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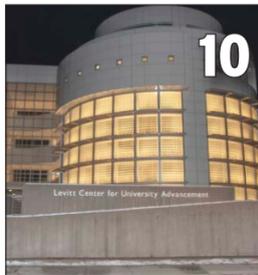
Regents leave money trails



'Kingmakers' in Iowa politics serve as regents

Members of the state Board of Regents – which governs Iowa's three public universities – have long influenced Iowa politics with their financial backing and close ties to both Republican and Democratic candidates. That trend continued in the 2017-18 election cycle, with regents contributing to Republicans Gov. Kim Reynolds and Rep. Steve King, among a number of other state and federal candidates.

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Flash Writing Contest brings City of Lit to Hawks

In February, the Center for Advancement will host the Write Now: Alumni and Friends Flash Writing Contest to bring Hawkeyes a taste of Iowa City no matter where they are in the world. People can register to participate on the Center for Advancement's website until 11:59 p.m. Feb. 6.



Iowa takes down Pitt in ACC/Big Ten Challenge

Iowa forward Nicholas Baer came through in the clutch against Pittsburgh, following the path Jordan Bohannon and Joe Wieskamp set earlier in the game. Thanks to some timely 3-pointers, the Hawkeyes retained their undefeated record.



Hawkeye wrestling prepares for life without Kemerer

Iowa's Michael Kemerer is set to undergo surgery, forcing him to miss the 2018-19 season. The All-American didn't get a chance to take the mat in the young season. Now, the Hawkeye coaches have a plan for what to do next.

Iowa women's swimming/diving steps up

The Hawkeye women's swimming/diving team has reached a lull in the season in which there is not a lot going on. Luckily for Iowa, it has numerous student-athletes who have already broken records, and as the season chugs along, the Hawkeyes will seek to keep improving.

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IC School Board votes to redraw zones

After months of discussion, school zones will be reshuffled in the School District to balance demographics and create a more equitable learning system.

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Both approval and apprehension rippled across the faces of onlookers Tuesday night as members of the Iowa City School Board voted to redraw school boundaries in an attempt to increase diversity among elementary schools.

The board members had deliberated the issue for several months, shortly after new members were

elected last year.

School Superintendent Steve Murley said the board's vote comes after new attendance zones were drawn when two new elementary schools — Grant in North Liberty and the new Hoover in Iowa City — were commissioned in 2015. The zones are set to go into place when the two schools open next fall.

"When this current iteration of the board was elected, they said they wanted to look at those attendance

areas and make some minor modifications in order to improve the equity distribution of students throughout the district," Murley said.

With two new schools opening and the old Hoover closing, Murley said, no school will be untouched by the demographic changes. However, some schools, such as Lincoln in Iowa City, will see a more significant change than others.

The rezoning discussion centered on the School Board's Attendance Ar-

ea Development Plan, which has been discussed for several months.

As it is now, the district was segregated by demographic groups, the most prominent of which was students who did and did not receive free and reduced school lunches. Some schools have a high percentage of students who receive free and reduced lunch and others do not, with no schools falling anywhere in between.

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UI waits on DeVos sex-assault proposal

The UI will not make any immediate decisions in response to the Education Secretary's proposed changes to sexual-assault guidelines.



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Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a Cabinet meeting in the White House on July 18.

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The University of Iowa is waiting to determine whether any policy changes will need to be made following Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' recently proposed changes to Title IX guidelines on sexual misconduct, which would bolster the rights of students accused of sexual assault.

Although the definition of sexual assault and how it is reported would be changed by DeVos' proposal, whether these suggestions are implemented will be up to the universities.

"The University of Iowa will follow its current policies until it has conducted a thorough review of the ... proposed Title IX regulations on sexual misconduct for higher-education institutions," said Monique DiCarlo, the UI Title IX and sexual misconduct response coordinator, in a statement.

The university will determine whether policy changes need to be implemented once the regulations are completed after a 60-day public-comment period, she said.

"The university takes all reports of sexual assault seriously, and there is absolutely no place for sexual misconduct and violence on campus," DiCarlo said. "We will continue to respond to all reports of sexual misconduct by offering and providing support and resources to those who need it."

There are UI teams committed to prevention of sexual assault, support of survivors, and accountability of offenders, she noted.

The accountability in particular is placed in a gray area by the new proposal, because DeVos' changes would allow the accused perpetrator of sexual misconduct at a higher-education insti-

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UISG allocates more funds for Completion Grant program

At Tuesday's Senate meeting, UI Student Government voted to allocate more money for the Hawkeye Completion Grant program.

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In the spring of 2018, University of Iowa Student Government allocated \$30,000 to the Hawkeye Completion Grant program. At Tuesday's Senate meeting, UISG voted to allocate an additional \$7,500 to the program from the organization's contingency fund.

The funding will accompany an annual \$50,000 budgeted by the Office of Student Financial Aid.

The Hawkeye Completion Grant helps students with \$100 or more of overdue charges on their U Bills. Overdue charges restrict students from registering for classes or receiving degrees, so the grant program aims to boost retention and graduation rates.

According to the state Board of Regents' Annual Graduation & Retention Report for fall 2017, the UI's retention rate for students returning for a second year was 86 percent, down 1 percentage point from the previous year. The UI's retention rate is the second lowest among its 10 peer universities.

"While we are not at all satisfied with our current retention rate or the four-year graduation rate relative to our peers, we are performing well above the national average of 81 percent for retention rate and 35 percent for four-year graduation rate," President Bruce Harrelld said at a regents' meeting in February.

On Tuesday, UISG Sens. Guowei Qi and Sara Bultsma presented legislation asking the group to fund \$7,500 for the Hawkeye Completion Grant this year. UISG unanimously voted in favor.

The \$7,500 from UISG is designed to help the Financial Aid Office, which has offered to allocate a set

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Last straw? Not yet, but straw use down

Many Iowa City restaurants have noticed a decreased use of straws recently.

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Local Iowa City restaurants have decided to take part in decreasing straw use, and many encourage others to continue this environmentally friendly trend.

Pullman Bar & Diner's general manager, Brittany Quaid, said Pullman does not serve any of its beverages with straws. The restaurant even purchased new small Mason jars with sip lids so there is no need for straws.

Additionally, if a bartender needs to perform a "straw test," Pullman has purchased metal straws.

"We have been pushing our environmental initiative to decrease our footprint, decrease waste, and be more conscious," Quaid said. "Taking away straws was honestly the easiest part of this bigger issue. Plus, having the kids from the Preucil preschool come visit us this summer to thank us for not using



Photo illustration by Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

straws and for saving the turtles really gave us the warm fuzzies, reaffirming our decision to be more conscious."

Quaid said Pullman will continue to decrease straw use in the future and supports the decreasing use of straws in Iowa City.

"From a business standpoint, I understand metal and paper straws

have a higher cost," Quaid said. "However, with reduced use and the reusable aspect of things like metal straws and washable kids' cups that would otherwise be disposable, it is bringing down costs of those things in the long run while helping the environment."

Danny Standley, managing partner of Big Grove Brewery, said both

the Solon and Iowa City locations are taking part in the #SuckLess movement, and both establishments serve almost all drinks without straws.

"It's a problem with a somewhat simple solution," Standley said. "We would like to head in a direc-

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AWARE IS FASHIONABLE



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Abigail Dickson walks during the RED Fashion Show in the Visual Arts Building on Tuesday. The fashion show is part of RED Week, which is dedicated to HIV/AIDS awareness. "The fashion show is hopefully a way to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS," Dickson said. "I major in global health, so I'm aware of the problems and statistics, but it's not always common knowledge."

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tion that helps create a better environment and community."

Standley said Big Grove will continue to use fewer straws until it reaches zero.

Popular bars in Iowa City have also noticed the decrease in straw use by patrons and are making note of it.

Airliner general manager Patrick McBreen said that establishment does use straws in both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks. However, it has monitored the use of straws.

McBreen said the Airliner has noticed a decrease in use overall.

"Although we have not taken part in a formal initiative to remove straws, we have been looking into our customers' use in them," he said. "I personally have

noticed more ecologically friendly packaging and disposable goods for restaurants to consider."

McBreen said he supports the decrease in straw use and believes Iowa City will continue to take advantage of other options beyond straw use, "as long as they make sense."

Brad Temple, managing partner of the Summit, said that business will continue to serve straws during the daytime, but at night,

straws only go to those who ask for one.

Temple said many servers say customers still ask for straws. However, he does not support the decreased use of straws.

"I think the whole scenario with not using straws and shaming those that do is ridiculous," Temple said. "Children, disabled people, and other groups need straws. Some say they need to bring their own straws. Why is that fair?"

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tution to question the victim through a third party, which opponents of the proposal have said would be traumatizing for the survivor.

"The cross-examination piece is going to have a huge impact, because it protects the accused but not in an equitable environment," Domestic Violence Intervention Program Executive Director Kristie Doser said. "To create an environment where there's not equity is inappropriate."

Overall, Doser said, DeVos' proposal undermines the intention of Title IX, which was implemented as a protective measure for sexual-assault victims to feel safe coming forward at an educational institution.

"The language that defines sexual assault in these changes is going to shut down victims," Doser said. "I think there are so many myths about sexual violence, and all this does is add one more nail to the coffin."

Victims often don't speak up because they don't know if their experiences qualify as an act of sexual violence, she said, and the guidelines DeVos proposes would negate the progress that institutions have made in encouraging victims to come forward.

Another controversial aspect

of the DeVos plan relates to the way it overrides the Obama-era Dear Colleague letter from 2011, which extended the preponderance of evidence standard to encompass sexual-assault cases in an effort to make the proceedings of sexual-misconduct cases more efficient.

The intention of changing this standard was to make it easier for victims to step forward should they wish to have their case investigated, and the concern is that DeVos' proposed guidelines would place the burden of proving an incident of sexual assault on the victim.

"What we see in the proposed guidelines is that institutions will be allowed to go to a two-tiered system of a higher standard for one kind of misconduct than another," Women's Resource and Action Center Director Linda Kroon said. "The concern around that is that it'll make it harder to hold anyone accountable for that kind of misconduct."

In addition, Kroon said, more litigation in regard to sexual misconduct leads to a culture of permissiveness, the very kind her organization and others similar to it are trying to change.

"We're trying to move toward healthier norms of interaction," Kroon said. "This just feels like, to me, a worrisome development with the potential to do real harm."

UISG

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amount of annual funding for the program, Qi said.

"The Office of Student Financial Aid has budgeted \$50,000 to this program every year," Qi said.

This year, 61 students received the grant with approximately \$1,100 for assistance with overdue charges. Bultsma noted that grant recipients with seemingly low fees received more than \$1,000 to pay them off.

"Any student who has over \$100 in overdue charges is eligible for the program, but the charges can go up to \$2,000," Bultsma said.

Bultsma also said the Financial Aid Office sits down with each student to map out where the overdue charges come from to determine whether the student is in need of the grant money. These meetings also provide budgeting services to ensure students don't continue to accrue overdue fees in the future.



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Panelists discuss issues during the UISG completion grant meeting in the IMU on Tuesday.

She said Iowa State University has modeled a retention program after the Hawkeye Completion Grant. However, the ISU program received around \$1 million from the Athletics Department.

When asked about other venues of funding from the university apart from the Financial Aid Office, Bults-

ma said the program has not received support from any other UI area.

The grant has positively affected UI graduation rates this year, said Tristan Schmidt, the UISG director of academic affairs. The Financial Aid Office had \$72,000 in grant money that was awarded to 61 recipients.

Fifty of the 61 students, 82 percent of recipients, are enrolled in the fall semester.

"This program is a lot more than just giving students money," Bultsma said. "It's a lot more holistic when it comes to student retention. Paying off your tuition is just one part of graduating."

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Board member Paul Roesler said the board looked at the distributions of students in three areas: students who are English-language learners, students who qualify for special-education needs, and students who are fall under the low-socioeconomic status category.

"We really want our schools to reflect the outside world, and by segregating our schools, we're not really doing that," Roesler said. "We're trying to break that cycle by giving all kids opportunities to learn."

The final vote was set for a date that will still allow a fair amount of time for the boundaries to be implemented by next fall, he said. However, he agreed some parents still thought the final decision felt as if it were at the last minute.

"I think it is a short time, but we have to make the best decision for the educational outcome of all the students in



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School Board members listen as people raise concerns about school rezoning at the School District Administration Building on Tuesday. At the meeting, board members voted to redraw school zones in an effort to create a more equitable learning system.

the district," Roesler said.

Other parents at the meeting said they believed reshuffling boundaries now and in the past have caused unneeded frustration among community members and psychological strain on their children.

"Why do we continue to ask our children and families for their ability to endure transition and to wonder if this will be their last move?" parent Matt Neukirch asked the board.

Both the board and Murley recognized the psychologi-

cal strain placed on parents and students that comes with making several school switches in their children's early education.

Murley said the board plans on focusing on how to minimize these concerns in the future after the new year.

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COLUMN

Civilization crumbles on wings of irony butterflies

Is U.S. civilization crumbling, or shattering, or withering? And how would we know, exactly?



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Dear Doc Grammar: Communists in Congress. Terrorists and murderers at the gates of our borders. Is civilization crumbling?

Dear That's the Way the Cookie Crumbles:

"Ear"? Well, we guess you caught our ears. (They tend to wander off.) But it might be you need some work on that "D" key. Practice at home and all that.

Is civilization crumbling? Well, it would appear at first glance that a prerequisite to a civilization's crumbling would be having a civilization in the first place.

But whatever. You'll know this civilization (using your term) is crumbling when someone writes "real-life quidditch," and people take it seriously.

Dear Doc Grammar: Are you always so ironic about everything?

Dear Always Everything: We're not the slightest bit ironic. Least of all about everything. Take our love of jazz and hummus, for instance. (Though not together in a sandwich. Talk about yuckrony.)

In fact, our physician advises us we need more irony in our diet.

Take two ironies and call me in the morning is what she often says. But that's just her sense of humor.

We think.
Dear Doc Grammar: What's going on with

North Korea? Whatever happened with the Grand De-Nuking?

Dear Going On: To steal a couple lines from Richard Nixon's press secretary, the president knows what's going on in North Korea.

That's not to suggest anything is going on in North Korea.

Well. North Korea did mothball two older facilities associated with its nuke program. But it also renovated/opened two or so newer weapon-ish facilities, according to the experts who count these things at home so we don't have to.

'The president knows what's going on in North Korea. That's not to suggest anything is going on in North Korea.'

So it seems that the Grand De-Nuke deal that President Rump so grandiosely announced after the Singapore Summit was neither so grand nor a deal. The North Koreans believe the deal means the U.S. will cancel the sanctions and sign a peace treaty, and then, the North Koreans will start to de-nuke (ha-ha). The U.S. believes the exact opposite. Only without the ha-ha. We believe it's called the art of the deal.

Dear Doc Grammar: What about the Trump administration blaming radical environmental terrorists for the California wildfires?

Dear Radical Wildfires: Of course radical environmental terrorists are behind the wildfires in California. It's all a part of their macrobiotic plot. And we do mean macro.

Radical environmental terrorists are also responsible for creating the global-climate nonsense, outlawing "Merry Christmas," and enabling Amazon to own everything in the world except the Zimba-

bwan Alpine ski resorts. And Yemen. (That Amazon would not be the river. Yet.)

Dear Doc Grammar: What's all this judicial foofaraw between Trump and Chief Justice John Roberts? Is it a constitutional crisis?

Dear Foofaraw: Nice word. Given the times, it could be used all the time. Not to use the word "time" all the time.

Depends on what you mean by "constitutional." The word used to mean to go on a walk or hike (no, really). But the iconic *Marbury v. Madison* Supreme Court decision ruled that using "consti-

stitutional" in that sense was unconstitutional. Oddly, acting Attorney General and

former Hawkeye Matthew Whitaker doesn't believe in *Marbury v. Madison*. So we could all enjoy a constitutional crisis if the Trumpster decided to fire all the "Obama judges," "Clinton judges," and "George W. judges," basically telling them to take a constitutional. We guess that would be a Trumpster fire.

Dear Doc Grammar: Did you hear that on Thanksgiving, President Rump was most thankful for himself and his existence?

Dear Bordering on Not Thankful:

Quelle surprise. As we say in our country. Though not so loudly that red-blooded American patriots might hear us. There's a good chance they're carrying firearms.

Reminds us of the myth of Narcissus, who fell so in love with the reflection of himself in a pond that he fell in and drowned in his reflection.

Of course, that's just a myth. So much is these days.

COLUMN

No coincidence Grassley, Ernst both in leadership

Iowa's two senators have been appointed to positions high up in the GOP leadership, flexing the Hawkeye State's political muscle.



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Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks with members of the media during the third-annual Joni Ernst Roast & Ride fundraiser event at Big Barn Harley Davidson in Des Moines on June 3.



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As the new split Congress gears up to take over in January, Republicans (who managed to maintain control of the Senate) are changing their leadership. With the 2020 presidential race also appearing to pick up a little steam, Iowa's two GOP senators, Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, made leaps to secure Iowa's place as a political powerhouse and set it up for its 2020 debut.

With the departure of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the Senate needed to find a new president pro tem, the person tasked with presiding over the Senate when the vice president is not and the person who is third in line for the presidency. This position is usually given to the most senior senator of the majority party, which in the new Senate

is Grassley. He has also said he will seek to leave the Judiciary Committee and move back to head the Finance Committee, a position he has previously held.

Meanwhile, Iowa's junior senator, Ernst, has been looking to pick up a title herself. One of five Republican women in the Senate, she will take the position of vice chairwoman of the Senate Republican Conference. This makes her the first woman elected to Senate Republican leadership since 2010.

So, what does all this mean? Well, it depends on how you look at it. You could look at it as just a Senate shuffle after a rough national election. Sure, that's probably an OK way to look at it. But, consider this: We're approaching a presidential election year. Iowa sets off the election year and historically has been considered a swing state.

What else? Republican President Donald Trump's average disapproval rating is 52.4 percent to an approval rating of 43.8 percent. So, it could be possible that Senate Republicans are making a play, showing off Iowa's top Republicans in leadership positions to sort of say to the state, "Look, Republicans

you elect do a good job and are leaders." This could be sort of a nudge to Iowans saying, "Please elect Donald Trump again, we know you don't really like him, but it would help us out a lot, OK, thanks, bye."

Grassley is a political powerhouse. Managing to maintain his position and fend off challengers for nearly 40 years in a state that has a purple status is a sight to behold. And Ernst's shocking rise to political power is certainly nothing to laugh at. So, when they hit the campaign trail, showing off their new titles, Grassley can tout to Iowans the times he has worked to push through some of Trump's judicial nominees (which some Iowans may be happy about), and Ernst can show off her ability to lead in the Senate as a Republican woman, showing off what she sees as advancements the party has made.

These elections are no mistake. They are purposeful. They are meant to establish Republican power in Iowa, to at least push through to the 2020 elections, when Ernst will be on the ballot, likely alongside Trump. It's a reach for maintaining a grasp on power; the question is, will it work?

GUEST OPINION

Not much heroin on campus, yet — let's not ignore it

Health professionals urge the University of Iowa community to take a nonjudgmental approach to fending off a possible crisis.

As future and current physician assistants, we would like to talk about heroin use in college students. We would like to bring awareness to the fact that any college student may be exposed to heroin, and therefore provide resources and encourage nonjudgment.

Often, we associate heroin use with marginalized populations, yet that should not preclude awareness of the potential for heroin use by college students. Anyone can use heroin, and college students are no exception. Root causes of risk factors for heroin use are multifactorial and can include increased stress, past trauma, prior exposure by family or friends, and self-medication habits. We would like to acknowledge that each person's use is related to her or his personal story.

A previous UI student said that "people around me used heroin, but I did not know that for sure until after college." This person emphasized the importance of building relationships on campus to address people's addiction issues instead of looking down upon them with negative judgment.

Another one of us knows other students who have talked about their exposure to heroin use back home, either in their high school or in their families.

Reported heroin use is the lowest of all drugs surveyed in the college-age population. According to our UI sources, the annual National College Health Assessment showed that in 2018, 0 percent of students reported using heroin in the last 30 days (in 2017, it was only 0.2 percent). Despite these current

reports of low heroin use at the UI, recent news has highlighted an increase in heroin use among some college-student populations and efforts to address it.

Regardless of how much heroin is being used on campus, we would like to reduce the stigma around drug use and introduce the concept of harm reduction. As harm reductionists, we accept that legal and illegal drug use is a part of society, and we are working to minimize the negative consequences associated with it rather than stigmatize people who use drugs. We believe everybody's health matters, regardless of drug use.

Many of the multifactorial root causes discussed earlier, as well as social inequities, affect a person's vulnerability to and capacity for dealing with

drug-related harms. Through nonjudgmental and noncoercive engagement with people who use drugs, we strive to empower them to be the primary agents of reducing the harms of their own drug use.

We would like to ask everyone to have an open mind about the complexity of heroin use. And we encourage all health-care workers to embrace cultural humility when dealing with drug use in clients and patients. The medical system should not shame people who use and instead should use a harm-reduction approach and work with the whole person.

So how can you get more information and increase your awareness on heroin? Start a conversation with people you know. Also, check out one organization doing solid work, the

Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition (iowaharmreductioncoalition.org). It has led the charge to bring people and organizations together to best address opioid issues at a state level, run a free naloxone-distribution program (naloxone is the opioid overdose-reversal drug), and provide overdose-prevention education. All of us are volunteers for the group, and if you would like to volunteer, please contact it at hello@iowaharmreductioncoalition.org or 319-214-0540.

Should you or someone you know struggle with heroin, treatment programs are available through Prelude Behavioral Service (preludeiowa.org) or the Chemical Dependency Service at UI Hospitals & Clinics (uihc.org/substance-use-disorders). An excellent resource

specific for UI students is the UI Collegiate Recovery Program. Per its website, it is "inclusive of all Iowa students seeking to recover from addictive behaviors and values the personal dignity of each member" (vp.studentlife.uiowa.edu/priorities/alcohol-harm-reduction/recovery).

Reported heroin use at UI is low, but we want to encourage awareness and highlight that resources are available if needed. We want all students to feel safe and supported.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

Regents leave money trails

The president of the board governing Iowa's public universities contributed to recently elected Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and other Republicans this election cycle, continuing a trend of appointed board leaders being prominent political players.

BY MARISSA PAYNE | marissa-payne@uiowa.edu



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Leaders of the state Board of Regents in recent years have been labeled Iowa "kingmakers" — influencers in Iowa politics given their financial backing and close ties to GOP candidates. Current Regent President Mike Richards appears to continue the trend with his campaign committee contributions this past election cycle.

Richards, a major Republican donor, has in the last two years contributed financially to a number of state and federal races. Among them are the political committees of Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa (4th District), and Matthew Whitaker — who campaigned for the open Senate seat, lost to Ernst in the 2014 Republican primary, then was appointed by President Trump on Nov. 7 to be acting U.S. attorney general following Jeff Sessions' resignation.

In the 2017-18 election cycle, Richards, who was elected to the regents' top position in May 2017, contributed \$62,800 to candidates' political committees in his own name and through a revocable trust in his name.

Regent spokesman Josh Lehman directed requests for comment to Richards, "as this is not Board of Regents business." Richards did not respond to requests for comment.

The regents serve six-year terms on the nine-member board responsible for overseeing Iowa's special schools and three public universities and are responsible for hiring and evaluating the performance of university presidents, voting on tuition increases, and approving other major university decisions.

Regents, unpaid volunteer positions, are appointed by the governor and confirmed by two-thirds of the state Senate.

Iowa Code requires the state's governing boards and commissions be politically balanced with one party having a majority of no more than one. The current board comprises five registered Republicans, three inde-

pendents, and one Democrat.

Megan Tooker, the executive director of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, said only certain executive-branch positions are explicitly prohibited from engaging in political activity. She said the regents were not included in those positions and may contribute to campaigns.

Some of the positions from 18 agencies banned from engaging in political activity include the executive director of the Iowa Finance Authority, members of the Iowa Public Employment Relations Board, and employees of the Legislative Services Agency.

University of Northern Iowa political-science Professor Donna Hoffman said it makes sense that before people such as the regents become political appointees, they were active in the political sphere.

Reynolds' predecessor as governor, Terry Branstad, who stepped down to serve as the U.S. ambassador to China in spring of 2017, appointed eight of the nine current regents, including Richards in 2016. Richards has contributed \$40,950 to Branstad's committee since 2009.

"It's not particularly surprising that people who were active in politics ... then continue to be political," Hoffman said.

The courts have upheld campaign financing as a form of speech — in this case, campaign contributions are an expression of political speech. While recognizing the potential for money to corrupt, Hoffman said, disclosure reports are the safeguard that keeps corruption at bay.

"The notion here is that disclosure is something the public can use or senators can use if they feel that that is unsavory," she said.

Regents' contributions to Iowa governors' committees raise eyebrows

Regents' contributions to the gubernatorial candidates' campaign committees have,

over time, been among the most publicly scrutinized, raising suspicions that top campaign contributors are awarded with an appointment to the governing board of Iowa's public universities.

Legislators have attempted to combat that perceived trend in the past. In 2015, Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, filed legislation to require eight regents be elected by voters, with the ninth regent being a student appointed by the other regents, and would allow regents to receive campaign contributions. The legislation never made it out of committee.

Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, who represents the college town in which regent-governed Iowa State University is located, said the trend of regents contributing to a gubernatorial campaign and being awarded with an appointment to the governing board — whether or not that is the reason for the appointment — is not unique to Republicans. It occurred under Democratic Govs. Tom Vilsack and Chet Culver, with former regents such as Ruth Harkin, Jack Evans, and Teresa Wahlert.

However, he said, he finds the pattern of contributing to a gubernatorial campaign and landing in a position on the regents troubling.

"The people who are donating, are they influencing the governor or gubernatorial candidate? I don't know, maybe," he said. "I'm more worried actually about the other way around — whether, after the election, the successful candidate for governor is inclined to reward big-dollar donors with appointments to the Board of Regents."

Iowa Senate President Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny, said he does not envision any changes to the current process of appointing regents or members of other boards.

"I think the regents who have been appointed in the last few years are very qualified," he said. "They have to go through a rig-

orous confirmation in the Iowa Senate, so I am happy with that process."

Richards is not alone among the regents in contributing to political campaign committees.

In the governor's race alone, of the 12 people to serve as regents during the 2017-18 campaign cycle, six regents — three current regents and three who previously served — had doled out \$142,723.98 to Reynolds' campaign committee since 2015.

Included in that total is former Regent President Bruce Rastetter, who has remained active in Iowa's GOP circle, contributing \$95,173.98 to Reynolds and contributing to other Republican candidates. Rastetter, appointed by Branstad in 2011, had contributed \$239,188.91 to Branstad's political committee in both contributions and in-kind contributions since 2009.

None of the 12 current and former regents whose campaign-finance records were examined by *The Daily Iowan* had contributed money to the committee for Reynolds' Democratic opponent, Des Moines businessman Fred Hubbell, who largely self-funded his unsuccessful campaign and was his own top contributor. Even former Regent President Pro Tem Katie Mulholland, a registered Democrat, contributed \$300 to Reynolds' committee.

Now that Reynolds has secured her spot in the Governor's Office, she will have the opportunity during her four-year term to appoint at least six regents. She has already appointed one, Jim Lindenmayer, a registered independent, to the board to fill the unexpired term of Subhash Sahai — one of Reynolds' campaign committee contributors — after he resigned in June. Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, said the matter of regents contributing to gubernatorial campaigns "was a pretty prominent issue with Rastetter. It was an enormous amount of money that people can't relate to in any

way, shape, or form."

However, he said, everybody has the right to free speech, which people are allowed to lawfully express through campaign contributions.

"My hope is that members of the Board of Regents actually do a better job of advocating for the public universities. We're not doing very well right now," Bolkom said, referring to the pattern of budget cuts the universities have endured. In the last two fiscal years, the regent universities have seen their budgets trimmed by more than \$35 million.

"The governor appoints all these people, and then the governor defunds the universities," Bolkom said. "It's not very helpful."

But, he said, higher education is not the sole interest on

regents' minds.

"They support the governor for a whole host of reasons," he said about the regents who have contributed to Reynolds' political committee. "They're Republicans. Higher education is an issue, but they have lots of interests ... that Kim Reynolds supports."

Quirmbach said he hopes the governor chooses to appoint people who support academic freedom and diversity, who will promote access to the universities, and who have the time to commit to improving the quality of Iowa's public universities.

And he questions making political appointments based on their financial generosity: "I don't know that making large donations to political campaigns necessarily correlates with any of those things."

Financial ties to Whitaker under national scrutiny

The acting attorney general faces scrutiny after the revelation that four individuals — Richards among them — contributed this year to the committee for Whitaker's campaign that ended in 2014. The discovery calls into question why there would be contributions to an inactive campaign and raises concerns that Whitaker may have violated a federal law prohibiting some forms of political activity among certain executive-branch officials.

Earlier this year, Whitaker's campaign committee received contributions amounting to \$8,800 in a period of four days from four people all residing in Iowa — the first contributions to come after two years without receiving any, records show.

Richards: \$2,600 on Jan. 29
Gary Kirke, Richards' business partner: \$2,600 on Feb. 2
Cameron Sutton, former state director for Ernst's campaign: \$2,600 on Jan. 29
Leon Shearer, Des Moines lawyer: \$1,000 on Jan. 29

Source: Federal Elections Commission

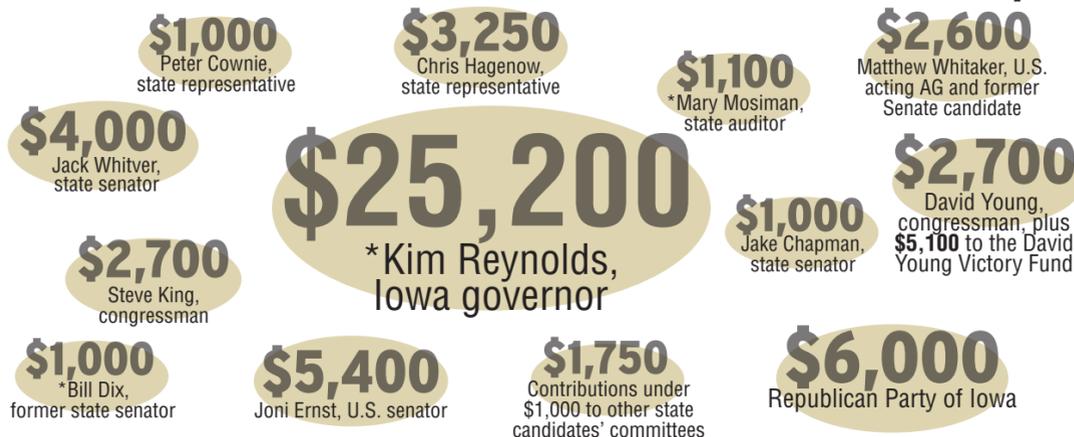
The *New York Times* wrote Nov. 20 about Whitaker's financial-disclosure forms, touching on the contributions to his campaign committee, and reported that Whitaker's former law partner William Gustoff said, "The donations were not solicited by me or by Matt." The *Times* reported Gustoff could not explain why the contributions came long after the campaign had ended.

"The checks came in, I, as the treasurer, deposited the checks, and I retired the debt that I knew I could without talking to Matt," he told the *Times*. "I don't talk to Matt about the campaign." Records show both Whitaker and Richards had ties beyond being University of Iowa graduates. Whitaker was registered as a lobbyist in Iowa between January 2011 and 2014. From 2012 to 2014, he listed Wild Rose Entertainment LLC and Kirke Financial Services Inc. — both companies Kirke, Richards' longtime business partner and also a major Republican donor, founded — as his clients.

Richards is a cofounder, board member, and owner of Wild Rose Entertainment, according to regents' conflict of interest disclosure reports dated May 1. He has served as a consultant for Kirke Financial Services and listed it as his employer in campaign-finance forms as recently as March.

It's not clear why Richards contributed to Whitaker's campaign committee, but the *Times* noted any coordination of the contributions on Whitaker's end would be a potential violation of the Hatch Act, a federal law barring certain executive-branch officials from some forms of political activity.

Richards' contributions to candidates' committees in 2017-18 cycle



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Writing flash tries to bridge the world

For the first time, the Center for Advancement will host Write Now: Alumni and Friends Flash Writing Contest in hopes of giving Hawkeyes a taste of Iowa City from wherever they are in the world.

BY KINSEY PHIPPS
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For 48 hours in February, all who wish can test their creative-writing abilities in a contest hosted by the UI Center for Advancement. Participants can choose one of two prompts containing a genre, object, and UI-specific setting to incorporate into their story of 1,000 words or fewer.

Kate Sojka, the director of educational programs for alumni engagement, was scrolling through Facebook when she saw an ad for NYC Midnight's Flash Fiction Challenge, a 48-hour nation-

al short-story competition.

The contest piqued her interest, so Sojka thought of ways to use the inspiration to engage the Hawkeye community. Thus, Write Now: the Alumni and Friends Flash Writing Contest was born.

Since announcing the contest two weeks ago, more than 650 alumni and friends from all over the world have shown interest, Sojka said. They come from 40 states and 20 countries.

"We are very excited that 650 people have shown interest, and I would have never guessed we would have that many this early on," she said.

Third-year UI student Casey Loftis-Boatwright is one of them. As an English and creative-writing major, he is eager to use his imagination outside the classroom.

"When I found out, I thought it sounded cool. Back in high school, I did improv acting and speech. Spontaneous events like this are my thing," he said. "What I really like seeing is how two people can have similar prompts but completely different products come out of it."

Three rounds of judging will take place after the submissions are completed. First, Sojka's colleagues

at the Center for Advancement will comb through stories checking that all three prompts are used and that the word count isn't over, she said.

Next, a group of graduate students in the Iowa Writers' Workshop will winnow entries down to 10, focusing on content and creativity. The finalists will be posted on the Center for Advancement's website on March 4.

The winning story will be chosen by a group of local celebrity judges yet to be announced. The winner will have her or his story published in the summer 2019 issue of *Iowa Magazine*.

He or she will also receive a \$150 gift card for the Hawk Shop, \$100 for Prairie Lights, and a pen crafted from the wood of a former Pentacrest tree, Sojka said.

"We want people to feel connected to the UI community, and this is one way they can do it," she said. "No matter where you are in the world, you can still feel you're a part of the Hawkeye community and this is an easy, free way to do that."

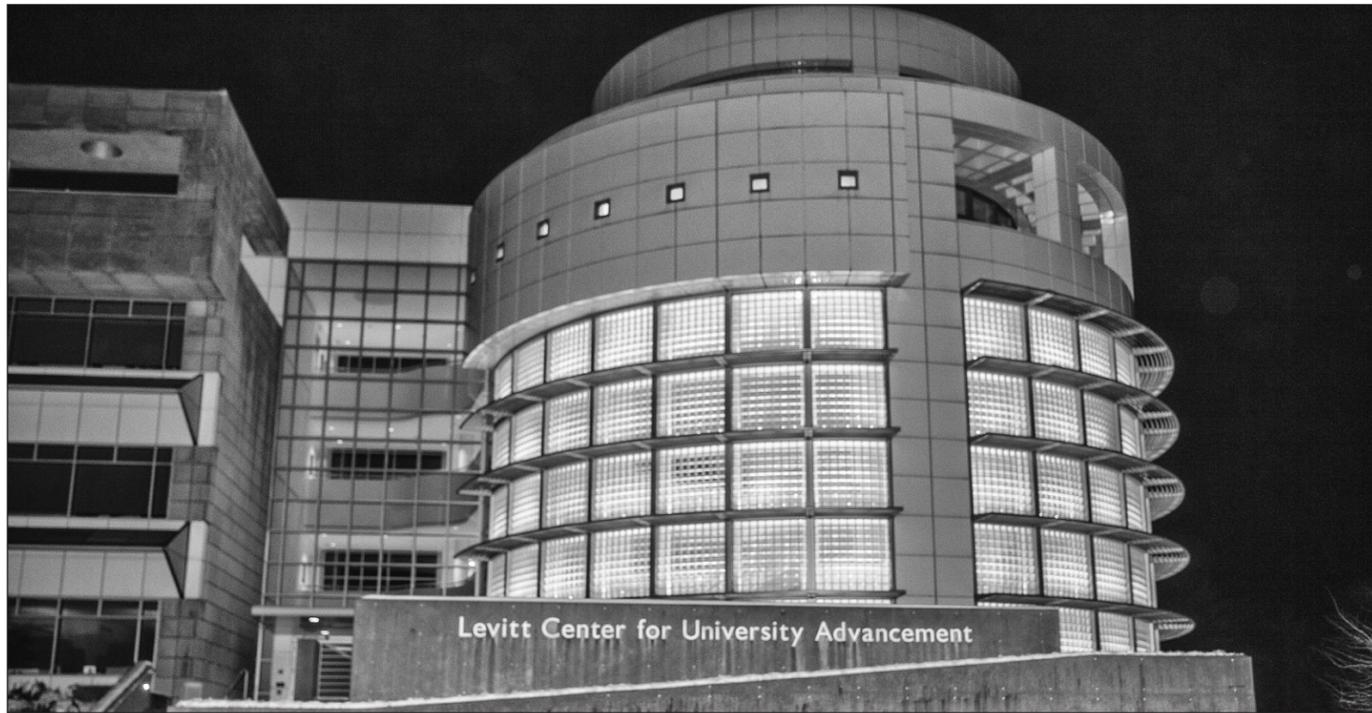
With the esteemed Writers' Workshop right here, the UI places heavy emphasis on good writing skills, said Dana Larson, the Advancement Center executive director of

communications. This is another way Hawkeyes can put those skills to use.

"It's not only the emphasis on learning writing in the classroom, it is also the context of living in Iowa City and being in an atmosphere that values writing and culture," Larson said. "This program is something that's fun and a way to flex those muscles in a way that people haven't in many years and reflect back on their time at the UI."

If the contest is well-received among the community, the Center for Advancement hopes to make Write Now an annual event, Sojka said.

Registration is open now on the Center for Advancement's website; it will close at 11:59 p.m. Feb. 6.



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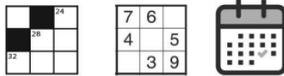
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15 Birthstone for most Leos

16 Noted piranha habitat

17 Shade of green

18 Rambles

19 Classic strategy in the boxing ring

20 —

22 What inmates do until they're released

23 Your: Fr.

24 It's off the beaten path

27 "How cool!"

28 Hedonistic

29 —

32 Ankle-related

Down

1 Not together

2 R&B trio Bell Biv ___

3 Releases, as new music

4 Crop in a paddy

5 Author LeShan

6 Lawn order

7 Got ready to sing the national anthem

8 Launched a tech start-up?

9 ___ pro nobis

10 One of a famous seafaring trio

11 Loosened, as laces

12 "The Star-Spangled Banner," basically

13 Zoning unit

14 Fashion mag suggestions, in two senses

21 ___ Xing

24 "How tragic"

25 "Eureka!"

26 Ancient relative of a flute

27 It's black and white and wet all over

29 Tiny bits of work

30 Bygone Nair rival

31 Some N.F.L. highlights

32 Reid of "American Pie"

33 "Do you have two fives for ___?"

34 Misguided

36 Sped

37 Perch for a bouncing baby

38 Original ainer of "The Office"

44 It may be found between "here" and "there"

46 Mujer's boys

47 Jambalayas

48 Ring around a watch face

49 Bowful next to a restaurant cash register

50 "Golden" song

51 Finish second at the track

52 Warty creature

53 Like mud

55 Pioneer in commercial spaceflight

56 Bit of news in the W.S.J.

57 Squeeze (out)

59 Teléfono greeting

60 China's ___ Zedong

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- Dine & Discover, 4:30 p.m., Catlett Seminar Room
- Arabic Conversation Hour, 5 p.m., 612 Phillips
- "Sustainability at Herman Miller, A Better World by Design," Diane Bunse, 5 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- Arts of Defense, 6 p.m., 461 Field House
- American Indian Dance Theater, 6:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Honoring Native Veterans and Harvest Feast, 6:30 p.m., Hillcrest Marketplace
- Hubbard Scholars, 6:30 p.m., Afro House
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Iowa forward Tyler Cook jumps to the basket against Pitt in Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes edged the Panthers, 69-68.

B-BALL
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Cordell Pemsli injury update

Prior to Iowa's win against Pittsburgh, the program announced that junior forward Cordell Pemsli would miss the rest of the 2018-19 season, because of a procedure to remove

hardware from a previous surgery, one that he had in high school, according to a release.

McCaffery said after the game that Iowa would apply for a medical hardship.

Pemsli has played in just one game this season — in the season-opening win over Missouri-KC, Pemsli played 14 minutes, going scoreless. He grabbed 2 rebounds but finished with 2 turnovers and 2 personal fouls.

"After consulting with our training staff, it is determined that the best course of action is to correct the problem before returning to the court," Pemsli said in a release. "Although I am disappointed that I will be unable to help the team on the court this season, I am confident in my teammates and will do everything I can to be a good teammate from the sidelines."

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the paint and get some layups." The point guard from Marion finished the game with 12 points on 4-of-12 shooting (3-of-9 from 3) with 2 assists, and Wieskamp notched 18, going 7-of-13 from the floor (4-of-8 from 3), and snaring 11 rebounds for his first career double-double.

Fans have seen Wieskamp go to work in five games this season, and on Tuesday, they also got a glimpse of his clutch gene.

"I think Joe Wieskamp's pretty good," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "It's interesting because I think he has a reputation for being a certain type of player, but if you watched him and you know him, he's so much more than that."

"He's not a mistake guy. Tremendous competitor, really in-

telligent, and ultimately, he's a winner is what he is."

Their offense opened up the scoring for their teammates, and no one came through more clutch than Nicholas Baer off the bench — and like his teammates who paved the way early, he did so from behind the arc.

With Iowa trailing 58-53 and just over nine minutes remaining, Baer drilled back-to-back 3s to give the Hawkeyes a 59-58 lead. He drained another with just over six minutes left to give Iowa a 64-62 lead. Eventually, it hung on to the advantage.

"He hasn't been shooting the ball as well as he had hoped to this year, but we know he has put in the work all summer," Bohannon said. "Having another guy like that to come off the bench and spark us — just his leadership is what we needed."

The Hawkeyes' battle against the Panthers was one in which they needed the shooting

pro prowess of Bohannon and Wieskamp.

Although Pitt is a guard-heavy team with its top five scorers coming from the backcourt and staying on the floor for long periods of time, the Hawkeyes couldn't get much going inside.

The Panthers outscored Iowa, 34-14, in the paint, forcing the Hawkeyes to get their points elsewhere.

With Pitt guard Xavier Johnson finding his way inside with ease, Iowa needed to combat the easy buckets. Without a strong inside game, Iowa opted for the 3-point barrage.

"A lot of our game plan was to go inside, and when a team takes something away, you have to be able to combat it with something else," Baer said. "Really a credit to Jordan and Joe. They were able to step up in the first half, make big shots, and everyone else continued to do that in the second half."



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Iowa's Nicholas Baer prepares to shoot a free throw during the Iowa/Pitts basketball game at Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday.

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Smith-Marsette, Hooker earn Big Ten awards

On Tuesday, defensive back Amani Hooker and wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette earned player awards in the Big Ten.

Hooker, a Minneapolis native, was named the Tatum-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year after recording 4 interceptions, breaking up 7 passes, and ranking second on the team with 59 tackles. He made first-team All-Big Ten defense as well.

Smith-Marsette was named the Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year. The Newark, New Jersey, native has returned 19 kickoffs this season, averaging 29.3 yards per return (second in the country).

While Hooker and Smith-Marsette earned individual awards, other Hawkeyes saw their names on the Big Ten's All-Defense team. Defensive lineman A.J. Epenesa earned first-team All-Big Ten honors, joining Hooker. Fellow lineman Anthony Nelson earned second-team recognition by the conference and third-team by coaches.

Defensive tackle Matt Nelson, safety Jake Gervase, and kicker Miguel Recinos earned honorable-mention status from coaches and media, while defensive end Parker Hesse and safety Geno Stone were the media's honorable mentions.

The Big Ten will announce its offensive award winners on Wednesday.

PLAYOFF RANKINGS

- 1) Alabama
- 2) Clemson
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- 10) LSU

Young earns Big Ten Wrestler of the Week

The Big Ten will announce its offensive award winners on Wednesday.

Hawkeye wrestling started the day with bad news — 174-pounder Michael Kemerer is scheduled to have surgery this week and will miss the season. But Iowa got a little glimmer to lighten the load.

Iowa's Kaleb Young earned Big Ten Wrestler of the Week after pinning No. 14 Griffin Parriott of Purdue in 3:37 in the Hawkeyes' 26-9 dual win over the Boilermakers on Nov. 24.

The win moved Young to 4-0 on the season as Iowa heads into its Cy-Hawk dual against Iowa State.

It was Young's second pin of the season; he stuck Richard Jackson of Kent State in 4:04 in Iowa's second dual of the season. He earned bonus points in one other match, topping Cal State-Bakersfield's Brian Battisto, 12-4, in the season-opener.

This award is the first Big Ten weekly honor of Young's career and the first for the Hawkeyes this season.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The bottom line is when the best decision is what the decision is when we make the decision, then that's the decision we go with. It's that simple. It is really about doing what's best for the sons of the parents that are in our program.”

— Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands on Michael Kemerer's surgery

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa basketball's No. 14 ranking is its highest since it was No. 7 on Nov. 26, 2001.

14 ranking

Hot shooting fuels Iowa over Pitt



Iowa's Jordan Bohannon drives to the basket during the Iowa/Pitts basketball game at Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes narrowly defeated the Panthers, 69-68. Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Nicholas Baer's resurgence sparks Iowa

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Nicholas Baer launched a 3-pointer, hitting nothing but the bottom of the net, with 9:02 left. That shot cut Pittsburgh's lead to 2 points.

Moments later, Baer was called for a foul, but Pittsburgh missed both free throws.

On the ensuing Iowa possession, Baer pulled up from 3-point range and canned another shot from deep, giving Iowa a 1-point lead and sparking the Hawkeyes.

Thanks to Baer's scolding-hot hand from deep and his pair of clutch free throws with under a minute to go, Iowa eked out a 69-68 win in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye.

"He's been playing that way all summer, all fall," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "We hadn't really seen him shoot it like that yet. He's played well, but he hasn't shot it like that ... it was great for him and great for us for him to take over."

Baer finished with 16 points (14 in the second half), but he wasn't the only Hawkeye hitting shots from deep.

Freshman Joe Wieskamp finished with a team-high 18 points, including 4 3-pointers. He added 11 rebounds as well, marking his first college double-double.

Defensively, Iowa couldn't find any rhythm in the first half, giving up 46 points. But in the second half, the Hawkeyes came out with a renewed sense of coverage. In the first minute in half No. 2, Iowa forced 2 turnovers.

In the second half, Iowa allowed just 22 points — fewer points than Pittsburgh scored in the paint in the first half (the Panthers had 26 points in the paint heading into halftime).

Wieskamp blocked a pair of shots, and fellow guard Jordan Bohannon's defense jumps off the stat sheet; a career-high 6 steals fueled the Hawkeyes' comeback.

"We knew there was going to be adversity at some point this season," Bohannon said. "This is really the first time we kind of hit something. Going into halftime, it wasn't fun. We knew we were going to get chewed out by coach — we deserved it. That really got to us."

SEE B-BALL, 11

Jordan Bohannon and Joe Wieskamp led the way for Iowa from behind the arc, even when things didn't look good for the Hawkeyes.

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Jordan Bohannon was feeling it.

It didn't matter where he was on the court. He could've been in Marion, and the Hawkeye faithful would have been fine with him taking the shot.

Instead, he was at the Mediacom Court logo halfway between the 3-point line and half court in Carver-Hawkeye. He drained it, giving Iowa a 25-24 lead, and he continued to pump the crowd up as the team got back on defense.

The Hawkeyes went on to pick up a 69-68 win over Pittsburgh on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye to keep their record undefeated, and the shooting of its best marksmen — Bohannon and Joe Wieskamp — kept Iowa in the game when things weren't looking so great.

"When you have two guys, obviously a shooter like [Wieskamp] is, and I'm able to finally hit a shot for once, it adds another dimension to our team," Bohannon said. "We can go inside to Tyler [Cook] and Luka [Garza], or we can kick it out, be able to knock down some 3s. When that kick-out happens, they start closing out, we can drive to

SEE SHOOTERS, 11

Depth becomes key after loss of Kemerer

Wrestling is losing one of its returning All-Americans, but with the squad's depth, the coaches have a plan.

BY ANNA KAYSER
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With the loss of Michael Kemerer from the Hawkeyes' lineup for the season, Iowa wrestling looks forward to its depth filling in the All-American-size gap.

Kemerer will undergo surgery sometime this week on a knee injury that will sideline him through his junior season.

Last season, while battling injury, Kemerer placed fourth at the NCAA Championships and sixth at Big Tens. At 157 in the last two seasons, he went a combined 60-6 to earn two-straight All-American honors.

Teammate Kaleb Young said Kemerer hurt his knee a couple weeks ago and had been practicing on it, but it seemingly kept getting worse.

Kemerer hadn't stepped on the mat this season, and now his season is over before it started.

"It's one of those things where all of our guys want to wrestle, and our medical team is smart, and they're going to give them every opportunity that way," head coach Tom Brands said. "The bottom line is when the best decision is what the decision is when we make the decision, then that's the decision we go with. It's that simple."

"It is really about doing what's best for the sons of the parents that are in our program."

In Iowa's first four meets, Myles Wilson filled in for Kemerer, and he will fill the spot — barring any major lineup changes — for the remainder of the season.

He has a 2-2 record after dropping his last match to No. 13 Dylan Lydy of Purdue.

"We've just got to fill that spot; someone's got to step up and fill that



Iowa's 157-pound Michael Kemerer wrestles Michigan State's Jake Tucker in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 5. Kemerer pinned Tucker in 4:21. Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan

spot, fill that spot," Young said. "Wilson has been, but he's kind of been letting nerves get to him, but I think he'll be all right."

Losing Kemerer also comes with a loss in bonus points from the power he brought in his matches last season. Iowa's healthy returning All-Americans and five other ranked wrestlers in the lineup are important for filling his role outside the weight.

Last week against Purdue, Iowa's Spencer Lee was missing All-Americans lineup Lee and Sam Stoll, along with Pat Lugo. Jacob Warner was

listed on the lineup card but didn't wrestle.

For Iowa's Saturday dual against Iowa State, Lee and Lugo are both listed as possible starters with backups, and Jacob Warner is the lone wrestler listed at 197.

Having those three back in the lineup — whenever they return — will be a big step in gaining points back in Kemerer's absence.

"I think everyone feels that [Kemerer] needs to step up to replace Kemerer," Young said. "Losing Kemerer is kind of a big hit, but we've

got a lot of capable guys in the room, a lot of guys who can stand up and maybe make up for the points that we weren't getting from Kemerer."

Iowa is seeking a medical hardship waiver to get Kemerer an extra year in an Iowa singlet that would give him two years left instead of just one.

No matter what happens, he's expected to be ready to go for the 2019-20 season.

"He's a good kid; he'll move forward from this," 184-pounder Cash Wilcke said.