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Trial for man accused of killing Mollie Tibbetts to be moved

The trial of Cristhian Bahena Rivera, the 24-year-old man accused of slaying Mollie Tibbetts, will be moved out of Poweshiek County.

Tibbetts was found dead on Aug. 21, 2018, in the county after a several-week search.

Bahena Rivera has been charged with first-degree murder; authorities accuse him of abducting and killing Tibbetts while she was on a run on July 18. He eventually led police to the location of Tibbetts' body.

A hearing that was supposed to take place Tuesday was canceled after the prosecution and defense agreed on the move.

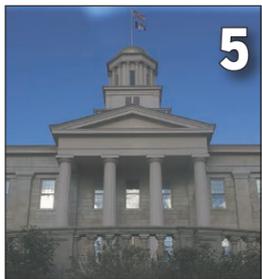
The lawyer for Bahena Rivera had asked for the move because of the large amount of publicity the case has generated and the hundreds of county residents who volunteered to search for Tibbetts while she was missing. Bahena Rivera's lawyer, Chad Frese, also said in the motion to move the trial that Rivera's immigration status has caused prejudice in the case.

The new location of the trial has not yet been selected, and the trial date may also change. Currently, the trial is set to start on Sept. 3.



Graduate women develop support group

Three UI graduate students writing English dissertations have set up an informal support group filled with conversations about stresses of coursework and glasses on wine. The women credit UI English Professor Florence Boos with connecting them together.



Hawks Don't Hate help UI students confront stereotypes

Hawks Don't Hate hosted a couple events early this week to help students combat stereotypes they may face on campus. Events included discussions, a photo session expressing a stereotypes faced on campus, and adding names to a pledge to commit to Hawks Don't Hate principles.



Iowa football defensive line with fresh faces

Following departures from the entire 2018 starting defensive line, new faces will line up next fall. Along with an increased role from last year's Big Ten sack leader A.J. Epenesa, transfers, and underclassmen will fill the void.

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Iowa lawmakers push for flood relief

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee expanded an aid-eligibility package for Iowans to receive disaster relief from the flooding along the Missouri River.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee expanded aid eligibility on Tuesday for Iowans affected by major flooding with a \$13.45 billion federal-relief package moving forward in the Senate after three members of Iowa's congressional delegation asked for additional funding.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, endorsed the appropriations bill that will provide emergency funding for agriculture disasters caused by flooding in Iowa and Nebraska. Federal Emergency Management Agency programs do not cover all the damage.

Grassley said there are some Agriculture Department programs that are providing immediate assistance to farmers affected by flooding, but those programs will not be able to completely compensate farmers for the dramatic damage the flooding caused.

"[USDA programs] might help farmers, but it's miniscule compared to things like one farmer losing \$850,000 worth of grain," Grassley said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "[USDA programs] wouldn't in anyway benefit him."

He also said lawmakers were working on language in the appropriations bill that would imply the committee will follow up with the bill if the federal-aid package does not completely cover the losses in Iowa and Nebraska. He expects more flood damage to occur between Iowa and the Gulf of Mexico into the summer months, he said, and there is not a "definitive way" to measure complete funding right now.

According to the Office of Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, \$214 million worth of damage was wreaked on Iowa's agriculture sector. The total amount of dam-

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The Daily Iowan Ethics & Politics team is currently in Washington, DC. to visit with Iowa's congressional delegation. Follow along on Twitter and Facebook and go to dailyiowan.com for full coverage.



TOP: Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks in his Washington, D.C. office on Tuesday. (Julia Shanahan/The Daily Iowan) BOTTOM: Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa speaks in her office on March 14, 2018. (Katelyn Weisbrod/The Daily Iowan)

Iowa Dems tout state's redistricting model

Iowa's congressional Democrats hold up Iowa's redistricting process as a model that eliminates partisanship as the high court considers gerrymandering.



Protestors stand in front of the steps of the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court may not carve out a place for federal courts to resolve the partisan drawing of election districts, but Iowa's congressional Democrats have taken action to preserve Iowa's model to keep partisanship out of the redistricting process.

The nation's highest court on Tuesday heard oral challenges to congressional redistricting plans that have provided an advantage to Maryland Democrats and North Carolina Republicans in the *Rucho v. Common Cause* case.

Justices weighed whether state govern-

ments are best positioned to deal with partisan gerrymandering issues that arise or whether the Supreme Court could develop a test to lay out standards that would determine when partisan gerrymandering becomes unconstitutional.

President Trump's appointees to the court — Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch — expressed concerns about the federal courts treading on the issue of excessive partisanship in redistricting, but indicated an openness to contemplating a constitutional solution to addressing the problem in the federal system.

"What about, to pick up on something

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Iowa lawmakers look for more 'realistic' Green New Deal

Democratic members of Iowa's congressional delegation are hesitant to endorse the Green New Deal.

BY SARAH WATSON
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WASHINGTON — As the U.S. Senate rejected a resolution Tuesday commonly known as the Green New Deal, in interviews at the Capitol, Democratic members of Iowa's congressional delegation hesitated to endorse the plan.

The 14-page nonbinding resolution calling for sweeping environmental and social changes has kept Democrats from more independent districts from rubber-stamping the resolution.

The Green New Deal would push for aggressive congressional action to reduce the effects of climate change, including transitioning to 100 percent renewable energy sources as well as updating energy efficiencies in all residential and industrial buildings. It would like other changes such as raising wages and guaranteeing health care.

None of Iowa's three Democratic representatives are among the 91 House cosponsors of the Green New Deal, but all have emphasized their support to address climate change.

Rep. Cindy Axne, a Democrat representing Iowa's 3rd District, said she was focusing on more tangible solutions she can accomplish on the House Agriculture Committee.

"I totally understand we need to address climate change — we can't do that with a White Paper," Axne said. "We need to do that with appropriate laws and with actual tangible things we are doing on the ground."

Axne, who was elected to her first term in Novem-

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Barbers ply their craft in the Hawkeye Barber Shop on Tuesday.

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Justice Gorsuch said earlier, that there is a fair amount of activity going on in the states on redistricting and attention in Congress and in state supreme courts?" Kavanaugh inquired, according to Supreme Court transcripts. "In other words ... have we really reached the moment, even though it would be a big lift for this court to get involved, where the other actors can't do it?"

According to the National Conference of State Legis-

latures, as of April 2018, the redistricting responsibility falls with state legislatures for legislative redistricting in 37 states and for congressional redistricting in 43 states.

Michigan, Ohio, and Utah are a few states in which voters recently took efforts to reform partisan gerrymandering. But Iowa has been a model since 1980 for its non-partisan way of drawing election districts.

Staffers from Iowa's non-partisan Legislative Services Agency draw both legislative and congressional district lines and submit district maps to the state Legislature each year after a census. The Legislature may either adopt

or reject the plan, but amendments are not allowed. If the Legislature opts not to pass the map twice, the Iowa Supreme Court draws the final map.

Democrats representing Iowa in Congress recently amended the For The People Act, a House bill to expand voting rights and limit partisan gerrymandering, to keep Iowa's redistricting model intact.

The bill, which the House passed March 8, includes language requiring states draw congressional districts by establishing independent commissions to prevent partisan gerrymandering. With the amendment, Iowa maintains

its current redistricting process.

Iowa Democratic 1st District Rep. Abby Finkenauer spearheaded the amendment with support from Iowa's fellow Democrats, Dave Loebbeck of the 2nd District and Cindy Axne of the 3rd District.

"I will always step up for Iowa and our traditions," Finkenauer said in a statement. "Republicans and Democrats have disagreed on a lot, but we have always come together on our system for drawing fair districts. In Iowa, we make sure our leaders are accountable to the people who elected them — and that's something always worth fighting for."

Loebbeck told *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday that he hopes to see other states become more like Iowa with their redistricting processes. He said there's no question that gerrymandering has happened all around the country in many states, so he supports reform for redistricting on the national level.

Should Iowans worry about

excessive partisanship in redistricting like the states involved in the battle in the federal-court system? Loebbeck thinks Iowans do not "have to worry very much about that."

"... I think that we have a tradition, and I think that both parties understand how important it is we do this in a nonpartisan way," he said.

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age is estimated to be \$1.6 billion, and there is an emergency declaration in 57 Iowa counties since the flooding began on March 12 along the Missouri River.

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, noted on the Senate floor Tuesday that Fremont County alone has lost \$7 million worth of grain. According to the Iowa Soybean Association, \$7.3

million worth of soybean crops were lost, and farmers expect more damage to come.

Ernst said the devastation is incomprehensible, even compared with the flooding she saw while working for the Iowa National Guard.

"I can tell you that the flooding and destruction I witnessed last week was as bad as I've ever seen," she said.

Ernst pointed out that there are about 250 miles of Iowa levees that need to be repaired, which will cost

around \$525 million.

Rep. Cindy Axne, D-Iowa, urged lawmakers on Tuesday to approve the additional appropriations for disaster relief. Axne's district in southwest Iowa was one of the hardest hit by the flooding.

The damage done to public infrastructure is vital for small communities, she said.

"The lasting effects on the health and well-being of Iowa families is beyond calculation, and the flooding is still ongoing," Axne said. "We haven't seen the worst of it."

Iowa's congressional leaders also praised President Trump's timely approval of Reynolds' emergency-disaster declaration. Trump's declaration made FEMA individual-assistance money available for five Iowa counties: Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, and Woodbury.

The emergency declaration also allowed immediate assistance to business owners, homeowners, and public entities in those counties, according to a Reynolds news release.



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Cindy Axne speaks with *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday in Washington.

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ber, said she supported such initiatives as a feed additive that would reduce methane gas by livestock in addition to technology that captures carbon from the air. One bill introduced in February, House Resolution 1166, aims to support carbon-capture infrastructure, but it hasn't advanced.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, a Democrat representing Iowa's 2nd

District and a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said he would rather see parts of the Green New Deal dealt with separately, such as environmental goals and income-equality goals.

Asked if he'd vote yes or no on the resolution if it came to a vote, he said he couldn't say whether he'd support it.

"I'll cross that bridge if we ever get to that," he said.

The Daily Iowan will meet today with Abby Finkenauer, a first-term Democrat representing Iowa's 1st District. In

a statement to the *Des Moines Register*, Finkenauer said that in her position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, she's focusing on building infrastructure that reduces its carbon footprint.

The lone Iowa Republican House member, Steve King, declined an interview with the *DI*.

The House of Representatives, where Democrats hold the majority, hasn't brought up the Green New Deal for a vote.

In the upper chamber,

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called for a vote on the resolution Tuesday, which forced many Democrats to decide whether to go on the record voting down or supporting the resolution. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., who introduced the House version of the Green New Deal, called the move by McConnell a "bluff vote" on Twitter.

Instead of voting in favor or against, all the Senate Democrats voted "present" except two Democrats

who voted the resolution down.

Both of Iowa's Republican senators, Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley, voted no Tuesday against the Green New Deal.

In an interview Tuesday, Grassley, said he believed sweeping changes would be too costly, saying that the U.S. can address environmental concerns through allowing technology innovation and efforts already in place.

"It kind of comes to me like this from other people ... 'When are we going to have a

program to fight global warming?" he said. "I like to think, 'Where have you been the last 30 years?'"

Ernst took to the Senate floor March 6 to criticize the Green New Deal, calling it too costly and awarding it her monthly "squeal award."

"Everything from combines to fertilizers and trucks to transport grains to market would be impacted," Ernst said in remarks on the Senate floor. "The Green New Deal is unrealistic and would unfairly impact rural communities across the country."

UISG adds new student-athlete liaison position

UISG voted to add a new non-voting student-athlete liaison position in order to increase representation in the organization.

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University of Iowa Student Government voted to create a permanent student-athlete liaison at its meeting on March 26. The legislation passed unanimously.

The position is designed to increase collaboration between UISG and student athletes and give the student athlete community an opportunity to communicate their unique interests.

Ben Collins, co-chair of the Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee, said the position will help form connections between student athletes and the rest of the student body during a presentation to UISG in a discussion over the pro-

posed position on March 5. "It seems like student athletes are really in a bubble, on the West Side, ... we're trying to integrate them back into [the campus]," Collins said.

Collins said student athletes from various sports have already expressed interest in the position.

Both Collins and UISG Sen. Alexia Sanchez, the sponsor of the legislation, said that intersectionality is an important focus for the position. Twelve percent of student-athletes identify as international students, while 20 percent of student-athletes identify as an underrepresented minority.

The position will be a non-voting member of the legislative branch, creating

an additional speaking seat in the Senate. The position is non-voting in order to prevent conflicts of interest between university administration and UISG.

Sen. Joseph Verry spoke in support of the legislation, saying it could increase representation in UISG.

"It does a great job of trying to increase representation in the organization, and I appreciate the thought process it has gone through in maintaining the integrity of our organization," Verry said. "I think this is a great place to start the conversation about representation in UISG, especially when it comes to certain colleges like the college of nursing or the college of education."

UISG votes to fund annual 'Walk it Out' multicultural fashion show

UISG voted to fund the 10th-annual 'Walk it Out' multicultural fashion show for \$17,390 — leaving just \$6,780 left in UISG's contingency fund.

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The University of Iowa Student Government voted to pass SSB 49 to allocate \$17,390 from UISG contingency fund to the Walk it Out multicultural fashion show.

Walk it Out is the largest multicultural student organization on campus and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The funding of the event leaves \$6,780 left in the UISG contingency fund before it reaches the \$60,000 floor. There was debate over an amendment that would significantly reduce UISG funding for the event,

which failed to pass 23-17. Director of Finance Noel Mills indicated funding the event would place a strain on the contingency fund.

"We are in a very intense situation with contingency. If this passes, that's it, folks," Mills said.

"I encourage you to take a hard look at what you're spending money on and just know that we are very, very close to that floor."

As *The Daily Iowan* previously reported, UISG voted to allocate \$156,709 to new equipment for KRUI in the previous legislative session on March 12, using a significant portion of the contingency fund.

Funding for SSB 47 to

fund Prairie Restoration was removed following the passage of the legislation, as there was no longer sufficient funds in contingency to pass that.

Caren Sun, who directs the East Asian portion of Walk it Out, said that most outside funding she raised was spent on outfits for the fashion show.

"Most of the money went to buying outfits, because that is the whole point of the show, which can get pretty pricey. Those grants gave a little bit to us — each group only got \$200, but that's hardly enough for anything," Sun said. "It's a fashion show — it has to be fashionable."

Support, gratitude, and a glass of wine

In the heat of academia and the stress brought upon by coursework, grad-student women have found an informal support group to try to unwind and offer emotional help.

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"A carafe of the red and three glasses" were the key elements to this graduate-student women's support group.

Five women writing their dissertations in the UI English Department use the three essentials in supporting each other's long and stressful programs: friendship, good conversation, and a glass of red wine.

At a table at Brix, a wine and cheese restaurant on the North Side, sat three UI grad students: Anna Williams, who will defend her Gothic dissertation in May; Lydia Maunz-Breese, who studies grief narratives of World War I; and Laura Hayes, who has just begun her dissertation on the Victorians and the body.

They came together for a reading group that essentially stemmed from a class taught by UI Professor Florence Boos. The women agreed that Boos was the sole reason for their informal groups and how they came together.

"She goes above and beyond her job," Williams said. "She's the reason that a lot of people are Victorians. She has always had a following with graduate students who had wanted to work with her."

Hayes and Maunz-Breese noted that one of the reasons they came to the UI was Boos and her work. The three owe their friendship and continual collaboration to Boos.

Alongside this, a large part of how the women support one another when they meet is their own little

sharing circle called "Gratitude."

"Every time we meet, we'll go around and share things that we are excited about," Hayes said. "It is so easy to fall into the pattern of, 'I have this one chapter that is taking forever,' or other stressful conversations. We have to remember that there are things to celebrate."

Williams said their gratitude circles have helped her personal well-being and also her career.

"It is important that we recognize being grateful for things, but also being able to be excited about people in my life who are also grateful for their own things," Williams said.

The women have used each other in times of stress and other elements of their life.

"There are a lot of forces in popular culture that try to pit women against each other," Williams said. "I think that having a group of women that supports one another is not just important for the immediate benefits but the larger significance of overcoming this patriarchal force that tries to put women in competition with one another."

Hayes said academia can be often measured heavily by achievements, but she believes there's so much more to it.

"It's the people who say 'I got this fellowship' or 'I got this grant,'" Hayes said. "This group allows me to celebrate other people, but it also celebrates me when there is a reason for me to be celebrated. It creates a system in which it doesn't need to be competitive."



(From left) Graduate students Anna Williams, Laura Hayes, and Lydia Maunz-Breese sit down for a drink in Brix Cheese Shop & Wine Bar on Monday. The three began as a reading group and have since continued to lean on each other for support while writing their dissertations.

Hayes recalled a time when she was really stressed with her dissertation and needed some support. Williams sent her a small quote reminding her she was doing just fine. Hayes said that made all the difference.

Maunz-Breese also said the informal group provides a safe space for the women to talk about anything in their lives.

"The fact that we are all women creates a safe space in a way that would not exist for me in other contexts," Maunz-Breese said. "It is a huge deal for what we all get out of it."



Lydia Maunz-Breese works with Anna Williams and Lauren Hayes in Brix Cheese Shop & Wine Bar on Monday.

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The death of the American mall affects our generation the most

As American malls continue to go by the wayside, the effect will be felt by teenagers and college students, economically and socially.



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Over the weekend, I traveled with my parents to Knoxville, Tennessee, to go to a Hot Topic store at the Knoxville Center Mall that was having a closing sale. On our way, we figured that store was the only one that was going to close and that the mall would be somewhat busy. It was a Saturday afternoon, after all.

However, when we arrived at the mall, there was virtually no one there. Many stores had closed, the lights and heat weren't on, and we were some of the only people in the building. Seeing this was honestly a shock, because most malls are — or at least were — very busy and full of life. This one, however, felt like stepping into a ghost town.

So, what, exactly, causes malls to close down? Most would say it's because of the huge rise of online shopping replacing traditional retail shopping.

Online shopping is generally a lot easier than going to a mall or retail store to try to

find whatever you're looking for. You can search for something and have it at your front door within a week. But shopping wasn't the only reason we went to the mall. In my experience, going to the mall was always a trip. You'd walk around, window-shop, maybe buy something, and go get food from the food court or the cookie stand.

According to *Time*, analysts estimate that 1-in-4 malls in the U.S. could be out of business by 2022, and observers estimate that there are only 1,100 malls left nationwide. With the mall going by the wayside, what does that mean for our generation?

'The main problem with malls closing is that a significant number of jobs are lost.'

The main problem with malls closing is that a significant number of jobs are lost. People wind up without jobs as the stores they once worked at shut down left and right. Of course, unemployment is felt when only one storefront closes. It quickly becomes a much bigger deal, however, when an entire mall — or unit of storefronts with a number of employees in each — closes down. This is amplified when several malls close at once. This is when it becomes a problem.

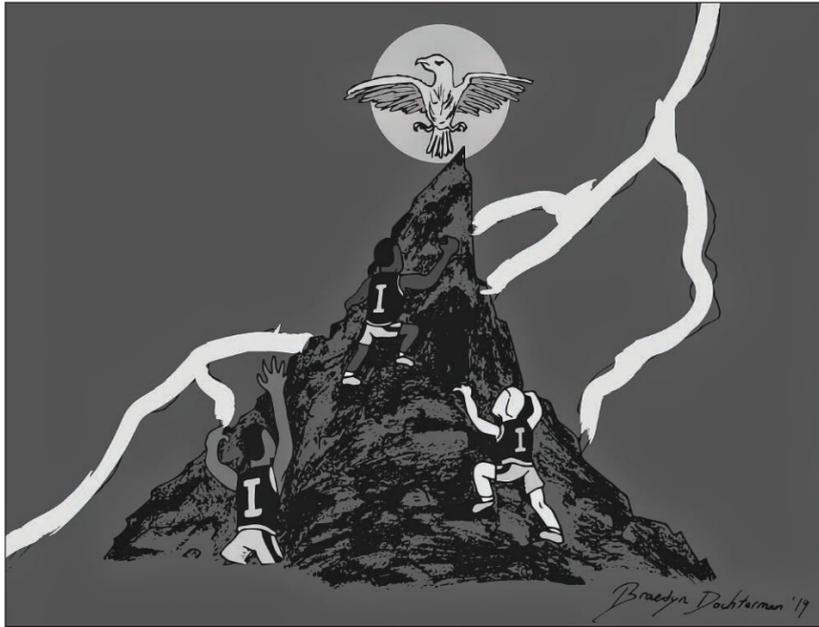
Aside from an employment and economic standpoint, this could affect college and high-school students socially as well. In my experience, going to the mall was an easy way to hang out with friends. It was something almost anyone would enjoy, and there was something for everyone there. Going to the mall was generally an all-day excursion, and it's a unique social experience.

Overall, malls closing will affect teenagers and young adults. The lack of malls leaves a gap in the places that our age group can safely hang out. Going to the mall could be an hourlong or sometimes most-of-the-day activity. While online shopping is easier

now than it has ever been, it also takes away retail jobs and malls in general. And while the death of the American mall might be sad and something of the past, maybe it's not all bad. Maybe modern retail — which has all moved to online — will show to be better overall than the somewhat outdated concept of malls.

Malls closing down might take away one large source of jobs and easy socializing for young people, but maybe something else even bigger and better might spring up from the ashes of the great old American mall.

A MARCH MADNESS COMEBACK



COLUMN

We should give people who work in restaurants the respect they deserve

Serving in the restaurant industry deserves to be rid of its deprecating stigma, and it is important for that to happen in places such as Iowa City.



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Starting at 15 years old, I gained experience of what it is like to work in a fast-paced and emotionally draining environment when I took a job as a host at a bar-and-grill restaurant. The initial thing that I came to realize is that although

I was hired to be the host, there was an automatic expectation that my list of duties would include being a busser, bar-back, food-runner, server, occasional expo, and bartender despite obvious legal restrictions that were occasionally enforced.

Serving — and the stigma of futurity the job carries — is influenced by its racist and sexist beginnings, a concept that Gavin Jenkins touches on in his short article "Serving is Labor" featured in *The Outline*. The lack of opportunities that people face contribute to their stagnancy in an occupation that is unreasonably taxing physically, emotionally, and mentally also fails to

go unmentioned in the writer's rhetoric and advocacy toward this particular blue-collar work.

Jenkins' article served affirming words toward my biased attitudes that were emplaced from experience in the restaurant industry, reminding me of the importance of such an undervalued industry that I continue to work in. Being a student at the University of Iowa, my job opportunities are limited to mostly restaurant and service jobs. With daily trips to Prairie Lights' Times Club and a work schedule that places me in the intensity of MELK's breakfast and late-night rush, I find myself on both sides of the

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Is O'Rourke the next Kennedy or just another white dude?

The former congressman rose to national prominence last year, and now he's trying to ride Betomania all the way to the White House.



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Democratic presidential-nomination candidate Beto O'Rourke speaks at the home of John Murphy in Dubuque on March 16.



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"He looks like a Kennedy" is a thing I've read and heard about Beto O'Rourke. "He drips of white male privilege" is another. So which is it? Is the former congressman from Texas the next charismatic leader of the United States or just another white dude who thinks he should be president?

O'Rourke received loads of attention last year during his campaign to unseat Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. After stirring up a surprising level of support and donations, O'Rourke came close but more than 2 points shy of being the first Democrat to win a statewide race in the Lone Star State since 1994.

His loss hasn't stopped him from running again, not for Texas' other Senate seat or governor, but for president. Love him or hate him, O'Rourke is undoubtedly one of the Democratic front-runners.

How could O'Rourke win the nomination?

Some of his intraparty critics point out his voting record during his six years in Congress is more conservative than more than three-quarters of

Democrats. His opponents on the right have pointed out his wishy-washy positions and apparent lack of policy innovation.

O'Rourke's supporters often point out his charisma (he delivers a mighty strong speech) and his skilled retail politics. His best argument seems to be that he's a nice, good-looking guy with whom the country can become enamored. Beyond policy and identity preferences, Democrats want someone who can run a successful campaign for president.

Of course, this sort of pitch is only viable because O'Rourke is a white man. No one is going to make the argument that Sen.

politics of the current occupant of the White House. O'Rourke's strength seems to be his relatability, which could be his ticket to the top of the ticket.

How could he beat Trump?

O'Rourke probably wants frame Trump as many Democrats do: racist, radical, and overall unfit to be president. And it's not just Democrats; a majority of Americans believe the president is racist. Perhaps the most direct way to confront this is by attacking Trump on immigration.

A native of El Paso, a border city in west Texas, immigration is important to O'Rourke. In fact,

'O'Rourke's strength seems to be his relatability, which could be his ticket to the top of the ticket.'

Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is the best candidate to nominate because she's a cool communicator and fun to be around. And Julián Castro, O'Rourke's fellow Texan and 2020 hopeful, isn't going to find himself the nominee because "I just like him."

I don't point all this out to discount him entirely. Democrats could easily decide the energetic brand of Betomania is their best chance of winning the election, regardless of his lack of progressive bona fides.

As the Donald Trump presidency wears on, a sort of "return to normalcy" will probably become an increasingly popular Democratic selling point. More than any policy debate, the party wants someone to counter the loud-mouth and loose-cannon

it's one of the few views on which he's actually taken a strong stance. When Trump held a rally in El Paso, O'Rourke held his own in protest. Immigration is the signature issue of both of them, and it seems inevitable that we'd be in for another cycle of screaming matches over DACA recipients, travel bans, and of course The Wall.

It's unclear who would actually win the electoral argument on immigration, but if it starts going O'Rourke's way, the Southwestern states of Nevada and Arizona could be blue by Election Day.

It's worth noting that Trump has already gone through the trouble of publically attacking O'Rourke. So whether or not he'll turn out to be a worthy opponent, O'Rourke has the incumbent on his toes.

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Free to be strange, Mohutsiwa in Iowa

Verified on Twitter with nearly 40,000 followers, Siyanda Mohutsiwa is most known for her viral hashtag #IfAfricaWasABar.

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Siyanda Mohutsiwa was in her home country of Botswana studying mathematics when she met the writer J.C. Hallman at a Catholic orphanage. He told her about a place in the U.S. called Iowa City, where the best writers in the world come to study.

Before then, Mohutsiwa had no idea writing was a career option for her, she said, though she had written professionally since she was 12. A teacher of hers recognized Mohutsiwa's talent and got her a weekly column in a national paper.

By the time she was 19, Mohutsiwa had thousands of Twitter followers and a YouTube channel on which she spoke about African literature, and she had written more than 40 nonfiction pieces published all over Africa, she said.

Specifically, she used Twitter as a platform to connect youth across the continent.

"I figured out how to speak

the language across borders and relate to young Africans," Mohutsiwa said. "I tapped into political curiosity at the time, the awakening in the postcolonial state in under 140 characters."

Mohutsiwa created the viral hashtag #IfAfricaWasABar, inviting the African social-media community to use satire and comment on stereotypes of their home countries. It was not her first creation of a successful hashtag, but it was the one that grabbed the attention of people everywhere. News organizations all over the world reached out to her.

In 2015, Mohutsiwa was invited to TEDx Amsterdam to do a TEDx Talk on Pan-Africanism and social media. Following that, she was a speaker at the TED2016: Dream conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Her talk has drawn more than 1 million views on TED's website.

From Massachusetts to Dublin, Mohutsiwa has traveled all over the world to speak on African politics, youth, and social media. Just last week, she

served on a panel in London concerning the positives of social media on political movements.

"It's hard enough to express ourselves in a place we are most comfortable, but to be in a different country and away from what you know is terribly inspiring," author Jess Walter said. "It's rare and really cool to have someone who can express themselves in so many different ways."

While social media are a major platform for Mohutsiwa, her passion has always been writing. She applied to 13 graduate schools across the globe, including Oxford, Columbia, and Cornell. All 13 accepted her. With Hallman's voice still in the back of her mind, she traveled to Iowa City in 2016.

A large factor in her decision was conversing with Writers' Workshop Director Lan Samantha Chang.

"I knew I had encountered somebody with a real profound love of reading and writing," Chang said. "To us at the program, that is the most important quality a person



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Adjunct Assistant Professor Siyanda Mohutsiwa stands in Dey House on Monday. Now with almost 40,000 Twitter followers, in a 2016 TED Talk she described how African youth are finding their voices on Twitter.

can possess. I always think of her in that way — of her love of literature, stories, reading, and writing."

Mohutsiwa graduated from the Workshop in August, and she was immediately hired as a UI adjunct assistant profes-

sor, teaching creative writing in the English Department. She is writing a novel about a sex-trafficking victim in Italy, she said.

"I started teaching as a TA in my second year, and I grew fond of UI students.

They are humble and honest," Mohutsiwa said. "It's such a great place, this city. There's something about it that's kind of illogical. I feel so free to be strange, which is something you don't feel in small places."

Hawks Don't Hate confronts biases at UI

Two Hawks Don't Hate events were held this week aimed at addressing the stereotypes students face and telling their stories.

BY RACHEL STEIL
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Hawks Don't Hate encouraged students to break down barriers and deconstruct the stereotypes that they have faced on campus through events this week.

The Hawks Don't Hate events, held Monday at Catlett Residence Hall, gave students the opportunity to discuss stereotypes they have encountered at the UI and share their stories. They also had the chance to take a photo with a Hawks Don't Hate whiteboard expressing a stereotype that they have struggled with.

Participants also had the chance to add their names to a pledge, committing themselves to sustaining the principles of the Hawks Don't Hate campaign.

The events were hosted by Associated Residence Halls and National Residence Hall Honorary at Catlett and Hillcrest.

The main goal was to address the different stories that students on campus have, said UI senior Meghan Yacinthe, an Associated Residence Halls member.

"[The goals is] to get other Hawkeys talking about other Hawkeys and their stereotypes, the adversities that they face, the difficulties in their lives that you may not think about," she said.

Yacinthe hopes that the events start conversations among members of the community. It is important that students share their stories and get their voices heard, she said.

"I expect for people to see their picture, and share it on social media, and be like, 'I participated in Hawks Don't Hate, here's my story,'" Yacinthe said.

UI junior Alex Wortherly, UI sophomore Delgratia Hudson, and UI freshman Barine Damabel — who participated in the Hawks Don't Hate at

Catlett — stressed the unifying element of the event.

Wortherly said events such as Hawks Don't Hate are fundamental to the campus experience because they help the community grow together.

"A lot of us come from places where we don't see each other," Wortherly said. "Some of us come from small towns where people don't look different from us. Some of us come from big cities where we are used to seeing different faces."

Damabel said acceptance is key to a campus community.

"We were accepted by the school — we should be accepted by our peers as well," Damabel said. "Events such as this help you learn about your own inner biases that you don't really realize are on your record."

The Hawks Don't Hate

events occurred a few weeks after from the #DoesUIowaLoveMe social-media movement. The movement consisted of students sharing their stories of bias and discrimination on campus.

Yacinthe said the movement caused students to begin to understand the diversity of students.

"We are willing to change," Yacinthe said. "We are willing to showcase everybody's story

and everybody's life."

Hudson noted the recent free-speech tension on campus and the relationship to events such as Hawks Don't Hate.

"The 'Build the Wall' event really showed how discriminatory this school can be," Hudson said.

Wortherly, Hudson, and Damabel agreed that the university is not doing enough to tackle stereotypes and dis-

crimination.

"I think that [the university] needs to tackle [stereotypes and discrimination] more," Hudson said.

Though the university needs to do more to address the tension on campus, events such as Hawks Don't Hate are moving things in the right direction.

"I'm not only what you see," Yacinthe said. "I am everything else."

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BASEBALL

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my team, and it ended up working in my favor.”

After a scoreless first two innings, Bradley got on the scoreboard first with a single run in the third, but it could have been worse for Iowa.

After Hawkeye starter Duncan Davitt put two on with a walk and a single, Dan Bolt brought in a run with a single through the right side and advanced another runner to third.

With just one out and the Braves threatening, Iowa head coach Rick Heller called upon reliever Trace Hoffman to extinguish the fire. He did just that, punching out two batters in a row

to get the Hawkeyes out of the inning.

When Iowa couldn't get anything going offensively in the early innings, the pitching was exactly what it needed.

Davitt only gave up 1 earned run in 2.1 innings of work. Hoffman followed by allowing just 1 hit and 1 unearned run in 1.1 innings. While those performances were solid, they didn't compare with Trenton Wallace.

He followed Hoffman and proceeded to retire 10 Braves in a row. By the game's end, Wallace finished with 2 hits and 1 walk allowed, striking out 6 in 4.1 innings to keep the Braves at bay.

“I think for me, pitching with conviction and believing in everything I do on the mound with each pitch,” Wallace said. “You got to have a lot of trust behind yourself,

just as your teammates in the field have trust in me as a pitcher.”

Now that it gained a smidgeon of confidence with the comeback win, Iowa turns its attention to a hot Illinois squad.

The Illini enter the game ranked No. 25 by D1Baseball with a 17-5 record after losing their mid-week contest to Indiana State on Tuesday, 3-1.

The series against Illinois allows Iowa to compete against a team that's near the top of its game at this point in the season.

“Sometimes, you just need to take a deep breath, and that game — escaping with a ‘W’ [Tuesday] — gives us a chance to do that,” Iowa head coach Rick Heller said. “Very similar to Indiana, [Illinois] really playing well right now and gives us a good challenge to try to rise up and play a good series.”



Megan Conroy/The Daily Iowan
Lorenzo Elion swings during Iowa's game against Bradley on Tuesday at Banks Field.

MCCAFFERY

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all times.”

Iowa head coach Rick Heller said that while he's gotten some solid outings from McCaffery earlier in the season, he doesn't expect the outfielder to jump in and have a monumental impact now that basketball is over — he'll need some time to get into the swing of things.

“We've seen some really good arms, and we're going to see some big-time arms every week in the Big Ten,” he said. “It's going to take Connor a little bit of time to get his timing back and get adjusted back to full-time baseball.”

After Iowa's 4-2 win over Bradley, McCaffery thinks he's right on schedule with where he wanted to be, transitioning from basketball to baseball.

Heller echoed that belief, saying he's been surprised by his progress while working a

balancing act.

“I would say maybe even a little ahead of what I thought before it all happened,” Heller said. “But it's because he comes in and gets his stuff done.”

McCaffery said his hectic schedule was basketball first, baseball second from the winter up until now.

Now, those roles have flipped.

“[Now], 100 percent baseball,” he said. “Wednesday, I'll just be going straight to baseball practice. When basketball workouts start, those will pretty much in the middle of baseball practice or games, I'm assuming. So, I'll be here, and it'll be just [when] it was in basketball season, [but] my schedule for baseball — if I was able to go to something I would. If not, I'm fully locked in on baseball.”

McCaffery, who D1Baseball ranked as the top Iowa prospect and seventh-best MLB prospect in the Big Ten, gives the Hawkeyes power in the batting lineup, and it

comes at a perfect time.

This past weekend, Iowa struggled to find offense in three losses to Indiana. Combined, the Hawkeyes managed just 4 runs on 21 hits.

On top of that, McCaffery brings versatility on the other side of the ball, Heller said.

“We can play him in left field, we can play him [in] right, we'll work him so he can possibly play first base, which would be a big one — he is a nice target for the infielders,” Heller said.

Against Bradley, McCaffery went 0-for-3 and stole a base. But in the four games he appeared in prior to that, he went 4-for-8 and had a team-high .600 on-base percentage.

Now, Iowa gets his offensive production full-time.

“Connor is a very big piece in our lineup,” Lorenzo Elion said. “He brings positive energy — you love to be around him. With the way he swings and his atmosphere, it brings a positive energy to the team and lifts everybody up.”

FOOTBALL

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Bell replaces Reese Morgan, who retired on March 6. Morgan coached seven players who went on to earn first- or second-team All-America honors, as well as 13 NFL Draft picks, including five first-rounders.

Iowa also has a place on the coaching staff for a 10th assistant, and Ferentz said that while the team will take its time, the coach will likely be a defensive assistant with some recruiting duties who will work with Bell.

“We're just going to try to figure out what the best complement is to what we have already,” Ferentz said. “We feel pretty comfortable with our defensive system, the way we're doing things.”

Meet the Smiths

The Hawkeyes lost two of their top targets on offense with tight ends T.J. Hockenson and Noah Fant headed to the NFL Draft, where many mock drafts have

both players getting selected in the first round.

That leaves ample room for targets for wide receivers Brandon Smith and Iahmir Smith-Marsette.

The players tied for fourth on the team with 361 receiving yards in 2018, trailing Hockenson, Fant, and Nick Easley. Smith caught 28 passes and 2 touchdowns, while Smith-Marsette hauled in 23 balls for 3 scores.

With Easley graduated, both Smith and Smith-Marsette are now at the top of the depth chart.

“We're going to need [Smith-Marsette] to continue to improve because of our tight-end situation, see more balls maybe going outside than you have the last year or two,” Ferentz said. “[Brandon Smith] certainly learned how to use his size a little bit and some of the ability he has, so I think he's starting to gain confidence.”

Depth chart update

In the first depth chart of the spring, Epenesa and Chauncey Golston are manning the ends of the defensive line, with Cedrick Lattimore and Brady Reiff

on the inside.

Nick Niemann is listed first at outside linebacker, while Kristian Welch and Djimon Colbert sit at middle and weak-side linebacker, respectively.

Kaevon Merriweather has also slid into the starting spot at strong safety, alongside Geno Stone, Michael Ojemudia, and Matt Hankins in the secondary.

From left to right on the offensive line, Alaric Jackson, Landon Paulsen, Cole Banwart, Levi Paulsen, and Tristan Wirfs are listed as starters.

Nate Wieting and Shaun Beyer have found spots as the No. 1 tight ends, as Smith and Smith-Marsette are the top receivers with Tyrone Tracy and Nico Ragaini following them.

Mekhi Sargent has taken his place as No. 1 in the backfield with Nate Stanley coming back for his third year starting under center.

On special teams, Caleb Shudak is listed as the No. 1 kicker, and Colten Rastetter has kept the punting duties. Smith-Marsette has taken over in the return game.

BASKETBALL

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burgh this season, Baer's role was in full effect, and he single-handedly kept the Hawkeyes ahead in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

So, look to Ryan Kriener to fill that void of a plug-and-play guy off the bench. He showed earlier this season just how effective he can be in a big game (15 points and 10 rebounds in Iowa's upset win over Michigan on Feb. 1), and his shooting jumped to 33 percent from 3-point range.

Who's coming back?

Essentially everyone. Besides Baer, Iowa returns its entire starting lineup and its bench rotation (questions surround whether Tyler Cook will return for a final season with the Hawkeyes, but for now, let's assume he stays).

Iowa's current starting lineup rounds out like this: Jordan Bohannon, Isaiah Moss, Joe Wieskamp, Cook, and Luka Garza. In a season in which the starting lineup never fluctuated except for injuries here and there, the group averaged 59.9 points

per game. Each of those starters proved at one point or another this past season that he can carry the team if need be.

Who's new?

The Hawkeyes bring in two top recruits for next season: Patrick McCaffery and Joe Toussaint.

McCaffery, a 4-star prospect according to 247 Sports, brings even more dynamic scoring to Iowa's forward group. He's the 71st-best prospect in the country according to 247 Sports.

While McCaffery adds scoring to the roster, Toussaint brings a different aspect: a facilitating, slashing guard.

A point guard from the Bronx, Toussaint gives Iowa another primary ball handler who can alleviate pressure from Bohannon, freeing him up to play off the ball more.

On top of that, the Hawkeyes “add” forwards Cordell Pems and Jack Nunge and guard C.J. Fredrick. Pems played in just two games this season before having season-ending surgery, and Nunge and

Fredrick redshirted before the season began.

Pems brings back a high-percentage shooter inside for Iowa — he has shot 59.8 percent from the field in his career — and Nunge reportedly brought his weight up to 250 pounds, which is a 25-pound increase over his freshman season.

Fredrick hasn't suited up once for the Hawkeyes, but adds another shooting element to the Hawkeyes. In his senior year of high school, he broke the single-season record for 3-pointers made (107).

So, what will Iowa's 12-man rotation look like?

Nothing's set in stone, and lineups change frequently, but as of now, here's what a 12-man rotation might look like:

Point guard: Jordan Bohannon, Connor McCaffery, Joe Toussaint
Shooting guard: Isaiah Moss, Maishe Dailey

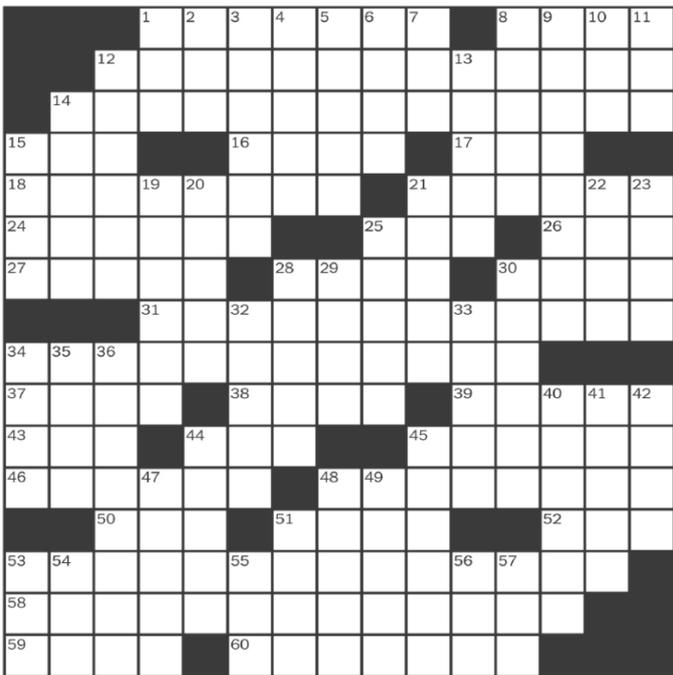
Small forward: Joe Wieskamp, Patrick McCaffery

Power forward/center: Tyler Cook, Luka Garza, Ryan Kriener, Jack Nunge, Cordell Pems

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- Across**
- 1 “Not so!”
 - 8 Modifier for “film” or “pinot”
 - 12 *Instructions for premade dinner rolls
 - 14 *Noble couple
 - 15 With 4-Down, each year
 - 16 Election day in the U.S.: Abbr.
 - 17 Workplaces for scrub nurses, for short
 - 18 Wrestling combos
 - 21 Come through in the ___
 - 24 Completely mistaken
 - 25 With 38-Across, hex that's hard to shake
 - 26 Cotton gin inventor Whitney
 - 27 Have the wheel
 - 28 Holier-___-thou
 - 30 Partiality
 - 31 *Latin American side dish that combines two food staples
 - 34 *Title pair in a 2004-07 Nickelodeon sitcom
 - 37 Practically an eternity
 - 38 See 25-Across
 - 39 Set aside for later
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 - 44 Earth Day's mo.
 - 45 Word of caution
 - 46 Items scattered on bridal paths
 - 48 Almond-flavored liqueur
 - 50 Cool, in dated slang
 - 51 Ancient kingdom in modern-day Jordan
 - 52 Sn, to chemists
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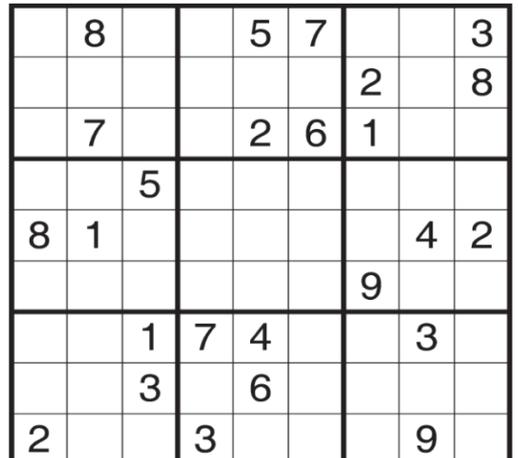
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 - 11 Hi-___ monitor
 - 12 Enter to steal from
 - 13 Upbraid
 - 14 Gave out hands
 - 15 School support grps.
 - 19 Shakes one's booty
 - 20 Unnervingly strange
 - 21 Positive kind of attitude
 - 22 Extended family
 - 23 Sound of contemptuous disapproval
 - 25 Hootenanny instrument
 - 28 Barbershop quartet voice
 - 29 Pilgrimage to Mecca
 - 30 “Act like you're supposed to!”
 - 32 Sleeps in a tent, say
 - 33 Rigel or Spica, by spectral type
 - 34 Johnny of 2005's “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”
 - 35 Part to play
 - 36 “Can I get you ___?”
 - 40 Casino patron
 - 41 Language of 15-Across 4-Down
 - 42 School founded by Henry VI
 - 44 ___ male
 - 45 Caravan animals
 - 47 Insurance giant based in Hartford
 - 48 Supplement
 - 49 Cut the lawn
 - 51 Prefix meaning “within”
 - 53 Employer of a masseur
 - 54 Brooks with Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards
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 - 57 One of 100 in D.C.: Abbr.



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Confident softball ready to roll

Iowa softball is set to kick off its home season with a matchup against Western Illinois tonight at Pearl Field.

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA
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One of the worst winters in recent memory seems to have finally waned.

The timing couldn't be better, because today is Iowa softball's home-opener. The team will take on Western Illinois at 7 p.m. at Pearl Field.

While it is a regular-season game, it will serve as a warm-up for Iowa's second Big Ten matchup against Northwestern in a series this weekend.

Iowa is riding high, winning 13 of its last 19 games after starting out 2-5.

It's certainly an impressive run for first-year coach Renee Gillispie, who — if you ask the players — seems to be implementing a winning culture.

"I've had an open mind to everything," senior Mallory Kilian said. "Right away, the coaching staff reached out to us, which was really helpful, so I got to know them throughout a couple conversations, and they explained what they wanted from us, which was nice."

The winning attitude seemed to click on Feb. 17 in a game against Massachusetts in which Iowa scored 2 runs in the seventh to break a 3-3 tie and win the game.

"What we saw turn on [Feb. 17] was seeing them believe in themselves," Gillispie said. "They had a little more swagger. It's something internally they have to find. The game was in their

hands, and they saw they can do everything they need to do to win."

Since then, Gillispie's squad has gone 13-6. The team's recent success is owed to another new face for Iowa softball, DoniRae Mayhew.

She transferred to Iowa from Kirkwood after being named the National Fast-pitch Coaches Association Player of the Year, along with several other honors.

She hasn't slowed down against the tougher competition that Iowa faces. Through 26 games this season, she has hit .351 with 3 homers and 16 RBIs, and she leads the team in all three categories.

Of course, like her team, Mayhew didn't get off to the best start to the season. During the Hawkeyes' 2-6 start, Mayhew batted .105 (2-for-19).

A 3-for-4 day turned her performance around against Massachusetts, in which she knocked in 3 RBIs and a game-winning home run.

She's been knocking the stitches off the ball ever since, hitting .436 and failing to get a hit just twice in the past 19 games.

She believes that reps in practice have helped her explode on the scene after the slow start.

"I felt a lot better coming out of practice," Mayhew said. "Another thing that was huge was my confidence and actually believing that I could do these things."



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's DoniRae Mayhew poses for a portrait during Softball Media Day at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 1.

Now, the Hawkeyes hope they can carry the non-conference success back home, where they prepare for the gauntlet that is the Big Ten season.

Last season, the Hawkeyes struggled in conference play, finishing just 6-16. However, the players hope their newfound confidence will lead to a better

Big Ten run. "I am excited [about] what our lineup can do," Kilian said. "We have seen a couple exciting things here and there, but we haven't put it all together yet. Bringing that into the Big Ten and being able to come together as a lineup and string together hits will be great to see."

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Iowa women's basketball fans make NCAA Tournament history

Iowa women's basketball advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament while breaking attendance records.

The Hawkeyes topped Mercer, 66-61, on March 22 in front of the 13th-largest crowd for a first-round game with 10,720 fans cheering on the Hawkeyes.

Iowa's 68-52 second-round win over Missouri had the sixth-highest attendance for a second-round game with 12,096 fans.

To put that in perspective, the 23,096 fans who showed up were more than the combined two-day attendance at 11 other sites, including Ames and College Park, Maryland.

Overall, Iowa packed a total two-day attendance of 23,096, which athletics media coordinator Aaron Blau confirmed was an NCAA women's record for total attendance at a first/second round site.

Kinnick turf replacement leads to revised spring schedule

Because of repairs to the Kinnick playing surface, Iowa football made several changes to the spring football schedule, the Athletics Department announced Tuesday.

The repairs will include a turf-replacement project and a routine check of Kinnick's drainage system. The renovations canceled this spring's open practice.

"While the affected area from last summer was 100 percent repaired and safe for play in 2018, there is a long-term need to replace the turf this summer,"

Athletics Director Gary Barta said in a release. Although there will be no open practice, the Athletics Department announced there will be a separate event for fans to get to see players in action. A Meet the Hawkeyes autograph session will take place on in conjunction with the Iowa baseball team on April 20, when baseball takes on Nebraska at Banks Field.



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NCAA Men's Basketball Sweet 16

Washington, D.C.

No. 1 Duke vs. No. 4 Virginia Tech
No. 2 Michigan State vs. No. 3 LSU

Louisville

No. 1 Virginia vs. No. 12 Oregon
No. 3 Purdue vs. No. 2 Tennessee

Anaheim

No. 1 Gonzaga vs. No. 4 Florida State
No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 3 Texas Tech

Kansas City

No. 1 North Carolina vs. No. 5 Auburn
No. 2 Kentucky vs. No. 3 Houston

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're just going to try to figure out what the best complement is to what we have already."



— Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz on defensive-coach changes following departure of Reese Morgan

STAT OF THE DAY

23,096 fans packed Carver during the two-day tournament event last weekend — an NCAA Tournament record

23,096

fans in Carver-Hawkeye



BASEBALL

Iowa - 4 Bradley - 2

A Brave effort



Megan Conroy/The Daily Iowan

Iowa outfielder Connor McCaffery leads off during a game against Bradley on Tuesday. McCaffery walked and stole a base in his third start with the team.

A dropped line drive by the Bradley right fielder was all Iowa baseball needed to pick up a midweek win.

BY PETE RUDEN
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A lucky error was exactly what Iowa baseball needed for a 4-2 victory on Tuesday at Banks Field.

After dropping three in a row to Indiana this past weekend, the Hawkeyes needed to bounce back and gain some confidence in their midweek game against Bradley.

Trailing 2-1 in the eighth, Lorenzo Elion picked that confidence right back up for his squad with a bases-clearing error that bounced off the glove of the Bradley right fielder.

Iowa had scored 4 runs in three games against the Hoosiers just days ago. In the eighth inning alone against the Braves, the Hawkeyes matched

that mark.

Entering the bottom half of the inning facing a 2-0 deficit, Austin Martin started the rally with an infield single, and three batters and one single later, scored on a wild pitch.

The pitch moved runners to second and third. Chris Whelan then got plunked by a pitch to load the bases. That was all Elion needed to get aluminum on the ball. Luck took over from there, as Bradley right fielder Jean-Francois Garon lost the ball in the sun, allowing it to carom off his glove and score 3 runs.

"I wasn't trying to be a hero or hit the ball over the gate," Elion said. "Just put a good swing for

SEE BASEBALL, 6

With basketball season finished, Connor McCaffery's focus shifts to baseball.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
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On Sunday, Connor McCaffery faced Tennessee in the NCAA Tournament with a Sweet 16 berth on the line. Just two days later, he was back in competition but not for the men's basketball team.

On Tuesday, when Iowa baseball hosted Bradley, McCaffery was in the starting lineup for just the third time this season.

"Pretty much, I got back Sunday night, came in and hit Monday, and then was ready to play Tuesday," he said. "Not a lot of time to think about [the NCAA Tournament]. I'm sure it'll come back every now and again, but you know, playing through this baseball season, I want to stay focused on our goal with our team here. I want to keep my focus and my confidence 100 percent in the box and make sure I'm completely tuned in to being here at

SEE MCCAFFERY, 6

Life after Baer

Iowa basketball loses Nicholas Baer, but the roster remains intact.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery gestures during the Iowa/Northwestern game at Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 10.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
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With the Iowa men's basketball 2018-19 season coming to a close following an overtime loss to Tennessee, one question remains: What's next for the Hawkeyes?

Iowa drastically improved from an abysmal previous season; the Hawkeyes finished with nine more wins this season, allowed nearly 5 fewer points per game, and went from 313th in opponent field-goal percentage to 75th. Iowa's 23 wins rank as the second-most in a single season under head coach Fran McCaffery as well.

Taking all that into consideration, *The Daily*

Iowan takes a look at next season, forecasting how the Hawkeyes will take shape.

Who's gone?

Nicholas Baer's storied five-year Hawkeye career is over — the senior graduates with 791 career points, 578 rebounds, 169 assists, 132 steals, and 121 blocks in his 129 games in a Hawkeye uniform. He's the only player in program history to have more than 750 points, 500 rebounds, 100 blocks, 100 assists, 100 steals, and 100 3-pointers in a career.

Baer's departure leaves Iowa with a hole to fill on the bench — a spark plug. Against Pitts-

SEE BASKETBALL, 6

New D-line for Iowa football

Spring football is here, and Kelvin Bell and Daviyon Nixon look to lead Iowa's defensive line into a new era.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Entering spring practice for Iowa football, all of the Hawkeyes' starting defensive line from 2018 had moved on.

Anthony Nelson left early for the NFL Draft, and Parker Hesse, Matt Nelson, and Sam Brincks graduated, continuing to train for the next level.

While elevating Big Ten sack leader A.J. Epenesa to a starting role is certainly a priority, Iowa lost a lot of depth in the defensive front. But it also gained a little bit in defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon.

Nixon, a former three-star recruit who had an offer from Alabama, entered the NCAA transfer portal after an academic redshirt year. Now, he's back in Iowa City for the season.

The Hawkeyes continually rotated players with a deep defensive line last year, and while they may not have the depth they did, the return of Nixon will be a key.

"We've been through quite a road right here with Daviyon, but I can tell you this: My interfaces with him, and I think it's true of all of us, it's been nothing but positive," Ferentz said. "Super impressed with him last year because he was on the scout team redshirting. The guy just likes football... That's not always the case when guys are on the scout team."

Nixon wasn't the only announcement Ferentz made regarding the defensive line, though. Ferentz also said former recruiting coordinator Kelvin Bell has been promoted to defensive-line coach.

SEE FOOTBALL, 6