculum focuses on the importance of eating well-rounded meals from each food group while offering interactive activities to keep students engaged. In the lunchrooms, program leaders work on improving food quality, redesigning cafeterias to improve healthy eating, and making nutritious food more available so that students will feel more comfortable making healthy choices.

Team Nutrition, an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, supports child nutrition programs throughout school systems. Currently, there are two Team Nutrition

grants in the state of Iowa: one focuses on child care, and the other focuses on promoting healthy eating and nutrition education in schools.

Carrie Scheidel, the Team Nutrition co-director at the Iowa Department of Education, said it is important to provide students with the ability to have feedback on their meal options because they can become advocates for their health.

"Students who participate in school-meal programs can get up to half of their calories each day at school," she said. "It's important that schools offer a variety of fruits and vegetables and entrée options that students enjoy."

UI graduate research assistant Patrick Brady, who works on the program with Askelson, said it is important for students in rural areas to have access to healthy food options because their access may be limited, with fewer suppliers to choose from.

"Rural areas are more affected by unhealthy eating," Brady said. "There are different barriers to getting healthier food options, so this program gives rural areas a better opportunity for healthier options to hopefully build better habits."

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# Opinions

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Pancheros or Chipotle? – Battle Tortilla is on

Two *DI* columnists debate whether Pancheros or Chipotle is the better option for UI students to grab a burrito.



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### Chipotle is a more natural choice than Pancheros

Living in Iowa City has introduced me to food establishments such as Pancheros as an alternative to the Chipotle I grew up to know and love in Naperville, Illinois. However, other than Pancheros chips and queso, Chipotle still remains my one and only true love for commercialized Mexican food.

The killer fact that cements my love for Chipotle over Pancheros is that all of its ingredients are real. With responsibly raised livestock, local produce, and organic ingredients, Chipotle is far more healthy than Pancheros while still offering the bonus of great taste. Pancheros is not nearly as devoted to food activism as Chipotle is, and it shows in its website, which doesn't mention anything about where their ingredients really come from and how they were produced.

Now I'm not going to



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Chipotle Mexican Grill is seen in the Old Capital Mall in Iowa City on Monday.

lie. Pancheros does offer a certain curb appeal in Iowa City, especially during nightlife, when the streets are crawling with hungry college kids looking to snag a bite after a night out. The establishment also preaches about the excellence of its tortillas, which are firm (never tear) and hand-crafted and -pressed by employees.

However, if you're actually thinking about the items you put into your body, Chipotle would be the obvious choice, because it provides

its customers with natural ingredients that have no added colors, preservatives, flavors, or GMOs.

When thinking about the ideals and priorities of a company for its customers, Pancheros does not meet the gold standard for me. Taking care of customers by serving them nothing but real, organic foods is paramount to the success of a company because it shows it has a responsibility to their consumers' health and cares about what they put into their bodies.



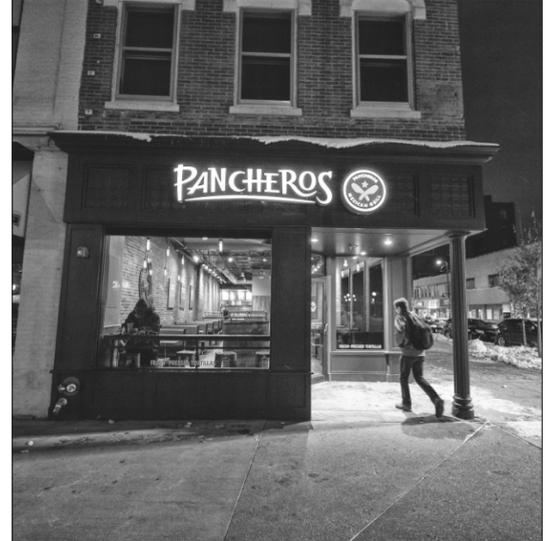
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### Pancheros is the hometown hero

Whether you're hungry after a night out or having a late-night craving after studying, Pancheros is always there. Since 1992, the original Pancheros has served up burritos to hungry University of Iowa students and will always be the go-to.

Pancheros claims to have "better-built burritos," and honestly, it does. Between the made-to-order tortilla and that the employees mix the ingredients, Chipotle doesn't stand a chance.

Pancheros has the same exact ingredients. It also actually knows how to make amazing queso, too (sorry, Chipotle — you really tried). On top of that, how can you say no to that tortilla? Pancheros tortillas are soft and warm and could never do any harm. Even hours after being ordered, the tortilla is still just as amazing as it was when it was first made.



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The first original location of the food chain Pancheros in Iowa City as seen on Monday.

Chipotle, however, has cold and brittle tortillas that it just warms up. Its meat is dry, and that makes for a sad burrito. The only good things Chipotle has going for it is that it offers brown rice and that its chips are good. It also has more options. However, just because it has more options doesn't mean it's better overall. For the sake of options and healthiness, Chipotle sacri-

fices quality.

Even though Pancheros isn't as "healthy" as Chipotle and its menu is pretty basic, it's still the better burrito place. Honestly, who gets a burrito to be healthy, and why change a good thing trying to be fancy? Combine that with Pancheros being open later and that it's Iowa City's original burrito place, Pancheros is the obvious choice.

## COLUMN

# Comic books have always been a sophisticated form of literature

Comic book lovers have always been told "comics are for kids," but that argument is flawed and needs to be put to rest.



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As a longtime comic book reader, I was always faced with the consistent remarks of, "comics are for kids," or "comics are for those who can't read 'REAL' books." These negative comments hurt my self-esteem growing up because I loved these stories and the art form that is the comic/graphic novel narrative. As I grew older, something great happened: Nerd culture became widely popular, and for good reason.

Still, the argument that comics are something that should never be regarded as anything but "childish" persists. Recently, Bill Maher wrote a blog post after Marvel Comics legend Stan Lee died. On Maher's website, he wrote a blog called "Adulthood" and said that as a nation, we should have grown out of these books. Maher said fans of comics "pretended comic books were actually sophisticated literature."

I strongly oppose Maher's opinion. To me, comics have without a question always been a sophisticated form of literature.

I spoke with University of Iowa Associate Professor Corey Creekmur, the writer of *Science*

*Fiction and Comics* and essays such as "Under Pressure (about 'Breaking Bad')," on this argument of comics being a sophisticated way to tell stories.

When asked what are some of the qualities that comics as a form of literature have that others forms of literature lack, Creekmur responded, "While all books require some negotiation between language and image (if only in matters of layout, typography, etc.), comics typically demand the simultaneous interaction of both media. The best comics (many believe) make full use of both text and image to convey meaning — they do not function as merely illustrated books, which could function without images." Comics are not only a way of expressing narrative storytelling, they also meld both visual storytelling with it to express something that other literature cannot.

With comics having such a demanding and hard job to accomplish for readers, why do people dismiss comics as simply "childish" and not "real" literature? When asked a similar question, Creekmur responded, "This is a historical phenomenon, and the general assumption that comics are for children only arises most fully after [World War II] with the rise of the self-censoring Comics Code, which sought to make comics 'safe' for children. Prior to then, many adults read comics, and comics have never been exclusively associated with children in other parts of the world, such as Europe or Japan."

So why is it that comics as a form of literature are always attacked by people deeming them as "childish"? Why would people attack this form of literature? Why would people such as Bill Maher say, "A culture that thinks that comic books and comic book movies are profound meditations on the human condition is a dumb f\*\*king culture." Creekmur responded that people have that opinion, "Because they haven't actually read them, and are only aware of comics as a source for superhero movies THEY consider trivial."

Comics are quickly dismissed as simply stories of superheroes fighting evil, but there are countless graphic novels about other subject matters. The 1992 Pulitzer-prize winning graphic novel *MAUS* by Art Spiegelman is an allegorical tale about Nazi Germany with animals in place of Jews and Nazis. Another novel that deals with superheroes but in a much darker light is Alan Moore's *Watchmen*. This 12-issue story shows a parallel universe much like our own, but with heroes that helped during all the U.S. wars. This novel shows Cold War conflicts and deep dives into the human experience if one had a superhero's power.

The list of comics that focus on the human condition is substantial. For people to simply dismiss a whole form of art and literature as "dumb" and "trivial" shows they clearly do not understand the importance of comic books.

## COLUMN

# Money can buy most things — just not the governor's seat

Iowa's 2018 midterm outcomes were largely based off of genuineness, money, and hypocrisy, of course.



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Election season has come to an end, leaving Iowa with a mix of Democrats and Republicans holding offices in state and federal races. Although a 2014 study from United Republic showed that 91 percent of candidates with deeper pockets win elections, not all Iowa candidates benefited from this prediction. Specifically, Iowa Democrats, who rally against the rich getting richer, were the biggest spenders in the 2018 elections. The final tally of money spent in midterm elections only adds to the never-ending cycle of hypocrisy in politics.

In total, the Iowa Democratic Party raised \$7.5 million for the 2018 midterm elections while the Republican Party of Iowa raised roughly \$6.7 million.

The numbers in this column are according to a *Des Moines Register* article dated Oct. 27, which is before the final filing date for dollars raised and spent by campaigns in the last three weeks before the election.

A *Des Moines Register* poll showed Democratic gubernatorial candidate Fred Hubbell taking the lead on Republican

incumbent Kim Reynolds just a few months before Election Day. His pocketbook also contributed to this prediction, as the millionaire handed himself \$6.5 million — a fact that his supporters conveniently ignored while they praised him as the right voice for Iowa. Hubbell's nearly \$7 million lead over his opponent ultimately could not help him, as he lost the gubernatorial race by 3 percentage points.

Another big spender and new poster child for the Democratic Party, Rob Sand, made record-breaking fundraising efforts, taking in \$1.3 million dollars in the state auditor's race. His opponent, Republican incumbent Mary Mosiman, raised \$174,000. Sand has been a favorite among Democrats, gaining support from New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. Sand, who has been referred to as a "young Robert Mueller," won his seat for state auditor by 4 percentage points.

In 2014, the Iowa state auditor's race shattered glass ceilings by electing the first woman to its office. The 2018 state auditor's election was one of the first to see excessive amounts of money raised. Sand, who will likely use his new office as a stepping stone to higher offices, will continue to be a Democratic favorite and see colossal amounts of money contributed to his future campaigns. Just as Democrats hand-picked him

for the 2018 elections, they will ensure his success for other offices, no matter the price. What mattered to voters was his record, which gave him the ability to raise money — not buying himself votes out of his own bank account.

A statement from Iowa GOP Chairman Jeff Kaufmann to the *Des Moines Register* sums up this information best: "I do argue there is a 'green wave' of campaign contributions that is very helpful to Democrats." The blue wave might not have been as strong in Iowa despite the massive donations that flowed in for Democratic candidates.

The more that Democrats organize against the "evil Koch brothers," the more they will have to explain their tolerance for millionaires who run on liberal tickets, such as Fred Hubbell and J.B. Pritzker, the Illinois governor-elect. Their excuse of raising money to support beliefs they want reflected in government cannot stand if they support a sole individual handing himself \$6.5 million dollars, money he made as a crony businessman who, like President Trump, refuses to release his tax records.

The difference between Sand and Hubbell clearly demonstrated a strong dislike for candidates that are not relatable to the average Iowan, and who are hypocritical in their personal lives versus political platforms. There was not a dollar amount that could buy genuineness in the midterm elections.

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# Campus groups move against sexual violence

UISG and other organizations will promote the 'It's On Us' campaign, with more events and support than in previous years.

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The University of Iowa Student Government has expanded its campaign to educate students about sexual assault and support survivors.

In September 2014, the Obama administration premiered "It's On Us," a nationwide campaign to end sexual assault.

The campaign encourages national conversation and a solution, as stated by the It's On Us website, for people to sign a pledge to take a stand against sexual violence.

UISG has developed a Fall Week of Action, in which students are encouraged to become engaged in conversations regarding sexual violence.

"This year, there has been an emphasis on making It's On Us more tangible and more apparent," said Micah Augusma, the UISG director of health and safety. "We want to put on events that show the importance of this campaign and how important the issue is."

This year, through partnerships with Associated Residence Halls, University Counseling Service, the Office of the Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinator, the Women's Resource and Action Center, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, and University Housing & Dining, UISG has been able to develop a more substantial approach to the campaign, he said.

The week began Monday evening with a town hall in the IMU on the deconstruction of myths surrounding survivor testimonies.

There will be events encouraging students to sign the pledge from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in Catlett and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in Hillcrest.

On Wednesday, Patrick Galligan of the University Counseling Service will speak in the Catlett multipurpose room at 7 p.m. on peer disclosures regarding sexual violence.

There will also be a Vision Wall on the west wall of Hubbard Commons titled "What Does a World Without Sexual Violence Look like?" Students will be able to use sticky notes to respond to the question.

Two new additions to the Week of Action are the support of East Side Panhellenic and Multicultural greek councils with banners and a resource fair. The banners are to be displayed outside certain houses and areas with words pertaining to the It's On Us campaign.

The resource fair will be held on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hubbard Commons, providing various campus and community resources to inform students and support survivors.

Sen. Zhiting Feng of the UISG Health and Safety Committee said a key finding from the 2017 Speak Out Iowa Campus Climate survey was that bisexual women and gay students



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Panelists listen to RVAP Director Adam Robinson speak during the It's On Us town-hall meeting in the IMU on Monday. UISG and other groups are upgrading their anti-sexual-assault campaign.

reported significantly higher rates of numerous types of sexual misconduct compared with their heterosexual counterparts. This sparked Feng's interest in taking part in addressing the epidemic of sexual assault and violence.

"As a future epidemiologist and as a homosexual sexual-assault survivor, I understand that sexual assault is a pressing public-health problem that disproportionately affects the LGBTQ community," Feng said.

UISG External Relations Director Herbert Meisner stressed the increased social movement this past year in topics surrounding sexual assault and harassment from similar campaigns such as the #MeToo movement.

"It is critical that we as Hawkeye support survivors believe survivors and emphasize that our institution will be a supportive hand in the process of recovery ..." he said. "It's On Us to stop sexual assault and harassment."

# UI pumps up backing innovation

The UI's creation of the new chief innovation officer in October adds to its list of programs that encourage entrepreneurship.

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With plans to build a new center of innovation and the hiring of a chief innovation officer, the University of Iowa will continue to build on its reputation of supporting innovation and entrepreneurship for students and faculty.

Jon Darsee, a former Hawkeye basketball player, was selected in October to the UI's first chief innovation officer. He is tasked with fostering innovation and economic development at all levels of the university, focusing on faculty and researchers.

Darsee said he is still in the early stages of his new role. He is meeting with people from different colleges and different backgrounds across campus, trying to find out the best ways to help the university as a whole.

He said he hopes to work as a bridge among the many different innovation resources on campus. He wants to lead innovation among people who wouldn't have otherwise come together.

"We have a lot of talent and a lot of innovative people, but they don't always know how to connect to each other," he said.

Darsee said he wants to be the place where people can go if they have a startup idea, or any other kind of ideas for in-

novation, and work out solutions.

"Our mission would be to try to figure out where there are gaps, and where there's need, and where we can help," he said.

The state Board of Regents in September approved plans to convert the old Art Building on campus into an innovation center in which students and faculty will be able to collaborate and learn through experiments.

Another space that aims to foster innovation at the UI is the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center, headed by Executive Director David Hensley. The center offers assistance for entrepreneurs at any level of development, he said.

"Depending on where they are, they can move into different types of programs and services," Hensley said.

Among those programs are competitions such as the Iowa Startup Games, a week-end-long workshop in which students form teams, then pitch their business model at the end of the weekend. The winners receive cash prizes and resources to turn their ideas into reality.

The entrepreneurial center also hosts the Founders Club, an organization for UI students who want to start businesses. Hensley said the Founders Club offers marketing, financial, and legal

support, and it connects students with resources and mentors on campus.

UI sophomore computer-science major Caleb Marting, one of the many students who have enjoyed success through the Founders Club, created the AV Panel, an acoustic foam LED panel with customizable lights that reacts to music.

Marting broached the idea in an elevator-pitch competition held by the Founders Club, and he then began going to the meetings and working on his product.

"It's a great place to meet new people, to get some ideas," he said.

Through the Founders Club, Marting was able to get a provisional patent for his product. He has launched a Kickstarter campaign that has raised more than \$3,000, and he hopes to ship the product by April.

In addition to students and faculty, Hensley said, the Entrepreneurial Center also works with entrepreneurs in the community. The Iowa City Area Development Group and MERGE are two companies that work with the university on entrepreneurship.

"I think it's fair to say that we have one of the largest, most comprehensive entrepreneurship programs in the country," Hensley said.

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(16.7 points per game) and senior Jared Wilson-Frame (16 points per game). Both guards head a Pittsburgh offense averaging 81.7 points per game.

"They've got a good blend of really good, young players and veteran returnees, a couple transfers — they've all blended well together, and that's why they're 6-0," McCaffery said.

Meanwhile, while Pittsburgh is savoring an unexpected start to the season, the Hawkeyes are off to their best start since 2013-14, much like the Panthers.

Guard play has been solid for Iowa, with Jordan Bohannon and Connor McCaffery manning the backcourt, but unlike Pittsburgh, Iowa's bigs have

paved the road for an undefeated start.

Luka Garza (16.2 points, 4.6 rebounds) and Tyler Cook (16 points, 6.8 rebounds, and 2.2 assists) have proven unstoppable in the low post at times this season.

Garza flashed the ability to hang outside the 3-point arc, knocking down 45.5 percent of his attempts from deep this season, and Cook's quickness down low has left defenders in the dust, but above all, the two forwards make a living drawing fouls.

Cook averages of 7.2 free-throw attempts a game, and Garza shoots 4.6, and their efforts in drawing fouls have carried over to the team — through five games, Iowa has shot 182 free throws, the 14th-most in the country. The Hawkeyes have made 79.1 percent of those attempts, and their 144 free-throw makes rank fourth in

the country.

For Iowa to keep its winning streak alive heading into the start of Big Ten play, the Hawkeyes need to prolong their success at the stripe. Pittsburgh has only allowed 99 free-throw attempts during its six-game start to the 2018-19 season, but it hasn't faced a team like Iowa.

Iowa's offensive mindset didn't change overnight, the elder McCaffery said — it's still the same tempo-pushing scheme as it's been under his control, but what's changed this season is an all-around effort to drive to the hoop and not settle for jump shots.

"It's not a huge shift in focus," McCaffery said. "We have some bigs who are really good and can draw fouls. We have enough perimeter talent where those guys are able to put it on the deck and also get to the free-throw line."



Iowa forward Luka Garza (55) reaches above defenders for a rebound against Wisconsin in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 23. Iowa defeated Wisconsin, 85-67. Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

**WOMEN'S**  
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Gustafson; she's used to getting the majority of the attention from opposing defenses. What the Hawkeyes did worry about was who was going to put up points when Gustafson couldn't.

So far, the sidekick role has been shared by two Hawkeyes: Makenzie Meyer and Hannah Stewart.

While Gustafson has racked up 23.2 points a game,

Meyer and Stewart have combined to average 28.4 points in the first five games.

For Gustafson and Stewart, their chemistry on the court was helped by a summer trip to Brazil together, where they represented the United States in the FISU America Games and took home the gold medal. On that trip, they were able to create some effective on-court chemistry.

"I feel like we vibe really well together," Stewart said. "We just really know how to read each other. It's super

fun to play with her, and she knows that a lot of double and triple teams are going to be there, and I'm going to be open because of it."

That is exactly how Stewart gets a lot of her points. A Gustafson bounce pass to a wide open and driving Stewart is something that has given opponents headaches in the first five games, and that should continue all season.

Stewart's presence down low has led to Gustafson averaging 2.4 assists per game to start the season. That

number is up from last year's 1.4 a game.

Those assists from Gustafson have helped Stewart average 13.4 points per game, but she's done more than score the ball.

Stewart has also averaged 7 boards, 3.8 assists, and 1 steal per game.

While Stewart has aided Gustafson's inside game, Meyer has enjoyed success on the perimeter to complement the Hawkeyes' post game.

Last year, Meyer proved she was a deadly threat from

beyond the arc — her field-goal percentage was 37.8 from deep.

"Makenzie Meyer is our outside attack," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "She is a very good shooter, and everyone knows she could light it up any night at any time."

This year, she has upped her game. She averages 3 triples per contest and makes them at a scorching hot 43 percent clip.

"She's a sniper out there," guard Kathleen Doyle said. "She really picked up some confidence [in the] presea-

son."

Her lights-out shooting from 3 land has made her second on the team in points at 15 a game, and she has also dished out 5.4 assists per game while also grabbing 4 boards.

With the injury to Doyle early in the season, the solid play of Stewart and Meyer have turned out to be huge assets.

Iowa will need both to have big games when it travels to South Bend, Indiana, to take on No. 1 Notre Dame on Thursday.

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corded two shutouts.

Those numbers are even more impressive when thinking about the questions surrounding the defense entering the season.

The linebackers were inexperienced, the secondary was unproven, but the group found a way to get the job done in most cases.

A chunk of that success was thanks to Iowa's incredible defensive line. The deep line that was set to be a force from the moment the Hawkeyes kicked off against Northern Illinois lived up to expectations with plenty of help from its ends.

**20 — sacks by A.J. Epenesa and Anthony Nelson**

A.J. Epenesa and Anthony Nelson are tied for first in the Big Ten with Minnesota's Carter Coughlin, taking

down the quarterback 10 times each in 2018.

But the numbers Nelson and Epenesa put up are especially ridiculous for two reasons.

First, Nelson improved on his already magnificent 2017, in which he ranked fifth in the conference with 8 sacks. That's a 25 percent improvement for Nelson, who racked up 3 more sacks than the next closest Hawkeyes last season.

Second, Epenesa isn't even

listed as a starter, but he has taken advantage of the time he received on the field. He doubled his sack total in just a year, and he is still only a sophomore. Imagine the damage he can do when he's actually starting and has another season of experience.

**1,236 — receiving yards by T.J. Hockenson and Noah Fant**

T.J. Hockenson and Noah Fant led the Hawkeyes with 717 and 519 receiving yards,

respectively, while scoring 6 and 7 touchdowns.

The starting tight-end tandem led the squad in both categories and were Nate Stanley's go-to targets when on the field.

The duo racked up more yards through the air than Nick Easley, Ihmir Smith-Marsette, Brandon Smith, and Mekhi Sargent combined (1,202).

As frustrating as it may have been for Hawkeye fans to watch Fant's involvement

dwindle during the season, he and Hockenson still put up numbers that cannot be found in every program.

There was room for improvement in the offense — Iowa didn't have its best season on the ground, and the passing game had times where it couldn't get into a rhythm.

The tight ends filled a hole all year, though, and the Hawkeye faithful have one more game to soak it all up.

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### Iowa corner Turner intends to transfer

Hawkeye defensive back Josh Turner will not return to the Iowa program for the 2019 season, he tweeted Monday.

Turner played in all 12 games in 2018, racking up 5 tackles. Turner found himself on the depth chart early in the season but was quickly surpassed by Julius Brents and Riley Moss, who went on to earn playing time in the absences of starters Michael Ojemudia and Matt Hankins. "I would like to thank the coaches and staff at the University of Iowa for giving me the opportunity to be a part of Hawkeye Nation. I will be forever grateful," Turner tweeted. "I would also like to thank my [teammates] and all of the awesome fans for making this a great experience. I will forever cherish the friendships and memories I've made here. As of today, I will transfer from the University of Iowa for other opportunities."

Turner would have faced a logjam in the secondary, with Ojemudia being a junior, Hankins a sophomore, and Brents and Moss true freshmen.

### AROUND THE BIG TEN

#### Offensive Player of the Week — Dwayne Haskins, quarterback (Ohio State)

Haskins led Ohio State to a 62-39 win over Michigan by going 20-of-31 for 396 yards and 6 touchdowns, earning the Buckeyes a spot in the Big Ten Championship game.



He helped Ohio State to 567 yards of total offense against a Michigan defense that had ranked first in the country.

In the win, he set Big Ten single-season records with 4,081 passing yards, topping Curtis Painter's mark of 3,985 set in 2006 and 42 touchdown passes, passing Drew Brees' mark of 39 set in 1998.

#### Defensive Player of the Week — Josiah Scott, cornerback (Michigan State)

Scott picked off 2 passes and racked up 3 tackles in Michigan State's 14-10 victory over Rutgers.



His second interception came with 1:32 remaining as the Scarlet Knights were driving to the Spartans' 3-yard line, securing a Michigan State win.

Scott's performance made him the first Spartan with 2 picks since David Dowell on Nov. 4, 2017.

### AP COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 10

- 1) Gonzaga (32)
- 2) Kansas (31)
- 3) Duke (1)
- 4) Virginia (1)
- 5) Nevada
- 6) Tennessee
- 7) Michigan
- 8) Auburn
- 9) Michigan State
- 10) Kentucky
- 14) Iowa

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think what you have is a group that's committed to one another to be better in an area that we weren't good at last year."



— Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery on the Hawkeyes' improved defense

### STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa men's basketball holds an all-time record of **5-12 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge**, with four of those wins coming at home.

# 5-12

in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

# Big Ten honors 2 Hawkeyes

Anthony Nelson and Megan Gustafson capped an impressive week of Hawkeye sports with conference awards.

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More than one Hawkeye was recognized by the Big Ten this week. Hawkeye women's basketball forward Megan Gustafson won Big Ten Player of the Week for the third week in a row, and football defensive end Anthony Nelson picked up Co-Defensive Player of the Week.

Gustafson averaged 22 points on 80 percent shooting from the field to go along with 12 rebounds in two games during the week.

In Iowa's Big Ten record 24-point comeback against West Virginia, Gustafson dropped 28 points



Gustafson

and 16 boards on 70.6 percent shooting. In the fourth quarter alone, Gustafson scored 17 points and grabbed 6 rebounds.

In the Hawkeyes' first loss of the season, to Florida State on Nov. 24, Gustafson went 8-of-8 from the field for her second perfect shooting performance of the season; she also went 13-of-13 against Western Kentucky on Nov. 13. Gustafson ended up scoring 16 points and pulling down 8 rebounds in the loss to the Seminoles.

Gustafson has now secured a total of 13 weekly honors in her career. Gustafson broke a Big Ten record in

2017-18, racking up nine Player of the Week honors. Now, just five games into the 2018-19 season, she is a third of the way there.

Nelson racked up a career-high 8 tackles in the win over the Huskers, including 2 sacks, while also breaking up a pass.

Nelson and A.J. Epenesa — who won Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after Iowa's game against Illinois Nov. 17 — are now tied for the Big Ten lead with Minnesota's Carter Coughlin with 10 sacks. That mark is the most by a Hawkeye since Mike Daniels in 2011.

After ranking fifth in the Big Ten with 8 sacks in 2017, Nelson is picking up right where he left off.

# Hoops faces unbeaten Pitt

Iowa men's basketball is off to one of its best starts under head coach Fran McCaffery, and that has a lot to do with an aggressive offensive mindset.



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Iowa forward Tyler Cook shoots a free throw against Missouri-KC in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 8. The Hawkeye defeated the Kangaroos, 77-63.

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For those questioning whether the No. 14 Hawkeyes deserve their spot in the top 25, the next five games will be a deciding factor.

And that starts today, when Iowa (5-0) hosts

Pittsburgh (6-0) in an 8:05 p.m. tipoff.

Pittsburgh finished last season with an 8-24 record, but thanks to a quick turnaround under fresh head coach Jeff Capel, the Panthers are off to their best start since the 2013-14 season.

"Jeff's an experienced coach, and he's been around," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said.

"He's been successful as a head coach. He's coming from an incredibly high-profile program in Duke ... he's a guy with a plan. He came in with a plan, and he's put it together."

The Panthers are led by a pair of dynamic scorers: freshman phenom Xavier Johnson

SEE MEN'S, 7

# Stewart and Meyer complement Gustafson

Hannah Stewart and Makenzie Meyer have taken advantage of the opposing defenses' focus on Megan Gustafson.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa forward Hannah Stewart attempts to hold on to the ball against Northwestern during a Big Ten Tournament game in Indianapolis on March 1. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 55-45.

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now, during the season, Iowa's opponents key on Gustafson with all they've got.

Yet the Hawkeyes aren't worried about

Entering the 2018-19 season, all the media focus was on Megan Gustafson, and

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# Hawkeye football's season by the numbers

Despite some disappointments, Iowa had a solid year in a number of categories.

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At one point, Iowa's season was one that had promise, a potential appearance in the Big Ten title game, and maybe even the College Football Playoffs.

Even though the Hawkeyes fell short of those goals, 2018 served as a relatively successful season — Iowa won three trophy games and will look for a 9-win season following a bowl game (to be announced Dec. 2).

Iowa put itself at the top of the Big Ten in some categories, so here's a look at the numbers to see how the Hawkeyes stack up.

### 17.4 — scoring defense

The Hawkeyes ranked first in the Big Ten, 12th nationally, holding opposing offenses to an average of 17.4 points per game.

Iowa held four teams to 10 points or fewer and re-

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