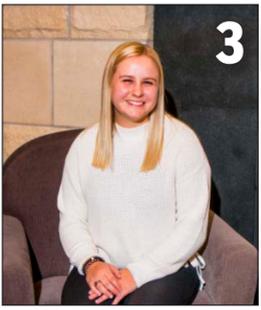


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## School District to close Roosevelt

School officials announced that the Roosevelt Education Center will be shuttered at the end of the academic year.



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The sign for Roosevelt Education Center is seen on Tuesday. The School District plans to close Roosevelt at the end of the academic year.

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Parents and other community members are confused and seeking explanations after they received an announcement that the Roosevelt Education Center's doors will close at the end of the academic year, forcing the center's programs to be relocated.

Nearly eight years ago, the Iowa City School

District faced an issue of having isolated outreach programs lacking in structure and support. To consolidate these programs, the district housed them at the former Roosevelt Elementary.

"The worst thing we can do is wait for the building to fail," Superintendent Steve Murley said. "It's one catastrophic event away from us having to close the doors and lock it."

He said the building was in decay when the

center and Homeschool Assistance programs moved in. Since then, the boiler has given out, and the water quality was recently deemed inadequate. Murley said he worries about the loss of heat and the effect on the health of students.

"We started about two years ago saying we should plan not to be here and find a home

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## New benches take aim at homeless, critics contend

New benches on the Pedestrian Mall have sparked debate over how homeless individuals cope with frigid weather.



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Benches sit on the Ped Mall on Wednesday. Critics say the bars in the middle of the new benches drive away the homeless.

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As temperatures plummet, local conversations swirl on how the homeless population will manage through the winter.

The installation of new benches on the Pedestrian Mall has emerged as part

of those conversations. Individuals and groups such as the Catholic Worker House in Iowa City have contended that the new benches on the Pedestrian Mall discriminate against the homeless.

The Catholic Worker House posted

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UI researchers seek volunteer patients to run clinical tests on for a potential cure for chronic bronchitis.

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A University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics pulmonologist is preparing to test a more permanent treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

UI Clinical Associate Professor Alejandro Comellas seeks to use a treatment that directly targets the mucus-producing cells that clog patients airways.

Chronic bronchitis is one of the most common forms that the pulmonary disease can take, according to *Healthline*, racking nearly 8.9 million Americans with consistent coughing and inflammation of the lungs without a cure.

"People with this condition have poor quality of life and an increased risk of respiratory infections," Comellas said. "With these clinical trials, what we're doing is applying a low level of energy to kill the cells producing mucus, therefore reducing chronic bronchitis."



Comellas

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For the past 12 years, Iowa City runner Matt Miller has jogged for pleasure. Five years ago, he decided to dress up like Santa Claus when he goes out on his several-mile jogs to "break up the monotony when it's cold outside."

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for all of these programs," Murley said. "With a third high school opening up, we have a little space in our secondary schools."

Murley said one of the primary reasons kids attend the center is because of school-related phobias, such as an overwhelming move from a small town to a larger class and mental-health issues.

"For those kids moving back into City, West, or Liberty High Schools, they'll now have connections to guidance coun-

selors and resources they don't have at [Roosevelt]," Murley said. "Ideally, we'd like to have them going to school with their peers."

Until then, he said, the School District will build extra classrooms specifically for Roosevelt programs, so students can reintegrate into their schools in a way that would be difficult from Roosevelt.

Murley said he communicated with the Roosevelt staff before announcing its closure, but not so much with parents and their students.

"Many of the families' main concerns is that we don't know if we'll have a building," Iowa City Home-

school Assistance parent Cara Mickelsen said. "For the most part, we don't want to go back to being in

programs under Roosevelt's roof seem to work, and it was frustrating to learn about the closing in an email



'We need a space that's separate from a mainstream public school.'

— Cara Mickelsen, Iowa City Homeschool Assistance parent

a small trailer like we were before."

Mickelsen said Homeschool Assistance and other

after what seemed like a hopeful speech to parents by Murley in September.

"I would like to see the

Roosevelt school repaired and continually used," Mickelsen said. "Alternatively, I'd like to see another location found that's as good as what we have now. We need a space that's separate from a mainstream public school."

She also expressed concern about the Roosevelt Ravine, a historical park on the same lot as the Roosevelt building that's used by the School District for field trips and outdoor space.

School Board member Phil Hemingway seconded this concern, and he said it has a real benefit in providing a district-wide oasis to distract students from

technology.

"There's so many possibilities with that location," he said. "Obviously, something is working right now. We need to review and have discussions."

For example, he said, if Murley is concerned about the boiler, then there should be open discussion about how much it would cost to possibly replace it.

He did agree with Murley's tentative plans to potentially turn the Roosevelt building into a magnet school but only after extensive renovations.

"I'm not ready throw in the towel on this one," Hemingway said. "That property has a lot to offer."

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a complaint against the benches, which contain a bar in the middle, on its Facebook page.

Catholic Worker House spokeswoman Emily Sinnwell said staff members spoke out because they were concerned about inclusion in downtown.

"When we saw the benches, we were concerned because benches with middle armrests are designed to prevent homeless people from sleeping on them," Sinnwell said in a statement to *The Daily Iowan*. "Downtown Iowa City should be a place for everyone."

To help the homeless stay safe and warm, Shelter House will open its doors for the fifth year in a row at its Winter Emergency Shelter.

Kaily Hoard, the community-engagement manager at Shelter House, said the shelter removes some requirements of staying in the SouthGate facility.

"... People don't need to be sober, and they don't need to follow any program requirements," she said. "So, we take those barriers away so that everybody in the community has a warm,

safe place to sleep regardless of their circumstances at that time."

While winter does pose additional challenges to the homeless population of Iowa City, Hoard said the shelter does not see an increased number of people seeking services, and need remains consistent throughout the year.

According to the Shelter House website, the organization provided emergency shelter for 877 people in 2017, 16 percent of whom were children.

In addition to the winter shelter, the Shelter House is working on a new, permanent housing project for Iowa City's homeless population.

Laura Iosbaker, the Cross Park Place program manager, said tenants of the new building will have case managers available to assist with physical and behavioral health, but residents will not be required to participate in the programs.

"Shelter House has always desired to provide housing to those experiencing homelessness," Iosbaker said in an email to the *DI*. "Cross Park Place is a housing-first approach that was identified to assist chronically homeless individuals in our area who have been unable



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Benches are covered with snow on the Ped Mall on Wednesday. Critics contend that the new benches are anti-homeless.

to be successful in other housing models."

Hoard said that although the need for shelter remains the same throughout the year, individuals who sleep outside during winter months face an increased

risk of death and injury from exposure.

"People do pass away from hypothermia and things like that," she said. "Even frostbite can cause permanent injury that will then affect that person's life, so I think

that those are really real dangers that people face if they are sleeping outside during winter months."

Shelter House has obtained a permit from the city to allow up to 30 people to sleep in the lobby of the

SouthGate facility in case of overflow at the Winter Emergency Shelter.

"We're really trying to make [shelter] available to as many people as possible that need to use it," Hoard said.

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Comellas said chronic bronchitis is a difficult condition to create inhalers for, and current treatments include pills that have tried and failed to reduce the amount of mucus in the lungs.

"These cells are really difficult to treat," Comellas said. "Right now is what we call Phase 1 of the clinical trial, which is looking at the safety of the procedure and recruiting patients."

He said volunteers will come from not just UIHC

but from four other research centers nationwide and will go directly into Phases 2 and 3 to test the efficiency of its potential cure.

UI Assistant Professor Alejandro Pezzulo outlined the symptoms and effects of chronic bronchitis, which patients cannot be formally diagnosed with until they have a productive cough for three months in at least two successive years.

"It's what we call a syndrome, in a way, because there's no specific test for it," Pezzulo said. "There is chronic inflammation, excessive mucus production, a lot of cough, and shortness of breath."

Pezzulo said making sure patients get their vaccinations, aggressive exercise,

of chronic bronchitis and may improve patient survival but not guarantee it.



'Right now is what we call Phase 1 of the clinical trial, which is looking at the safety of the procedure and recruiting patients.'

— Alejandro Comellas, UIHC pulmonologist

applying a combination of inhalers and oxygen are currently manageable aspects

"I will emphasize the fact there's really no good therapy at the moment. That's a

big problem," Pezzulo said. "For the patients with the most severe cases, the mortality rate is actually similar to patients with advanced cancer."

Chronic bronchitis, he said, is one disease under the pulmonary umbrella that also includes emphysema and other lung-related illnesses.

Mercy Iowa City pulmonologist Andrew Ashby said the main risk factor in each of these cases is smoking, and the primary treatment is simply to quit and take medication to try to minimize further exposure or exacerbation of the disease.

"Chronic bronchitis is

usually the end result of years of chronic and recurrent injury to the lungs and airways," Ashby said. "So the lung itself is remodeled in a way that is permanent injury."

Ultimately, he said, the airways get really narrow and inflamed, become stuck in that position, and have no good way to dilate. The sooner patients start treatment, the less likely they are to have progressing problems with their lungs.

"It's becoming even more common," Ashby said. "Worldwide, the prevalence is around 10 percent of adults have chronic-bronchitis symptoms."



# Opinions

## COLUMN

### New Ped Mall benches discriminate against the homeless

Benches in the Ped Mall are meant to move the homeless elsewhere, out of public sight, and should be removed.



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The Pedestrian Mall construction, which began with the adoption of the plans in 2014, has been an ongoing presence for some time now. According to the city's website, the project was undertaken in part to improve "Iowa City's uniqueness and its cultural footprint in the area."

However, the newest addition to the area has been called out for its discriminatory purposes. Unlike the previous benches, the new benches have a central armrest bar that prevents people from lying across them, which many have pointed out seems to actively discriminate against the homeless in Iowa City.

Scott Sovers, the project manager for the Pedestrian Mall Improvements Project, said the new benches were designed to increase seating.

"During the planning phase of this project, we received consistent feedback that more

seating areas were desired," Sovers wrote in an email. "Because we felt that there was not physically enough space to include additional benches, we were able to increase the effective seating opportunities by utilizing a style of bench that included a center armrest. ... We consistently received positive feedback on the style and use of the center armrest as a way to increase seating areas."

However, other perceptions of the benches see these center armrests as a ploy to remove spaces for homeless in Iowa City, attempting to distance them from public view.

A Facebook post that has been gaining traction in the area asks, "Do Iowa City's new Ped Mall benches discriminate against the homeless?"

After being reposted on Twitter and shared on Facebook numerous times, it seems as if the collective answer is a resounding yes.

The new Ped Mall benches seem to me to be one example of a growing trend of so-called "hostile architecture," designed specifically to deter people from using public spaces in ways that are not "intended."

Attempting to discourage the homeless, primarily, from lying down in public areas, hostile architecture has been seen around the world: for exam-

ple, in Seattle, bike racks were installed to prevent camping. In London, inch-high "spikes" were placed outside of luxury buildings to prevent sleeping.

The trend of implementing architecture aimed at pushing the homeless out of public view is a concerning one — one that seems to have entered downtown as well.

While the university also has benches with raised portions to deter homeless from sleeping there, the addition to downtown — an area busy with townspeople, out-of-towners, faculty, staff, and students — is new and far more concerning.

Iowa City has long had an issue with high poverty rates — 28 percent, according to a 2012-16 U.S. Census Bureau study — and attempts to remove homeless people from highly trafficked areas does nothing to help alleviate the issues the city faces. Instead, it simply pushes them out of public view, trying to persuade people that the problem does not exist rather than implementing actual strategies to help reduce the problem.

Without a doubt, the benches on the Ped Mall are an example of the spreading wish to distance ourselves from the realities of our economy and communities. Even if unshel-



Snow sits on the benches on the Ped Mall Wednesday.

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tered homeless rates are decreasing, as reports from the 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report suggest, moving homeless people outside downtown does nothing to reduce the numbers.

Removing a space for homeless people to rest in the heart of downtown ultimately does not do anything but increase a perceived — and faulty — view of aesthetics. Is the aesthetic merit of Iowa City worth people not being able to use benches in relatively unobtrusive manners?

The use of one bench — or even two or three — by sleeping or resting, people do not affect the overall use of the downtown; there are few, if any, situations that would require the need of every bench in the area. And certainly, the times during which they are primarily used (night) would not coincide with these situations.

Regardless of the apparent need to provide more seating for the public, as Sovers' plan indicates, the way that the city has gone about providing additional space is troubling.

To purport that the renovation of the Ped Mall is to promote community values and togetherness while simultaneously designing the new areas to be discriminatory and hostile is contradictory. The old benches, painted and open, were far more efficient in achieving that goal, if that goal were truly the purpose. Iowa City is a place that prides itself on its strong community — as it should — and if it wishes to show this to the world, its architecture should reflect this as well.

## COLUMN

### UI students should embrace diversity

While the UI offers many spaces for students to encounter various cultural experiences, it is always a struggle for cultural organizations to get students to attend the events. Students should make it a priority to attend events that reflect such diversity.



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It is the middle of the day. You are scrolling through Facebook or Instagram — pick your favorite — and see an organization promoting a cultural event. What are the chances that you will look into the event, mainly to see

if there is free food, and proceed to scroll past?

If the last sentence felt like it was targeted, you are not alone.

Sure, it is understandable. College students have busy schedules and plenty of commitments — there isn't time to keep track of all the events that take place on campus. I am not denying that there are alternative activities to consider — it just needs to be acknowledged that students should be better at trying to attend events that promote foreign cultures and celebrations of diversity.

Prisma Ruacho, the coordinator at the Asian-Pacific

American Cultural Center, said student attendance at the cultural houses is important for both the centers and the students.

"In all the cultural centers, it is the same people coming to the events every time," she said.

While loyal attendees are never a drawback, Ruacho said, the lack of new people prevents important conversations from taking place.

"There aren't a lot of perspectives coming in" she said. "We want to provide those opportunities for other people to learn about our cultures and [show] why we are more than the stereotypes that they create."

It's not all fun and games when it comes to cultural events on campus; there is a chance of better understanding a group of people with every event attended.

Asiya Mohammed, a co-president of large events for the South Asian Student Alliance, said some factors could affect attendance at events.

"If your [organization] is known, the events that you arrange are recognized, making your event more appealing to the people who hear about it," Mohammed said. "If you are marketing an

event that is part of a culture that has less awareness [to begin with], you have to start by educating the student body, and the student body has to be receptive to that, which can be a struggle."

The University of Iowa features dozens of cultural groups that are prevalent or rare in American society. However, the level of prevalence of a certain cultural group does not make it any less important for people to further educate themselves on these backgrounds.

While students could be more active in their efforts, cultural organizations have

reached out in a plethora of ways. Mohammed said the easiest way to find South Asian Student Alliance's latest events are through its Facebook page. The cultural houses on the West Campus display their events on the UI Events Calendar and have Campus routes designed to drop students off at a stop that is conveniently located in the vicinity of all of the centers. The UI has long been a place to grow and enrich oneself through education — it would not hurt for students to apply this ideal to the dozens of organizations trying to shine light on their cultures.

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# Legislators may look to expand medical marijuana

Iowa legislators weigh in on taking up expanding Iowa's medical-marijuana program in the upcoming legislative session.

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Five medical-marijuana dispensaries will soon open their doors for business as Iowa's recently expanded medical-marijuana program gets underway.

On Saturday, five state-approved dispensaries will begin selling the first medical-marijuana products in Iowa, including tinctures, capsules, and creams, to legally registered patients. To qualify for the program, a patient must be able to prove permanent Iowa residency and provide a physician's certification of a qualifying medical condition.

But some Iowa legislators advocate expanding the medical-marijuana program in the upcoming legislative session, contending that the current program is too restrictive and limits both businesses and the patients seeking to use the products.

"I will introduce legislation again this year to create a better program that actually helps," said Sen. Joe Bolcom, D-Iowa City. "People are going to be very disappointed on Dec. 1, when they find out that the medicine available to them is ineffective, 1, and 2, for people that have chronic conditions that are not covered under the bill."

Bolcom, a leading proponent of medical marijuana, is referring to the Medical Cannabidiol Act, which the Legislature passed in 2017 to legalize the limited use of medical marijuana. The act made Iowa one of 46 states in the nation to have some form of medical marijuana in place.

The current law allows up

to two in-state businesses to grow marijuana and produce products with up to 3 percent of THC — the chemical that makes recreational marijuana users high — to be distributed at five state-approved dispensaries. The law also outlines who qualifies for Iowa's medical marijuana.

To qualify, a patient must be able to prove permanent Iowa residency and provide physician certification of one of nine qualifying medical conditions, including cancer, multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS, Parkinson's disease, ALS, among others.

Bolcom said he would like to see the removal of the 3 percent THC cap and a longer list of approved conditions for which patients can purchase medical marijuana.

State Senate President Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny, said there is interest in the Senate to grow the program.

"I think our caucus has shown in the past that we're willing to expand that to where it's a system that actually works for the companies that have invested in that industry," he said. "Right now, the system is set up to where it's hard for those companies to be profitable and for that industry to be sustainable."

In the last legislative session, the Iowa Senate passed a broader bill on a 45-5 vote that would have allowed for patients with a wider range of conditions to have access to medical-marijuana products and reclassified marijuana under state law. But the bill was never taken up in the House.

House Speaker Linda Upmeyer, R-Clear Lake, said in an email to *The Daily Io-*



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As Iowa gets its medical-marijuana program underway, some legislators want to expand the program, making it more inclusive and the pot a shade stronger.

wan that she doesn't want to change the law because the Medical Cannabidiol Board, composed mainly of physicians, has not made recommendations on changing the current program.

In a meeting on Nov. 2, the board voted not to recommend any change to the THC cap.

"We established the state system with a board of medical professionals and law enforcement who provide us with recommendations to expand or improve our program," Upmeyer said. "They are not suggesting any dramatic changes at this time. They are the experts and we will make changes based on their study and

recommendations."

Bolcom said that Upmeyer has been a "roadblock" to putting in place a progressive medical-cannabis program and hopes that new members in the Legislature will "fix this law."

"It's time to fix this program and do it early in the 2019 session," he said. "We've got companies that have made an enormous investment in Iowa trying to help suffering Iowans, and the economics of the current program are going to make it about impossible for them to stay in business because they're not going to have enough patients to make

their business models work."

One of these companies is MedPharm Iowa, an approved producer of medical marijuana and owner of two of the five approved dispensaries. Like Bolcom, it supports raising the THC limit and expanding the number of approved conditions.

A current concern if the restrictions stay in place is whether Iowa has a big enough market and clientele base to sustain such businesses as MedPharm Iowa. Currently, 1,466 patients and caregivers have been issued registration cards, which allow them to purchase medical marijuana, and 363 appli-

cations have been approved but the cards have not yet been issued, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

"We're more than \$10 million invested at this point right now, and that's because we see a long-term future here in the state for this program," said Lucas Nelson, the general manager of MedPharm Iowa. "I think if the program doesn't expand and patients aren't able to get the medicine that they need, eventually they'll walk away and go down a different route, and without patients, we don't have an industry here at all."

## Iowa Democrats set sights on 2020 caucuses

The Iowa Democratic Party is navigating rule changes before the 2020 caucuses.

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Iowa will once again hold its first-in-the-nation title with caucuses set for Feb. 3, 2020 — exactly one month before "Super Tuesday," on which nine states will hold their primaries to select nominees for president.

New mandates from the Democratic National Committee will mean several changes for each state's party, but it is up to the state to decide how they will be implemented.

"The important thing to remember here is these are not Iowa-specific rules yet — those will come in the delegate-selection plan," Iowa Democratic Party Executive Director Kevin Geiken said.

He noted that there are three changes that will affect Iowa's caucuses: an option to participate without physically being at the precinct location, reporting the first expression of preference of a candidate on caucus night, and creating structures to be able to conduct an audit of caucus results.

Iowa has traditionally only published the state delegate equivalent, the estimated number of delegates a candidate would earn at the party's state convention. Geiken said the party will likely continue to publish those numbers with the addition of first expression of preference. The results will also include

the caucus-goers who begin as uncommitted.

To include the public in this process, the party has been speaking with caucus experts and taking feedback from the public through listening sessions and feedback from state Democrats as they write their delegate-selection plan for 2020.

"This whole change process is a way for us to be more accessible and more transparent as a party," Geiken said.

In the new year, he said, the party will begin to train caucus precinct captains and attendees, secure locations for each caucus, and write the delegate-selection plan.

Geiken said he believes the 2020 caucuses will be well-attended, but he noted an increase in attendance would not clearly be attributed to one change.

"It'll be hard to separate out what the increased participation is resulting from different rules that allow more participation versus just having a whole heck of a lot of candidates who are going to be encouraging people to show up," he said.

Iowa Senate President Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny, noted that the Republican Party's caucuses will presumably not be as large because the incumbent president is a Republican, but he noted that the state will continue to be a hotbed of political activity as the 2020 election gets closer.

"I think we've already seen signs that Iowa's going to remain relevant," Whitver said. "U.S. senators and U.S. representatives, other candidates for president have invested heavily in Iowa in this last cycle. They've made a lot of appearances, they donated money, and they've already started laying the groundwork. I think Iowa's going to remain as relevant as ever, and I think it's going to be an extremely heated, contested race on the Democrats' side."

UI political-science Associate Professor Timothy Hagle said that even if President Trump does not have a challenger, the Republican caucuses will still take place.

"There's a lot of party business that takes place even if you're not worried about candidates," Hagle said.

The Republican Party of Iowa had not returned interview requests by press time.

Iowa has seen its share of out-of-state politicians rumored to make a bid for the White House, including Sens. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Jeff Merkley, D-Ore.

Two candidates who have officially announced their run for president — Andrew Yang, a Democratic businessman, and Rep. John Delaney, D-Md. — have also made visits to the Hawkeye State.

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# GymHawks look at the past, prepare for future

The Iowa women's gymnastics team prepares for its 2019 season with the Black and Gold Intrasquad meet on Saturday.



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GymHawks coach Larissa Libby huddles with her team during a meet against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 13, 2017.

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The Iowa women's gymnastics team on Saturday will give fans a preview of what the squad has in store for the 2019 season in the Black and Gold Intrasquad meet.

The GymHawks will split into two teams to compete in the four events that make up a gymnastics meet: vault, bars, beam, and floor.

The team will also have celebrity judges (who have not been named yet).

But before sights are set on this season and this meet, it's important to look at what has led to Iowa's success in the past few seasons.

Larissa Libby is entering her 15th season as the head coach of the GymHawks, and each year the program has become stronger.

In 2016, Libby and the squad earned their first national ranking since 2011, at No. 19. It has maintained a ranking in the top-50 for three consecutive years: No. 19 in 2016, No. 18 in 2017, and No. 33 last season.

If the 2019 season is anything like the past three seasons, then the program can hope to see the GymHawks back in the national top-50 rankings.

Over the past three seasons, Iowa has recorded 19 first-place finishes. Ten of those 19 wins have come when the GymHawks compete in Carver-Hawkeye.

Iowa has made 18 appearances in a NCAA regional while making an appearance during each of the 15 seasons that Libby has been at the helm.

The 2019 season will have the same expectation — continuing to make the tournament.

Breaking school records also seems to be a priority for the squad, and each season the team builds on previous success.

In 2018, Iowa recorded a season-high 196.400 at the Big Ten Championships, good for fourth place.

In 2017, the GymHawks placed third at the Big Ten Championships. Not only did it show that Iowa can com-

pete in the conference, it was also the best championship score in the program's history, 196.725.

This successful 2017 Big Ten Championships then led the team to its 17th NCAA regional appearance in Champaign, Illinois. Iowa shattered the record books once again.

On beam, the GymHawks crushed the previous rotation record of 49.425 with a 49.600.

At the end of the 2017 regional, Iowa took third with two individual gymnasts standing on the podium and

advancing to the NCAA Championships.

At the time, freshman Clair Kaji and senior Angel Metcalf finished the event with season-bests of 9.950, giving them an automatic invitations to the NCAAs.

The 2017 season was definitely one to remember and one the GymHawks will strive to emulate.

As it gets closer to the Black and Gold Intrasquad, the program and the fans can relish in the success and look forward to the 2019 season.

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- 52 It checks for leaks, for short

- Across**
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  - 25 Maniacal laugh
  - 26 Traditional retirement present
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- 1 Part of the original "Star Trek" cast
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**WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY**

- "Live from Prairie Lights," Andrea Gibson, *Lord of the Butterflies*, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- Canadian Brass, "Christmas Time Is Here," 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Alexandro Cazares, *Jazz Double Bass, plus ensemble*, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Stark Opera Studio
- Joshua Palazzolo, *Violin*, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall
- *Rotten Egg nog*, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theater, 213 N. Linn
- Collaborative Performance, "The General Idea," 8 p.m., Space/Place
- *Why Is This Night Different?*, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theater B
- "The Mirage," 9 p.m.-1 a.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- *Carnival Craze*, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., IMU Hawkeye Room

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Fran McCaffery responds to Dolphin comments

Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery spoke to the media for the first time Thursday about the comments Hawkeye basketball radio play-by-play announcer Gary Dolphin made during Iowa's game against Pittsburgh on Tuesday.



**Dolphin** Dolphin, who made comments slighting Iowa's Maishe Dailey and recruiting, has been suspended for two games by Learfield.

"I was disappointed in those comments," McCaffery said. "I think when one of our own attacks one of our players the way he did, it's inexcusable. And it's over. We dealt with it, and we're moving on."

McCaffery said he thinks it's "fairly well known" he and Dolphin have had issues in the past. The ninth-year Hawkeye coach also said he talked to the team and Dailey specifically about the comments.

"It was incredibly unfair; [Dailey] has played extremely well for us," McCaffery said. "He plays hard. He's a good person. He didn't deserve it. But he's also a young guy with tremendous character. So I've been really impressed with him and how he's handled everything."

### Ferentz to be guest on 'Pardon My Take'

Just days after being named Football Guy of the Week on the popular Barstool Sports podcast "Pardon My Take," Hawkeye



football head coach Kirk Ferentz is set to appear on the show alongside Dan "Big Cat" Katz and PFT Commenter.

Ferentz earned the honor after engaging in a postgame interview following Iowa's win over Nebraska with a bloody lip after being head-butted by quarterback Nate Stanley.

Ferentz won Football Guy of the Week by beating Tennessee Titan head coach Mike Vrabel, Buffalo Bill head coach Sean McDermott, and Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher.

The victory was by a landslide, as Ferentz picked up 62 percent of the 14,767 votes cast. Fisher came in second with 14 percent, and Vrabel and McDermott finished with 8 percent.

Ferentz's appearance will come just two weeks after former Iowa and current San Francisco 49ers tight end George Kittle served as a guest on the podcast.

## Weekend Sports Schedule

**Men's basketball (Carver)**  
• Friday vs. Wisconsin - 7 p.m.

**Women's gymnastics (Field House)**  
• Saturday, Black and Gold Intrasquad - noon

**Wrestling (Carver)**  
• Saturday vs. Iowa State - 2 p.m.

**Women's basketball (Carver)**  
• Dec. 2 vs. Robert Morris - 2 p.m.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I think when one of our own attacks one of our players the way he did, it's inexcusable."**

— Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery on Gary Dolphin's comments about the Hawkeye program



## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa men's basketball has started 6-0 for the first time since 2013-14.

**6-0**  
record

# No luck of the Irish



Iowa senior Tania Davis dribbles against Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, on Thursday. No. 1 Notre Dame smacked the Hawkeyes, 105-71.

Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

## Reigning champs show Hawks why

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SOUTH BEND, Ind.— From tip-off to the final whistle, Purcell Pavilion belonged to Arike Ogunbowale and the Fighting Irish on Thursday night, as they outclassed the Hawkeyes on their way to a 105-71 victory.

No. 14 Iowa (4-2) treaded water for most of the first half, trailing by just 11 heading into the third quarter.

Then No. 1 Notre Dame (7-0) exploded out of the break with a 20-3 run to take a commanding lead it never relinquished.

"Offensively, they're just a juggernaut," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "There are so many weapons on that team. They're just really hard to defend. I think it was their offense that took us out of our game."

Weapons may be rife up and down the Fighting Irish's starting five, but none was more potent than Ogunbowale, who did whatever she wished to the Iowa defense.

From driving in the lane with circus moves to abrupt pull-up jumpers, she was nearly impossible to guard on her way to dropping 30 points on 13-of-21 shooting.

Four other Notre Dame players also made

their way to double-digit points, with Jackie Young being the most notable among them, putting up 15 points along with 7 assists, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals.

For Iowa, Megan Gustafson took her usual position, leading the Hawkeyes with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Gustafson was one of the few bright spots for the Hawkeyes and her performance earned praise from legendary Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw.

"Megan is a hell of a player," McGraw said. "She's an All-American. She gave us fits inside. She's a great player — really, really tough matchup."

Tania Davis was next on the Iowa scoring list with 15 on 6-of-15 shooting with 4 assists. Makenzie Meyer struggled from deep, going 2-of-9 with 10 points, but she rounded out her stat line with 6 boards and 5 assists.

Rebounding was the major problem for Iowa all game long — the Hawkeyes often stopped a Notre Dame offensive possession, only to have the Irish grab an offensive board and put in second-chance points.

"They're a good rebounding team," Gus-

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## Turnovers continue to plague Hawkeyes

BY PETE MILLS  
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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Mistakes on the offensive end were ubiquitous for Iowa women's basketball in its 105-71 loss to Notre Dame on Thursday night. Right at the center of this concern were turnovers.

If the Irish had anything left to prove, they did so with the headaches they gave Iowa on the offensive side of the ball: They were able to snag 9 steals against the Hawkeyes.

Iowa did not help itself in this area, with many of the turnovers unforced. Iowa struggled in the passing game, losing many possessions by way of missed cues.

"How do you improve on taking care of the ball? It comes down to passing decisions," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "You have to make better passing decisions, use ball fakes, be in triple-threat position, meet your passes. It's fundamentals."

In total, Iowa threw away 18 turnovers on the night and recorded only 18 assists. The Irish converted the mistakes into 22 points, helping the team to its big win. Notre Dame did this cleanly; it committed only 9 turnovers.

The sharp and crisp play of the Irish made it hard for Iowa to get anything going. Those 9 turnovers don't look too bad when the team puts up 21 assists.

SEE WBBALL, 7

## Dan Gable Traveling Trophy hasn't traveled, yet

No. 3 Iowa will attempt to continue its success over Iowa State tomorrow despite the loss of All-American Michael Kemerer.



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's No. 11 Austin DeSanto grapples with Princeton's Jonathan Gomez in Carver-Hawkeye on Nov. 16. DeSanto pinned Gomez in 3:27.

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A Hawkeye win over Iowa State in football? Check. Another victory in wrestling? That's still up in the air.

The No. 3 Hawkeyes and Iowa State will continue the Cy-Hawk Series at Carver-Hawkeye at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The two teams will wrestle for the Dan Gable Traveling Trophy for the ninth time in history; in the previous eight, Iowa has outscored the Cyclones, 226-63. The

Hawkeyes have never lost possession of the trophy since its creation.

"[Iowa State is a] hungry, well-coached team," head coach Tom Brands said. "They've got a lot of things going in their favor — we have to be ready. Those are all vague comments, but I'm from afar, I'm not in their room. The focus is on seven minutes hard, and we have the guys that march to that."

The probable lineups include three ranked matchups. At 133, No. 10 Austin

SEE WRESTLING, 7

## Hawkeye defense crucial in Badger clash

Iowa's defense looked stellar in the second half against Pittsburgh.

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By halftime against Pittsburgh on Tuesday, No. 14 Iowa had allowed 46 points. Twenty-six came in the paint, as the Panther guards penetrated the Hawkeye defensive unit with ease, driving to the bucket for layups. Even Hawkeye play-by-play commentator Gary Dolphin was impressed with Pitt's guard play.

But in the second half, things changed. Iowa allowed just 22 points — fewer points than it allowed in the paint in the first half — and thanks to a lock-down effort, the Hawkeyes bodied their way to a win in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Iowa's gritty, grind-it-out win was a complete 180 from last season and a good sign for Hawkeye fans with No. 22 Wisconsin traveling to Carver-Hawkeye tonight for the Big Ten opener.

"Our defensive effort has been an emphasis this year," Nicholas Baer said. "... Credit to our guards. They were able to get through screens. We knew they wanted to do a lot of ball-screen action. We were able to come out and get some defensive stops when we needed it. Wasn't pretty, but we'll win the ugly ones. We take pride in that."

Pitt walked to the locker room at halftime shooting 61.3 percent from the field. In the second half, it hit just 29.2 percent of its shots — less than half as good.

Xavier Johnson, one of Pitt's stellar freshman guards, had just 6 points in the second half after entering halftime with 12, and head coach Jeff Capel thought Iowa's physicality, especially in the second half, played a major role.

"I thought it became physical, and [Iowa] really tried to take Xavier out of the game and tried to deny him once he



Baer

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