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Reynolds embarks on first full term as governor

The *DI* will be in Des Moines today to cover Gov. Kim Reynolds' second Condition of the State address, which will outline her legislative goals for 2019. The day also marks the release of Reynolds' proposed fiscal 2020 budget and funding priorities. Follow @TheDailyIowan and @DIPolitics on Twitter and go to dailyiowan.com to learn more about Reynolds' plans the session.

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GOP votes to not seat King on any committees

Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, will not be seated on any committees in the 116th Congress, House Republicans decided Monday.



King, who has represented northwestern Iowa since 2003, has come under fire for comments he recently made to *The New York Times*, saying "White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?"

In a tweet, King called the decision an "unprecedented assault" on his freedom of speech, but he vowed to continue representing the 4th District for at least the next two years.

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Iowa women defeat the Gophers on the road

The Hawkeye women's basketball team had struggled on the road in Big Ten play entering its battle against Minnesota, with both of its conference losses coming on the road. Iowa turned it around against the Gophers, though, thanks to a strong second half.



Iowa men's hoops in need of production after Cook injury

Tyler Cook has been Iowa's go-to scorer ever since he took the team over his sophomore year. The Hawkeyes need him to be at their full strength. If he is out for an extended period of time with an ankle injury, Iowa will need others to step up.



Cook



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Iowa ag affected in government shutdown

The Iowa secretary of agriculture said disruptions in partnerships with federal agencies are concerns during the U.S. government shutdown.

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DES MOINES — Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said on Monday that the partial government shutdown in Washington, which enters its 25th day today, has had consequences for Iowa farm-

ers. States are prevented from implementing federal farm-bill policies and funding, which will add to the uncertainty surrounding funding for conservation programs and food stamps in the new year.

Some farmers who harvested late have also not been able to sign up

for the \$12 billion federal-aid package offered to those affected by the U.S. ongoing trade dispute with China.

"We have just pushed that uncertainty into 2019 on a variety of fronts, whether it's [federal aid] payments, or whether it's needing to see progress on trade," Naig said.

"We are continuing to create uncertainty."

Operationally, he said, the shutdown has disrupted partnerships and contracts the state has with such federal agencies as the Environmental Protection Agency, Food and

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Legislators focus on bipartisanship

The 2019 session brings an emphasis on mental health, education funding, and workforce training.

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DES MOINES — The halls of the State Capitol bustled with anticipation on Monday as state legislators, officials, and staff settle in for the 2019 legislative session.

Monday marked the first day of the 88th Legislature, which brought greetings, speeches, and discussions of setting policy. Mental-health issues, education funding, water quality, and felon-voting rights remain some of the most prominent bipartisan issues gaining momentum among legislators.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, the chair of the State Government Committee, which oversees much of the legislation that passes through the chamber, said many of the legislators are feeling optimistic about the new session. He believes there are several issues legislators of both parties can address together.

"It's like the beginning of a sports season. We're looking forward to working together and to see if that maintains," Kaufmann said. "You're back, you're seeing people you work with, you come brimming full of new ideas."

Kaufmann said water quality, mental health, and education funding are prominent issues emerging among lawmakers of both parties.

"Mental health, specifically mental health for children, is something that I think is going to be very bipartisan. Improving on our education spending is something we can work together on," Kaufmann said. "I think that we made some strides in water quality last year, and I'd like to see those continued and strengthened."

However, Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said it remains to be seen exactly how issues will progress. He plans on filing a variety of bills on different subjects and hopes to work to achieve more support for public higher education, community college, and K-12 education.



Iowa's community colleges and three public universities saw a decline in funding in the last session, though K-12 education received a slight bump in support.

Freshman Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, defined his first day on the job as getting up to speed, listening to speeches, and receiving House seating assignments. Like Kaufmann, Wahls also identified improving the mental-health system and funding the water-quality bill — the first bill Kim Reynolds signed last session after stepping into her role as Iowa governor — as upcoming issues.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, and Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said they are especially excited about the impact of new members in the Iowa Legislature. There are 22 new members serving in the House and nine in the Senate this session.

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Emily Wengen/The Daily Iowan

TOP: The House chamber of the State Capitol is seen on Monday as state lawmakers gavelled in to start the 2019 legislative session. **BOTTOM:** Daily Iowan reporter Julia DiGiacomo speaks with Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, on Monday, about the 2019 Iowa legislative session.

Ped Mall benches fuel protest against discrimination

Community members gathered on the Pedestrian Mall to protest new benches that the city place there. Many believe the benches are discriminatory against the homeless.



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Demonstrators lie on benches during a "Sleep-In" on the Pedestrian Mall on Monday. The benches have been strongly criticized by many as being discriminatory against the homeless.

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The controversy over the new benches on the Pedestrian Mall continued on Monday afternoon as the Iowa City Catholic Worker House staged a protest to oppose to the benches, which were installed during the

fall.

More than two dozen individuals carrying posters and fliers assembled on the Ped Mall for the rally.

Protesters gathered in the center of the Ped Mall before "tagging" the new bench-

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'Pill Spill' can affect infants, UI study says

A recent UI case study showed that infants as young as 10 months are liable to accidentally ingest amphetamine-based ADHD stimulants.

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As medicine advances and treatments for chronic illness are consolidated into small tablets or pills, swallowing the latter is routine for most people. However, some may not be aware of the danger that misplacing their prescription bottles could pose for children in the household.

Such is the case for several subjects of a recent study by University of Iowa Clinical Associate Professor Kelly Wood and Clinical Professor Matthew Krasowski, which appeared to reveal that young children could ingest amphetamine-based medicine belonging to people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in their households.

"These were patients being admitted for systematic overdose, and people weren't quite sure what was going on until results of a urine drug test came back," Wood said. "They were infants, who you don't typically think of as the age group that might have an accidental ingestion."



Wood

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EXERCISING AN OPTION



A wall of exercisers looms over Burlington Street on Monday.

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es with fliers that encouraged city officials to remove them. Several speakers said the city should replace the current model with designs that are more inclusive to the homeless and individuals with disabilities. Mark Petterson, one of the organizers of the rally and a member of the Catholic Worker House, opened the rally by calling for unity against the benches. "We are here to bear witness that these benches are

exclusionary against our homeless brothers and sisters," he said. "We are here to bear witness that the city lied ... we have the evidence to prove it. We are here to say that we as Iowa City are not OK with this." Catholic Worker House spokeswoman Emily Sinwell said she and her colleagues spoke out because they were concerned about inclusion in downtown Iowa City. "When we saw the benches, we were concerned, because benches with middle armrests are designed to prevent homeless people from sleeping on them," she said in a statement to

The Daily Iowan in November. "Downtown Iowa City should be a place for everyone." Participants hoisted signs with such slogans as "Atone with art" and "Remove, repent, replace" before lying down and covering themselves with blankets on the painted benches, which are located near the Iowa City Public Library. Representatives from the Catholic Worker House said the blankets used in the demonstration would be donated to the homeless. David Moser, a neuropsychologist at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics and a representative of the

Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, said that while he is usually proud to live in Iowa City, the new benches represent a misstep. "Sometimes on our journey to make this a more welcoming and inclusive place, we take a step backwards," he said. "The installation of new, segmented Ped Mall benches that prevent people from lying down represents a major step backward. It's a rock-solid fact that these benches target and exclude homeless people, some of our most disadvantaged and vulnerable folks." The Catholic Worker House has pointed to tran-

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Drug Administration, and U.S. Agriculture Department. The state has departments that operate on behalf of the federal government, such as food-safety inspections, he said, which are still running through the partial shutdown. Naig emphasized that Iowa's partnership with the USDA Conservation Service is essential to the state. It has continued to operate during the shutdown, but

the department could potentially run out of money within the next few days if the shutdown continues, he said. "All of our state employees who work in those USDA offices across the state will then not be able to go into the office, so that really does then impact our conservation programs," Naig said. "We are, of course, very hopeful that this shutdown can end and we can get back to business as usual." The U.S. government has been in a partial shutdown since Dec. 21, making it the

longest in U.S. history. The shutdown arose from President Trump's dispute with Democratic lawmakers over funding for his proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall. Some federal agencies and programs furloughed workers, and federal employees who are considered essential continue to work without pay; Congress has voted to reimburse them once the shutdown is over. Grant Kimberley, the director of market development at the Iowa Soybean Association, said the partial government shutdown has

had a detrimental effect on short-term cash flow to farmers. There are programs farmers use to receive guaranteed loans for items such as grain, which give them flexibility throughout the year, Kimberley said. Farmers not having access to that is creating problems, he said. "This is four years now in a down market where most people aren't making much money, if any," Kimberley said. "To not have that flexibility option is not the best scenario." Because of late harvests,

some farmers had to wait until Jan. 1 to sign up for federal assistance offered in respect to the trade dispute with China, he noted. The U.S. has extended the sign-up period by a corresponding number of days after the shutdown ends. "We talk to a lot of farmers, and a lot of farmers are struggling right now," Kimberley said. "Everyone is feeling it on one degree or another." Sen. Annette Sweeney, R-Buckeye, the vice chair of the Iowa Senate Agriculture Committee, said she recog-

nizes that farmers are not benefiting from federal programs they may have signed up for in the fall. In regard to the federal aid given to farmers in the midst of the trade dispute with China, Sweeney said she believes a portion of that aid has not been able to be disbursed because of the partial shutdown. "We need to make sure we are looking at ways we can use domestic products to help farmers," Sweeney said, noting that Iowa's ethanol programs, especially E15, are among the products.

LEGISLATURE
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House Minority Leader Todd Prichard, D-Davenport, noted in his morning remarks that this session is the first in which women make up the majority of the House Democratic caucus. "It's a remarkable achievement and another step forward making sure that this body reflects the people of Iowa that we represent," he said. Jacoby said this will bring a new perspective to the floor. Overall, there is a record 45 women serving in the Iowa Legislature this year. "We've got five new women that are in urban areas, and this is their first opportunity to see the Legislature in action," Mascher said. Both the Senate and the House convened Monday around 10 a.m. with formal-

ities and speeches from legislative leaders. Looking forward to the upcoming session, Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny, said in his opening remarks top priorities will target building Iowa's workforce, reducing taxes, and reducing government dependence in Iowa. "Our mission is simple: improve the lives of Iowans through challenging the status quo and reforming Iowa for the next generation," he said. Jacoby said he hopes Monday's speeches indicate a move toward more moderate policy and increased cooperation between parties. "Last General Assembly, over 88 percent of the bills passed were bipartisan. I am hopeful we can move that number even higher," said House Majority Leader Chris Hagenow, R-Windsor Heights.



Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, speaks in the State Capitol on Monday, the first day of the 2019 legislative session.

Sarah Watson/The Daily Iowan

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Wood said that after amphetamine-based stimulants were revealed as the culprit, many parents or guardians remembered there had been a spill of their own or a child's prescription, and perhaps not all pills had been picked up before the baby roamed around. "They were never observed ingestions," Wood said. "We wanted to publish this for education, because often you

don't get drug screens on infants, and the amount of amphetamine in their urine was very impressive." She said the kids who were brought in with symptoms of overdose were irritable, their heart rates were abnormally fast, and their movements dystonic. "Most every child was acting differently or had altered mental status," Wood said. "One was biting himself, another had repeated, twisted movements." The primary point to remember in her and Kra-

sowski's studies was that the infants were toxic from ingesting too much of a dose intended for an older sibling or parent or other family member, she said. The researchers said their patients varied from anywhere between 10 to 18 months old, and for children of that size, the side effects of the pills could theoretically last up to 24 hours. "There's a published study of adults taking ADHD medication in the levels of amphetamine in these kids were higher than that," Krasowski

said. "They all ultimately did well, but one or two of these pills is probably enough to admit them to the ER." As a result of their published studies, he said, he would like to see doctors take into account the possibility of accidental ADHD amphetamine-based medicine ingestion and go further than a simple drug screening when patients with the aforementioned symptoms come in. "These kids are young, and they would never normally get these meds, so nobody's

studied it," Krasowski said. "I think it's good that people think to ask if anyone in the home has medication." Although ADHD has previously been thought of as a childhood disease, Wood said, it is becoming a more common diagnosis among adults, and thus ADHD medications might be more accessible to crawling babies and toddlers. UI Student Health psychiatrist Paul Natvig said medication is recommended primarily as the therapy for adults. "Side effects can occur with

medications used for ADHD, especially if not dosed correctly," he said. "Including restlessness, loss of appetite, sweating, stomach upset, and insomnia." Although Wood and Krasowski noticed similar symptoms in children who reportedly ingested amphetamines, Natvig said the proper use of these types of ADHD medication should have minimal effect on blood pressure and pulse. "There can be more side effects, though these are rare," he said.

Museum of Art celebrates 50th anniversary

Staff and friends of the museum look forward to the construction of a new facility for its collections.



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The UI Stanley Museum of Art sign is seen outside of the IMU on Monday. The Art Museum is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

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As the UI Museum of Art celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2019, employees and friends of the museum look back at its history and forward to the construction of a new facility to house the museum.

The museum has been without a permanent home since 2008, when the flood rendered the original building unusable. The museum is in the midst of a campaign to raise \$25 million to fund the construction

of a new home for the museum, museum Director Lauren Lessing said.

The new building is scheduled to open in 2022.

Will Downing, the president of the museum's Members Council, said fundraising events for the 50th anniversary will include a black-tie awards dinner in April and a "Steins for Stanley" event at Big Grove Brewery.

"I think, in general, [the fundraising campaign] could be more widely known," Downing said. "It's been said the UI is fully recovered from

the flood of 2008, but the museum is not included in that."

Buffie Tucker, the vice chair of the advisory council, said maintaining visibility in the community is an important focus for the museum.

"A lot of work has been done; it's not that we've just been idle in the 10 years since the flood, but it takes a lot of people to keep it going," Tucker said.

Lessing said there are parallels between the construction of the original museum building in 1969 and the current campaign for the new museum.

"Thousands of contributors really made it possible for us to build the [first] museum, and that's the way the second campaign is going as well," she said. "We have contributions large and small coming from all across the state of Iowa and beyond the state, from alumni and people who never went to the UI. Both buildings were assembled through a collective, broad process."

While the 50th anniversary is a chance to raise funds for the building campaign, Lessing also seeks to create further connections between the

museum and the campus and Iowa City community.

Lessing said she hopes to create a time capsule to bury at the new museum and plans to create a student advisory council to create student-friendly events at the museum.

"We envision this group as an opportunity for students to weigh in on events and educational programs that we could be running specifically for students," Lessing said. "I don't want to predetermine anything. I want to give students a lot of leeway to decide what kind of events they want

to participate in and plan for themselves."

Lessing said student focus has been an important aspect of the museum since its beginning.

"In the last 20 to 30 years, campus art museums have made a push to leverage their art across the curriculum — and that's great — but the UI was doing that in the 1920s," Lessing said. "We were among the first, if not the very first, university to think about teaching from objects — not just art and art history — but to teach subjects across the curriculum."

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Opinions

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Better listen to the white liberal or else

Responses to a recent AP article show that Hispanic GOP voters are the biggest mystery to the Democratic Party.



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An Associated Press article titled “Latino support for GOP steady despite Trump immigration talk” sparked many questions by Twitter users, with the most popular thread being penned by the article’s author, Nicholas Riccardi.

While he was judging the sources for his piece in the thread, he blatantly showed his bias by asking why Hispanics can’t just vote like blacks. It’s liberal for, “Why can’t every dark person think the way I want them to?” Twitter users’ name-calling of the subjects interviewed in the article was even worse than Riccardi’s soft bigotry.

Many referred to the 2018 midterm elections as a referendum on the Trump administration — and that they

were. The GOP, like Riccardi, would see how Trump’s hardline stance on immigration would affect the party’s Hispanic voters. Even Iowans wondered if Gov. Kim Reynolds’ critical reaction to the death of University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts, whose alleged killer is an undocumented immigrant, would hurt her chances of winning a very tight gubernatorial race.

As highlighted in Riccardi’s article, Hispanics are not a monolithic voting group, but they are also not reliable voters for either party. Democrats still have a strong pull on a large percentage of Hispanic votes, but GOP support from the group is stable. Talks of immigration reform did not make the Democratic Party as attractive as Democrats thought it might have, according to the article.

This information was not enough to satisfy Twitter users, many being white liberals, who wondered just how much Latino citizens have to hate themselves to vote Republican. Riccardi’s leftist analysis of his own article appeared numerous times on

my timeline, and he attributed religion and rural settings to brainwashing Latinos into voting Republican. Even after interviewing numerous sources, he still could not wrap his head around why a brown person wouldn’t want to vote Democrat.

The answer to Riccardi’s question exists in his article: the word “immigrant.” Riccardi interviewed numerous immigrants who most likely legally migrated to the U.S., fleeing dictators and powerful governments. When Riccardi wonders why all minorities can’t just vote Democrat, he pays no attention to the demographics of voters who do not believe the government is a lifeline; they’ve lived that. And they no longer wish to be subjected to it.

Just last week, Nicolas Maduro began his second term as president of Venezuela. His experiment in socialism is a perfect example of hell on Earth as his people starve, inflation skyrockets, and critics are jailed for demanding basic human rights. He mimics the political leanings of other Latin American countries who



Luis Sinco/Los Angeles Times/TNS
A man hoists a sign during a rally of about 100 of Donald Trump’s Latino supporters outside Anaheim City Hall on Aug. 28, 2016.

force their citizens to seek economic freedom and relief from corrupt regimes.

Latinos will continue to be a mystery to the Democratic Party because it cannot decide if they are the one minority group not worth using as political pawns if they legally migrated to the U.S., believe in the right to life, and vote in favor of economic freedom.

So, to the many Twitter users wondering how Trump’s Latino support remains steady, screams of racism and self-hate will not be sufficient enough to persuade those supporters to switch their political ideology. For me, it is better to not cave into a white liberal’s demands if it means maintaining freedom and avoiding the powerful hand

of government that my family once ran away from. I find that denying these demands comes with being called a multitude of names, just like the sources in the aforementioned article. The “better vote the way I want ... or else” attitude stands no chance against a group that cherishes everything denied to them back in their home countries.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Do Snapstreaks mean anything?

Two DI columnists debate the value of Snapstreaks on Snapchat.



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Snapstreaks are a trivial measure of commitment

When Snapstreaks were introduced to the Snapchat application, users went crazy. The introduction of this feature allowed users to analyze or measure the strength and commitment of their relationships, platonic or not, based on the length of a Snapstreak. At least, that is what users have come to understand its purpose as, according to a Business Insider analysis.

However, putting a number on a friendship diminishes the value of that relationship, placing an immense amount of pressure on both parties to continue the streak, even if it may be exhausting or uninteresting. Why, you might ask? Because whoever breaks the streak first is the one who cares less about the relationship and doesn’t invest as much effort or time into the commitment to keep the streak going. A streak represents the commitment a user has to communication, and communication is the key to a successful relationship, as my mother always said.

The level of communication for Snapstreaks is extremely low. So, how representative is a Snapstreak of

a user’s relationship? Most days, users wake up and send a picture with the caption “streak” before going about their day. Then, they end the day with the same caption and another basic and uninteresting photo to close the night before they head to bed. Despite the fact that the streaks are supposed to help deepen a relationship and allow others to see snippets of your more private life in a more authentic lens, according to a professional project and study from Marquette University, my experience and those of my friends have shown that streaks are a trivial and inaccurate measure of relationship strength. While you might maintain interpersonal communication for a long amount of time, conversations occur rarely in reality.

Instead of sending a basic “streak” photo to your contacts, hold a real conversation. You might discover the true strength of the relationship you hold with that 365 day-plus streak.



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Snapstreaks hold more meaning than you think

It would be superficial to say that Snapstreaks are a large part of meaningful relationships. The whole ex-

istence of a Snapstreak can be made up of only one picture sent between two people at least once a day — even if that picture is of a plain background with no caption at all. So, no, they do not have much significance in relationships. The reason I’m advocating for their importance is because they can display a pattern in relationships that might signal abnormalities in one’s life or mental state.

I am definitely the type of person to keep up with Snapchat streaks. It is almost routine for me to get ready for the day, send a picture of my morning coffee, and receive pictures of my friends’ dogs, post-morning workouts, or “I’m late to work again” Snapchats in return.

When life seemed to get in the way of things recently, my friends slowly saw a decrease in my communication with them. The emojis next to each other’s Snapchat names disappeared and was an indication to them that something unusual was going on. This, combined with the numerous texts I left unanswered, led my friends to reach out with concern. They cited my lack of communication as a sign that something was wrong.

I find that I tend to shut down when faced with problems, so ignoring my phone is the best way for me to deal with issues at hand. I’m lucky enough to have friends to vent to every day, and I’m thankful that they noticed this — even if it is just because of a Snapstreak.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

What’s your New Year’s resolution?

UI students tell *The Daily Iowan* their hopes and plans for the year ahead. The beginning of the year always stirs excitement on campus, because it is a fresh start with new courses and new experiences. With the spring semester underway, all students have something to look forward to, but many also have goals they would like to achieve.



DIYA ANUGU
UI SOPHOMORE
“I need to stop procrastinating.”



KYLE BRUNER
UI JUNIOR
“If I had a New Year’s resolution, it would be to be financially responsible.”



EMMA HELVIE
UI SOPHOMORE
“I’ve wanted to travel more. [This year] I’m going to be traveling to Mississippi, Utah, Colorado, Seattle, and Nevada.”



CASSIDY DYNE
UI FRESHMAN
“I want to start my own business in the fashion industry. I already sell clothes, so I’m going from there.”

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UI grads, football partner to promote robot

An idea that students started at the UI has come full circle. Iowa football is using the Seeker, developed and engineered by UI grads.

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Nate Pierotti was a third-year engineering student at the University of Iowa when he told friends Connor Early and Sawyer Theisen about an idea to revolutionize the sport of football around the country. At that time, Pierotti said, the Seeker was born.

The Seeker is a robot that throws footballs to receivers autonomously. The machine allows players to practice independently and allows coaches to track work ethic by getting data on what time of day the player practiced, how the number of repetitions, and how quickly they were completed.

"We did research to find out if something like this has been done before," Pierotti said. "The closest machine being used is 45 years old with a patent that expired over 20 years ago. There is so much room for improvement. We moved forward knowing there was a large gap in technology and realizing we could fill that gap."

Pierotti and Early met in a UI engineering course. Lab partners became business partners when Pierotti shared his vision of the Seeker.

"If I hadn't been at the UI, I wouldn't have met Nate or been part of this company,"

Early said. "There were a lot of projects we worked on in school that helped us communicate and work together."

From there, they reached out to Ben Hansen, assistant director of football operations

for the Hawkeyes. Hansen hooked up Pierotti and Early with the rest of the coaching staff to pitch the idea.

The Hawkeye coaches were more than pleased, Pierotti said, and he was assured that

if and when the product came to life, Iowa football would back it up.

"We wouldn't be where we are today without the UI football staff," Theisen said. "They've been invaluable to

our progress. On top of their support, they are some of our biggest proponents."

The company behind the Seeker, Monarc, solidified upon Pierotti's and Early's graduation in 2016. Pierotti took over as CEO, and Early became the software engineer. Two Northwestern graduates, Igor Karlicic and Bhargav Manganti, are mechanical engineers for Monarc. A little over a year ago, Theisen joined the team as director of sales and marketing.

Production for the Seeker finished last fall. Now, the team is working on getting the word out to other programs around the country, Pierotti said.

Monarc is going to different football programs to demonstrate the Seeker in action, Theisen said, because many coaches believe it's simply too good to be true.

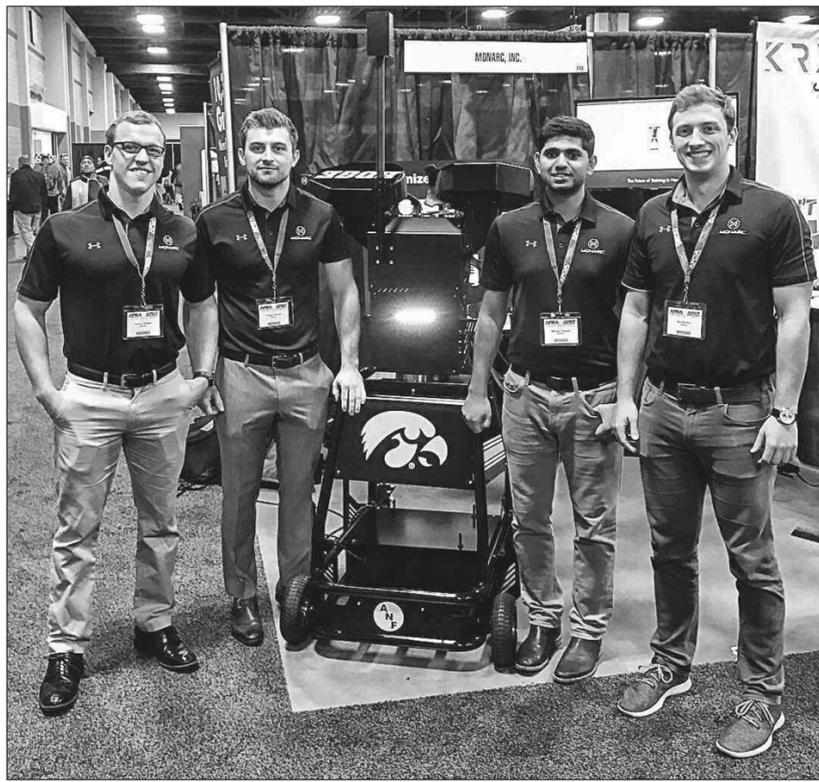
Iowa football continues to support Monarc. It has opened facilities, coaches, and players to aid testing and de-

veloping the Seeker, Pierotti said. Now that the product is complete, the Hawkeyes are eager to put the product to use and spread the word about the company, he said.

"We owe a lot to Iowa football," Pierotti said. "We have met friends in the program that I think we will have forever. It's not that they just want their team to be successful, but they want to see us succeed as well."

In the future, Monarc hopes to extend past the football world to create machines for numerous sports. Allowing individuals to grow and coaches to truly know their players is the long-term goal, Pierotti said.

"Our team works very well together," he said. "We don't have any current plans to expand, but we know that it would be great to have an additional engineer or salesman. Right now, we are just trying to stay focused and take that first step in getting [the Seeker] out there."



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UI unveils art plan for rural Iowa

The UI Grant Wood Art Colony has introduced a new public-art residency to create murals in rural communities.

BY RYLEE WILSON
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The Grant Wood Art Colony has created a new residency at the University of Iowa focused on public art in community spaces.

The residency is open to graduate and undergraduate students and will take place over spring break. After the conclusion of the course, students will have the opportunity to create murals for communities in Cedar County.

Maura Pilcher, the director of the Grant Wood Art Colony, said there has been a need for this type of course in the UI community.

"We've been trying to come up with a more permanent solution [for] creating a student body that has the skills and [knows] the theory behind doing engaged work and doing public art in its professional form," she said. "We've had wonderful success with our students up to this point with sending students out to communities and painting murals, but we really felt that there's a need and interest in the larger picture in the theory behind it, the different philosophies, and the different materials that should be used."

The course will be co-taught by Vero Smith, a curator at the Stanley Museum of Art, and Thomas Agran, the director of public art for the Iowa City Downtown District.

Smith, who holds a master's degree in art, design, and the public domain from Harvard, hopes to give students not only the artistic skills to create public art but the professional skills as well.

"One of the main goals of the course is to give students the experience to professionally present themselves and their work, so they can actually win these commissions and be an artist contracted beyond the scope of the course," Smith said.

Pilcher said the residency's partnership with Cedar County is the result of a strategic plan UI students developed to create public art in the area. The residency is seeking funding from the Iowa Arts Council as well to help develop the mural project.

"There are a few public artists that have done a lot of work in these communities," Pilcher said. "It's something that there's interest and demand for. I think they're re-

ally excited to see what young artists are working on and their takes on how to invigorate a space. They really are interested in seeing those new ideas, and that's something that UI students can offer."

Agran said rural communities in Cedar County see a need for public art.

"I think when somebody approaches a small town, and they have a lot of energy and say, 'I really want to do a project,' sometimes they'll say, 'Yes, we'll do whatever it takes

to make this work,'" Agran said. "While sometimes [in] a city like Iowa City, which we tend to associate more with this kind of work, it can be more challenging to actually make that happen."

Smith hopes the residency will expand in scale in the future.

"We're excited that it might be class that repeats, that it might be open in different ways to other types of area colleges, and that we can keep offering something like this," Smith said.

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Defense remains strong despite losses

The Hawkeye defense lost key pieces to graduation and the NFL, but thanks to a deep group, Iowa has the talent to reload for another steady campaign.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
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Coming off a season in which Iowa ranked 11th in scoring defense (17.8 points per game), 12th in rushing yards allowed (109.5 yards per game), and tied for second in the country with 20 interceptions, the Hawkeyes boasted one of the country's best defenses.

But as Iowa's season came to a close with a win over Mississippi State in the Outback Bowl, the Hawkeyes lost key players to graduation and the NFL. Defensive back Amani Hooker and defensive end Anthony Nelson declared early for the NFL. Defensive tackles Matt Nelson and Sam Brincks, linebacker Jack Hockaday, defensive end Parker Hesse, and safety Jake Gervase all started last season but won't return, because they are set to graduate.

Just as the offense has its fair share of players to replace, the defense does as well, but looking ahead to 2019, the Hawkeyes are primed for yet another solid defensive season.

Defensive line

All four starters on the line have either graduated or left for the NFL. Most teams would be sweating at this point (the starters combined for 14.5 sacks last year), but Iowa's depth on the line gives the Hawkeyes plenty of flexibility and talent to reload.

Matt Nelson and Brincks didn't put up gaudy stat lines in their time at defensive tackles, but their presence will definitely be missed, both on and off the field with leadership. Look to Cedrick Lattimore or Brady Reiff to fill the void in the middle. Each tallied 1 sack last season.

Defensive end will be Iowa's strong suit next season, as A.J. Epenesa (finally) will see time as a starter. He led the Hawkeyes with 10.5 sacks. For anyone (if there truly is anyone) who doubts

Epenesa's ability, look at his performance against Illinois for some reassurance (1.5 sacks, blocked punt, fumble recovery for a touchdown).

Throw in Chauncey Golston as well. He had 3.5 sacks last season, showing the ability to consistently pressure the passer and create problems in the running game. He's got excellent size as well (6-5, 265 pounds).

Linebackers

Hockaday departs after proving to be a steady starter in the middle. But Iowa used a solid linebacker rotation last season, and most returners have solid game experience.

Nick Niemann dealt with injury at times, but he was an explosive force on the edge and one of Iowa's fastest members at the position. Kristian Welch and Djimon Colbert will also see playing time as well.

Colbert (52 tackles) and Welch (49) enter 2019 as the top returning tacklers on the Hawkeye defense.

It'll be interesting to see how the position plays out next season, considering how often the group rotated in 2018.

Secondary

Gervase and Hooker are arguably Iowa's costliest departures.

Gervase (team-high 89 tackles and 4 interceptions) and Hooker (65 tackles and 4 interceptions) were the leaders in the secondary with a knack for finding the ball.

However, the Hawkeyes still have safety Geno Stone and cornerbacks Matt Hankins and Michael Ojemudia, and all three have plenty of experience.

Stone proved to be a pleasant surprise last season, and head coach Kirk Ferentz said his dominance at safety allowed defensive coordinator Phil Parker to move Hooker down to a safety/linebacker hybrid slot. Last season, Stone in-



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Iowa defensive lineman A.J. Epenesa returns a fumble for a touchdown against Illinois in Champaign on Nov. 17, 2018. The Hawkeyes defeated the Illini, 63-0.



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

Iowa linebacker Nick Niemann (49) lines up before the snap against Northern Iowa at Kinnick on Sept. 15, 2018. The Hawkeyes defeated the Panthers, 38-14.

tercepted four passes and returned one for a touchdown.

Meanwhile, Iowa's corner tandem of Hankins and

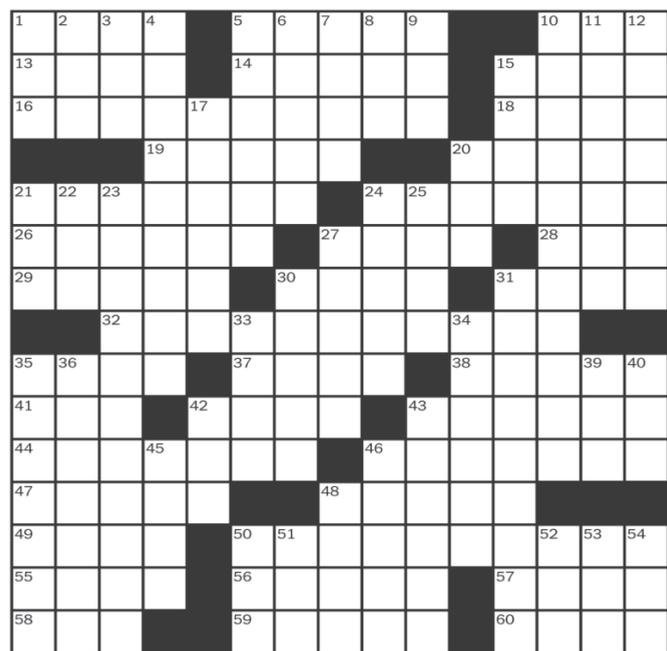
Ojemudia (3 interceptions) rarely gave up big pass plays, and they provided excellent support against the running game. Hankins

finished 2018 with 48 tackles (29 solo), and Ojemudia notched 39 of his own (23 solo).

Riley Moss and Julius

Brents, two cornerbacks who filled in when both Hankins and Ojemudia missed time, could see the field next season.

The Daily Break



Across

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- 5 Visit on a whim
- 10 ___-relief
- 13 Folk singer Mitchell
- 14 Heart chambers
- 15 Accessory for Sherlock Holmes
- 16 Combat trauma
- 18 Real estate measurement
- 19 Made more bearable
- 20 Center
- 21 Exam monitor
- 24 Leave quickly, as from a parking spot
- 26 Comedian who said "In America, anyone can become president. That's the problem"
- 27 Offended
- 28 Zilch
- 29 Dutch painter Jan
- 30 Indian wedding garb
- 31 "Great" boy detective
- 32 Baseball field maintainers
- 35 Run ___
- 37 What the Roman goddess Fortuna controls
- 38 Nimble
- 41 Sweeping movie shot
- 42 Restaurant order specification
- 43 Hank of "The Simpsons"
- 44 Casino V.I.P.
- 46 Larghissimo, among all musical

Down

- 1 Sleepover attire, briefly
- 2 "Impressive!"
- 3 x's positive value in the equation 2x = 4x2 - 2
- 4 Low-level law firm employee
- 5 Forgo
- 6 Questionnaire choice
- 7 Egg on
- 8 Disposable lighter brand
- 9 Himalayan beast
- 10 Goldie Hawn comedy or Leonard Cohen documentary
- 11 Hairy Halloween costume

- 12 Where Boeing was founded
- 15 Water holder for a farm animal
- 17 Like Senators Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz
- 20 N.Y.C. museum, with "the"
- 21 Mac competitors
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- 23 Path for Western settlers
- 24 Prize money
- 25 Guitar legend Clapton
- 27 Couldn't say no
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- 33 E.T. vehicles
- 34 Bathroom items that might be confiscated by the T.S.A.
- 35 Materializes
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- 40 Break bread
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- **Pharmacology Seminar, Eric George**, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **LGBTQ 101 for Health-Care Professionals**, 11 a.m., 4999 Pappajohn Pavilion
- **Make & Take: Sweet Iowa**, noon-3 p.m., IMU Hawkeye Room
- **Microbiology/Immunology Seminar, Gail Bishop**, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Industrial/Systems Engineering Graduate Seminar, Daniel Robinson**, 3:30 p.m., 3321 Seamans
- **"Live from Prairie Lights" and the Krause Series in Contemporary Nonfiction, Sandy Allen, "A Kind of Miraculous Paradise"**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
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just the second athlete in Big Ten women's basketball history to reach 70.
Gustafson, who was named to the Big Ten Player of the Week Honor Roll before she took on the Gophers, leads the

country in double-doubles. Iowa also received significant contributions from Kathleen Doyle and Hannah Stewart. Doyle racked up 11 points and 7 assists, making it seven-straight games in which she has had at least 5 dimes. Stewart put up 10 points with 7 rebounds and 2 assists, and both players combined for 7 steals.

"We talked about getting our composure [at halftime]," Bluder said in a release. "Our players did that and did a great job of having composure and staying laser-focused all through this game."
The biggest difference in the game was Iowa's ability to defend the paint — Gustafson and Stewart swatted away 3 shots each.

The Hawkeyes totaled 7 rejections as a team and outscored Minnesota in the paint, 52-34, while holding the Gophers to just 36.9 percent shooting. Iowa also defended the perimeter well, holding Minnesota to just a 5-of-24 mark from 3, 1-of-12 in the second half.
One huge takeaway for Iowa was its impressive

field-goal percentage. The Hawkeyes shot 63 percent, their best since Dec. 2 against Robert Morris.
It was also encouraging for Iowa to see how well the players surrounding Gustafson shot the ball.
Before Monday, Gustafson's teammates were shooting 39.3 percent from the floor in Big Ten play. On

Monday, they shot 56.2 percent.
If players such as Davis and Doyle can continue to put up strong numbers, the Hawkeyes have a great opportunity to put together a big run in the next two months.
Next, Iowa will try to put together a winning streak when it takes on Michigan at 7 p.m. Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye.

MEN'S
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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery was pleased with seemingly everyone on the team in one aspect or another after the win.
Whether it was Ryan Kriener and Maishe Dailey on defense, Garza and Isaiah Moss on offense, Wieskamp and Nicholas Baer on the glass, or Bohannon in crunch time, the Hawkeyes did exactly what they needed to do to shut Northwestern down and escape with a win without their best player.

If Cook remains out, the Hawkeyes will have to find a way to make those contributions in different areas on the floor consistent.

Bohannon will need to pick up his scoring. One of Iowa's top scorers for the past two seasons, Bohannon has only scored in double figures once since Big Ten play resumed on Jan. 3.

That one game, though, was a 25-point outburst against No. 24 Nebraska in which he hit 5 3-pointers and enjoyed success moving the ball, racking up 5 assists.

Bohannon has shown he is capable of shouldering the load, and now is an important time for him to do it again.

Kriener can also be a big man to provide solid minutes if Cook is out for an extended period of time. He has been huge in the paint for the Hawkeyes recently, scoring in double figures in three of his last four games after reaching that mark only once in his first 13 contests.

His defense — just like Iowa's performance as a team on that end of the floor — serves as a key for success as



Iowa forward Tyler Cook drives against Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 12. Cook scored 15 points and hauled in 8 rebounds in the Hawkeyes' victory.
Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

well, especially on the inside. The Hawkeye bigs have shut down some of the best big men in the conference in the past two games.

Dererk Pardon (13.8 points per game) and Kaleb Wesson (16.2) scored just 6 and 2 points, respectively, against Iowa.

"We changed our philosophy a little bit to have more gap help that way," Kriener said. "With Pardon and Wesson, we really empha-

sized on denying them the ball, playing them before the catch, because they're such dominant scorers when they have it."

HOCKENSON
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Packers in the last pick of the first round in its mock draft.

"My dream has always been to play in the NFL, and I believe now is the right time," Hockenson wrote.

Hockenson's announcement means four Hawkeyes will skip their remaining eligibility at Iowa and head to the NFL. Fellow tight end Noah Fant declared before Iowa's Outback Bowl victory over Mississippi State, and defensive back Amani Hooker and defensive end Anthony Nelson posted their intention after the

bowl game. Iowa football confirmed in a release that all four players forfeited their remaining eligibility to enter the NFL Draft.

"Amani, Anthony, and T.J. have been outstanding members of our team on the field and as leaders in the program," Ferentz said in a release. "While we are disappointed to see them leave, we recognize this is an important decision, and we wish them the very best as they pursue the draft."

Under Ferentz, Iowa has had an impressive run of success at the next level. Ferentz has coached 170 players who went on to the NFL, with 66 of those being draft picks and 104 be-

ing undrafted free agents. In the past 11 seasons, 40 players coached by Ferentz have been selected in the draft, including four in the first round (Bryan Bulaga, Adrian Clayborn, Riley Reiff, and Brandon Scherff).

With the departures of Hockenson and Fant, Iowa will turn its attention to Nate Wieting and Shaun Beyer at tight end.

Beyer mostly played on special teams in 2018, and Wieting caught 2 passes for 51 yards last season. Wieting hauled in a pass for 30 yards in Iowa's season-opening win over Northern Illinois and caught another ball for a 21-yard gain in a loss to Purdue.



Iowa tight end T.J. Hockenson catches a pass against Penn State in University Park on Oct. 27, 2018. Initially ruled a catch on the field, the play was overturned after a review. The Nittany Lions defeated the Hawkeyes, 30-24.
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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Gustafson lands on Big Ten Player of the Week Honor Roll

Iowa forward Megan Gustafson earned a spot on the Big Ten Player of the Week Honor Roll, the Big Ten announced Monday.

Gustafson averaged 20 points and 12.5 rebounds in two games last week. The Port Wing, Wisconsin, native dropped 21 points and grabbed 12 boards in a win over Wisconsin and scored 19 on 9-of-13 shooting with 13 rebounds in a loss to Purdue.



Gustafson leads the nation with 15 double-doubles after posting another against Minnesota on Monday, racking up 34 points and pulling down 13 rebounds.

In the midst of a historic season in which she has broken Iowa's all-time scoring and rebounding records, Gustafson has been recognized by the Big Ten each week during the season.

She has earned seven Player of the Week honors and two Honor Roll placements. Her 17 career Player of the Week awards are tied for second in Big Ten history, trailing only Ohio State's Jantel Lavender's 19.

Greenway stops by Iowa women's basketball shootaround

Former Hawkeye and Minnesota Viking linebacker Chad Greenway visited the Hawkeye women's basketball team in the land of his former NFL team before Iowa played Minnesota on Monday.

His message apparently helped. The Hawkeyes overcame an 8-point halftime deficit to top the No. 23 Gophers on the road, 81-63.



Megan Gustafson seemed to respond especially well, dropping 34 points and 13 rebounds. Iowa moved to 11-4 overall, 3-2 in Big Ten play.

An All-American and All-Big Ten first-teamer with the Hawkeyes, Greenway played 10 seasons with the Vikings, earning a second-team All-Pro bid in 2012, along with Pro Bowl bids in 2012 and 2013.

AP Men's Basketball Top 10

1. Duke (36)
2. Michigan (9)
3. Tennessee (13)
4. Virginia (6)
5. Gonzaga
6. Michigan State
7. Kansas
8. Texas Tech
9. Virginia Tech
10. Nevada
23. Iowa

AP Women's Basketball Top 10

1. Notre Dame (23)
2. Connecticut (1)
2. Baylor (6)
4. Louisville
5. Oregon
6. Stanford
7. Mississippi State
8. North Carolina State
9. Maryland
10. Oregon State
22. Iowa

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think a lot of times people categorize players like Baer and say, 'Well, he does the intangible things.' The bottom line is Nicholas Baer is a really good basketball player."



— Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery on Nicholas Baer

STAT OF THE DAY

At least one former Iowa football player has been selected in every NFL Draft since 1978.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Iowa 81 - Minnesota 63

Gustafson, Davis lead Iowa over Minnesota

No. 22 Iowa stayed collected after a rough first half to overcome No. 23 Minnesota on the road.



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Iowa forward Megan Gustafson is attacked by Minnesota defense during the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis on March 2, 2018.

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Iowa women's basketball entered its game against Minnesota with a No. 22 ranking, but only a .500 mark in conference play after falling in two road games.

The No. 22 Hawkeyes (12-4, 3-2 Big Ten) refused to add to the loss column, coming back from an 8-point halftime deficit and riding a hot second half to score an 81-63 road victory over No. 23 Minnesota (12-4, 1-4 Big Ten).

"Big Ten road wins are special, and this one means a lot to our players, so we're glad to get that road win and kind of get that monkey off of our back of having two Big Ten road losses," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said in a release.

Back-to-back road losses seemed probable after a dismal second quarter on the offensive end in which Iowa shot just 4-of-12 (33 percent) from the floor and got outscored 21-9.

The rough showing put Iowa down 40-32 at the half, in need of some answers on offense. The Hawkeyes found their solution in Megan Gustafson

and Tania Davis.

Davis had one of her best games of the season, tallying 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting and dishing out 7 assists. Gustafson did what she always does. The Port Wing, Wisconsin, native led the way for the Hawkeyes in rebounding and scoring with 34 points and 10 boards in addition to zipping out 4 assists.

The performance marked her 15th double-double of the season and the 70th of her career, making her

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Cooking up Iowa's replacement hoops

If Tyler Cook misses time, Iowa needs several players to step up.



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Trainers tend to Iowa forward Tyler Cook during the men's basketball game against Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 12. The Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 72-62.

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Tyler Cook has been Iowa basketball's leading scorer for the past two seasons, ever since he took on the leadership role following Peter Jok's departure in 2017.

With career-highs in points, rebounds, and assists this season, the one thing that would hurt the Hawkeyes more than anything is an injury to Cook.

But that happened in Iowa's 72-62 victory over No. 12 Ohio State on Jan. 12.

Every time Cook went down before, he got up. Not this time. With about four minutes remaining in the second half, the 6-9 big man

stayed down in serious pain with a left ankle injury.

"We always make fun of him — he was made in a lab, he doesn't get hurt," Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon said. "Just put a shot of him, and he'll be fine ... He'll say the same thing."

Cook's ankle injury came one game after he missed Iowa's battle against Northwestern in Evanston on Jan. 9.

Cook sat out the 73-63 road victory with a knee injury, but Joe Wieskamp and Luka Garza stepped up in his absence, dropping 19 and 16 points, respectively.

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Hockenson becomes fourth Hawkeye to split

Iowa tight end T.J. Hockenson has announced his intention to forgo his remaining eligibility at Iowa.

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Both of Iowa's starting tight ends are going pro. T.J. Hockenson announced Monday that he will skip his junior and senior seasons with the Hawkeyes and enter the NFL Draft.

"After tremendous thought and consideration, I have made the decision to declare for the 2019 NFL Draft," Hockenson wrote. "This was a very difficult decision because of the love and respect I have for the University of Iowa, Coach Kirk Ferentz, and the entire coaching staff, along with my teammates."

Hockenson finished the 2018 season with an array of accolades, including the John Mackey Award, given to the nation's top tight end. He was also a second-team AP All-American and named the Kwalick-Clark Big Ten Tight End of the Year, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors from conference media in the process.

In addition to the Mackey Award, Hockenson won the Ozzie Newsome Award, which is presented annually to the best tight end in college football.

The Chariton, Iowa, native led the Hawkeyes with 760 receiving yards and finished second on the team in receptions (49) and touchdown catches (6). He also ran for a score. In the last two seasons, Hockenson has hauled in 73 passes for 1,080 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Hockenson has also developed in his blocking ability. Throughout the season, it wasn't uncommon to find videos on social media of Hockenson bullying a defender.

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