

INSIDE



Hawkeye women top Northwestern with stellar defense

The Iowa women's basketball team closed the regular season with the No. 2 seed in the Big Ten Tournament after a dominant defensive performance against Northwestern. But while the success is there, the student section is not.



Nicholas Baer honored on Senior Day

Iowa forward Nicholas Baer's crazy career in Carver-Hawkeye came to an end on March 2, and even though the Hawkeyes fell to Rutgers, they sent him out with a ceremony.



Iowa swimming embraces playing host at Big Tens

The Big Ten Championships are over in Campus Rec, and the event proved to be a perfect way to send the Hawkeye seniors out. But the run of conference championships hosted by Iowa isn't over yet — it also has the Big Ten Women's Championships in 2020 and NAAs in 2021.



Researchers working to use AI to improve health care

UI researchers hope to use artificial intelligence to speed up accurate diagnoses in glaucoma patients.

Regent universities focus on financial aid

There's a rise in undergraduate student financial aid through grants and scholarships, according to a recent state Board of Regents' report, as universities aim to meet financial need — particularly for those from households in a lower income bracket.

Go to dailyiowan.com for the full story and more regents coverage.



Tune in for LIVE updates Watch for campus and city news, weather, and Hawkeye sports coverage every day at 8:30 a.m. at dailyiowan.com.



UI to implement suicide-prevention training

The UI announced it will begin requiring suicide-prevention training for incoming students, resident assistants, and faculty and staff.

BY KELSEY HARRELL
kelsey-harrell@uiowa.edu



Schreier

The University of Iowa will soon begin online suicide-prevention training for students entering the university and for resident assistants.

The online training will be a requirement for students to take before their first year begins, University Counseling Service Director Barry

Schreier said at the Feb. 27 state Board of Regents meeting. The UI is working on ways to provide this training for faculty and staff as well, he said.

All three regent universities cite stress and anxiety as the top

SEE TRAINING, 2

UI aims to hike residence-hall rates

The state Board of Regents hears the UI's request for an increase in residence-hall rates, as the university seeks additional revenue in Housing & Dining.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Catlett is seen on Jan. 16.

BY KATIE ANN MCCARVER
katie-mccarver@uiowa.edu

The University of Iowa on Feb. 28 requested the state Board of Regents' permission for a 2 percent rate increase for all but one standard room plan in UI residence halls and the same rate of increase for the standard meal plan.

Von Stange, the UI assistant vice president for Housing & Dining, said residence halls have taken advantage of university efforts to manage enrollment, pursue a low student-faculty ratio, establish strong support services, and create a quality experience for students.

"The UI has worked diligently to create and maintain a housing and dining system that promotes student success," Stange said. "We continue to be good stewards of our students' dollars."

The proposed rate increases come at the same time as an estimated fiscal 2019 decrease in UI student occupancy, from 95.2 percent to 91.3 percent.

Stange said plans for generating additional revenue include increasing the number of returning students in the residence halls and selling more off-campus meal plans.

"We're ahead on our number of returning students," Stange said. "We sold more than 500 off-campus meal plans than we did last year."

In an effort to decrease expenses, Stange said, the university will work on keeping utility costs constant and minimizing food costs through sustainable practices. Neither will reduce the quality of services to students, he said.

SEE RESIDENCE, 2

Graduation, retention dip for UI

A presentation on graduation and retention rates for the state Board of Regents reported that the UI has seen decreases in both.

BY KELSEY HARRELL
kelsey-harrell@uiowa.edu

The University of Iowa has seen graduation and retention rates decrease slightly in the last year, according to a report presented to the state Board of Regents on Feb. 28.

The UI retention rate had a 1 percentage point decrease, going from 86 to 85 percent in the 2016 to 2017 academic years. The first-year retention rate for the 2018 academic year is 85.9 percent, almost back to the 2016 rate.

The percentage of students who graduate in six years at the UI went from 74 to 73 percent for the entering class of 2011 to the class of 2012, according to regents' documents. For the 2018 academic year, the six-year graduation rate for the entering class of 2012 is 73.2 percent.

The UI's percentage of students who graduate within four years also fell from 55 to 53 percent from 2013 to 2014. For the 2018 academic year, the four-year graduation rate for the entering class 2014 is 52.9 percent at the university, down slightly from the previous class.

The UI uses the rates from other universities in its peer group, including Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, as a benchmark for its performance, UI President Bruce Harreld told the regents on Feb. 28. The university's graduation and retention rates are above the national average, but the UI administration isn't satisfied with the current rates compared with those in the peer group, he said.

"We're OK, relative to the national averages, but relative to the group that we aspire to compete with, we've got some work to do," Harreld said. "We take that mission on, because that's exactly what our students and families expect from us and deserve from us."

When it comes to retention rates, the UI has stayed in a range of 86 to 85 percent since the introduction of programs geared toward student success, said Andrew Beckett, associate dean of the University College. This makes it difficult to pinpoint a reason for a small decrease in retention, he said.

The UI meets with every student who withdraws. Most cite personal or health reasons for why they're withdrawing, Beckett said.

When the university sees a decrease

SEE RETENTION, 2

Workshops help keep participants on their feet

Stepping On, a seven-week fall-prevention workshop, helps groups of senior Iowa City residents be able to walk confidently and safely in their homes.

BY JOSIE FISCHELS
josie-fischels@uiowa.edu

Once a week, Jim Vance and his wife get in their car and drive to the Iowa River Landing for a two-hour-long workshop focused on one thing — how not to fall.

Stepping On is a fall-prevention workshop provided by the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics to help teach individuals 65 and older learn techniques such as balance and strength training. Instructor and injury-prevention coordinator Kathleen Lee said the program was developed in Australia and brought to the United States by a member of the Wisconsin Institute of Healthy Aging.

"It's been shown in multiple randomized controlled studies to reduce falls between 30 and 40 percent, a significant amount," she said.

The program is seven weeks long and offered six times a year between UIHC and the Visiting Nurse Association, providing participants such as Vance and his wife with information and exercise training to keep themselves safe while at home.

Vance, who suffered a stroke in 2012 that largely affected the

right side of his body, said he gets a double-dose of strength training thanks to the workshops. He visits St. Luke's Hospital for physical therapy on the same days he

attends Stepping On, which has helped him regain some of his strength, he said.

"If I carry this information home and keeping doing it, it's

going to help. It depends on me," he said.

A former dental technician

SEE WORKSHOP, 2



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Physical therapist Danielle Bodenstener on Feb. 28 describes how people can protect themselves in the case of a fall during Stepping On, a seven-week fall-prevention class at the Iowa River Landing. The members learned ways to help themselves up and find help after an unexpected fall.

PREYING OVER DINNER



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

An immature bird of prey stands over a squirrel it caught outside the Adler Journalism Building on Feb. 28.

RESIDENCE
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

The UI has proposed a pilot second-year experience in the residence halls, he said, for which a university committee has shaped the curriculum, determined selection criteria, and begun marketing to students who may need additional support

systems. “The proposed number of residents is 76. As of today, we have enough interest to fill all those spaces and have a waiting list,” Stange said. “We look forward to implementing the pilot and assessing the program.”

The program is primarily based on information gathered from institutions with similar programs and current students, Stange said,

and need-based scholarships will be provided for students seeking academic and social success in that community but may be unable to afford it.

UI President Bruce Harreld said that although the university’s retention rate is higher than the national average of 81 percent, it is less than satisfactory relative to peer institutions such as the University of Wisconsin or

University of Michigan. “We take that mission on because that’s exactly what our students and families expect of us and deserve from us,” Harreld said. “We’re not at all satisfied with our current retention rate.”

Other initiatives to improve on-campus occupancy include a residential experience work group comprising faculty, staff, and students charged with reimagining the residence- and dining-hall experience, as well as residential Hawk Talks, which Stange said totaled 15,000 in the fall semester.

In addition, he said, the university will reinvest in dining halls to ensure student dietary wants and needs are met. Several residence halls have already received renovations, and Hillcrest just received the go-ahead from the regents for an \$8.5 million improvement project.

“This is part of our ongoing residence-hall enterprise,” UI Finance and Operations Senior Vice President Rod Lehnertz said. “It has worked well for us to have residence halls that date more than 100 years of age and remain modern and viable for the students that stay on our campus.”



File Photo/The Daily Iowan

Burge is seen on Nov. 1, 2016.

WORKSHOP
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

at the University of Iowa and a pet lover, Vance said the things he learns in the workshops allow him to get on the floor and play with his dog, Zach, at home without worrying about how to get up again.

The sessions are designed to be interactive rather than lecture-based. Over the seven weeks, participants are visited by a

physical therapist, vision therapist, pharmacist for fall prevention, and a community safety specialist who demonstrates the best ways to recover.

“He actually shows people how to fall, which is always entertaining,” Lee said.

An additional “booster session” is offered three months after the workshop ends to check in with former participants, Lee said. Topics covered during the sessions include balance and strength training, the

role vision plays in keeping balance, and how to eliminate fall hazards in the home.

The workshops are available at \$30 per person and can have up to 15-30 participants. Lee said the money covers the cost of an exercise manual, handouts, snacks, and rental of weights used during the sessions.

Judy Swafford, a co-leader of the workshop, said exercises taught in the workshops are often able to be modified to fit the

needs of individuals with mobility issues. This way, she said, participants can get the most out of sessions despite differing ranges of abilities.

“Certainly we’re preventing falls, but we’re also helping people have that list of strategies,” she said.

In the future, the program hopes to expand to reach rural areas, Swafford said. For now, the program continues to educate the elderly and keep them safe in their homes and communities.



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Phil and Marilyn Holland on Feb. 28 watch a demonstration during Stepping On, a seven-week fall-prevention class at the Iowa River Landing. The members learned the ways in which to help themselves up after an unexpected fall.

BREAKING NEWS

Phone: (319) 335-6030
Email: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu
Fax: 335-6297

CORRECTIONS

Call: 335-6030

Policy: The Daily Iowan strives for accuracy and fairness in the reporting of news. If a report is wrong or misleading, a request for a correction or a clarification may be made.

PUBLISHING INFO

The Daily Iowan (USPS 143.360) is published by Student Publications Inc., E131 Adler Journalism Building, Iowa City, Iowa 52242-2004, daily except Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, legal and university holidays, and university vacations. Periodicals postage paid at the Iowa City Post Office under the Act of Congress of March 2, 1879.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Call: Juli Krause at 335-5783
Email: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu

Subscription rates:

Iowa City and Coralville: \$30 for one semester, \$60 for two semesters, \$5 for summer session, \$60 for full year.

Out of town: \$50 for one semester, \$100 for two semesters, \$10 for summer session, \$100 all year.

Send address changes to:

The Daily Iowan,
100 Adler Journalism Building,
Iowa City, Iowa 52242-2004

BUSINESS STAFF

Business Manager
Debra Plath.....335-5786
Classifieds/Circulation Manager
Juli Krause.....335-5784

STAFF

Publisher.....335-5788
Jason Brummond
Editor in Chief.....335-6030
Gage Miskimen
Managing Editors...335-5855
Katelyn Weisbrod
Marissa Payne

News Editors
Kayli Reese
Brooklyn Draisey

Sports Editor
Pete Ruden

Asst. Sports Editor
Pete Mills

Opinions Editor
Marina Jaimes

Politics Editor
Sarah Watson

Arts Editor
Naomi Hofferber

Asst. Arts Editor
Joshua Ballicki

Photo Editors
Nick Rohlman
Katina Zentz

Films Director
Roman Slabach

Asst. Digital Editor
Aadit Tambe

Copy Chief
Beau Elliot

Production Manager
Heidi Owen.....335-5789
Advertising Manager
Renee Manders.....335-5193
Advertising Sales
Bev Mrstilk.....335-5792

TRAINING
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

two factors that affect a student’s academic performance, said Erin Baldwin, the Iowa State University assistant vice president for student health and wellness. The universities have also seen an increase in suicidal ideation, self-harm, and suicide attempts, along with sleep deprivation and loneliness, she said.

The UI specifically reported in the 2018 National College Health Report survey that in the last 12 months, 9 percent of students self-harmed, 13.4 percent seriously considered suicide, and 4 percent attempted suicide.

According to the report, 18.2 of students reported being diagnosed with depression in the last year. The report says all of the statistics on mental health are the highest levels in the past several years and are higher than the statistics from five years ago.

“Not all the students are going to come to the Counseling Service,” Schreier said. “They’re often going to turn to the people they know when they’re in distress, so making sure those folks feel the confidence to lean into a student when they are noticing distress or they’re being approachable to a student in distress.”

RAs are trained to have conversations about suicidal-ideations and connect students to on-campus resources, UISG Sen. Amber Crow, a Petersen Hall RA, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

RAs are not trained to be counselors for students but rather as support for students who may be struggling, she said.

“We know when people, especially students,

are struggling with mental health, sexual assaults, academics, etc., they are more likely to turn to a peer rather than a service,” Crow said. “Turning to peers and friends is easier because of access, stigma, and comfort.”

The training through the program will allow students to help their peers who may be struggling with mental health, Crow said. The goal of the program is to help students identify risk factors and respond appropriately to situations that may arise, she said.

Having suicide-prevention training will allow RAs to assess what is going on in a situation with a student and be able to provide that student with the best resources, said Von Stange, the UI assistant vice president for Housing & Dining.

The UI has had suicide-prevention programs in the past, he said. It was a grant-funded program on which Housing & Dining partnered with University Counseling Service, and the grant eventually ran out.

“What we’re finding that a lot of the mental-health issues, some of them come to the RAs because of concerned peers,” Stange said.

As of right now, the contracts with the program company haven’t been officially signed, Crow said, and UISG will propose legislation for the additional technology fee for the program’s implementation in the coming weeks, Crow said.

“It’s important that we empower our entire campus because it’s not just students living in residence halls who are struggling,” Crow said. “It’s our staff and faculty, our non-traditional students, or graduate students, and our off-campus students, too.”

RETENTION
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

in six-year and four-year graduations rates, there’s typically a decrease in retention rate for that class’ sophomore year, Beckett said.

“Generally, if you don’t retain the student from their freshman year to the sophomore year, you likely aren’t going to go back and get them later,” Beckett said.

One reason for the slight dip in retention and graduation rates could be affordability, said Mirra Anson, the director of academic support and retention in the University College. To try to combat this issue,

the UI created the Hawk-eye Completion Grant to help students of junior or senior status graduate on time, regardless of financial barriers they may have, she said.

In an effort to increase graduation rates, the UI has developed initiatives focusing on supporting populations of students who are less likely to graduate, Anson said. The university has worked to figure out how it can provide better environments and support for those students, she said.

“It’s hard to really get at what is that is absolutely affecting, in a positive way, graduation and retention rates,” Anson said. “That’s hard to really measure and determine.”

Researchers hope to use AI to improve health care

UI researchers work to develop a tool to enhance the practices of health-care providers and help give fast and accurate diagnoses.

BY ALEXANDRA SKORES
alexandra-skores@uiowa.edu

Researchers at the University of Iowa are working on developing algorithms in artificial intelligence to learn from sample data and ultimately attempt to predict disease outcomes.

Graduate research assistant Zhihui Guo, who has worked with the team for two years, is very interested in the potential it has for health care.

"By building such a model, it will tell you the result," Guo said. "This is a software where you place it into a machine, and we can teach it to do what we want it to. It's basically like robotics."

Traditionally, health-care professionals use medical imaging techniques such as CT and MR scanning to produce multi-dimensional images that enable radiologists to look into the human body noninvasively, Guo said.

However, the researchers hope to alleviate the tedious and time-consuming manual quantitative analysis of medical imaging techniques such as CT and MR scans, in which radiologists must look through the images slice by slice, she said.

The team has worked on the project for around six years.

The researchers have placed a focus on the research of glau-

coma patients, Guo said. They hope to expand the technology to be able to research other disease outcomes.

"We look at each layer of the retina," she said. "We look at the thickness of the layers through these scans. Right now, we have pretty good accuracy, but we are working to improve it."

UI Associate Professor of ophthalmology Young Kwon said in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that the project has explored ways to predict visual functional assessment of glaucoma patients directly from optic-nerve scans.

"The biggest benefit is for the patient, who does not have to undergo long, difficult visual function tests and instead gets a quick and easy optic-nerve scan," said Kwon's email. "The biggest benefit for the doctor is that the visual function information is derived from objective optic-nerve scans rather than subjective visual-function tests which are often noisy and unreliable."

Kwon also noted that the AI technology can be used in the future to diagnose glaucoma earlier and detect disease progression more accurately.

Milan Sonka, a co-director of the Iowa Institute for Biomedical Imaging and the associate dean for graduate programs in the College of



Elena Alvarez/The Daily Iowan

UI graduate research assistant Zhihui Guo stands in the Pappajohn Biomedical Institute on Feb. 26. Guo is part of a team that researches the uses of AI for health-care purposes.

Engineering, said the current testing used on patients is not well-liked.

"Current visual-function tests are done by faint lights blinking," Sonka said. "The test takes about 20 minutes and re-

quires mental concentration on the task. This is especially difficult for older patients with impaired sight. OCT imaging takes about a minute and does not require any special attention of the imaged subject."

Another area of focus, Guo said, is on the detection of pancreatic tumors.

"We want to detect tumors with the data early on," she said. "When doctors look at images, they may miss them

altogether. We want to help them develop a tool to detect these tumors. It is quite hard to develop such a tool. We face a lot of challenges within our research, but our accuracy is pretty high."

Student Legal Services expands outreach

Student Legal Services set up a Student Advisory Board in order to gain input and advice to better serve the student population.

BY CALEB MCCULLOUGH
caleb-mccullough@uiowa.edu

In an effort to increase outreach and engagement, Student Legal Services seeks input from students and demonstrates it by setting up a Student Advisory Board.

The 12-member board was formed this semester to advise the office on its operations.

Javon Stovall, a member of the board, said the Student Legal Services Constitution requires a Student Advisory Board, but there hasn't been one for a number of years.

Student Legal Director Christopher Malloy said he thought it was important to get a student perspective and help Student Legal better connect with students.

"We're not students," Malloy said. "We like to think we have a good idea of the challenges that students are facing, but it's better to hear it directly from them."

Student Legal Assistant Director Amanda Elkins said many other university legal services in the U.S. have student advisory boards, and the UI contingent wanted to model the board after them.

The board serves in a general advisory role to Student

Legal attorneys, Malloy said. It meets monthly and offers feedback on Student Legal

couraged the office to put together an event for UI law students with a panel of

"An ongoing problem is students only visit Student Legal when they're in trouble," Stovall said.

While the service does offer advice and representation in criminal matters, Stovall said, the other services offered by the organization are not so well-known.

The service handles lease reviews, civil disputes, family issues, and many other items, Stovall said. One effort of the advisory board is to make those services better known and encourage students to seek them out.

Stovall said one of his goals for the board is to normalize going to see a lawyer, because students often feel

intimidated to seek legal help.

"You can't just provide the service," Stovall said. "You have to create an air in which students feel comfortable going to ask for the service, and then making sure that service is tailored to the needs of students."

Elkins and Malloy said they were frustrated that students were not aware of all the services offered. Elkins said the organization offers immigration advice, name changes, and notary services.

"You can ask us just about anything, and if I don't know, I'm going to find someone who can help you," Elkins said.

'We like to think we have a good idea of the challenges that students are facing, but it's better to hear it directly from them.'

— Christopher Malloy, Student Legal Services director

activities and services.

The board offers advice on the organization's outreach efforts, social-media presence, and other programs affecting students.

"In a way they're just evaluating us, evaluating our services, and giving us ideas that they think would help make our services better," Malloy said.

With help from the board, Student Legal hopes to expand its outreach in the future, Malloy said. Some changes the board has suggested include a presentation from Student Legal at Orientation, as well as adding more information on Student Legal in the Success at Iowa course.

Malloy said the board en-

couraged the office to put together an event for UI law students with a panel of

attorneys that work at the university. One major goal of the board is to increase student awareness of the services that are offered by Student Legal, Stovall said.



1	4	9	7	2	6	5	3	8
3	5	7	4	1	8	9	6	2
8	2	6	9	5	3	7	4	1
5	7	1	6	3	2	8	9	4
2	6	3	8	4	9	1	5	7
4	9	8	5	7	1	3	2	6
7	8	2	3	9	4	6	1	5
6	3	4	1	8	5	2	7	9
9	1	5	2	6	7	4	8	3

Opinions

COLUMN

#DoesUlowaLoveMe? Maybe not, but there's hope

It's time for us to recognize and validate those with marginalized experiences while we work for a more inclusive and accepting future.



NICHOLE SHAW
nichole-shaw@uiowa.edu

On Feb. 25 at around 8 p.m., a slew of students took to social media to share their experiences of mistreatment, discrimination, and inequality under #DoesUlowaLoveMe. Their outcry came as a response to the University of Iowa's #iloveUIOWA social-media campaign for the institution's 172nd birthday.

The #DoesUlowaLoveMe group is composed of students, faculty, and staff who came together at the Latino Native American Cultural Center on Feb. 21, according to the group's Instagram post.

"Our intention was to build a coalition with the mission of cultivating and promoting a platform that allows underrepresented students to speak their truth and share their experiences," according to #DoesUlowaLoveMe's Instagram.

The stories that have been posted on social media chronicle incidents of racism, ethnocentrism, sexism, sexual assault and abuse, and microaggressions from marginalized groups such as the Latinx community, women, people of color, LGBTQ-identifying individuals, and more. This movement has an important role of giving voice to those people and communities who don't always have the

I hid my true self, subverting my black identity to that of a white one so I would feel more comfortable in my own living quarters. I put my hair in a bun before walking back from the dorm showers so she wouldn't see my natural afro. I only straightened my hair when she wasn't in the room. I made sure my black mother and her avoided all kinds of face-to-face contact. I had to protect myself. I had to hide myself.

'As people with marginalized identities, we are often expected by those in power to speak to our experience ... That just isn't fair.'

same or equal opportunities to speak out about issues affecting them, their safety, and their success here at the university.

In my first semester at the UI, I was subject to an environment in which I felt like I could not be myself or embrace my culture as a racially mixed woman. My roommate carried out repeated instances of microaggressions, ridiculing my natural afro and criticizing the smell that permeates when a black person straightens their hair.

Following that interaction, I took a course in which a teaching assistant asked a black woman in my class to speak to the experiences of her entire community, since that woman was "obviously" oppressed before. This is a common microaggression I have experienced for most of my life in predominantly white institutions and communities.

As people with marginalized identities, we are often expected by those in power to speak to our experience. While that may not seem



Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan

The Old Capitol is seen on a warmer day, Sept. 17, 2018.

offensive to some, as it is an attempt to understand the struggles of oppression we face, it is not the responsibility of one person to represent and speak as the voice of an entire community. That just isn't fair.

The #DoesUlowaLoveMe movement brings up issues of ethnocentrism, racism, and intolerance on campus. These problems do not only fall on the shoulders of the

university administration, but the individual mindsets, perspectives, and actions of faculty, staff, and students on campus.

With that being said, the UI does need to step up and show that it supports the safety and freedom of all students, particularly the minority students who are already underrepresented on campus. UI Vice President for Student Life Melissa

Shivers delivered a message with the university, addressing the movement and stating there is a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan that will be shared with the UI community on April 4.

In the meantime, show your love and support of those marginalized voices in the UI community. Standing in solidarity is what we need right now in such a divided social climate.

GUEST OPINION: THE DOCTOR IS IN

Tips from a medical student on how to prevent an overdose

A powerful opioid, fentanyl, is showing up in cocaine, benzos, and molly across the Midwest and causing more accidental deaths than ever.

It is extremely unlikely that a physician will ever advise you to use prescription medications or illicit drugs for recreational use, not as prescribed, or for the purpose of intoxication. Yet, we know that these things happen. For better or for worse, mind-altering substances are a part of our world — so much so that Americans are now more likely to die from an opioid overdose than in a car accident.

However, in Iowa, you're much more likely to find people using stimulants such as cocaine, MDMA (molly or Ecstasy) or benzodiazepines (a class that includes Xanax and Klonopin) than heroin.

The comparatively little amount of heroin in Iowa doesn't mean that UI students aren't at risk of opioid overdose. In states surrounding Iowa, more and more people die of accidental overdose when using benzos or stimulants: bars of Xanax and bags of cocaine are found to contain a particularly potent opiate known as fentanyl, unbeknown to the consumer.

This recent cross-contamination trend represents a good reason for people who use benzos, cocaine, and MDMA to practice extra care before getting high.

For people who use opioids or drugs that could contain fentanyl contaminants, there are a few key steps to preventing an overdose.

1. Test your drugs

Drug checking is smart. It also takes relatively little time. Interested in whether your molly is pure and not a mixture of methamphetamine and MDMA? Is your cocaine really cocaine? There's a test for that, and many can be purchased via an organization called Dance Safe. This is also a proven overdose-prevention strategy.

Organizations such as the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition provide free fentanyl test strips, which can test any substance for the presence of this potent opioid. Finding out whether your drugs contain fentanyl is the first step in figuring out whether it is safe to proceed with using, or how to use more safely.

2. Go slow

You can always do more, but you can never take back. Take time to observe the effects of the drug on your body.

3. Don't use alone

If you do choose to get high by yourself, give a friend a heads up. People die of overdoses because they use without anyone around who can administer naloxone (or call 911).

4. Carry naloxone

Naloxone (brand name Narcan) is the antidote to opioid toxicity that can be used to reverse an overdose.

Bonus: Naloxone is an extremely safe medication with fewer negative side effects than Tylenol. Obtaining naloxone in Iowa is easy and can also be obtained via the harm-reduction group.

5. Be careful about mixing

People are more likely to die of an opiate overdose when they are also taking benzos or drinking alcohol. Not to be alarmist, but let's say a person takes a few bars of Xanax early in the evening, then heads to the bar and does a few lines of (unknowingly) fentanyl-contaminated cocaine in the bathroom. The combined presence of fentanyl, alcohol, and benzodiazepines can make an overdose a more likely result.

TL;DR: There's no way of knowing what your drugs contain because their composition is not regulated. So practice harm reduction and stay safe.

— Sarah Ziegenhorn
Third-year UI medical student



Myung J. Chun/Los Angeles Times/TNS

COLUMN

Interpreting the Opinions section

The distinction between columnists and reporters must be made in a world that is always ready to criticize the media at every turn.



MARINA JAIMES
marina-jaimes@uiowa.edu

In an era dominated by "fake news" allegations toward the media and toward facts that strike negative chords with readers, it is important to establish fact from opinion.

That being said, opinions are based on fact and are established on how an individual interprets that fact.

Every section of a newspaper works together with one goal of creating a better informed public. At *The Daily Iowan*, reporters provide insight on news, opinions, sports, politics, art, film, and photojournalism. While opinion columnists are bound by the same journalistic ethics as reporters, they abide by a standard that grants them permission to express their own feelings on a topic.

As the editor of the Opinions section, I see firsthand the range of opinions that can evolve from facts that are provided through statistics, budgets, polls, and news reports. The *DI* even offers a "Point/Counterpoint" article format that allows writers to explain their reasoning using the same set of facts provided to both writers.

Unlike news and politics reporters, Opinions columnists are allowed to express their biases in an attempt to open the minds of readers to different points of view. They

are entitled to that right and encouraged to provoke meaningful thought. Under no circumstance are they obligated to take a neutral position. Requiring them to do so would contradict the very title of an "Opinions" columnist.

Opinions columnists have often specialized their writing to a certain interest area in which they have a background.

'I hope to see a growing number of diverse opinions in this section ... not just taking in viewpoints that make us comfortable.'

Whether that background is in medicine, culture, environmental policy, or social justice, their expertise in that area does not hinder them from working as a columnist.

A writer with experience in conservative politics is equally as valuable as a writer with experience in liberal politics. Both voices are necessary to create a balanced page that is relatable to readers from all walks of life. In an opinions section, allegiance to a particular set of beliefs does not diminish the work of an article.

It is important for this distinction to be made. As long as columnists report their opinion on factual findings, they are welcome to write on their stance.

My role as the Opinions editor has allowed me to realize this. In fact, it's one of the reasons I applied for the position in the first place. I wanted to develop a deeper understanding of opinions that are differ-

ent from my own. It's been an eye-opening experience and I'm better because of it.

The *DI* would not have a successful opinions section if every reader was satisfied with every stance presented. I hope to see a growing number of diverse opinions in this section and invite readers to join me in becoming better at understanding the world we live in — not just taking in viewpoints that make us comfortable. It would be a failure of my role as editor to supply the public with only one idea day after day.



Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan

The Daily Iowan's business office is seen on Sunday.

STAFF

GAGE MISKIMEN Editor-in-Chief

MARINA JAIMES Opinions Editor

Elijah Helton, Michelle Kumar, Nichole Shaw, Taylor Newby, Anna Banerjee, Zohar Nadler, Madeleine Neal, Maleaha Brings Plenty, Noah Neal, Danielle McComas Columnists

AJ Boulund, Braedyn Dochterman, Haley Triem Cartoonists

EDITORIALS reflect the majority opinion of the *DI* Editorial Board and not the opinion of the Publisher, Student Publications Inc., or the University of Iowa.

COLUMNS and **EDITORIAL CARTOONS** reflect the opinions of the authors and are not necessarily those of the Editorial Board, *The Daily Iowan*, or other organizations in which the author may be involved.

EDITORIAL POLICY

THE DAILY IOWAN is a multifaceted news-media organization that provides fair and accurate coverage of events and issues pertaining to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Johnson County, and the state of Iowa.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR may be sent via email to daily.iowan.letters@gmail.com (as text, not attachments). Each letter must be signed and include an address and phone number for verification. Letters should not exceed 300 words and may be edited for clarity, length, style, and space limitations, including headlines. The *DI* will only publish one letter per author per month. Letters will be chosen for publication by the editors according to space considerations. No advertisements or mass mailings, please.

GUEST OPINIONS that exceed 300 words in length must be arranged with the Opinions editor at least three days prior to the desired date of publication. Guest opinions are selected in accordance with length, subject relevance, and space considerations. Guest opinions may be edited for length, clarity, style, and space limitations.

READER COMMENTS that may appear were originally posted on dailyiowan.com or on the *DI*'s social media platforms in response to published material. They will be chosen for print publication when they are deemed to be well-written and to forward public discussion. They may be edited for length and style.

UI alum named Global Citizen of the Year finalist

UI alum Jeremy Marks' experiences of traveling through China, South Africa, and Europe made him a finalist for the 2018 Global Citizen of the Year Award.

BY KINSEY PHIPPS
kinsey-phipps@uiowa.edu

Five hours after his University of Iowa graduation ceremony in May 2018, Jeremy Marks was on a plane to China.

Before heading to graduate school this past fall, Marks took every opportunity he could to see the world, he said. He enrolled in a two-week course called Business and Culture in China directly after graduation.

Searching for more, he opted to do an International Education of Students internship in Cape Town, South Africa, immediately following the conclusion of the course in China. His cultural experiences paved the way to becoming a 2018 the group's Global Citizen of the Year Award finalist.

According to its website, the Global Citizen of the Year Award recognizes students who intern or

prize. The winner speaks at the organization's Abroad Annual Conference in Chicago.

"When I left Cape Town, I had no idea about this award. I became really close with a lot of people from IES and from my internship site," Marks said. "The IES director down there asked me to apply. I thought I'd be a competitive applicant for the award, because I studied abroad twice with it in the same summer."

Marks earned a degree in management last spring, and he headed to graduate school this past fall at Rush University in Chicago to pursue a master's in health-systems management, he said.

During his undergraduate years, he was an active volunteer at UI Hospitals & Clinics, clocking in more than 1,400 volunteer hours. He was promoted to chairperson of the college student leader board his senior



Contributed

'Study abroad has had a huge impact on what decisions I made. Every time I go abroad, I gain more perspective about the world. We are more alike in this world than we are different.'

—Jeremy Marks, UI alum

study abroad and make an impact in the international community. Students are recognized for philanthropic, academic, or personal efforts abroad. One winner was chosen, and Marks was among two others as finalists, each receiving a cash

year, said Jean Reed, UIHC director of volunteer services.

"Jeremy sets goals and attains them with uncommon perseverance," Reed said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "He exhibits a calm and easygoing demeanor, whether present-

ing to a room full of 200-plus new volunteers, being interviewed by a panel, or meeting with senior leadership. His demeanor inspires those around him to develop a positive service outlook as well."

His involvement with UIHC allowed him to find a path in life, he said, and paved the way to his internship in Cape Town. Marks interned with the Western

Cape Department of Health and worked at New Somerset Hospital, where he created a medical-equipment loan registry for staff.

After his internship in South Africa was completed, Marks had a few weeks before classes began at Rush University, he said. He took that time to travel and visit friends in Austria, Switzerland, and Italy.

"Study abroad has had a huge impact on what decisions I made," Marks said. "Every time I go abroad, I gain more perspective about the world. We are more alike in this world than different."

UI Adjunct Lecturer Alexander Taylor sees Marks' global experience to be an advantage in wherever life takes him post-academia, he said.

"He has a global view on

things, especially when it comes to health care," Taylor said. "He understands complex challenges facing health care today. Oftentimes, young professionals have a narrow scope. Jeremy was able to think a bit more long-term and strategically. His strategic outlook and ability to look at the world more holistically will serve him very well."



Hills Bank
and Trust Company
Member FDIC



GRAND GIVEAWAY

The Daily Iowan

Campus Quest

Answer today's Campus Quest for a chance to win \$1000!

Can you identify this building on campus?



To enter, log onto dailyiowan.com.

Click on the Grand Giveaway Campus Quest Button.

1st place prize: \$1,000

2 runner-up prizes: 3 Wedge pizza Gift Certificates, Daily Iowan t-shirt and mug

BAER
CONTINUED FROM 8

state, to this university, and he's done a phenomenal job from Day 1," Iowa assistant coach Andrew Francis said. "He came in here and wanted to have an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than himself. For him to put together the career that he has, it has been an unbelievable thing to witness and be a part of."

Baer finished the Rutgers game with a team-high 17 points. He also grabbed 6 rebounds and drained four of his 12 3-point attempts.

Prior to the loss against Rutgers, Baer's career-high for

3-point attempts was seven. "I gave him a little tap on the shoulder and said, 'I'm glad you shot 12 3s tonight, there's no better way to go out in Carver,'" Jordan Bohannon said.

Minutes before the tip-off, Baer went to the middle of the court and stood with head coach Fran McCaffery and the Baer family. Holding a framed jersey, Baer posed for photographs and received his first standing ovation of the day.

"It's a special moment," he said. "The opportunity to give a hug to Coach McCaffery, and I couldn't be more thankful to him and for the opportunity he's given me. To just have my whole family out there, that was great as well. Everyone that was

out there is special to me." With just two games remaining in the regular season, Hawkeye fans don't have too much time left with one of the most high-energy players to come through the program.

Baer's five years at Iowa are nothing short of remarkable — a walk-on who worked his way into starter minutes to earning the Big Ten's Sixth Man of the Year award after the 2016-17 season.

But Baer's off-court legacy is what many will remember him for.

"I stopped calling him 'Baer Cage' and started calling him 'Care Baer,' because he cares about everybody and everything," Francis joked after the game.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Forward Megan Gustafson drives for a layup against Northwestern in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Gustafson finished with 34 points and 12 rebounds.

WOMEN'S
CONTINUED FROM 8

In Iowa's win over Nebraska on Feb. 25, the Hawkeyes held the Cornhuskers to 14 points under their season average and to 35 percent shooting from the field. The Hawkeyes shot 53 percent in the victory.

Iowa's guards are a big reason.

The tandem of Kathleen Doyle and Makenzie Meyer are harassing shooters on the perimeter. In the win against Northwestern, the Wildcats struggled to get things going from the 3-point line, finishing the day 1-for-14.

This was paired with a solid day of shooting from the Hawkeyes. The team shot 31

percent from the 3-point line, with Davis leading the charge, shooting 50 percent from deep.

Northwestern as a whole shot 38 percent from the field. The Hawkeye defense was able to control the Wildcats thoroughly, and that was accentuated on the offensive side — the Hawkeyes shot 61 percent.

Iowa is also making offenses struggle by rebounding. Its opponents are often incapable of matching dominant Hawkeye play in the paint, and the team continually out-rebounds opponents.

It's easy to understand why: Gustafson is a jackhammer in the paint, leading the conference with 13.3 rebounds per game. Iowa ranks fourth in the Big Ten in rebounding margin on the season, and the gap is closing with

the recent wins over Nebraska and Northwestern.

Iowa has been doing this all season. Fans should be excited that the team is peaking at the right time, but they shouldn't be surprised at the success. What made Sunday special was honoring the historic senior class of Davis, Stewart, and Gustafson.

But at the center of the festivities was a desire for more.

"We want to cut down the net at the end of it all," Bluder told fans during the Senior Day ceremony.

With a defense that's playing like Iowa's and a post player like Gustafson, nothing's out of the question.

"We've had some incredible memories on this court," Gustafson said. "But we want to keep it going. We're going to keep fighting like crazy."

MARCH
CONTINUED FROM 8

"It didn't matter if it's March or November — you've got to play the same way," forward Tyler Cook said.

In each of the last two contests, Iowa has let a player averaging single digits go off for at least 27. Justin Ahrens scored 29 for the Buckeyes after averaging 2.1 points per game. On March 2, Ron Harper Jr. dropped 27 after averaging 6.9.

And before both games, the play-by-play announcer became a bigger story than the team. That certainly didn't happen to Michigan State or Michigan in late February, right before the final stretch of the regular season when teams should be focused on on-court happenings.

Iowa didn't take care of its business on the court, either. It's hard for a team in the Big Ten to win games when it only shoots 36 percent from the floor, including 28 percent from 3-point range, against a squad with a season that is essentially over.

Of course, it's probably a little more difficult to execute when the head coach is kicking back in his office to watch the game with the play-by-play announcer because of a two-game suspension.

If things continue to trend downward for Iowa, March will be a disaster.

There are some positives, though. Iowa has at least found ways to win. Those kinds of victories may not be pretty, but they can really help a team come tournament time. The Hawkeyes have proven to be stellar on offense and solid enough on the de-

fensive end of the floor to do some damage. They haven't shown it lately, but it's somewhere in that locker room.

"We're obviously disappointed in the outcome, but we feel good about who we are, where we are," assistant coach Andrew Francis said. "I think these guys understand this is what we work for, to be in this position in this point of the year where all of our games are relevant."

Iowa has hope, and with players such as Jordan Bohannon coming through at the end of games, anything can happen. Especially in March.

But for now, the Hawkeyes have some improvements to make. It might be next season before Iowa goes on a five-game winning streak again, but that doesn't mean the Hawkeyes can't make noise in the post-season. Before they can do that, however, there's work to do.

STUDENTS
CONTINUED FROM 8

ular-season game for the Hawkeyes, it was also a celebration of one of the strongest senior classes in program history, highlighted by possibly the greatest Hawkeye basketball player in Megan Gustafson.

The community showed up to support the National Player of the Year candidate and the rest of the seniors, filling 12,051 of the 15,500 seats in Carver-Hawkeye and providing a captivating atmosphere.

"I have to thank the Hawkeye fans who came out today," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "It was an amazing environment."

However, there was one part of Carver-Hawkeye left notably empty: the student section.

Sunday's game wasn't an anomaly, it was normal. Over the course of my two seasons covering the Iowa women's

basketball team, I have never seen a student section that goes more than one and a half rows deep, and even those are rare sights.

That could be understandable for a team that loses more than it wins, but that's not the case with the Hawkeye team. Iowa has locked up a two-round bye for the upcoming Big Ten Tournament and has all but secured a top-four seed in the fast-approaching NCAA Tournament.

In the women's tournament, the top four seeds get to host the first two rounds. That means there is likely a chance Iowa will play the first two games of the NCAA Tournament in Carver-Hawkeye.

If that is the case, Iowa will play its first game either March 22 or 23 and if it wins that one, it will play a second game either March 24 or 25.

For those without calendars handy, that is at the tail end of spring break for students, meaning they should return to campus around that time.

With the tournament fall-

ing at such a favorable time for students, there is no reason any of Iowa's possible NCAA Tournament games shouldn't have a student section.

Tickets start going on sale March 5 in anticipation of the Hawkeyes' hosting the first two rounds.

Missing any team led by Bluder could be considered a disappointment, but perhaps none of her teams have had more talent than this team.

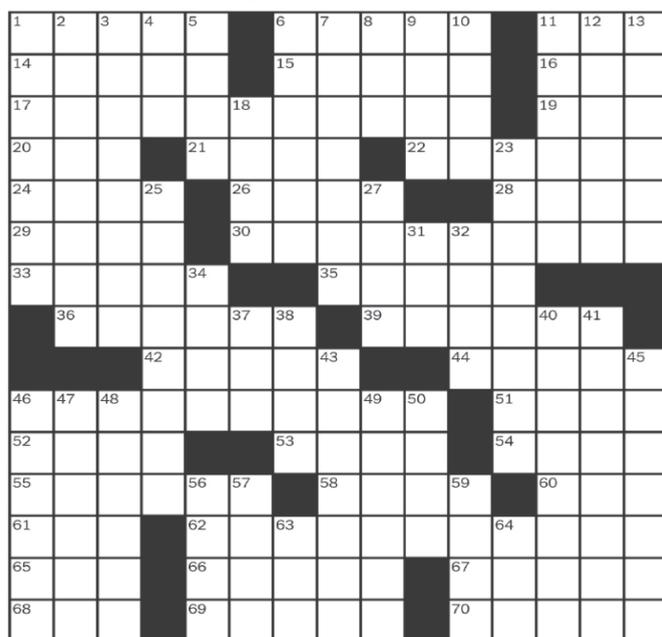
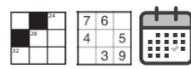
It's a team that boasts one of the best offenses in the nation, along with an underrated defense and one of the best basketball players in the country in Gustafson.

Iowa's 2018-19 team is certainly a joy to watch, and the players think it's an experience students would enjoy

"I think if the students came out, they'd be surprised by how much fun they'd have," forward Hannah Stewart said.

Her teammate agrees. "They'd have a lot of fun," guard Tania Davis said. "We never disappoint."

The Daily Break



The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0128

Across

- 1 Joint that a sock covers
- 6 Small recess
- 11 Karl Marx's "___ Kapital"
- 14 Country star Tucker
- 15 Theater worker
- 16 Month with Columbus Day: Abbr.
- 17 Giving away unwanted items rather than trashing them
- 19 Second letter after epsilon
- 20 Rage
- 21 Luau dance
- 22 Absorbs, as gravy on a plate
- 24 Broccoli ___
- 26 Clark of the Daily Planet
- 28 Obsessive to a fault
- 29 The Supremes' "___! In the Name of Love"
- 30 Extra job in the gig economy
- 33 Gin's partner in a classic drink
- 35 Look at, in the Bible
- 36 Put in more ammunition
- 39 Greeting in Tel Aviv
- 42 Lessens, as pain
- 44 Alternatives to Nikes
- 46 Dramatically end a speech, in a way
- 51 Result of a traffic ticket
- 52 Many, many, many, many, many moons
- 53 Hanker (for)
- 54 Ex-senator Bayh
- 55 "Hold your horses"
- 58 Tear to bits
- 60 Mind's I?
- 61 Reaction to an overshare
- 62 Crowdfunding site ... or a hint to the beginnings of 17-, 30- and 46-Across
- 65 Goal
- 66 Inventor Howe
- 67 Prefix between tri- and penta-
- 68 Martial arts master Bruce
- 69 What a star on the American flag represents
- 70 Slightly off

Down

- 1 Initially
- 2 Holden Caulfield, for "The Catcher in the Rye"
- 3 Patella
- 4 Chemical compound with the formula NaOH
- 5 Made for ___ other
- 6 Centers of atoms
- 7 Components of archipelagoes
- 8 Second letter after epsilon
- 9 Roosters' mates
- 10 Therefore
- 11 "Crime ___ pay"
- 12 Real
- 13 Alternative to a paper clip
- 18 Hardy-har-hars
- 23 Previous incarnation
- 25 Disorder resulting in seizures
- 27 Bagful carried by a caddie
- 31 When repeated, a sneaky laugh
- 32 Mil. branch with B-52s
- 34 Paint layer
- 37 Wood for a baseball bat
- 38 Profound
- 40 Classic typewriter brand
- 41 Bosses
- 43 Look smugly upon
- 45 Madrid matrons
- 46 Insurance type that often accompanies medical
- 47 Dormmate, e.g.
- 48 Punctual
- 49 Existing: Lat.
- 50 Coin with Lincoln on it
- 56 Barely makes, with "out"
- 57 Pinball fail
- 59 Facts and figures
- 63 Spying org.
- 64 Band with the 1993 hit "Everybody Hurts"

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 3

••••• **WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY** •••••

- ***Seeing, Seeking, Feeling, Reading: Granary Books***, all day, Main Library Gallery
- **Guest Author: Sheree Renée Thomas, "Researching 160 Years of Afrofuturism, Q&A, 1:30 p.m., 1140 Main Library**
- **College of Law Diversity Committee Meeting, 5 p.m., 285 Boyd Law**
- **Iowa City Book Festival Lit Talks: Pete Buttigieg, 7 p.m., IC Public Library, 123 S. Linn**
- **Guest Artist Recital: Minju Choi, Piano, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Recital Hall**

SUBMIT AN EVENT

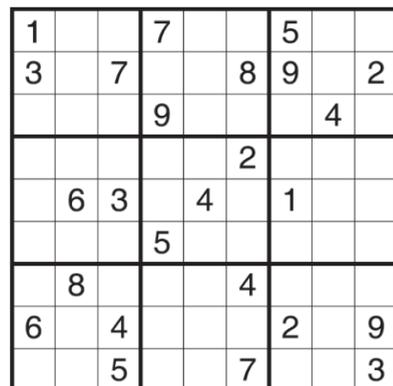
Want to see your special event appear here? Email dicalendar@uiowa.edu with details.



Call Letters: KRUI | Frequency: 89.7MHz
Hours of Operations: 24 Hours a day

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

- DITV Crossover** 8:45-9am
- Debatebabble** 2-3pm
- The Ozone** 3-4pm
- News** 4-4:30pm
- Science for Sixty** 5-6pm
- It's a Date!** 8-9pm
- Soul Sample** 11pm-12am



DISCOVER YOUR SUPERPOWER



New Donors
EARN \$270 for 4 donations!
Make EXTRA \$\$\$ with our **Specialty Programs!**
Schedule an appointment at biotestplasma.com
Open 7 days a week!
408 South Gilbert • Iowa City, Iowa 52240
(319) 341-8000



[BiotestPlasmaCenterIowaCity](https://www.facebook.com/BiotestPlasmaCenterIowaCity) @BPCIowaCity

We **DO NOT** pay by WEIGHT!

Copyright (c) 2018 Biotest Pharmaceuticals Corporation. All Rights Reserved. *when applicable

BECOME A BIOTEST PLASMA SUPERHERO!

Hawkeyes happy to host Big Tens

Iowa swimming & diving was honored to host the Big Ten Championships over the weekend.

BY TANNER DESPLANQUE
tanner-desplanque@uiowa.edu

Hosting the Big Ten Championships is an honor, and the Iowa men's swimming & diving team had the privilege to welcome the other Big Ten schools to the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Feb. 27-March 2.

This wasn't the first time a conference tournament has been on campus; Campus Rec hosted the meet in 2015 as well.

Holding the Big Ten Championships not only gives the university some pride, it helps give the senior swimmers on the men's team a terrific way to finish their careers.

"Words can't describe it. I feel like this is the perfect cap on a senior year because you got your home meet, and we're all about representing the Black and Gold," senior Tanner Nelson said. "I know we weren't really 100 percent thrilled about how we finished, but I was excited about leaving it all in the pool one last time. I mean, we had it a few years ago here, and I was like, 'It would be so cool,' and all of the sudden I heard last year, this is amazing, that I get to finish my last race here."

The meet is a special thing, and it's a great way to

bring more opportunities to the athletes and the campus.

With opportunity also comes anxiety, because of the Big Ten's standing in the swimming and diving world.

"Being at home, I think, sometimes provided a little extra anxiety for some with everything going on, and once they settled in, they started tearing it up," head coach Marc Long said.

"Some of these 'A' finals are harder to make in the Big Ten 'A' final than NCAAs just a couple years ago. These are just world-class 'A' finals ... NCAAs is obviously where you want to be, but the Big Ten conference is special because it really holds the integrity of its conference meet. It's not just a qualifying meet."

These opportunities would not happen without an amazing event staff, and Iowa had that. With a championship in a conference such as the Big Ten, a lot of work is needed to make sure things run smoothly. The event staff stayed on top of things all week to help Iowa put on a solid tournament.

"I do want to give a shout out to this facility, and when



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Tanner Nelson competes in the 200 breaststroke during finals of the Big Ten Championships on March 2.

you host a championship like this, there are a lot of nice facilities in the country, but it's going to be about the people and how well they can manage it," Long said. "I will say, top to bottom, our athletics staff and recre-

ation staff do a tremendous job here. They really run the meat and potatoes of the timing systems, the fit and finish, and you're not going to find a garbage can that is overflowing."

While it's a great oppor-

tunity to host a conference tournament once, the Hawkeyes will do it again in the near future, with the Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships in 2020 and NCAAs in 2021.

"We do have the women's meet next year, we have a lot of freshmen coming in, so we're really excited about that meet," Long said. "We have NCAA in '21, that's a meet we shut the whole facility down. You know, it's a fast pool, they like coming here. But again, it's the people."

Iowa baseball tops No. 19 Oklahoma State

After a heartbreaking loss, Iowa bounced back to win two in a row over No. 19 Oklahoma State.

BY PETE RUDEN
peter-ruden@uiowa.edu

The season is still young, but Iowa baseball took a big step forward this past weekend.

The Hawkeyes took two games from No. 19 Oklahoma State, downing the Cowboys in a three-game series in their first matchup with a top-25 team this season.

Iowa opened the series with a heartbreaking walk-off loss in the first game of the March 1 doubleheader but bounced back with a win in Game 2 and captured the series with another close victory on March 2.

"I'm proud of the guys," Iowa head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "We improved a lot from the Hawaii series. We handled the travel extremely well. We come down here and were a few pitches from sweeping one of the top teams in the country on the road. I couldn't be happier."

Oklahoma State threatened to take the series in Game 3, putting runners on first and second with no outs in the eighth in-

ning. Heller called on Trace Hoffman to get Iowa out of the jam, and it paid off. Hoffman ended the Cowboy threat with a fly out and 2 strikeouts.

With the score tied at 2 heading into the ninth, Lorenzo Elion came through in the clutch. Elion, pinch-hitting for Tanner Padgett, tripled to left field with one out, and Austin Martin brought him in with a sacrifice fly.

While the Hawkeyes only managed 4 hits, the pitching was incredible, allowing merely 4 hits as well.

Grant Judkins continued his impressive start to

the season on the bump, pitching five scoreless innings and giving up 3 hits and 5 walks while striking out 5.

"Judkins gave us a good start," Heller said in a release. "He didn't have the best command, had to work out of some jams, and he was in pressure innings most of the day, but he found a way to get out of it."

The series win marked Iowa's second over Oklahoma State in as many years. While the deciding game appeared to be rough in a few aspects, it showed the Hawkeyes can win games when things get gritty.

"It wasn't pretty, but we found a way to get it done," Heller said in a release. "We had some guys step up big. We didn't give up a lot of hits, and we didn't get a lot of hits. On offense, we did square up a lot of balls, especially in the middle part of the game, but didn't have anything to show for it."

In Game 1, Iowa lost a tough one.

The Hawkeyes had a 4-3 lead heading into the ninth, but after Hoffman allowed two doubles, Oklahoma State leadoff hitter Hueston Morrill walked it off with an infield single, allowing the runner from second to

score and ending the game, 5-4.

Iowa trailed 4-2 after three innings of the second contest of the doubleheader. Martin helped the Hawkeyes bounce back, smashing 2-run homer over the left-field fence to tie the game in the fourth.

In the top of the eighth, Trenton Wallace drew a walk with the bases loaded to give Iowa the lead, and eventually, the 5-4 win.

After winning their biggest series of the season so far, the Hawkeyes will hit the road once again to take on Evansville in a three-game series starting Friday.

Classifieds

319.335.5784 | ADS ALSO APPEAR ONLINE AT DAILYIOWAN.COM/CLASSIFIED-ADVERTISING

<p>TAX PREPARATION</p> <p>TAX PREPARATION AT REASONABLE PRICES Specializing in taxes for Faculty and International Students Evening and weekend hours available. TAXES PLUS 302 Second St., Coralville (across the Strip from Monica's) (319)338-2799</p>	<p>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS</p> <p>WANT A SOFA? Desk? Table? Rocker? Visit HOUSEWORKS. We've got a store full of clean used furniture plus dishes, drapes, lamps and other household items. All at reasonable prices. Now accepting new consignments. HOUSEWORKS 111 Stevens Dr. (319)338-4357</p>	<p>APARTMENT FOR RENT</p> <p>BARKER APARTMENTS CALL FOR OUR RENT SPECIALS! Iowa City and Coralville's Best Apartment Values</p> <p>EMERALD COURT 535 Emerald St., Iowa City 337-4323 2 & 3 Bedrooms Now Renting</p> <p>Scotsdale 210 6th St., Coralville 351-1777 2 Bedrooms Now Renting</p> <p>Parkside Manor 12 Ave. & 7th St., Coralville 338-4951 • 2 & 3 Bedrooms Now Renting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet Settings • 24 Hour Maintenance • Off-Street Parking • On Bus Lines • Swimming Pools** • Central Air Conditioning • Laundry Facilities • Smoke Free <p>One Bedroom: \$680-\$755 Two Bedroom: \$720-\$910 Three Bedroom: \$995-\$1150 Hours: Mon-Fri 9-12, 1-5 Saturday 9-12</p> <p>www.barkerapartments.com</p>	<p>REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS</p> <p>Terri Larson Associate Broker/ CRS/ LKR Partner For great real estate results—call Terri. Since 1995 she's been serious about Real Estate and will connect you to the best our area has to offer!</p> <p>Terri Larson 319-331-7879 stlaron77@gmail.com See reviews on Zillow!</p> <p>LKR LEPIC-KROEGER REALTORS® Licensed to sell real estate in the State of Iowa.</p>
<p>HELP WANTED</p> <p>RIVERSIDE CASINO & GOLF RESORT Become part of the fun, RCRG has multiple positions available. Apply online at riversidecasinoandresort.com</p>	<p>ROOM FOR RENT</p> <p>QUIET non-smoking male, W/D and utilities included, \$350. (319)330-4341.</p>	<p>APARTMENT FOR RENT</p> <p>Heritage Property Management RENTALS Great Locations! I.C., C.V., N. Liberty, Tiffin hpmic.com Call (319) 351-8404</p> <p>City of Iowa City Office of Equity and Human Rights</p>	<p>ALWAYS ONLINE www.dailyiowan.com</p>
<p>MEDICAL</p> <p>SEEKING part-time/full-time Substance Abuse Counselor to work in outpatient facility in Iowa City. Position requires degree in substance abuse counseling, mental health, or social work. CAD/C certified preferred. Bilingual (Spanish/English) speaker is a plus. Send resume to nelresolutions@yahoo.com.</p>	<p>APARTMENT FOR RENT</p> <p>EFFICIENCY / ONE BEDROOM</p> <p>EFFICIENCY / ONE BEDROOM</p> <p>TWO BEDROOM</p> <p>SELL IT! The Daily Iowan Classifieds 319-335-5784</p> <p>MOVING?? SELL UNWANTED FURNITURE IN THE DAILY IOWAN CLASSIFIEDS.</p>	<p>EFFICIENCY / ONE BEDROOM</p> <p>ONE BEDROOM. Two blocks from Old Capitol on Washington. No smoking. Available now. Short and long-term lease options. CitizenBuildingApartments@gmail.com (319)331-6526</p> <p>ALWAYS ONLINE www.dailyiowan.com</p>	<p>GRADUATE STUDENTS, PROFESSIONALS AND SMALL FAMILIES Townhouse. Two bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, finished basement, W/D. Westside near UIHC/Dental/Law. Professional/family atmosphere with courtyards. No pets. No smoking. Available now. www.northbayproperties.com (319)338-5900.</p> <p>ALWAYS ONLINE www.dailyiowan.com</p>

HAWKEYE UPDATES

Former Hawkeye running back Damon Bullock dead at 25

On Sunday, former Hawkeye football running back Damon Bullock died at age 25.

Father Roscoe Handy said Bullock hit a light pole with his vehicle. While outside his car, Bullock was struck by another vehicle.

"He definitely lived this way. He was a dreamer and a doer," his mother, Kimberly Handy, posted on Facebook. "Dream as if you'll



Bullock

live forever. Live as if you'll die tomorrow.' With tears streaming down my face as I create this post I regretfully have to say that we lost our son Damon to a terrible accident this morning. I will never be the same. I don't know how or what to do. We appreciate every prayer, text, and phone call received. PLEASE PRAY FOR US! I don't understand. You know OUR name Lord!! Please!!! I am heartbroken."

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz released a statement on Sunday evening.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Damon's parents, Kimberly and Roscoe, and the entire family," Ferentz said in a release. "Damon's tragic and unexpected death is a shock to all of us within the Iowa football program, as well as his former teammates. Damon was an outstanding young man, and we enjoyed him being a part of the Hawkeye football program."

Bullock was a member of the Hawkeyes from 2011-14. He rushed for 1,074 yards and 4 touchdowns and caught 71 passes for 616 yards and 1 touchdown in his career.

Nelson posts solid performance at NFL Combine

Just one day after Noah Fant and T.J. Hockenson grabbed headlines with their workouts at the NFL Combine, former Iowa defensive end Anthony Nelson recorded impressive marks of his own on Sunday.

Nelson ranked fifth among defensive linemen in the 40-yard dash with a time of 4.82 and made his mark in the agility drills as well, finishing second in the 3-cone drill in 6.95 and third in the 20-yard shuttle in 4.23.

The Waukee, Iowa, native also tied for fourth in the broad jump with a mark of 9 feet, 10 inches and placed fifth in the vertical jump at 35.5 inches.

He didn't place in the top-15 defensive linemen in the bench press, however, finishing with 18 reps — eight fewer than Rashan Gary and Byron Cowart, who tied for 14th.

Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament Seeding

1. Maryland
2. Iowa
3. Rutgers
4. Michigan
5. Ohio State
6. Nebraska
6. Minnesota
6. Northwestern
6. Michigan State
10. Indiana
10. Purdue
12. Penn State
13. Wisconsin
14. Illinois

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I stopped calling him 'Baer Cage' and started calling him 'Care Baer' because he cares about everybody and everything."



— Iowa assistant coach Andrew Francis on Nicholas Baer

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa women's basketball finished **15-0 in Carver-Hawkeye this season.**

15-0
in Carver-Hawkeye



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 12 Iowa - 74

Northwestern - 50

Cruising in Carver



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Hannah Stewart dives for the ball against Northwestern in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. Iowa won, 74-50.

No. 12 Iowa women's basketball is playing its best defense of the season with postseason play only a week away.

BY PETE MILLS
peter-mills@uiowa.edu

The Hawkeye women's defense had an outstanding performance in the team's 74-50 win over Northwestern on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye, proving its readiness for postseason play.

The team completed its first undefeated home season since 2014-15 with the victory.

Iowa's three seniors — Tania Davis, Hannah Stewart, and Megan Gustafson — left the floor individually, each to a standing ovation. Complete with a dominant win in front of the biggest home crowd of the season, players and coaches couldn't have dreamed for a more fitting end for the senior class.

"[This] is how you'd script it if you could," head coach Lisa Bluder said.

The defense, though, came pretty close to stealing the show. The team was dominant, holding the Wildcats to 17 points below their season average and a dismal 7 percent shooting from behind the arc.

The Hawkeyes have played some of their most rock-solid defense of the year in recent games. The team's scoring defense has shown up, holding teams far below their season averages. This, paired with a nation-leading offense in field-goal shooting, is gearing the team up for something special in the postseason.

SEE WOMEN'S, 6

COLUMN

The Iowa women's basketball team had a season-high 12,051 fans in the season finale, yet the student section remained bleak.

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA
jordan-zuniga@uiowa.edu

Whether the Iowa weather wants to admit it or not, March has finally come. For college-basketball teams, it's the pinnacle at the end of a long and grueling season.

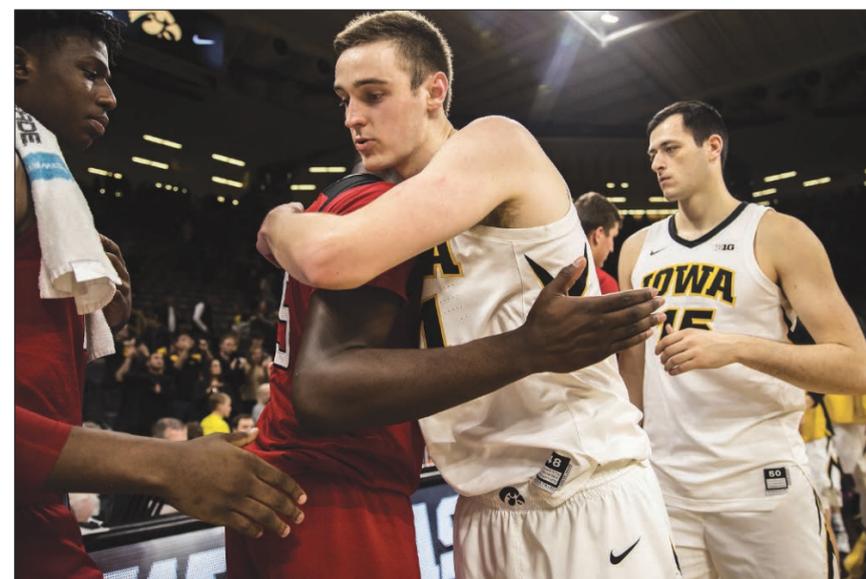
That can certainly be said of the No. 12 Iowa women's basketball team coming off a 74-50 victory over Northwestern that clinched second place in the Big Ten regular season and a season in which it went 23-6 (14-4 Big Ten).

Sunday's game not only marked the final Big Ten reg-

SEE STUDENTS, 6

One final roar for Nicholas Baer

Nicholas Baer played his last game in Carver-Hawkeye on March 2, and the Iowa basketball program honored him for his past five seasons.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Nicholas Baer congratulates some Rutgers players after his final home game in Carver-Hawkeye on March 2.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
adam-hensley@uiowa.edu

When fifth-year senior Nicholas Baer picked up his fifth and final foul during Iowa's 86-72 loss to Rutgers, the Carver-Hawkeye crowd members rose to their feet as one.

Baer turned and waved to the fans before hugging each of his teammates on the floor.

The crowd continued its standing ovation as the Bettendorf native made his way to the Hawkeye bench. Baer hugged his coaches and proceeded to embrace every member — players and managers included — of the Iowa basketball program sitting in

the first row of chairs.

"No one ever wants to go out that way, but at the same time, I couldn't be more grateful, more thankful to everybody who made it out to support us and support me," he said. "It's been a great five years here."

March 2 marked Baer's final home game in a Hawkeye uniform, capping off a career for the ages. He'll finish his career as the only player in Iowa's program history with 725 points, 500 rebounds, 100 blocked shots, 100 steals, and 100 3-pointers.

"He's a special young guy to this program, to this

SEE BAER, 6

COLUMN

Men's hoops isn't ready for March

If the Hawkeyes don't improve soon, March is going to be a disaster.



PETE RUDEN
peter-ruden@uiowa.edu

February is long gone, and March is officially here. But it seems as if the Iowa basketball team doesn't know that.

After an 86-72 loss to Rutgers at Carver-Hawkeye on Senior Day to close out the 2018-19 home slate, one thing is clear: This is not the team the Hawkeyes want to take into the postseason.

The team has recently lost its magic on offense, declined on defense, and failed to connect on open looks to narrow the deficit.

The fact of the matter is, this has been happening for a long time. With the way it had been playing, Iowa shouldn't have needed buzzer-beaters to beat Northwestern at home and Rutgers on the road. A home loss to Maryland wasn't a good sign. Overtime to beat an Indiana team that had lost eight of nine prior should not have been necessary.

But here we are, watching the Hawkeyes get slaughtered by 20 against Ohio State on the road and then coming out lackadaisical for another double-digit beat-down at the hands of Rutgers on March 2.

SEE MARCH, 6