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International undergraduate students at UI in Fall 2015

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International undergraduate students at UI in Fall 2017

1,768

International undergraduate students at UI in Fall 2018

Learning to call America home

Amid a four-year decline in international-student enrollment, a *Daily Iowan* staffer narrates his 8,000-mile story from India to the Heartland.

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Last month as I walked into Prairie Lights, I instinctively held the door open for an older woman I didn't know. Beaming at me, she asked how my day was going, and what I studied. Following the brief interchange, I sat by the window, watching a stream of snow blow across Dubuque Street.

I sipped my warm double espresso and ruminated on the "Iowa nice" attitude at the center of the interaction — something I was foreign to growing up.

Originally from India, I am one of the 1,768 undergraduate international students enrolled at the University of Iowa. But when I first came here in 2016, this number was 2,478; in fact, the number of international students has been declining over the past five years.

Fewer international students not only make our community less diverse but also affect an important funding source for colleges in the United States. A plunge in international-student enrollment translates to domestic students getting fewer chances to interact with people from different cultures.

To me, however, this not-so-subtle change means fewer people look the way I do. But I am determined to work hard, feel included, and "live the American dream."

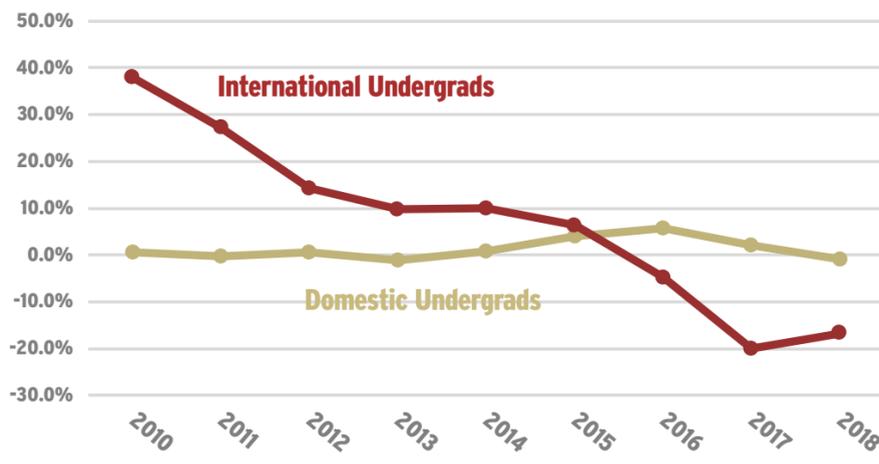
When I first came to Iowa, I felt out of place. I had to make a decision: I could either spend my four years of college feeling like an outsider because of my looks, my accent, and my choices; or I could embrace the differences and choose to feel like an "insider."

This might seem like an interesting challenge to feel like an "insider." After all, I was born in 1999 in Mumbai — a city with a pop-



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Percent Change in Population at the UI



Source: UI 2018-19 Data Digest

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ulation five times that of Chicago. The city exudes a muggy climate all year-round, with both summer and winter temperatures in the 80s-90s. The city is filled with hard-working laborers, film stars, business tycoons, and people who sleep in tents made of canvas or tin. Thousands of people flock to Mumbai every day with the hope that their dreams will become reality.

To me, however, Mumbai was more than this — it was home.

When I was in fourth grade, my family relocated to Pune, a smaller city about 100 miles from Mumbai. This meant that I would move away from my grandfather, my friends, and most of all, a place I was used to calling "home."

Soon after moving to Pune, my grades slacked. I did not have many friends in school. I was neither good at studies nor at sports. Apart from my parents and a couple of teachers at my new school, I sensed that no one believed in me. This feeling began to haunt me.

Growing up, I realized my interests were different from others. I was not fascinated with playing sports, reading fictional books, or watching kids' movies. I would take pleasure in unconventional activities such as reading nonfiction books, writing poems, keeping up with political happenings, watching TED Talks, and helping my parents in the kitchen.

I was emotionally sensitive as a growing child — I cared about people, and what they thought of me. School authorities did not accept me for who I was. My teachers told me I was a "little too feminine."

INSIDE



On the regents' agenda: Children's Hospital, no tuition talk

When the state Board of Regents meets on the UI campus on April 18, the members will likely not discuss tuition as planned because of an unsettled state budget. However, the regents are expected to approve the UI's request for an increased UI Stead Family Children's Hospital budget following legal disputes with Modern Piping over work done on the facility.



Hawkeye football tries to improve ground attack

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Hawkeye Caucus brings UI issues to the Capitol

In the annual Hawkeye Caucus on Tuesday, students spoke to legislators about promoting increased education funding, medical amnesty, and increased transparency for renters.



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Attendees participate in the Hawkeye Caucus at the State Capitol on Tuesday. The Hawkeye Caucus provides members of the UI community the opportunity to speak with Iowa legislators.

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Hawkeyes flooded the State Capitol on Tuesday to advocate for a variety of issues important to the University of Iowa and its students.

Those who took part in the annual Hawkeye Caucus conducted one-on-one meetings with state legislators to discuss a number of issues facing students, ranging from state funding to medical amnesty.

Connor Wooff, the UI Student Government governmental relations director, emphasized the importance of using the annual event to make personal connections with lawmakers.

"A lot of government relations is relationship building and making sure that legislators know who we are," Wooff said. "We're able to talk to them about student concerns."

Approximately 70 students took part in the event, Hawkeye Caucus President Ellie Paxson said.

"We have a really good presence at the Capitol today," she said. "We're excited about it."

A major point students advocated for on Tuesday was increased funding for the state Board of Regents' universities.

The Iowa House passed an appropriations

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Visitation for JoEllen Browning to be held today

The memorial service for UI Health Care employee JoEllen Browning, who died in her home on April 5, will take place today, and the funeral service will be held Thursday.

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The visitation service for JoEllen Browning, described as a "loving wife, mother, sister, and friend," will be held today to pay respects and honor her memory, according to an obituary published by the Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service. Browning died April 5 in her home at age 65.

The visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the funeral will be held Thursday. People who wish may send memorials to the JoEllen Browning Memorial Fund, Two Rivers Bank and Trust, 551 Westbury Drive.

Born on Feb. 6, 1954, Browning was an Iowa City native who graduated from West Branch High School in 1972 and the University of Iowa in 1976. She loved gardening and traveling, especially on Hawkeye cruises and trips to Wisconsin with family, the obituary said. She was a big supporter of the Hawkeyes and the Chicago Cubs.

Browning worked at UI Health Care as the di-

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ART IF THE RIVER



Grinnell artist Karen Cooper paints a picture of the river near the IMU on Tuesday.

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Being a boy, I was required to be good at math and science and have an interest in sports. But I didn't fit that model. In fifth grade, my school principal called my parents to speak with them because — despite my good grades in history, languages, and geography, my grades in math and science were suffering. It was a warning for me to “pull up my socks” — a British expression meaning “straighten up.”

My teachers did not realize that despite being in fifth grade, I possessed an in-depth understanding of India's political system. I knew everything about fountain pens. I loved visiting antique stores and spent most of my money on buying parts I needed to restore fountain pens.

No one outside my family accepted my unconventional sense of masculinity. I could feel the system was ganging up against me.

Things changed when I switched schools after 10th grade. I met people from diverse backgrounds in my new school who understood me. I could be myself around my new friends, and after a long time, I started enjoying being with people.

My goal had always been to study journalism. I have always enjoyed telling stories,

and being a journalist would give me a unique platform of telling others' stories. Being open-minded, my parents encouraged me to move to the U.S. for college. I liked Iowa's journalism program and decided to accept the admission offer.

But during my first week in Iowa City, I felt out of place. It was clear to me that I was different — I did not look like the people around me. Once again, I was struggling to fit in.

On my third day in Iowa City, I met with a fellow international student who was

on commonalities. I stopped searching for people who “looked like me.”

Soon, I realized I was surrounded by people who cared for me. I started working for *The Daily Iowan* — a place where I was able to connect with fellow staffers whose interests aligned with mine.

In a place where no one shared similarities in terms of appearance, I was encouraged to be myself and I was accepted for who I was.

In a community in which two years ago I feared experi-

toms Enforcement, there are approximately 1.2 million international students in the U.S.

Starting in the fall of 2015, new enrollment of international students slowed to 2.4 percent growth, and then exhibited declines in both the fall of 2016 (minus-3.3 percent) and fall 2017 (minus-6.6 percent), according to a report from the Institute of International Education.

The decline is even more pronounced at the UI. According to the state Board of Regents, the UI had 516 fewer international students enrolled in the fall of 2017 compared to the fall of 2016 — a 14.2 percent decrease.

These numbers pose a challenge not only to the UI but also to the state's economy. According to an analysis by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, international students in the U.S. contribute \$39 billion and support more than 455,000 jobs in the U.S. economy, in any given academic year, largely because international students do not qualify for aid from the state.

Going beyond looking at international students as mere cash cows, I'd like to think we enrich U.S. campuses by bringing in our diverse perspectives. A decline in enrollment obviously provides domestic students fewer chances to interact with students from diverse backgrounds.

After learning about this decline, I sat down with As-

sociate Provost for International Programs Downing Thomas to understand the reasons behind the decline. He said the decline stems from two primary reasons: the increasing pool of countries that are available to students who wish to study abroad and the rising anxiety and tensions because of current U.S. immigration policy.

“Some countries are building their infrastructure,” he said. “They are building universities and improving the quality of their educational systems. There is also a lot of competition in the U.S. and also internationally. So it's really challenging.”

Thomas said the tensions pertaining to immigration policy have been a reason for many students to not feel welcomed by the U.S.

“Perceptions of the U.S., ‘Will I be welcomed and feel like home?’ ” he said. “I think those are questions that people ask themselves that now may be one of the factors that [have led to the decrease].”

Over the past three years, I have talked to hundreds of Americans who have expressed anxiety as they consid-

er this a dark time for the U.S. In times of political uncertainty, the country seems divided. People on both sides of the political spectrum seem to be losing hope in the philosophy this country was founded on.

But I hope you might consider my own perspective — while there is the bad, there is also the good. I have experienced love here — an emotion that binds us all together. The U.S. has challenged me to aspire and encouraged me to live my dream.

Coming from a country thousands of miles away, I have been able to call this place home. Among people who don't look like me or talk like me, I have found people who accept and love me for who I am and treat me like one of them. In this supposed dark time, I have been able to make sense of the American dream.

As I was finishing this piece at 3 a.m. last week, I was sitting on a bed watching a movie with my coworkers. My friend turned to me.

“I hope you can stay here,” she said. “Or wherever you want. But I hope we always remain friends.”

And the movie continued.

‘Coming from a country thousands of miles away, I have been able to call this place home ... In this supposed dark time, I have been able to make sense of the American dream.’

also from India. He narrated a quote from a well-known Hindi film which translates to: “People naturally don't share a sense of belonging. One needs to evoke this feeling in them.”

This quote resonated with me.

I decided to go the extra mile to seek common ground between myself and people around me. Determined to feel included, I looked beyond differences to build relationships

encing exclusion, I have created a place for myself. My hard work has received recognition, and I have been able to grow as a journalist and as a person.

However, not everyone has the approach to feeling included as I do. Perhaps the decreasing number of international students at Iowa and in the U.S. reflects that sentiment.

According to a 2018 report from Immigration and Cus-

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rector of operating budgets for 42 years, according to an earlier statement from UI Health Care spokesperson Tom Moore. She had planned to retiring in February, the obituary stated.

“[She was] an outstanding senior-level finance leader,” Moore said in his statement. “We are deeply saddened by this loss.”

She was also a Eucharistic minister at the Newman Catholic Student Center. The center members declined to comment at this time.

One neighbor who lives near the Browning residence described Browning as “the nicest person you could ever know.”

She is survived by her husband, Roy Browning Jr., two children, and four siblings.

Browning died on April 5 in her residence. Police found Browning unresponsive in her residence at 114 Green Mountain Drive at 6:59 a.m. Her death is being investigated as a homicide; no suspects have been arrested at this time.

The homicide is under investigation by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Iowa City police, the County Attorney's Office, and the county Medical Examiner's Office, according to a Sunday news release from the Iowa City police. The release said updates to the public will be provided as the investigation allows. The suspect pool has not been narrowed.

CAUCUS

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bill allocating a \$15.9 million raise to the regents on April 4. The appropriation is an increase from last year but still falls short of the regents' (and the governor's) \$18 million request.

“Appropriations are critical,” UISG President Hira Mustafa said. “We see budget cut after budget cut every year ... That's critical, because no matter what our priorities are, we can't do any of them without funding from the state.”

Students also advocated for a medical-amnesty bill, which would allow minors who are intoxicated to seek medical attention during an emergency without fear of penalty.

UISG Vice President Heath Schintler said that while medical-amnesty systems are in place on campus, the state has no such protection.

“As soon as you leave campus, there are no longer legal protections for students,” Schintler said. “We know that that's a barrier for them to call for emergency assistance, and at the end of the day, we want to prioritize student health and safety.”

Mustafa said UISG has advocated for medical amnesty for a number of years, and it currently has bipartisan support.

The House Public Safety Committee passed medical-amnesty legislation March 6; its companion bill in the Senate was placed on the unfinished business calendar on April 4.

Increasing transparency among landlords and tenants



Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, carries Hawkeye apparel during the Hawkeye Caucus at the State Capitol on Tuesday. The Hawkeye Caucus gives members of the UI community an opportunity to speak with Iowa legislators.

was another important point of discussion, UISG City Liaison Gustave Stewart said.

After conducting a survey in relation to the UISG renters' guide, Stewart found 23 percent of students had not received their deposits back after their leases ended.

“I would like to believe the landlords are being fair in

that measure,” Stewart said. “But 23 percent is high.”

‘We're here showcasing all the great work that we do at campus all year long. Every college, almost every department is represented here one way or the other.’

— Bruce Harreld, UI president

To prevent students from experiencing unfair rental practices, Hawkeye Caucus

members advocated creating a move-in checklist, something Stewart said is in place in 14 states.

A checklist would help tenants document conditions when they move in so landlords can point to specific issues that would warrant the loss of a deposit, Stewart said.

In addition to student policy advocates, representatives

from various departments and colleges in the university set up booths to speak with lawmakers and highlight developments.

UI President Bruce Harreld said that despite his frustrations about years of decreased state funding, he valued the more than \$200 million the state gives in support every year, and said the program was a way to show thanks to state lawmakers.

“We're here showcasing all the great work that we do at campus all year long,” Harreld said. “Every college, almost every department is represented here one way or the other.”

Regents will delay tuition discussion

While Iowa lawmakers hammer out the fiscal 2020 budget, the state Board of Regents will likely delay discussing tuition-rates for the 2019-20 academic year unless they gain a clearer picture of the state-funding outlook before its April 18 meeting.

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The state Board of Regents has announced it will likely hold off on the tuition discussion and will not read tuition rates during the April meeting because the state Legislature has not completed fiscal 2020 funding for the regents' universities.

According to a Tuesday news release from the regents, there is not enough information on the state-appropriations amount at this time to conduct a reading of tuition rates.

Tuition could be added to the regents' meeting agenda for April 18 if more information becomes available. The item will be added no later than 24 hours before the meeting if more information is acquired in compliance with state law.

If tuition is not added to the agenda, there will be a special meeting held in either late April or early May for a reading. The regents last delayed a first reading of tuition rates and held a special meeting to discuss academic year 2017-18 tuition rates on May 8, 2017.

Final approval of 2019-20 academic year tuition rates remains set for the June 4-6 regents meeting at this time.

"We need more information about the state budget and what the regents' appropriation will be to determine our tuition rates," Regent President Mike Richards said in the release. "We will move forward with setting tuition rates once we have a better idea of what funds the state will provide to us."



Regent President Mike Richards listens to a presentation during the state Board of Regents meeting in Council Bluffs on April 12, 2018.

Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa House passed a \$961 million education-appropriations bill on April 4, which included a \$15.9 million boost for the regent universities to split among the three. The increase falls short of the regents' request of \$18 million in state support passed in September 2018, which Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds suggested fully funding in her state-budget proposal in January.

The regents approved the multiyear tuition model in

November 2018, presenting a timeline for tuition increases for in-state students for the next five years. The tuition model specifies that tuition will increase by 3 percent if state-appropriations requests are funded. If the request is not funded, the tuition will increase by 3 percent plus Higher Education Price Index.

Should state lawmakers pass the current House proposal that doesn't fully fund the regents' request for state

support, the University of Iowa and Iowa State University tuition hikes for resident undergraduates would fall within the 3 to 5 percent range.

"... We think everyone can plan on a 3 percent increase, and they can follow along how the funding request goes in the Legislature, and then what we're [seeing] is the [index] is about 2 percent this year," Richards said at the November meeting. He noted the index could be higher or lower.

UI President Bruce Harreld discussed the multiyear tuition model in a December 2018 interview with *The Daily Iowan*, and he supported the predictability he believes it creates for in-state students. With UI resident tuition being lower than other schools in the peer group, he said it was a good deal, but advocated for continued tuition increases to get the UI's rates to the average of the peer group.

"... I don't think our com-

petitive institutions, our peer institutions, are going to keep their tuitions flat," he said. "Because there's still inflation."

Ultimately, Harreld said, he thought the tuition model makes funding more predictable for students.

"I think you can expect to be in this 3 to 6 percent range every year; therefore, it's going to cost more," Harreld said. "Not good, but those are the facts."

Regents consider increasing Children's Hospital budget

At its next meeting, the state Board of Regents will consider the UI's request to increase the UI Stead Family Children Hospital project amid legal disputes.

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The state Board of Regents will consider the University of Iowa's request to increase the Stead Family Children's Hospital project budget to \$392.7 million following an appellate court's ruling that the university owes millions to Modern Piping and Merit Construction for their work.

The \$32.5 million increase, plus interest, is a revision of the hospital's current \$360.2 million project budget that the regents approved in September 2015. The UI released a statement on April 4 that said the self-sustaining UI Hospitals & Clinics will fund the increased budget.

The new project budget will account for the remaining arbitration award the UI must pay Modern Piping and Merit

Construction, according to regents' documents.

"The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics requests the project budget be revised to allow payment of all outstanding construction contracts and litigation claims," the document states.

The document outlined the potential budget increase with an approximate \$58.97 million more allotted toward construction. A decrease was shown in the amount of money allotted to planning, design and management, contingency, furniture and equipment, and art.

The regents will further discuss the request at their April 18 meeting on the UI campus.

This follows the Iowa Court of Appeals' ruling backing Modern Piping on April 3, affirming the 6th District Court's ruling that the univer-

sity must pay the Cedar Rapids-based company a total of \$21.5 million for its work on the hospital project.

According to the UI statement, the budget increase will cover the remaining \$17.9 million it owes Modern Piping reflecting the arbitration panel's award. In total, the UI will have paid the company \$73.97 million for work on the Stead Hospital and Hancher.

The statement said Merit reached a settlement with the UI for \$9.4 million for work on the Stead Hospital. Once it's paid, the university will have paid the other Cedar Rapids-based company \$63.2 million. Merit received an additional \$1.2 million in attorney fees and expenses.

The UI and the regents have reviewed all construction contracts, procedures, and delivery methods, the statement said.

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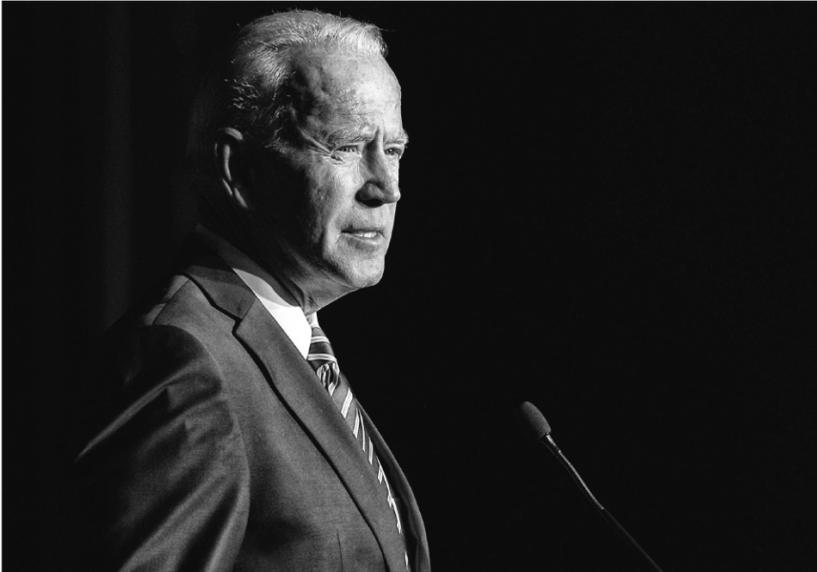
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Biden's conduct: Not ill-intended, still not OK

As allegations of misconduct from former Vice President Joe Biden roll in, many Democrats are rolling their eyes. But isn't this hypocritical?



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Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during the First State Democratic Dinner in Dover, Delaware, on March 16.



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I have loved Joe Biden since my interest in politics began in middle school.

I remember watching former President Obama's inauguration in January 2009, with then-Vice President Biden right beside him.

So naturally, when rumors began to swirl about a possible Biden 2020 run, I was ecstatic.

But then came the Lucy Flores allegations.

To get anyone who's been living under a rock caught up on the situation, Flores, a Democrat, said Biden had touched her without her consent.

There've been numerous theories about Flores' allegations. Some of the most popular claims involve Flores' timing and the fact that she's a famous Bernie Sanders supporter just trying to sabotage Biden's campaign.

Mind you, Biden has yet to announce his presidential bid.

Let's get one thing straight: I'm not here to bash Biden or Flores. I'm not here to throw Biden under the bus and say he's a predator, because truth be told, I don't necessarily believe that.

What I do believe is, though likely unintentional, Biden made Flores uncomfortable. And that's not OK.

Biden himself has acknowledged the allegations since, even after Amy Lappos of Connecticut said his touching made her uncomfortable, too.

When I heard these allegations, as a Democrat and longtime Biden advocate, I did not question these women's intentions.

Why, you ask? Because I have been a die-hard advocate for survivors of any sexual misconduct — even if the unwanted advance wasn't intended to be predatory.

I've seen so many people claim to be pro-survivor, yet

bash Flores and Lappos for coming forward. These people justify said actions by claiming the word "survivor" only applies to those they want it to apply to — that Biden's actions were nothing but an attempt to signal friendship and comfort.

Like I said, that may very well have been his intention, but for these women, the repercussions were discomfort. They felt violated.

Invalidating these women's experiences because one doesn't feel they are relevant enough in comparison to those of "real" survivors is hypocritical and wrong. It engenders a dangerous narrative cultivating a fear to vocalize boundaries.

It deepens the intense hypocrisy that has existed in politics since its literal beginning.

I also see my fellow leftists referring to these allegations as a "witch hunt" against Biden. But this "witch-hunt" theory could be silencing other women, who may have also been

made uncomfortable, from coming forward.

Weren't we, the Democrats, the ones disavowing those claiming Christine Blasey Ford's allegations against Justice Brett Kavanaugh were a witch hunt?

Weren't we the ones preaching zero tolerance? Holding men accountable for their actions?

"Flores survived what? An act of friendship?"

That's a comment I've seen on more than one occasion. Here's something sure to rile up the comment section: There was still nonconsensual touching involved. Period. That cannot be argued or glossed over.

I know Biden has been a longtime advocate for women. I have followed his "It's on Us" efforts to fight sexual assault on college campuses. I'm not denying any of that. What I'm saying is none of his noble acts give him immunity from being held accountable for the perception of his actions.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

'Percent' to '%': fighting over punctuation style changes

The AP Stylebook changed a rule which instructed journalists to use "percent" to using "%." Two *DI* staffers debate the symbol switch.



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AP style changes, even if we don't like it, and that's OK

I have been a devotee of Associated Press style since I was 13 years old and enrolled in Jeff Grant's seventh-grade newspaper class. I learned how to conduct interviews, write a proper

article, and edit my work vigorously. To achieve that third standard, I had to learn all the rules for punctuation. One of those rules was to never — under any circumstances — use "%."

The percent sign has been anathema to my writing. I don't use it in my articles, school projects, or even texts. It doesn't even really occur to me to use anything except "percent."

So why am I the one defending the change? Because it's AP style; God has spoken and she's changed her mind.

The only real reason I've cultivated disdain for "%" is because AP style has said it's bad. It's the same reason I don't use

numerals for one through nine — because AP style says so.

I could cynically just write off a reversal on the percent rule as AP editors wanting to get a little attention from their peers, but it's more than that. Shifts in how journalists write the news have changed throughout media history, and they will continue.

Another rule change announced in March prohibits the use of "racially charged" and similar phrases as euphemisms for "racist." As journalists, direct and precise language is crucial to delivering the news to its audience.

And if that means ditching an old quirk of the rules, so be it.



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It's a no from me

Gods have spoken, and they have hurt me with this aspect of the revised stylebook.

Thanks, AP style, I hate it.

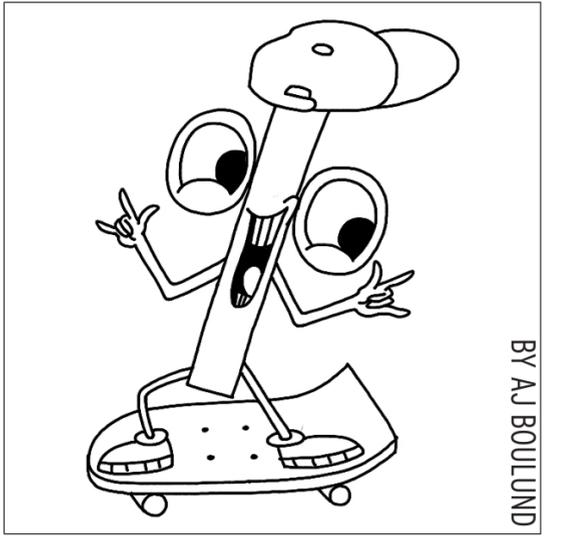
No longer is % the only symbol AP style permitted for use in reporting. Now, the % joins that rank and the long history of spelling things out is slowly being chipped away at as we enter a new decade of information technology, data, and numbers that require ugly change. A revolution has be-

gun, and without it, usage of the Oxford comma is still forbidden while numeral-symbol usage is given the green light.

For the past 173 years, journalists have followed the guidelines and rules AP sets, including the accustomed and habitual usage of "percent" as a spelled-out entity when paired with a numeral. In 2019, AP style is changing the laws of writing as we know it.

The Associated Press updated its stylebook, and chaos immediately ensued in the journalism world on social media. Journalists expressed their outrage at the beginning of April with a change in the traditional AP style usage of "percent" to "%" when paired with a numeral. The Shift+5 requirement plagues me now as I write this column, forever changing the way statistics, reports, and numerals will be referred to in breaking news and journalistic writing in general.

The only time "percent" can be used now is in casual instances, such as, "She said he has a zero percent chance of winning," according to the AP Stylebook. The journalism



BY AJ BOULUND

COLUMN

Song displays balance between appreciation, assimilation

Billy Ray Cyrus has been above assimilating black culture after hopping on the remix of Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road."



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An emerging artist by the moniker of Lil Nas X dropped a track titled "Old Town Road" in 2018 that quickly went viral. Produced by YoungKio, the beat features a sped-up sample of Nine Inch Nails' "34 Ghost IV" blended a lingering, twangy banjo, some snares, and 808s. Eventually, Lil Nas X got ahold of the beat and made a track that not only became the soundtrack to viral Tiktok videos but claimed a spot on *Billboard's* Hot Top 100 charts for R&B/Hip-Hop and Country.

Eventually, the song was removed from the country chart because it was "not embracing enough elements of today's country music in its current version." This sparked controversy on the internet and raised the eyebrows of many other musicians, one of them being country star Billy Ray Cyrus, who then featured the "Old Town Road" remix in hopes of putting it back onto the country charts. Fans of both country and rap shared their appreciation over the collaboration, but a point several listeners made specifically shared an appreciation for how Cyrus contributed to the record.

Country is a music genre that originated from blues, a genre with deep roots in black cultures that uses content stemming from African spirituals and chants. Even though country music carries a stereotype as being the music associated with white listeners, black people origi-

nally developed it; the white man just stole it and used it for his capital gain — something he is used to doing.

Coincidentally, Cyrus' daughter, Miley Cyrus, has been accused of assimilating black culture, particularly because of her 2013 music

these creations, and then using them for capital gain, is incredibly racist.

When Billy Ray Cyrus hopped on the "Old Town Road" remix, he did the exact opposite of what his daughter has been accused of doing, and he accomplished

'There was no need for (Cyrus) to feature on a track with a new emerging artist, aside from the fact of putting "Old Town Road" back where it belongs.'

video for "J's on my Feet" in which she displays a stereotypical perception of black culture.

It is acceptable for white people to find themselves interested in things that are closely related to black culture, such as rap music. However, to attach yourself to black people's creations and simultaneously not want to be identified as associating with the people who made

this by simply remaining true to himself. On the remixed track, he sings about his new guitar and compares himself to the famous Marlboro Man, tying into the country theme of the overall track. Although there was some sort of financial compensation for Billy Ray Cyrus featuring on this track, there was no need for the multiple-platinum-selling recording artist to feature on a track with a new

emerging artist, aside from the fact of putting "Old Town Road" back where it belongs — *Billboard's* Hot Top 100 for Country music.

White people finding interest in music created by black people is perfectly acceptable until they fail to acknowledge the origin. Exploring numerous genres is important for artists, but shamelessly saying you do not want to be associated with the people who made that genre of music should be consequential. Miley Cyrus is only a small fraction of an obnoxiously long list of white people who have assimilated black culture only to say that they do not want to be affiliated with it. This does not make the practice acceptable. If white artists want to be rappers, country artists, or really any musician, then they should be educated on the origins of the music they create and not disown the people who created it.

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Dodge Street faces major reconstruction

The city of Iowa City has announced plans for a two-year construction project for Dodge Street and seeks public input.

BY ANDY MITCHELL
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Iowa City has announced a future major construction project for Dodge Street in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Transportation, and the city seeks some public input.

The two-year project is projected to start in 2023 and cover a 1-mile stretch of Dodge Street from Governor Street to Burlington Street. This section of the road is one-way southbound, and the project would pass through four Historic or Conservation Districts.

"We understand it's time to make the next step in improving it," Iowa City senior civil engineer Scott Sovers said.

Around 10 years ago, he said, Iowa City did an asphalt overlay on Dodge Street, and now the pavement condition has severely deteriorated. He said city officials are working on wrapping up a functional design plan.

"We're hoping the first design phase will be completed in the next couple of months," he said.

The project will center

on replacing the pavement and a portion of public utilities in the corridor, some of which are more than 100 years old, according to a release on the city website. Four traffic stops, the storm-sewer system, and curbs will all be replaced.

In the near future, Sovers said, the city plans to resurface a portion of Dodge, narrow the lanes, and add a bike lane in the spring.

Sovers said the plan is different in nature from the construction going on with Governor Street, which is more of a rehabilitation project.

After the winter, Iowa City crews have been working on filling potholes in downtown.

"We have not had a lot of complaints on the maintenance side of things," Iowa City streets superintendent Brock Holub said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Some potholes, but we managed OK through the winter."

Sovers said a similar construction project occurred on Dodge Street when the road from Governor to Interstate 80 was reconstructed in 2005 and 2006.

A public open house for



The Dodge Street sign is seen on Monday. The city plans some major reconstruction for Dodge Street.

Michael Guhin/ The Daily Iowan

the construction project will be held April 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Iowa City Assistant City Manager Ashley Monroe said funding for the project will come from the city and from the Iowa Department

of Transportation.

"On Dodge Street, the pavement condition is poor," Monroe said. "Unfortunately, it takes years to get us to the point where we secure additional funding to do that."

Monroe said the current estimate for the project cost is a little more than \$13 million, with around \$12 million going to construction and the other \$1 million going toward the design and planning phase.

The tentative schedule is for the functional design plan to be completed in June. Preliminary and final designs should be finished by 2021, and construction should run from 2023 to 2024.

ETHICS & POLITICS

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Emergency-prescription bill heads to governor

A bill passed the Iowa Senate unanimously on Tuesday that allows emergency refills of prescription drugs without a prescriber's authorization.

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A bill that would allow emergency refills of prescription drugs without a prescriber's authorization, House File 700, passed the Iowa Senate unanimously on Tuesday.

The current law in Iowa only allows for a 72-hour emergency medication supply, despite some medication such as insulin being often packaged in much larger quantities. The new law would allow emergency refills for up to a 30-day supply, or whatever the standard dosage of the medication is packaged in.

Senate File 530, a companion bill to HF 700 in the Senate Human Resources Committee, specifically related to the dispensing of insulin. It was withdrawn Tuesday on the Senate floor and substituted by HF 700, which allows for a wider range of medications to be available for 30-day emergency refills.

The Iowa House approved HF 700 unanimously in

March.

Sen. Carrie Koelker, R-Dyersville, who sponsored the bill when an earlier version was introduced in the Senate, said she was extremely excited to see the bipartisan support Tuesday in the Senate.

"It was a bipartisan bill from the gate," Koelker said. "We've all been passionate about it."

Koelker told *The Daily Iowan* in March that the bill was inspired by one of her constituents. Janelle Lutgen's son, Jesse, died last spring after he could no longer afford insulin. He had lost his job and with that, he lost his health benefits.

He died after rationing his insulin to treat his Type 1 diabetes. Koelker said in March this bill is not a "cure-all" to the larger problems in the pharmaceutical industry.

On Tuesday, Koelker called the passage of the bill the "first step on the ladder" of addressing the accessibility

of pharmaceutical drugs. HF 700 was passed with an amendment that would require an insurance provider to cover one emergency refill every 12 months.

Iowa Sen. Tom Greene, R-Des Moines, a member of the Human Resources Committee, on Tuesday said the bill would allow pharmacists to exercise professional judgment and to provide patients with emergency supplies of insulin when their health would otherwise be affected.

Greene said the emergen-

cy access to certain pharmaceuticals is especially important when a pharmacist is not able to reach a

prescriber with reasonable efforts, considering drugs such as insulin are essential to a patient's health.

"I mean, if you're a Type 1 diabetic, you've gotta have your insulin," Greene said Tuesday on the Senate floor.



Koelker

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Iowa center Megan Gustafson shoots during the NCAA Sweet 16 game against NC State in Greensboro, North Carolina, on March 30.

RUSHMORE

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He was a big part of Iowa's Elite Eight run in 1987, when the Hawkeyes amassed a 30-5 record and finished third in the Big Ten.

Overall, Iowa was 97-37 during Marble's time as a Hawkeye. It hasn't had a better four-year stretch since then.

Another interesting note on Marble is his son, Devyn Marble, who also played for Iowa. They were the first father-son duo in Big Ten history to each score 1,000 career points.

Sam Logic

Deciding between Logic and Cindy Haugejorde was an extremely tough decision. Haugejorde was the Gustafson of the late 1970s, and she is second in Hawkeye history in rebounds (1,067), third in points (2,059).

However, there wasn't much — if anything — Logic couldn't do on a basketball court. She was the ultimate triple-double threat, totaling six of them in her career.

Just how impressive is that stat? Well, there have only been nine triple-doubles in the history of Iowa women's basketball.

Logic finished her career first in assists (898), third in rebounds (922), second in steals (260), and 12th in points (1,546).

She was also a major part of the last Hawkeye team to make the Sweet 16 before this past season.

Aaron White

No Hawkeye has played more games than White, who played in 140-consecutive games in his Hawkeye career.

More importantly, he was a major factor in helping head coach Fran McCaffery turn around the Iowa basketball program. Prior to White putting on the Black and Gold, Iowa had suffered five-consecutive years without even an NIT appearance and a 66-91 record.

Iowa's years of squalor turned around the first year White stepped onto the Carver-Hawkeye floor. White put up 11.1 points per game along with 5.7 rebounds as a freshman to help Iowa to the NIT.

When White hung up his Black and Gold jersey for the last time, he had helped lead Iowa to an NIT runner-up and two-straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

He also finished second all-time in scoring (1,859) and third in rebounds (901).

Megan Gustafson

Last and probably the best player out of this group is, of course, the 6-3 post player from Port Wing, Wisconsin.

Head coach Lisa Bluder often described how tough it was to even describe Gustafson anymore during Iowa's tournament run.

And really, what more can be said about her?

She's far and away the all-time leader in points (2,803) rebounds (1,460), and field-goal percentage (65.8), just to name a few of her records.

She also became the first Big Ten women's player to ever win the Naismith Player of the Year award and AP Player of the Year.

Of course, with all the records and awards, her most impressive trait was her unbelievable humility that can never be overstated.

FOOTBALL

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go-to starter and three different backs taking the role throughout the season.

But some of it was because of the line. After winning the Joe Moore Award — an honor given to the best offensive line in college football — in 2016, the unit hasn't found its way back to the top.

"Those guys do a great job every day at practice; some plays we mess up, and some plays [the tackles] mess up," running back Mekhi Sargent said. "But at the end of the day, we're cheering each other on."

Iowa is hoping Tyler Linderbaum can help get the line back on track to its ways of dominance.

Linderbaum, a former three-star prospect at de-

fensive tackle who played in the U.S. Army All-American Game, switched to the other side of the ball shortly before the Hawkeyes' Outback Bowl victory over Mississippi State.

Although he's new to the position and was listed as the backup center when spring ball began, offensive-line coach Tim Polasek has been impressed with the sophomore so far.

"Tyler Linderbaum is kind of what you're looking for from a recruiting standpoint, he's what you're looking for from a competitor standpoint, he's what you're looking for from a toughness standpoint," Polasek said. "He's got a long way to go, but we've been impressed. None of this has been a surprise."

The situation in the backfield will play a role in the improvement of the ground attack as well. Entering the

season, Iowa seemingly has a No. 1 starter set for the long haul in junior Mekhi Sargent, who took over the role toward the end of last season.

The Iowa Western transfer ran for 294 yards and 3 touchdowns in Iowa's last two games of the season, and despite not starting all season, ranked seventh in the Big Ten with 9 rushing touchdowns.

With Sargent, Toren Young, and Ivory Kelly-Martin coming back with more experience, it would make sense for the ground attack to take a step forward this season.

That's what Iowa's hoping for as it looks to get back to its 2015-16 form on the ground.

"At the end of the day there's still work to be done," running-back coach Derrick Foster said. "You can never not do it enough."

SOFTBALL

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five innings in rather dominant fashion, striking out 7.

However, everything Doocy did in the top half was matched or bettered in the bottom half by Cyclone pitcher Savannah Sanders, who allowed just 2 hits in four-plus innings.

While Sanders made the first four innings look easy, Doocy made things difficult for herself, allowing the lead-off batter to reach base in six innings.

For the most part, the veteran Hawkeye pitcher wasn't fazed, and she consistently worked her way out of jams, forcing Iowa State to strand nine base runners.

Everything seemed to work for Doocy. Even though Iowa State got runners on, the Cyclones still found it challenging to put the bat on the ball. It certainly was a welcomed performance from

the junior, because she had racked up losses in her last five decisions, along with a 5.06 ERA in her past three starts.

"This was a big turnaround for us," Doocy said. "[I] just trusted my defense that they were going to get the job done, and we just kept rolling."

Doocy rolled through most of the game, not allowing a run until a two-out double by Logan Schaben in the top of the sixth. A towering lead-off homer by Sami Williams pushed the Cyclone advantage to 2-0 going into the seventh, a lead that was just too much for the sputtering Iowa offense.

The Hawkeyes left three on base while hitting just 1-for-4 with runners in scoring position — not a winning formula.

Mallory Kilian, one of two seniors on the team, said the problem is not cerebral.

"It's all about with anything mechanically," she said. "[It's] our mindset. [We need to] relax and have confidence. I think once we start to string a few things together, we can

start building on that."

Sanders was the Hawkeye offense's Kryptonite for the first four innings before she gave way to Cyclone ace Emma Hysten, who finished Sanders' work by putting away all nine batters she faced in the final three innings.

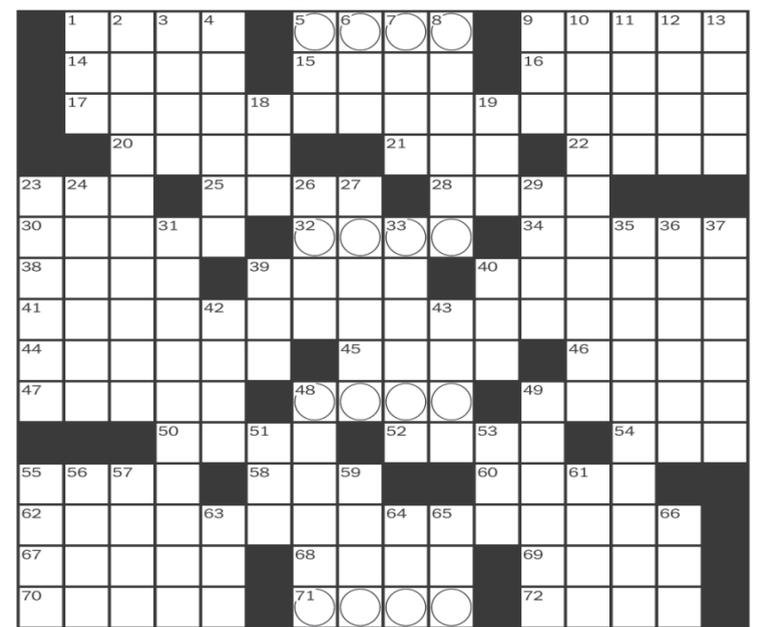
Iowa has now lost its last nine. Seven of those have been conference games, which is concerning, but the season isn't lost yet.

Hawkeye head coach Renee Gillispie saw some positives in how hard Iowa hit the ball on Tuesday.

"They know they can hit hard balls off of tough teams as long as they can make those adjustments early on and know what they're up against," she said. "I think we have to go out and be aggressive with these games and go after these games, and they did that tonight."

Next, Iowa will take on a stingy Illinois team (24-11, 4-5 Big Ten) in a weekend series at Pearl Field.

The Daily Break



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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5	Rung #1 of an apt word ladder	2	Experience auditory hallucinations
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14	Michael who played the title role in 2014's "Cesar Chavez"	4	New World parrots
15	Melville work following "Typee"	5	English head
16	Exploding stars	6	Global financial org.
17	History moving forward	7	"Didn't intend for that!"
20	Bring up ... or something brought up	8	Irish girl's name related to the word "honor"
21	Same-__ marriage	9	Dutch banking giant
22	"Phooey"	10	Stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese
23	Canine command	11	Allege
25	"The Amazing Spider-Man" director, amazingly enough	12	Big employer in Huntsville, Ala.
28	Trade show	13	Try
30	Alternative to Target	18	Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
32	Rung #2 of the ladder	19	Losing line in tic-tac-toe
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38	Actress Falco	24	I-, in chemistry
39	Supermarket section	26	Gusted
40	Readily open to change	27	City just east of Gulfport
41	Snowy expanse	29	1950s-'60s TV emcee Jack
44	In a nervous manner	31	Not be bothered by something
45	Lowest number not found on a grandfather clock	33	Lower limits, in math
46	Woman's name that's a city in Oklahoma	35	National Zoo animal on loan from China
47	Takes five	36	Current event?
48	Rung #3 of the ladder	37	Hindu's bindi, traditionally
49	"And yet ..."	39	Needing moisturizer
50	Quench	40	Gift for a ukulele player
52	Italian province where Moscato is produced	42	To whom "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" is sung
54	Follower of crack or crock	43	"It's mine!"
55	Shadow	48	Deadly
58	Where Hawks soar: Abbr.	49	Style of yoga in a heated room
60	South side?	51	Identify
62	Cry when warmer weather returns	53	Best
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- French Conversation Hour, 2:30 p.m., 612 Phillips
- Student Government Meeting, 7 p.m. 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- "Live from Prairie Lights," GennaRose Nethercott, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- Gregory Bardwell & Madeline Womack, Joint Flute Recital, 7:30 p.m., 5 Voxman
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Pitching on the brain for Hellerball

Pitching has been the driving force in Iowa's midweek wins, and that remains the case as the Hawkeyes hit the road.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
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In Iowa baseball's final game against Rutgers — a 15-3 loss — pitching was a focal point postgame.

Today, Iowa will take on Bradley in Peoria, Illinois, at 7 p.m. and once again, the Hawkeye arms will be under the microscope.

Iowa is 4-1 in its five midweek games, and in all four wins, a key pitching performance jumps out of the box score, and that's no coincidence. *The Daily Iowan* takes a look at those midweek contests, breaking down the highs and lows from the mound.

March 19, 7-2 win against Simpson College

To date, this is the best all-around pitching performance of the season. Simpson managed just 1 hit in 25 at-bats.

Hawkeye Clayton Nettleton got the start, and in his three innings, he gave up 1 run while notching a strikeout. Adam Ketelsen came in and took over for 2.2 innings, gave up the game's only hit, and allowed Simpson's final run. From there, Trace Hoffman, Shane Ritter, Kyle Shimp, and Drew Irvine closed out the game,

combining to strike out three batters.

The only downside to this game? Seven walks by the Hawkeyes. But all in all, it was a nearly hitless performance that gave plenty of arms new opportunities.

"We got some pitchers on the mound who hadn't seen a lot of innings up until this point," Iowa head coach Rick Heller said postgame.

March 20, 5-4 win against Chicago State

One day after allowing just 1 hit, Iowa found itself in a close game and needing a ninth-inning rally to come out on top. Trenton Wallace started for Iowa, and he gave up 3 runs in four innings. He did strike out six batters, though, and kept Iowa in a 3-2 ballgame until he stepped off the mound.

From there, Duncan Davitt put together a strong performance; the freshman threw three innings, struck out 2, and allowed just 1 hit in the Hawkeyes' best pitching performance of the game.

March 26, 4-2 win against Bradley

Iowa's first two pitchers, Davitt and Hoffman, last-ed a combined 3.2 innings.

Bradley scored 2 runs and notched 4 hits while they were on the mound.

However, when Wallace entered, the scoring stopped for good. The sophomore tossed 4.1 scoreless innings, allowing just 2 hits while striking out a team-high 6. Wallace's 6 Ks tied his season high, which he set against Chicago State.

April 2, 3-2 win against Clarke

Davitt stepped up once again, this time lasting five innings. He struck out 6 and gave up just 1 hit.

"It was a great start," Heller said. "He had good stuff and composed himself well. He did exactly what we needed."

As a team, Clarke managed just 4 hits — fewer than half of Iowa's total — but that was thanks to the efforts of Davitt, Ritter, Nettleton, Ketelsen, and Foster. Ritter and Foster didn't allow a single run, tying the knot on another solid defensive midweek effort.

April 3, 11-6 loss against Illinois State

Things got shaky pitching-wise for the Black and Gold in the most recent midweek contest. Being



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Iowa's Trenton Wallace pitches against Illinois at Banks Field on March 30. The Hawkeyes defeated the Fighting Illini, 2-1.

a back-to-back midweek game, the Hawkeyes ran thin on midweek arms, and it showed.

Wallace started, but he lasted 2.2 innings after giving up 3 runs on 5 hits and striking out 4. The

Hawkeyes went through six more pitchers after he left the mound, but to no avail.

All in all, Iowa pitchers walked 5, and all but two of the seven arms saw Illinois State plate at least 1 run.

"It didn't go as planned,"

Heller said. "... We gave up a bunch of free bases, and they didn't — they executed very well. It wasn't a good night, but the lesson we can take from this is that we have to be mentally tougher."

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Hockenson, Fant to attend NFL Draft

Former Iowa tight ends T.J. Hockenson and Noah Fant accepted their invitations to attend the NFL Draft in Nashville, Tennessee, NFL Network announced on Tuesday.

The draft will hold the first round on April 25, the second and third rounds on April 26, and the last four rounds on April 27.

Hockenson and Fant are both regarded as first-round picks by many NFL Draft analysts.

NFL.com's Bucky Brooks has both going in the top 15 of his most recent mock draft, with Hockenson to the Denver Broncos at No. 10 and Fant to the Green Bay Packers at No. 12.

Hockenson led Iowa with 760 yards on 49 receptions last season, catching 6 touchdown passes and running for another.

His performance earned him the John Mackey Award, which is given to the nation's top tight end.

Fant caught 39 passes for 519 yards and a team-high

7 touchdowns in 12 games last season. He totaled 19 touchdowns in his career, which is the most by a Hawkeye tight end and the third most by a Big Ten tight end.

Okonkwo earns Big Ten recognition

Iowa freshman Oliver Okonkwo has been named the Big Ten Men's Tennis Athlete of the Week, the conference announced Tuesday.

Okonkwo picked up two singles wins and a doubles victory when Iowa faced Penn State and No. 1 Ohio State on April 5 and Sunday, respectively.

The native of Berkshire, England, toppled Nittany Lion Gabriel Nemeth (6-3, 6-2), and he and partner Will Davies took down the eighth-ranked doubles team in the country.

Okonkwo also defeated Martin Joyce of Ohio State (6-3, 6-4) to record his 13th victory of the season.

The honor is the first for an Iowa tennis player since Matt Hagan earned it in February 2015.

Hawkeyes selected in the WNBA Draft

2015 – Sam Logic, Atlanta, R1 P10

2011 – Kachine Alexander, Minnesota, R3, P26

2006 – Crystal Smith, Phoenix, R3 P32

2002 – Lindsey Meder, Minnesota, R3 P38

2001 – Cara Consuegra, Utah, R4 P56

1999 – Amy Herrig, Sacramento, R4 P38

1998 – Tangelia Smith, Sacramento, R2 P12

1998 – Nadine Diamond, New York, R2 P19

1998 – Angela Hamblin, Washington, R3 P23

1997 – Toni Foster, Phoenix, R1 P8

1998 – Tia Jackson, Phoenix, R2 P9

1997 – Michelle Edwards, Cleveland, Player Allocation

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He's what you're looking for from a toughness standpoint."



– Iowa offensive-line coach Tim Polasek on Tyler Linderbaum

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa baseball pitcher Trenton Wallace has racked up a season-high **6 strikeouts twice this season.**

6

strikeouts from Trenton Wallace

Gustafson invited to WNBA Draft

Megan Gustafson will likely become the first Hawkeye to be taken since the 2015 WNBA Draft.

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Gustafson

Iowa senior Megan Gustafson has been invited to attend the 2019 WNBA Draft in New York today as the league announced the invitation-only guest list on Tuesday.

Those also invited

include Cal's Kristine Anigwe, Baylor's Kalani Brown, Connecticut's Napheesa Collier, Missouri's Sophie Cunningham, Louisville's Asia Durr, Mississippi State's Teaira McCowan, Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale, Connecticut's Katie Lou Samuelson, Stanford's Alanna Smith, Notre Dame's Jackie Young, and Han Xu of China.

ESPN's most recent mock draft has Gustafson going in the first round at

No. 12 overall to the defending WNBA champion Seattle Storm.

Iowa has had 12 players selected in the draft in the program's history, the most recent being Samantha Logic, who was taken by the Atlanta Dream with the No. 10 overall pick in 2015.

Gustafson led the NCAA with 27.8 points per game, while also finishing the season first in field-goal percentage (69.6) and third in rebounding (13.4), becoming the only women's

player in Division-1 history to put up those numbers in the same season. Gustafson also led the country with 33 double-doubles.

In Iowa's loss to Baylor in the Elite Eight, Gustafson became just the fourth women's player in NCAA history to score 1,000 points in a season.

The first round of the WNBA Draft will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 6 p.m. Coverage of the second and third rounds can be found on ESPNU.

Iowa runs it back

The offensive line and running backs take center stage as they look to progress in the running game.



Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa running back Mekhi Sargent sheds Nebraska safety Antonio Reed at Kinnick on Nov. 23, 2018.

BY PETE RUDEN
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A productive offensive line has been a staple of Iowa football for about as long as Kirk Ferentz has been at the helm.

With Ferentz being the dean of college football and the longest-tenured coach in the coun-

try, that's a long time.

The past two seasons, though, the line didn't quite look like itself.

In 2015, the Hawkeye backs rushed for more than 180 yards a game on 4.5 yards per carry. Similar numbers followed in 2016, as Iowa averaged 171.8 yards on the ground with 4.5 yards a carry.

But in 2017, those numbers dipped to 139.2 with a 3.8-yard average. Things were still down in 2018, with the Hawkeyes gaining 148.4 yards with 4 yards per carry on the ground.

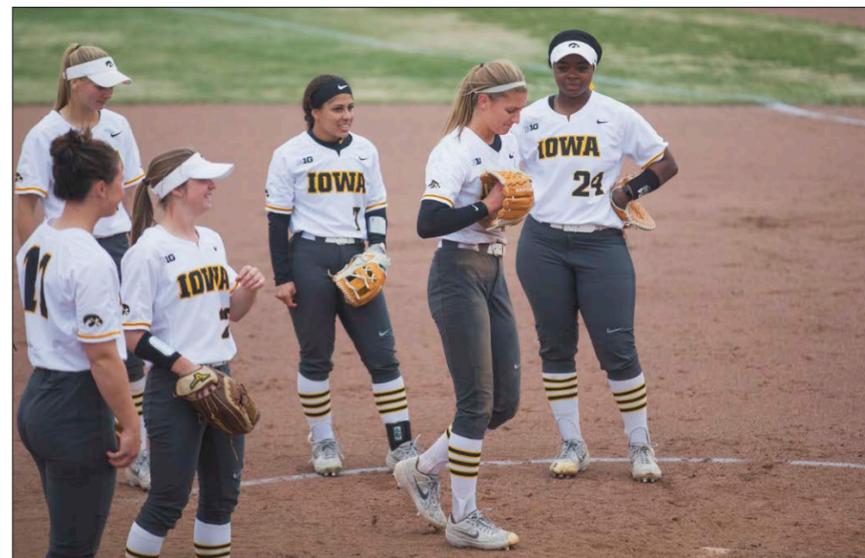
Some of the drop-off can be attributed to the running backs; Iowa entered 2018 without a

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SOFTBALL Iowa State - 2 Iowa - 0

Cyclones stifle Hawkeye softball

Poor hitting overshadowed Allison Doocy's stellar performance.



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Allison Doocy prepares to pitch after an injury caused by a collision during the fourth inning against Northwestern at Pearl Field on March 29.

BY JORDAN ZUNIGA
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Softball is obviously a team game, but occasionally it can feel like an intense, back-and-forth tennis match.

That was the case in Tuesday evening's Cy-

hawk battle as both the Iowa and Iowa State starting pitchers dominated the game at Pearl Field.

Iowa ace Allison Doocy was on early in the game, shutting down the Iowa State offense for the first

SEE SOFTBALL, 6

COLUMN

The new Hawkeye Mount Rushmore

A *Daily Iowan* staffer takes a look at the new Iowa basketball Mount Rushmore.

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As Megan Gustafson gets set for the WNBA draft Wednesday night after her stellar Hawkeye career, *The Daily Iowan* takes a look at the new Mount Rushmore of Iowa basketball.

It's admittedly hard to rank players from different time periods and positions, let alone gender, so the list isn't in any order and deliberately picks two women and two men.



Marble

Roy Marble

Marble played for the Hawkeyes in 1985-89 and is the all-time leading scorer for the men, finishing his career with 2,116 points.

Steals were also a big part of the shooting guard's game — he is fourth in Iowa history with 183 steals. When he left school, he led in both scoring and steals.

During Marble's stay at Iowa, he was a part of some incredibly successful Hawkeye teams that made the NCAA Tournament every year he wore the Black and Gold.

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