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Trump expected to declare national emergency

President Trump is expected to declare a national emergency to fund his U.S.-Mexico border wall today after Congress did not appropriate the amount of money that he had demanded.

The House approved a \$328 billion spending package in a 300-128 vote on Thursday, averting another government shutdown. The deal funds around one-quarter of the federal government through Sept. 30.

Trump announced the end of the 35-day government shutdown – the longest in U.S. history – on Jan. 22 and said he would likely declare a national emergency if Congress did not fund the border wall. Other Republicans have advised against declaring a national emergency and have also said the move will likely be challenged in court.

New play reveals an untold history of Muslims in Iowa City

In the spring of 2018, two UI graduate students interviewed seven Iowa City residents who fled Sudan. Now, UI alumna Margot Connolly has transformed their stories into a play. There will be a staged reading of the play, *My Daughters Are My Writings*, at 4:30 p.m. today in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber.

See dailyiowan.com for the full story.



Hawkeye women prep for Maryland with win

Lisa Bluder and her women's basketball have a big matchup against Big Ten-leading Maryland on Feb. 17, but before the squad could focus on that, the Hawkeyes had to beat Illinois on Thursday. Iowa took care of business with ease, dominating the Illini inside.

Bluder



Iowa baseball set for season-opener

The Hawkeye baseball team has a lot of spots to fill after posting another 30-win season in 2018. Head coach Rick Heller and his squad will travel to Kissimmee, Florida, to take on three teams and test a new lineup in its first battles of the season.

Heller



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First VP for Research candidate visits UI

Vice President for Research candidate Martin Scholtz presented his qualifications to faculty and staff at a public forum Thursday evening.

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The first University of Iowa vice president for Research candidate, J. Martin Scholtz, visited the campus on Thursday to discuss his vision of making the UI one of the more pre-eminent universities of the world.

Scholtz, the executive associate

vice president for Research at Texas A&M University, said the primary reason he values a job at the UI is because he believes it is leaps ahead of its peers in research.

"One of the things I think is especially attractive of this position right now is that [the UI] is thinking about how to work together," Scholtz said. "In how to be multi-disciplinary, it's very well ahead of

a lot of universities."

Scholtz kicked off the forum by reminiscing about his discovery of research in his specialty of chemistry, which he attributed to a professor from his own college years who encouraged him to take action upon his interests instead of just learning about them in the classroom.

"I got hooked on the research

bug, and I haven't left," Scholtz said. "I was a product of an undergraduate research experience, and I took that to heart. The university's intention should be to train the students with them participating in a very active way."

Born and raised in Nebraska, Scholtz is a native Midwesterner

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UIHC staffers send 'valentines' to CEO: Where's the love?

A group of health-care providers led by former gubernatorial candidate and nurse Cathy Glasson demanded a 'fair contract' and further talks between the employees and the state Board of Regents.



Charles Peckman/The Daily Iowan

Former Democratic-nomination gubernatorial candidate and SEIU Local 199 President Cathy Glasson speaks at a news conference on Thursday outside of UIHC.

BY CHARLES PECKMAN
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Caregivers at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics distributed valentines to UI Health Care CEO and Associate Vice President Suresh Gunasekaran on Thursday while demanding a

"fair contract."

A group of health-care providers led by former gubernatorial candidate and nurse Cathy Glasson held a news conference on Thursday to further negotiation talks between Service Employees International Union Local 199 members and the state Board of Regents.

"The regents' latest offer would wipe away the caregivers' previous contract, and it would fail to close the pay gap that leaves UIHC nurses far below the nation's median pay for [registered nurses]," said a news release from the union, which

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Colleagues, students remember UI professor

UI faculty and students remember the life of storied Professor Christopher Roy in the School of Art and Art History.



Contributed

UI Professor Christopher Roy (second from the right) died on Sunday at 71.

BY ANDY MITCHELL
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African-art history Professor Christopher Roy has left behind a legacy after 41 years at the University of Iowa, a tenure that spans continents and changed the university for-

ever. The professor died on the Sunday at 71. Roy's former students and colleagues shared memories of his dedication to his students, his teaching, and the numerous cultures he studied.

SEE PROFESSOR, 2

Ferentz land-dispute trial concludes

A years-long disagreement between football coach Kirk Ferentz and his neighbors has come to an end when the civil trial concluded Wednesday afternoon. A judge will determine the verdict in the upcoming months.

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A judge has yet to rule on a civil case concerning an ongoing feud between Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz and his neighbors.

The trial began on Tuesday and concluded on Wednesday, according to news reports. Ferentz and his wife attended both days of the trial.

The Gazette reported that attorneys have until March 15 to file post-trial documents, and then 6th District Court Judge Chad Kepros has 60 days to rule.

The Ferentzes and their neighbors reached a settlement last year, *The Daily Iowan* previously reported, but the parties returned to court this week after that settlement fell apart.

The civil suit is between the Saddle Club Road Homeowners' Association and Kirk and Mary Ferentz. The Saddle Club Association was not formed until 2015, when the neighbors decided the gravel road needed re-



Ferentz

SEE FERENTZ, 2

HAVE A HEART



Elena Alvarez/The Daily Iowan

UI students Grant Clampitt and Kate Holstrum share a heart-shaped pizza for Valentine's Day at the Airliner on Thursday. Every year, the Airliner serves its famous pizza in the shape of a heart for Valentine's Day.

FERENTZ

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pairs. Ferentz, the state's highest-paid public employee with a salary of more than \$5 million in fiscal 2018, reported to a judge in 2017 that he and his neighbors had reached a settlement about paying their share for neighborhood repairs, but that agreement fell apart.

As previously reported by the *DI*, the trial stemmed from a disagreement about changes to the neighborhood between the Ferentzes and their neighbors.

The civil case against the Ferentzes was first filed in 2017, but the dispute between the neighbors stretches back to 2001, soon after Ferentz began his coaching career at the UI and bought a plot of land in the neighborhood.

John and Ann Marie Buatti, neighbors of the Ferentz family, decided to subdevel-



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz paces the sidelines during the game against Northern Iowa at Kinnick on Sept. 15, 2018. The Hawkeyes defeated the Panthers, 38-14.

op 20 acres of their property, a decision that the Ferentzes opposed.

John Buatti is a professor and the chair of the Radiation-Technology Department

at the UI Carver College of Medicine.

The Buattis also wished to resurface and lengthen a gravel road to give their children more space on which to

ride their bikes. The Ferentzes objected mainly because of privacy concerns, and according to John Buatti's deposition, Mary Ferentz told him, "You don't understand who

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I am" to back up her opposition to the changes.

To settle the initial land-use dispute, neighbors, including the Ferentzes, formed an agreement in 2001 to create a homeowners' association, which was intended to establish guidelines for splitting road-maintenance costs.

Developer Gary Watts moved in after the Buattis subdivided their property, and Watts later paid to change the road surface to chip seal in 2003 despite Mary Ferentz's opposition.

Neighbors were also concerned with some of the landscaping around the Ferentzes' home, alleging the shrubbery violated neighborhood agreements.

Sixth District Court Judge Kevin McKeever determined in September 2017 that the Ferentzes were required to join an association under the initial 2001 agreement but not the Saddle Club Road Homeowners' Association formed in 2015 because it was structured differently from the association discussed in 2001.

CANDIDATE

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and said he believes both he and the university are in the prime position for his ascension to vice president for Research.

"There's a good convergence of change on a number of different things in my personal life," Scholtz said. "I think it's a good moment in time for me and the university to really make some big strides."

Scholtz said the UI needs to have the infrastructure and culture for international leadership in research, bridging the gap across different disciplines, building up its core facilities, and making sure researchers receive credit where it is due.

"We need to be the champion for all scholarship and research activity that we do," Scholtz said. "You need somebody who wakes up every morning and this is their job, to figure out how to move the infrastructure forward."

To accomplish this, he said, the research office needs to not lose track of its mission. Scholtz emphasized the responsibility of the vice president for Research to facilitate and not regulate, remembering it is first and foremost a service organization to faculty and principal investigators.

UI internal-medicine



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

J. Martin Scholtz of Texas A&M speaks during the VP for Research candidate forum on Thursday in the IMU. Scholtz is the first candidate in the search.

Professor François Abboud asked Scholtz about the relationship among entrepreneurship of faculty, staff, students, and the Office of the Vice President for Research and how he would foster opportunity.

"There are challenges this time in terms of priorities of the university, particu-

larly in the area of entrepreneurship," Abboud said. "The forces that are driving this are partly economic in your leadership position."

In response, Scholtz said many universities struggle to reconcile entrepreneurship with research, and he admires that at the UI, while each group needs to

function individually, there is still a substantial amount of interaction between the two.

He noted that faculty can have an effect by training students to be future bosses and workers and thus have a greater effect on the world.

"I'd be really interested to hear your thoughts on

the role of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the [VP for Research Office]," said Meenakshi Gigi Durham, an associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at a different point during the forum.

Scholtz answered on the premise that the UI's strength lies in its diversity,

not just in terms of gender and ethnicity but in a diversity of thoughts.

"We need to provide different perspectives and voices on a problem," Scholtz said. "Grand challenges are going to have to be solved by multidisciplinary teams from a diverse background."

PROFESSOR

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UI Professor Steve McGuire, the director of the School of Art and Art History, noted that he was one of Roy's students 38 years ago.

"He was one of the first people I knew to combine the study of art and life in a uniquely compelling way," McGuire said.

McGuire said Roy was one of the first adopters of digital technology on campus and disseminated his research to the public over a digital format nearly 30 years ago. Now, Roy's YouTube chan-

nel has more than 10,000 subscribers and has garnered millions of views with videos about life and art in Africa.

Roy's stories of studying art and different cultures in Africa first stood out to McGuire in his class, where the stories came from Roy's experience.

"He really lived the culture and art he studied," McGuire said. "It was so impressive to see his passion."

McGuire spoke about Roy's achievements in Africa as being accomplished under challenging situations. One of those accomplishments was taking video of ceremonies that had never been documented before. He said Roy specialized in cultural sensi-

tivity and made it a mission to help students understand cultures much different from their own.

incredible," McGuire said. "He loved teaching in a way you always admire in a colleague, and as a student, you always

'He had a really good sense of humor; he had a deep love and affection for students. It's incredible. He loved teaching in a way you always admire in a colleague, and as a student, you always hope you run into a professor who loves teaching as much as he did.'

— Steve McGuire, art professor

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UIHC CONTINUED FROM FRONT

represents 2,500 UI Health Care professional and scientific staff members.

The proposed contract also includes a raise for some nurses at a rate of 2.7 percent the first year. According to 103 reported salaries for UIHC registered nurses on Indeed.com, the average salary is \$51,397 per year, 28 percent lower than the national average.

At the news conference, union head Glasson urged the regents to take the hard work of health-care professionals into consideration.

"The administration isn't listening," she said. "They're not listening to their employees. Their failure to listen is a constant problem, and it has led to many failed policies and procedures. It has led to their latest offer to these health-care providers — we know that they know it would be a disaster for the hospital."

The absence of a union contract at UIHC, Glasson noted, has led to "demoralizing policies" at the hospital. The latest offer from the regents, which she said was submitted last month, includes a raise of 1 percent a year for the next two years for a majority of job classifications.

"We're here today to make sure they hear us," Glasson said. She then read a valentine addressed to Gunasekaran, which read, "Have a heart. We want to stay at UIHC to keep providing 'unparalleled care' for our patients. Those are your kind words, Mr. Gunasekaran, but the unkind contract offer from you and the regents would force many of us to leave the hospital. Please do the right thing for our patients."

Medical lab scientist Coen Olson, who was also present at the news conference, said the lack of a contract has led him to worry about his position at UIHC and the positions of those he works with.

"It left me with a level of security where I had to take a second job making pizza," he said. "Everyone here is still committed to providing great care ... I wonder how much longer we can maintain the world-class care we have. That's why winning a full and fair contract matters. We need a contract that gives younger workers an incentive to build their careers long-term."

Barbara Stanerson, a senior physical therapist who was present at Thursday's event, said she hopes the valentines are a first step in urging Gunasekaran to reach a fair contract. She said she has heard concerns

from staff members in various departments about changes to overtime pay and personnel shortages.

"Hopefully, the CEO will listen and talk to the regents, and that will be part of our conversation — that they'll be a little more open to getting a new contract with

more information in it," Stanerson said. "We've had a contract here for 20-something years, and it's built up this wonderful hospital with wonderful care, so why not continue with that? That's all we're asking for."

Regent spokesman Josh Lehman said he is confident

the bargaining process will move forward successfully.

"We are following the collective-bargaining process and have been negotiating in good faith," he said in a statement to *The Daily Iowan*. "We are hopeful that we can come to a voluntary agreement with SEIU."



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Physical therapist Barbara Stanerson stands outside of the UI Hospitals & Clinics on Thursday. Stanerson said she hopes contract talks with the hospital administration and regents move forward successfully.

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The superior cell: Android vs. iPhone

One of the premier tech debates of the last decade has been over what type of smartphone is best. Two *DI* staffers go head-to-head to decide.



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iPhone's connectivity gets my vote every time

This article won't change the mind of any devoted Android users, but it hopefully will serve as insight to those users to better understand the other side of that Apple fence.

This argument is one that we all have had to face. It seems like a trivial question, yet it gets a powerful reaction. But from my point of view, when asked to choose between these two options, iPhones get my vote every time.

Apple products are infamous for their higher price tag and their (fake) social hierarchy image. But the company has created quality products for decades now, and it makes a quality smartphone.

The part that seals the deal for my love of the company is the simple interface it offers on its devices. There's a reason that most children these days can operate an iPad with their eyes closed: The devices are simple to use and are insanely versatile for all the needs that any user may have.

The devices also offer such a seamless overlap in all of the products that it makes having Apple products a stress-free option. Having apps such as iTunes and iPhotos being so easily accessible to all devices from phones to TV streaming devices, it's a clear benefit to pick Apple.

Also, the way Apple has consistently stood up for its users' privacy rights is something that is definitely noteworthy.

When it comes to trusting a company with something as personal, intimate, and crucial to everyday life as a cell phone, the customer will have to pick between two paths. Android, filled with quality issues and a confusing operating system, or Apple, with high-quality devices and an intuitive operating system.



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Android offers the best prices and unique features

Let's start at the beginning of this technologically illiterate politics editor's interactions with smartphones.

My first smartphone was a cheap but durable Samsung Grand Prime. It was the perfect smart phone for a family on a budget with a 5-inch display, portable SIM card, and 8G of storage.

While those tech specs might not be very impressive compared with the latest iPhone at the time, my treasured Grand Prime only cost \$180 off the shelf.

Now, the oldest iPhone available on the Apple webstore, the iPhone 7, is listed at \$449.

Even Samsung's J7, the newest style of my old phone, is just \$250 out of pocket while still offering an impressive set of features for a smartphone newcomer.

And Android flagship phones, which have some of the top-rated features of any smartphones, are less expensive than top-of-the-line iPhones.

The iPhone XS clocks in at \$1,000 with the Google Pixel 3 charging \$800 and the Galaxy S9 coming in at \$720.

And Android allows users more control over their smartphone experience by allowing apps to create widgets and unique backgrounds. Plus, Android is easier for web development.

Plus, even with a Google Pixel 2 phone and a Mac laptop, features such as Google Photos and Google Drive allow for easy integration between the two (and nearly unlimited free storage space).

I just want to say, all the creators of the "my eyesight is as bad as an Android camera" memes have never seen the jaw-dropping quality of Google Pixel and Samsung S9 photos.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

What's your shortcut to dodge the cold?

Students share their routes to avoid the frigid winds and slushy sidewalks during the winter.



AVIRAL PANDEY
UI sophomore

"I just take the bus usually. I wait inside Tippie while waiting for the bus stop near the building. People [also] say there are sets of tunnels from Tippie to Pomerantz to Blank Honors Center to Daum to Burge."

Compiled by *Suchaetha Hegde*



LILLIAN POULSEN
UI freshman

"Usually I ride the bus from the West Side, and if I get off at the communications stop, I will go through the engineering building to get to the top of the hill. Then, I go to Schaeffer from there. [Alternatively], I will get off at the Macbride stop and go through Macbride and then go to Schaeffer."



ASHLEY JOSEPH
UI senior

"If I want to get to the Public Health Building, I cut through the alleyway between the Medical Labs and Bowen Science Building. [I] go straight into the Medical Education & Research Facility, walk the entirety of the building from inside. Once I exit from the other part, I take the bridge toward the Public Health Building."



JOSEPH HAGGERTY
UI freshman

"In the summer, I always used the IMU parking-ramp elevator to go from the IMU to my dorm. Now that it's colder, I go through the Chemistry Building or Catlett. I prefer Catlett because the elevators are fast."

COLUMN

It's time for downtown Iowa City to be a gender-inclusive space

It's unacceptable that clothing options offered to the community in downtown Iowa City strongly lack an accessibility to men's clothing and non binary or non gender conforming clothing.



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Casual shopping downtown is highly accessible for college women, despite the higher prices some of the many boutiques have. However, for those who express themselves as men, or fall somewhere else along the gender-identity spectrum, clothing options are severely limited. It can be assumed by shop owners and managers downtown that women will spend more on clothes, and that's why there are few gender-inclusive stores.

That's no excuse. Iowa City is the college town that caters to University of Iowa students, who champion diversity and inclusion. Thus, the ways in which those students express themselves should be made readily available to them in larger numbers instead of catering to just women.

"As far as campus is concerned, guys will have to go all the way to Coralville or the mall in order to find casual basic clothing," Ragstock general manager Kevin Reinhard said. "It's imperative for us that we have a department side catered to men's, so we have a little bit of a higher volume than other



Chris Willauer/The Daily Iowan

Allison Lyons hangs up sweaters while working at Ragstock on Dec. 12, 2012.

places downtown. We're trying to close that gap of gender inequality downtown on a college campus."

'As the highest-ranking institution in Iowa for campus pride and LGBTQ friendliness, stores downtown should be catering to the members of their community, not only to those who pay the most'

What Reinhard and Ragstock as a company have done to become more inclusive is blend their men's and women's products together. Reinhard said a lot of their recycled products, such as oversize jean jackets and bib/bib shorts, have become gender-neutral

items that they don't separate into different departments in the store. It is in those recycled categories that Reinhard

creates outfit ideas for both men and women, sometimes matching men's and women's products with each other in the display to encourage gender neutrality.

"Even just in IC and Coralville community, there's just not that many companies that are involved with pride and the LGBTQ community," Reinhard said. "We respect that community because we are a part of that community ... and I think that is one of the reason why we get such a great response from them."

As the highest-ranking institution in Iowa for campus pride and LGBTQ friendliness, stores downtown should cater to the members of the community, not only to those who pay the most. As a community with 47 percent of students identifying as male, according to data from the UI registrar, there should be an accessibility to more inclusive clothing

downtown that includes men's, women's and nongender conforming.

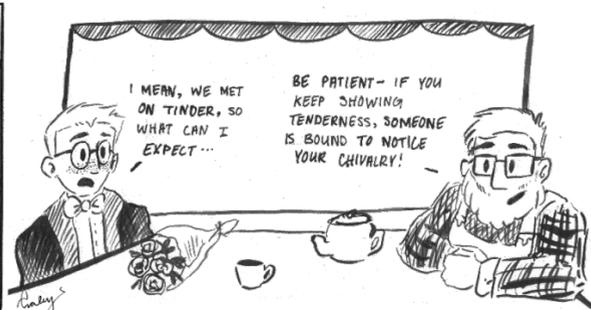
Ewers is one of the few, if not only, men's clothing store downtown. It does personal tailoring with orders that can be filled in a day's time and offers an assortment of sizes, including big and tall.

"We can fit lots of varied people," Ewers co-owner Bob Noser said. "Women's are a lot of the times smaller and boutique size downtown, while men want to come in and get things done in one-stop."

When asked about other groups Ewers caters to, Noser said women or nonbinary identifying individuals are always welcome. They can come in and buy shirts, but Ewers has a limited selection for in-store try-ons. Nonetheless, Ewers is a place where men can actually get what they need in one-stop in an area in which their options are severely limited, unless they go out to Coralville.

Downtown should have more clothing options for men, as well as nonbinary gender shoppers. The stores tend to exclude large groups of people with and focus on feminine clothing. While women tend to spend more, the options should still be made available to everyone on the gender spectrum to enable their expressionism.

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Local blood centers plead for more donors

Local blood centers need blood donors, because the weather prevents people from coming in and the centers' stock begins to run low.

BY KATIE ANN MCCARVER
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Local blood centers are searching for people willing to give blood after a sharp decrease in their supply following the polar weather.

According to the American Association of Blood Banks, 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood or platelets, but only 10 percent actually do. That struggle to search for donations is being compounded by the winter weather, local blood-center workers say.

DeGowin Blood Center donor recruitment coordinator Kerry DuBay said the extreme winter weather Iowa has experienced has resulted in a critically low level of blood donations, forcing the center to rely upon what's stocked on its shelves.

"We have seen a lot lower donation rates; it's been a brutal winter," she said. "Unfortunately, the need for blood never goes away. Use remains high. We're actually experiencing really high use."

While blood donations do have a shelf life, DuBay said the center has different levels of different blood products and types, and eventually it will need to rebuild those inventories. Type O blood and platelets are especially lacking, she said.

"That's when we send out the plea to donors to restock our shelves," she said. "Right now, when we do have a day that it's nice for someone to come here, we would really appreciate them coming in to donate."

The icy roads and freezing temperatures make it difficult for donors to reach the center, and the latter has resulted in cancellations. Several blood drives in the community have been postponed or canceled.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center marketing coordinator Anna McFarland said anyone who lives in an area without winter weather is especially encouraged to donate blood or platelets.

"We do see every January a decrease in donations just because of the cold weather and the holiday season," she said. "However, in 2019 we've had snow storm after ice storm after cold for an extended amount of time."

Similar to DeGowin, Mississippi Valley has also seen a critically low number of blood donors come in, McFarland said. Mississippi Valley officials have prepared shelves of blood by proactively ensuring that people donated before the polar weather, McFarland said, so its blood supply is satisfactory for now.

"Hospitals have an inventory level they are looking to meet daily, so we're supplying that," McFarland said. "Blood is something that cannot be manufactured or produced; it's something that's given by volunteer donors."

Mississippi Valley works with DeGowin to supply the UI Hospitals & Clinics and the Stead Family Children's Hospital with blood products for anyone from cancer patients to burn victims. In addition, DuBay said, donated blood aids in mass bleeding situations and transfusions.

Blood donor Sean McIntyre, who tries to donate at DeGowin every couple of weeks, said the polar weather did not change that. The weather was only an issue until he reached the center's parking ramp, he said, and then he was in the clear.

"I try to go on a regular basis, because I know that's what they count on," McIntyre said. "Blood products don't last forever, just as long as they can stay in the freezer."

His awareness of the UIHC need for blood products, especially during the holiday season, McIntyre said, prompted him to go to DeGowin despite the extreme weather.

"I think depending on the weather, people who don't give regularly may tend to forget," he said. "It's important to remember the reasons we're doing it."



The UI Hospitals & Clinics is seen on Sept. 17, 2018.

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went into halftime with a 46-34 advantage.

The second half was much of the same. Iowa extended its lead, and Gustafson got into a groove, dropping 17 and pulling down 7 boards in the latter half alone.

The Hawkeyes were dominant in all aspects in the win over the Illini. Offensively, they shot 55 percent from the field on their way to 88 points. Defensively, Iowa held Illinois to just 37 percent shooting and 66 points.

With plenty of help from Gustafson, Iowa was dominant in the paint. The Hawkeyes outscored the Illini inside, 48-16, and outrebounded Illinois, 44-26.

"I'm really excited about the rebounding," Bluder said. "I thought we really dominated the boards. We held them to 21 percent offensive rebounds, where we got 42 percent of offensive rebounds, and that's pretty significant. It allowed us to get our transition going."

Outside of Gustafson, Iowa had exceptional play from guards Kathleen Doyle, Tania Davis, and Makenzie Meyer. They all reached double figures.

Doyle finished with 12



Iowa guard Tania Davis falls while dribbling against Illinois at Carver-Hawkeye on Thursday.

Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

points, 4 assists, and 6 boards, Davis racked up 10 points, 5 assists, and 4 rebounds, and Meyer dropped 10 points on 2-of-3 shooting from deep in her first game back after missing two contests with a hyper-extended left knee.

Meyer started practicing on Monday before a day off

on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Bluder said, Meyer put in a lot of work and was ready to go by Thursday.

"It's always frustrating getting injured, but I'm just lucky that I was only out for two games," Meyer said. "I know it could have been a lot worse ... Now, I feel like I'm back at it."

In what could have been a trap game, the win only proved to be the perfect tune-up for Feb. 17, when the Hawkeyes take on Big Ten-leading Maryland in what will be a war on the floor in Carver-Hawkeye.

"It was really important to just focus on the game that is right here, and that was Illi-

nois," Gustafson said. "They're a really good team. They've got a really good post player, they've got good shooters. They were our full focus and effort right now. Obviously, we're excited for the next game, but I think our team did a great job of just focusing one game at a time."

MARYLAND
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at home earlier this season. Maryland also hasn't dealt with center Megan Gustafson yet this year.

Gustafson is nearing the unknown in the women's basketball program. A player has never reached the 2,500-point mark in Iowa women's history. Gustafson, though, is not concerned with her landmarks.

"I didn't even know that," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "She wouldn't know that. She wouldn't care. She's not

impressed by her own performances. It's her job to do that."

What is important to Gustafson is focused team wins. Barely a word has come out of her mouth about her records and honors, but she is focused game after game.

"Our full focus is on Illinois, but our next game against Maryland will be fun, too," she said before Iowa's game against Illinois on Thursday.

Fun is a good word for it. Both of these teams rank in the conference's top three in scoring offense, field-goal percentage, assists, and defensive rebounding. Iowa

leads the Big Ten in scoring and is second in the nation in field-goal percentage.

It's clear that both teams have weapons.

Freshman forward Shakira Austin will match up with Iowa's Hannah Stewart down low. Austin has made her mark in her first season, grabbing 10 boards (fourth in the conference) and 8.6 points per game. She also ranks second in the conference in blocked shots with 2.5.

Leading the Terrapins in scoring is junior guard Kalia Charles, who is fifth in the Big Ten in scoring at 16 points per game.

With Iowa's Makenzie Meyer on limited minutes because of an injury, fans will see fresh faces in Iowa's backcourt.

Freshman Tomi Taiwo is a future piece of Iowa's team. With Meyer's injury, Taiwo has seen an increase in minutes and in production. Even though she's young, the team is confident that she can keep up with the top guards in the conference.

"It's nice to know that Coach Bluder believes in me," Taiwo said. "Obviously, we want [Meyer] back, but it's nice the team trusts me."

Certainly, the Hawkeyes are happy the game is on

their home court. Iowa has been much better at home this season, with the defense especially working at high efficiency.

But it all comes back to Gustafson. The national leader in points per game is dominant against whatever is thrown at her. Even in the team's early season losses to a dominant defensive team such as Notre Dame, Gustafson pounded opponents in the paint.

Gustafson's impossible to prepare for, and Iowa fans can be sure that she'll be at peak performance in her last home games in Carver-Hawkeye.

MEN'S
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They've been really close to taking that next step and being a special team."

Cook is right. The Scarlet Knights have certainly improved as of late, sitting with five Big Ten victories after winning just three games in

the conference last season.

Jordan Bohannon called Rutgers' Geo Baker one of the better guards in the country. He averages 13.0 points per game along with 3.95 assists and 3.0 rebounds.

Like Bohannon is connected with Cook, Baker has forward Eugene Omoruyi, who has been a force in the paint. He's leading Rutgers with 14.0 points and 7.4 boards a game.

Like Iowa, the Scarlet

Knights started out Big Ten play with losses to Michigan State and Wisconsin, but they have turned it up since then, recording a win over then-No. 16 Ohio State on Jan. 9.

"They always had some good players, but now they just have more of them," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "They have depth. They have the ability to overcome one guy having an off-night. Somebody else can step up.

They have that kind of team."

The Hawkeyes have been on a roller coaster of a season thus far, going undefeated in nonconference play before losing their first three Big Ten games.

Then after a five-game winning streak in early January, Iowa lost back-to-back games against Michigan State and Minnesota. Now, the Hawkeyes are winners of three straight and trying to

keep the upward trend going.

"It would have been easy when we were down 0-3 in the conference to just fold it and say this season's a loss," Bohannon said. "But we realized it was the first time in a long time the team went undefeated in nonconference. We did a lot of things. We won a [tournament] title ... We know a lot of things we accomplished, and we still have a lot to accomplish later in the season."

BASEBALL
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But offensively, the Hawkeyes haven't pinpointed who that go-to hitter will be. Cropley led the team last season with a .342 batting average and 68 hits, and Neustrom finished second in the starting lineup with his .311 average. Neustrom also led the Hawkeyes with 11 homers.

"A lot of guys who are going to have to step up are coming back," head coach Rick Heller said. "I feel like with this team, from the leadoff hitter to the 9-hole, we've got a really solid group. I don't know that there's a guy who's going to hit 15-20 home runs, but I think we have a much more consistent lineup than even what we had last season, from top to bottom."

That's where the returnees come into play. Chris Whelan missed time last season because of an injury, but he comes off a season in which he batted .308, notched 48 hits, and hit 4 homers. Meanwhile, Lorenzo Elion comes back for his senior season after batting .275 and recording 39 hits.

Whelan, though, doesn't see himself as Iowa's leadoff man. Instead, he said during Iowa's media day, he sees himself lower in the lineup.

"This year, I think I'll move down a little bit in the order," he said. "Hopefully [I'll] get some more RBI opportunities somewhere in the middle — 3, 4, or 5, something like that."

Whelan also noted that Justin Jenkins and Ben Norman, two players with exceptional speed, are guys who could fill the leadoff role and give the team an added advantage when it comes to stealing bases.

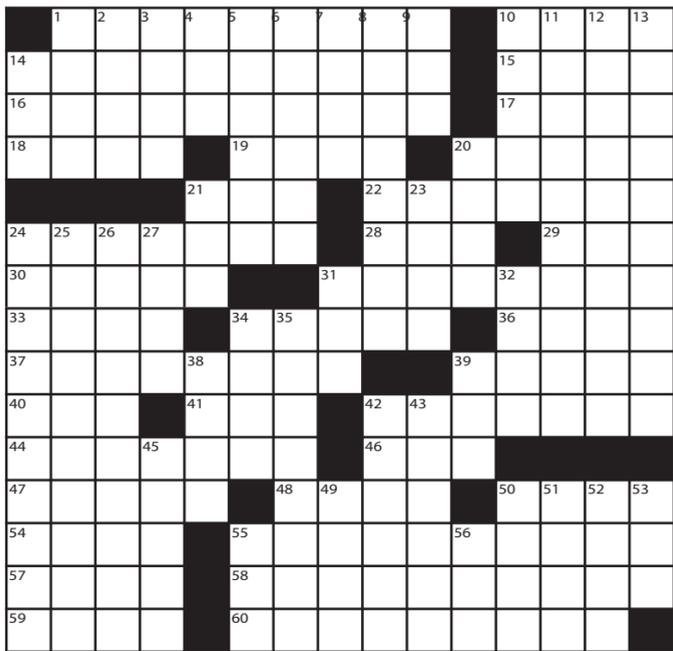
Whatever lineup Heller elects to go with today, the Hawkeyes will have time to shake things out. It's a long season. There are plenty of new faces mixed in with returning veterans, but one thing is for sure: The players believe they have a special group of talent.

"This year, we have a great group of guys," McDonald said. "We've got the culture started that we wanted to start the year off with, [and] the new guys so they knew what the expectations were. We have a ton of great guys that are selfless and want to do what's best for the team."

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- Across**
- 1 Afraid of getting shot
 - 10 Send a bunch of messages to, say
 - 14 Sob stories
 - 15 Keep in check
 - 16 Slanted writing
 - 17 Creature with a 17-month gestation period
 - 18 Eject
 - 19 "The way I see it ..."
 - 20 Many P.S.A.T. takers, for short
 - 21 That's a wrap!
 - 22 Drew attention to
 - 24 Aloof
 - 28 Something shared by churchgoers
 - 29 Layer of dark green eggs
 - 30 It gets typed
 - 31 Rapidly cooled, as metal
 - 33 One quick to pass judgment
 - 34 Music style associated with George Clinton, informally
 - 36 Put on
 - 37 "There is no literature and art without ____": Thomas Pynchon
 - 39 Dirty or daily follower
 - 40 Checker of vitals, for short
 - 41 ____ Lady (Virgin Mary's title)
 - 42 23andMe service
 - 44 Breather
 - 46 Like Chianti
 - 47 Clearheaded
 - 48 Works toward one's passion?
 - 50 Effuse
 - 54 About
 - 55 Character in "All's Well That Ends Well" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
 - 57 Viking king of note
 - 58 NASA's InSight probe, for one
 - 59 Org. that rings a bell
 - 60 Acted omnipotent

- Down**
- 1 Crime boss
 - 2 Public house options
 - 3 Contents of some childproof containers, for short
 - 4 "Exit full screen" button
 - 5 Cheer for
 - 6 Financially O.K.
 - 7 Like some Olympic races
 - 8 Folksy
 - 9 Kyoto cash
 - 10 Skedaddle
 - 11 #2 on Rolling Stone's "100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time"
 - 12 Pioneer in hydrostatics
 - 13 Many an aspiring exec, academically
 - 14 Young 'un
 - 20 Planted
 - 21 Card holding?
 - 23 Something you shouldn't do around Christmas
 - 24 Scattering of things
 - 25 Theoretically, but not actually
 - 26 Supports for some athletes
 - 27 Big brass
 - 31 Acting as
 - 32 Curdle
 - 34 Something you shouldn't do around Christmas
 - 35 Brilliantly colored gemstone
 - 38 Film ____
 - 39 Stereotypical teller of a groan-worthy joke
 - 42 Black-tie
 - 43 Company that makes Coffee-mate
 - 45 Cause of irritation
 - 49 Cartoon pal of the monkey Boots
 - 50 Bit of percussion
 - 51 Prom coif
 - 52 Take off
 - 53 "I'm with ____"
 - 55 Product from Fender
 - 56 "Sick, dude!"

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Wrestling eyes perfect Big Ten season

The Hawkeyes will go for a perfect conference season this weekend, facing Indiana and No. 16 Wisconsin.

BY SARAH ALTEMEIER
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The No. 3 Hawkeye wrestling squad will try to finish its undefeated season this weekend against Indiana today in Carver-Hawkeye and No. 16 Wisconsin on Feb. 17 in Madison.

The Hoosier dual will be Iowa's last home meet of the season, meaning it will be Senior Night for three Hawkeyes — Sam Stoll, Mitch Bowman, and Perez Perez.

"It's that time of year again — there's still wrestling left," head coach Tom Brands said. "So it's a good celebration but more than that, we've got work that's left undone, and they know that."

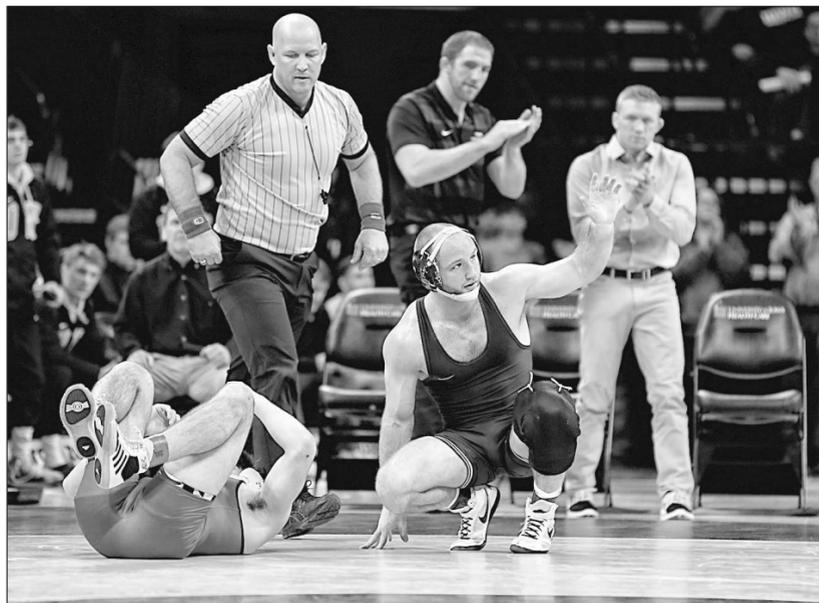
Indiana hasn't beaten the Hawkeyes since 1968, but the Hoosiers have landed a couple of notable wins, defeating No. 12 North Carolina and No. 25 Stanford. Indiana has a 5-10 record, 1-6 in the Big Ten.

The Hawkeyes will turn to their senior leadership for one last time at Carver-Hawkeye.

"Tom always says he doesn't believe in senior leadership, but these seniors play a very important role on this team," 165-pound sophomore Alex Marinelli said. "They're great guys. They show up, they want to work hard, and they bring a good vibe in the room."

Wisconsin is 3-5 in the Big Ten, with wins against Nebraska, Maryland, and Illinois. Despite the losing record, the Badgers will likely feature five ranked wrestlers, three of whom are in the top 10.

"We've got to be ready for 10 weight classes," Brands said. "There's some matchups in there where when we go to Madison, Wisconsin, we've got to be in tune with those."



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Iowa's Alex Marinelli waves to the crowd after defeating Maryland's Phillip Spadafora in the 165-weight class at Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 8. Marinelli won via pin at 3:50, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Terrapins, 48-0.

The featured match of the meet will likely be No. 3 Evan Wick and No. 2 Marinelli at 165 pounds. The two faced at Midlands, in which Marinelli defeated Wick, 4-3, in the championship match.

If Marinelli can tally two wins this weekend, he will become the fifth Hawkeye since the 2014-15 season to record a 9-0 Big Ten dual-meet record.

In order to do so, he will focus on taking care of his body and mentality.

"We've been through this before, double dual meets," Marinelli said. "It's just staying disciplined with your body — helping it feel good, doing everything you need to do with nutrition, diet, making weight, mentality. That's

the biggest thing, mentality. Get the job done on Friday, don't overlook anything, and then get the job done on Sunday."

No. 6 Stoll could potentially face his third top-10 opponent in three weeks against Wisconsin's No. 8 Trent Hillger. Bowman at 174 will get his shot at an upset against No. 10 Ryan Christensen of Wisconsin.

With this being Stoll's and Bowman's last home meet and Friday, Feb. 17 double-dual weekend, Marinelli remembers to not hold back.

"It just reminds me to always leave it all on the mat," he said. "Never leave a stone unturned. You've got to make the most of it. I think the biggest thing for them this week is just to have fun."

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Iowa softball set for second tournament of season

Iowa softball returns to action this weekend in the Diamond 9 Citrus Blossom in Orlando, Florida.

It's the second weekend of competition for the team. The Hawkeyes will face Villanova and Kansas on Friday, Missouri and St. Joe's on Saturday, and Massachusetts on Feb. 17. Despite losing three games on opening weekend, Iowa saw growth.

"There was a lot of growth that will prepare us for the rest of season," head coach Renee Gillispie said in a release. "From a coach's perspective, we are working on our process to take the steps we need to improve."

To read the full story, go to dailyiowan.com

Hawkeye cross-country earns All-Academic honors

The Iowa men's and women's cross-country teams picked up All-Academic honors from the national track federation.

The women's team posted a 3.62 cumulative GPA to be recognized for the 16th season in a row. The men's team earned its recognition for the second-consecutive season with a 3.17 cumulative GPA.

Weekend Sports Schedule

Baseball (Kissimmee)

- Today vs. George Mason - 10 a.m.
- Saturday vs. Pittsburgh - 10 a.m.
- Feb. 17 vs. Marshall - 9:30 a.m.

Men's Gymnastics (Las Vegas)

- Today, Winter Cup - all day
- Feb. 17, Winter Cup - all day

Softball (Orlando)

- Today vs. Villanova - 11 a.m.
- Today vs. Kansas - 4 p.m.
- Saturday vs. Missouri - 1:30 p.m.
- Saturday vs. St. Joe's - 4 p.m.
- Feb. 17 vs. Massachusetts - 9 a.m.

Men's Tennis (Tennis Complex)

- Today vs. Missouri-KC - noon
- Today vs. Omaha - 5 p.m.

Wrestling (Carver and Madison)

- Today vs. Indiana - 7 p.m.
- Feb. 17 vs. Wisconsin - 2 p.m.

Track and Field (South Bend)

- Saturday, Alex Wilson Invitational - all day

Men's Basketball (Piscataway)

- Saturday vs. Rutgers - 5 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics (Carver)

- Saturday vs. Illinois - 6 p.m.

Men's Golf (Puerto Rico)

- Feb. 17-19, Puerto Rico Classic - all day

Women's Tennis (Milwaukee)

- Feb. 17 vs. Marquette - 10 a.m.

Women's Basketball (Carver)

- Feb. 17 vs. Maryland - noon

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If it's not broke, don't fix it, right?"

- Iowa basketball's Jordan Bohannon on playing with the same ball he used for his game-winner against Northwestern.



STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa men's track's 1,600-meter relay ranks first in the Big Ten and sixth in the NCAA with a time of 3:04.76.

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1,600-meter relay



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 14 Iowa - 88 Illinois - 66

Hawkeyes keep rolling



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Iowa's Megan Gustafson moves to the basket during the Iowa/Illinois game at Carver-Hawkeye on Thursday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Illini, 88-66.

In what could have been a trap game for Iowa, the Hawkeyes dominated inside for a big win over Illinois.

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Iowa women's basketball took care of business on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye, toppling Illinois, 88-66, and Megan Gustafson did the same thing. Per usual.

Gustafson posted her 23rd double-double of the season with 1:59 left in the first half with 10 points and 10 rebounds on 4-of-4 shooting from the field.

By the end of the game,

the Port Wing, Wisconsin, native had 27 points on 9-of-11 shooting and 17 boards despite limping off the court and getting looked at by a trainer midway through the second quarter after tweaking her ankle.

It was the 78th double-double of Gustafson's career, breaking Ohio State's Jantel Lavender's Big Ten record for double-doubles in a season.

"It's pretty cool that she just claimed another one of

those records that had stood for quite a while and that she just continues to dominate in the scorebook," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said.

Iowa tried to pull away from Illinois for a good chunk of the first half, but the Illini wouldn't let the game get out of hand. In the middle of the second quarter, Illinois cut the Hawkeye lead to just 7 (34-27), but Iowa responded with a 7-0 run and

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After Thursday's win, No. 14 Iowa turns its attention to No. 7 Maryland in its biggest conference game this season.

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Iowa women's basketball's last major test of the regular season comes on the afternoon of Feb. 17 in Carver-Hawkeye against Maryland.

Maryland is at the top of the conference standings. The Terrapins only have two losses on the season, to Michigan State and Rut-

gers, and they've been on a tear recently, winning their last seven.

Iowa is trailing closely at the No. 2 spot in the standings. Because it's the lone regular-season meeting between the two teams, tension will be high.

The Terps are hot, but Iowa took down then-conference-leading Rutgers

SEE MARYLAND, 6

Baseball ready to step up to the plate

Question marks surround Iowa baseball, but the team remains confident it has the Hawkeyes for the job.



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Iowa head coach Rick Heller walks to the dugout during the game against Coe at Banks Field on April 11, 2018.

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Going into the 2018 Big Ten Tournament, Iowa baseball boasted a 33-18 record and had won seven of its previous 10 games. The Hawkeyes had hopes of taking a second-consecutive conference tournament title.

Instead, they left Omaha as the first team out, leaving a sour taste in the mouths of the players with bigger aspirations.

"It's definitely motivation," pitcher Cole McDonald said. "... But honestly, once the season ends, you kind of just flush it away."

Now, with an offseason under its belt, Iowa will have its first real-game action today, when it travels to Kissimmee, Florida, for the

Diamond 9 Sunshine State Classic Series. Iowa will clash with George Mason at 10 a.m. today before facing Pittsburgh on Saturday and Marshall on Feb. 17 to close the weekend.

McDonald, as well as his teammates, stressed that this is a new team — and it truly is. Iowa lost its usual Friday pitcher in Nick Allgeyer (graduation) and two of its best power hitters in Robert Neustrom and Tyler Cropley (professional leagues).

There are plenty of shoes to fill, but many key pieces to the puzzle return. McDonald said over Allgeyer's role as the Friday pitcher, and Jack Dreyer and Grant Judkins have filled the Saturday and Sunday roles, respectively.

SEE BASEBALL, 6

Impressive wins, check; no bad losses, check

Iowa men's basketball hasn't had a bad loss yet, and it wants to keep that going against Rutgers on Saturday.

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Iowa is 24 games into its regular season and 13 games into its Big Ten slate, and the Hawkeyes are yet to suffer a bad loss as they prepare to take on Rutgers on Saturday.

That's especially impressive considering the Big Ten is one of the best conferences, if not the best conference, in the country from top to bottom.

The league has six teams ranked in the top 25 in the latest AP Poll, and eight teams have a winning percentage at or above .640.

Iowa has an 8-5 record in conference play, with three of those defeats coming to ranked opponents, one coming against a Purdue team now at No. 3 in the standings, and one on the road to a Minnesota team that has a 16-9 overall record.

The loss to the Gophers in Minneapolis is the worst of the bunch, but it isn't as bad as it could have been; the Hawkeyes gave up 55 points in the first half, scored 87 in the game, and lost by only 5.

Yet as Iowa gets ready to head to Piscataway, New Jersey, it knows that anything is possible in this conference.

"I think it's another testament to our league, first of all, that even the teams with the lesser records, there's not a day off by any means," forward Tyler Cook said. "Rutgers, even in my career here, has still been a really good team."



Cook

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