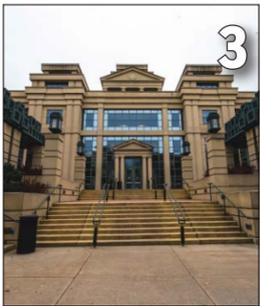


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College of Business celebrates 20 years of Tippie name

UI community members honored Henry B. Tippie at the 20th-anniversary celebration of the Tippie College of Business' name change, which commemorates the Hawkeye's contributions.



IWP project supports female writers

Sponsored through the International Writing Program, the Women's Creative Mentorship Project allows emerging writers to find their voices through working with program alumni who are established in their fields and careers.



Event brings sample of Asian culture to IMU

The Campus Activities Board will host the free Taste of Asia event today at 9 p.m. through midnight in the IMU. The annual event will bring a larger quantity and wider variety of cuisines.



Hawkeye track seniors to be honored

Seventeen seniors on the Iowa track and field team will be honored on Saturday as they take to their home track for the last time in their careers. Iowa's last home meet of the year, the Musco Twilight, is something the seniors will be able to reflect on.



Iowa rowing to host first home meet in three years

For the first time since 2016, the Hawkeye rowing team will host a meet at Lake Macbride. Instead of packing suitcases and going across country, the Iowa rowers will sleep in their own beds and take part in a team meal.



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



UI proposes 'gateway monuments'

The UI plans to erect monuments as official 'entrances' to the campus.

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University of Iowa students may soon see towering 13-foot granite monuments marking their walk

across campus.

The monuments, part of "The Gateway Project," are proposed as a series of granite columns placed at certain "gateway" entrances to the university. The UI issued a public

call on April 2 to find a supplier to build them.

Rod Lehnertz, UI senior vice president for Finance and Operations, said the idea has been one of the universities' goals for some

time.

Because of the UI's unique location at the heart of Iowa City, Lehnertz said, there has been debate

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Homestead for the Walkers, a home for Iowa City

For a husband-and-wife team of a University of Iowa professor and lecturer, their dreams of settling down and farming weren't enough. They wanted all of Iowa City to join them.

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The date when Bob and Kristy Walker, a University of Iowa professor and UI lecturer, respectively, received their occupancy to start operating their winery proved nearly perfectly serendipitous: Feb. 19, one day after National Drink Wine Day.

Of course, there's more than just wine to be found at their Walker Homestead, which was constructed over the last few months; it's a whole nexus for Iowa City and UI events.

The Walkers both work at the Tippie College of Business. They live together on their 85-acre property several miles west of Kinnick Stadium, where, six years ago, they created a community-supported agriculture group.

Bob said the homestead's mission is to build community through agriculture education, and on both the agricultural and educational fronts, he, Kristy, and their colleagues have been working to ensure just that.

I had the opportunity to visit the homestead on the chilly afternoon of March 1 to interview the Walkers and some of their colleagues. Driving out to the Walker homestead, my first thoughts were how rural the landscape really was.

Though it's only a 12-minute drive away from Kinnick, it seems unimaginable that a city of 80,000 is so close by. I passed rolling hills and flat plains packed with the wintry remnants of crops; dilapidated barns surrounded by old wooden fences; and smaller, compact houses with rustic charm.

David Gould, an administrator for the Belin-Blank Institute, met the Walkers in 2016 after agreeing to help a friend serve food at a fundraiser at the Walker homestead. Gould said he was enraptured by the house's views.

"If you look out their window facing west, it's like a Grant Wood painting," he said. "There's not a building in sight, there are rolling farm hills, the sun sets there every night. It's gorgeous."

Shortly after I arrived, guests followed suit; the Walkers were hosting a gathering to celebrate the upcoming wedding of their son and his fiancée.

"When our youngest went to college, [Bob] was thinking that maybe we should move into town, into a condo,



TOP: Bob Walker sits in his tractor while clearing the driveway to his farm on March 1. LEFT: The interior of the Walkers' barn is seen on March 1. RIGHT: Chefs Andrew Roers and Chris Grebner prepare food in the kitchen of the Walkers' barn on March 1.

Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

and travel," Kristy Walker said. "And I said, 'Or, we could move out into the country and have a little farm.'"

"He said we were too old to be farmers, and I told him if it doesn't kill us, it'll make us strong."

As we walked to a higher level so as not to bother the arriving guests, Kristy discussed how she grew up on a farm, collecting eggs with her father and exchanging them for goods with her mother.

"We would trade them for five items: flour, sugar, yeast, coffee, and Jell-O," she said. "Everything else was

from the farm. I told my husband I wanted that to happen here."

The winery aspect of the homestead began with a single idea: "We like wine; we like going to Napa. So we thought we'd built a little bit of Napa out here," Bob said. The pair bought 80 acres to the north of their farm in 2017 to produce five times more grapes.

Kristy said she took classes at Kirkwood Communi-

SEE WALKERS, 2

New smiles for vets highlights week

The Department of Prosthodontics in the UI College of Dentistry has given six veterans free dentures.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Steve Myers receives dentures from graduate fellow in dentistry Hyunok Jo at the College of Dentistry on Thursday. The college offers this in honor of National Prosthodontics Awareness Week.

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For National Prosthodontics Awareness Week, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry has recruited six veterans to give them fresh sets of den-

tures, free of cost.

When the project began, it was geared toward individuals who experienced homelessness. In the last three years, the college has shifted toward offering the service to veterans.

SEE DENTIST, 2

Vaccine exemptions rise in Iowa

As the number of vaccine exemptions across Iowa and the U.S. rise, state legislators have proposed vaccine legislation, and public-health officials have decried the spread of misinformation.

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As the number of measles cases continue to rise in the United States, more Iowa families are exempting their kids from vaccinations, including in Iowa City.

The U.S. is facing its second-largest outbreak of measles since the virus was virtually eliminated in the country nearly 20 years ago. Some 465 cases in 2019 had been identified as of April 4, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Currently, unvaccinated travelers from outside the U.S. are the source of U.S. measles cases.

While there have been no cases of measles in Iowa since 2011, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health, Midwestern states Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Missouri have reported cases this year, according to the CDC.

To protect children from such illnesses as measles, Iowa City School District health coordinator Susie Poulton said the district requires that students meet the state's vaccination requirements.

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Kristy Walker stands in her house on March 1.

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ty College to learn how to make wine, and she has made plans with Big Grove Brewery & Taproom to create wheat beer made with ingredients from their farm.

Despite the heavy local focus, both Bob and Kristy said operating within the regulations of Johnson County can be quite challenging. They can only host a dozen weddings annually, and they can have a maximum of 120 days allotted for agricultural events such as cooking classes or farm tours each year.

On those tours, which will begin in early spring, visitors can interact with the chickens, turkeys, rabbits, goats, and pigs that the Walker farm is home to. Kristy said they were expecting sheep and highland cattle to arrive shortly. The farm offers classes on how to cook various animals, too. Bob said he and Kristy want the homestead to become a farm and table experience.

The Walkers don't walk alone when it comes to planting their homestead as a premier place to visit for the Iowa City community. They work with their friends and neighbors to help master this idea of a 21st-century farm.

Iowa City native Shanti Sellz began Muddy Miss Farms in 2012 and works with the Walkers to distribute locally grown vegetables to a 50-member community-supported agriculture group.

For \$640, members get their pick of produce ranging from potatoes to peppers to pumpkins over a 22-week period.

During my visit, off to the side, a pair of men were hard at work preparing a veritable buffet for the evening festivities. Closer to the oven, which hummed from consistent use, stood Chris Grebner. He was busy putting together a fresh batch of egg dough.

Grebner has collaborated with the Walkers before, serving as a caterer for parties and other events. His food-truck service, Provender, was established in 2015 and serves as what Gould says is a "mobile pizza unit."

The kitchen and adjacent bar are constructed in a way that visitors can clearly see how the food is prepared and served.

"This is one of the kitchens I'll use for catering ... as well as teaching classes," Grebner said. The classes might involve participants traveling into the fields to find their own ingredients, he said, and long-term cooperation with the Walkers was definitely on the menu.

"I'm setting up shop, and this is where I'm going to be at," he said.

To Grebner's left was Andrew Roers, who was putting the finishing touches on one of numerous platters of salami and cheese slices. He talked about the opportunity for visitors to become acquainted with the surroundings of the homestead and learn more about where their meals originate from.

"People think of farms as plac-

es where their food comes from, but they don't necessarily want to visit," Roers said. "We're trying to do both here."

Beyond serving as a business, though, the Walker homestead serves as a gathering space for the Iowa City community, an opportunity for education that draws in both students and instructors from the UI.

Gould discovered this firsthand when he volunteered for a function at the Walkers' place and met the couple. He said he instantly thought of them as ideal hosts for his Green Room lecture series.

"Anytime I brought something to them that had a community [aspect] to it, they would always say, 'How can we help?'" he said.

Through the Green Room, the Walkers hosted motivational speakers, book signings, and musical acts. They have also hosted the international Tippiie Friends and Mandela Fellows as university events, as well as various fundraisers (like the IowaWatch one in which Gould met Bob and Kristy) and even church functions.

So widespread is the Walker influence that, as I was interviewing Gould at the High Ground Café, a student sitting at a table next to ours pulled out his headphones and asked us if we were talking about Bob Walker.

The student, senior Evan Hopper, said he'd often had conversations with Bob whenever he saw him in the hallways of the Pappajohn Business Building, and that he was well acquainted

with the Walker farm.

"He had us out there for an event for Sigma Nu Tau and we went out there, had a bonfire ... we had a little potluck, and we were just kind of bouncing ideas off each other," Hopper said.

Bob also hosts some classes of his own, teaching entrepreneurship to his students by presenting a real-life example of it to them firsthand.

"I'm actually going through a startup," he said. "I teach about finding funding [and] about entrepreneurial finance."

He calls it his "living laboratory," a locale in which his students can see just how all the principles he teaches them can be put into action.

There's a certain type of beauty out in the country that the Walker homestead encapsulates. I, like

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The Walkers' barn is seen on March 1. The venue is used for community and university events.

VACCINE

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Although the myth that vaccines cause autism has been debunked by numerous studies, there has been an increase in vaccination exemptions for religious reasons in the last decade in the state's schools, including in Iowa City School District.

Iowa school districts accept both medical and religious exemptions as outlined by state law.

Of the 13,993 students enrolled in Iowa City schools in the 2017-18 academic year, Poulton said there were 24 medical and 130 religious exemptions, 1.1 percent of the

School District.

Poulton said the number of religious exemptions in the school district has risen in recent years, and she expressed concern that parents may be misusing the provision as a loophole for nonreligious reasons.

"It just requires that it be notarized, but it doesn't require any religious authority overseeing that," she said. "So I think religious [exemptions] end up being personal."

According to data from the Iowa Department of Public Health, Horn Elementary in Iowa City had the lowest vaccination rate in the School District at 82.06 percent of students vaccinated during the 2017-18 school year.

An increase in unvaccinated students could be harmful to the

health of the student populations at Iowa City schools, Poulton said. Students who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons rely on herd immunity, and higher numbers of unvaccinated children can lead to outbreaks of preventable diseases such as measles or chickenpox.

Poulton said some parents refuse vaccines because they don't want to see their child in pain.

"It's important that they understand it's just one needle poke compared to what could be very, very detrimental to your child's health and to the health of others if they spread the disease," she said.

Two bills introduced to the Legislature this session address vaccines, one seeking to loosen vaccination requirements and one that aims to ban exemptions to vac-

cines altogether. Neither gained support to pass this session, but lawmakers may try to address the issue in the future.

In February, Sen. Dennis Guth, R-Klemme, introduced legislation with Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, that would have added a provision to vaccine-exemption law that allowed for exemptions to be given for "conscientiously held beliefs" that conflict with immunizations.

The bill also sought to change the wording regarding medical exemptions from "would be injurious to the health and well-being of the applicant or any member of the applicant's family" to "could."

Guth said he is skeptical about the safety of vaccines, and he aims to keep addressing the topic, with plans to focus on encouraging

more injury reporting.

"The goal is not to have no one get vaccinated, but to make those vaccines safer," Guth said in an email to "The Daily Iowan".

He noted that he began looking into the topic of vaccine injuries around nine years ago after meeting with a family member who had a child who he said had a vaccine injury.

However, UI infectious-diseases Professor Jack Stapleton said that extensive studies have shown that vaccines do not cause autism and are safe with rare exceptions.

"That is based on a paper that was retracted, and all but one of the 15 authors said it was not true," Stapleton said. "There have been lots of studies looking at it since then that don't show any evidence

of a connection between the MMR vaccine and autism."

The bill was assigned to a three-person subcommittee of the Senate Human Resources Committee but was never voted to be discussed by the full committee.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said she has brought up making vaccine exemptions stricter in the Legislature. She most recently submitted a bill, which failed to pass a key legislative deadline, that would have eliminated the religious exemption.

"I believe strongly in science and the need for vaccinations, which is why I'm concerned about some of our counties where the vaccination levels are declining due to a lot of different reasons," Mascher said.

DENTIST

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Kristen Flick, a social worker in the college, said her job focuses on finding the veterans who will use the services offered in National Prosthodontics Week.

"A lot of the participants I get come directly from the Veterans Association — social workers, nurses, and other health-care providers have veterans they work with," Flick said. "I call that person and make sure they can be here."

Flick said transportation, lodging, and food are not included in the program and is the responsibility of the person who is chosen. Another factor in choosing the recipients is the tissue surrounding the teeth being in a healthy state, she said.

"My least favorite part of this is turning people down," Flick said. "They may not qualify, or it is full for the year."

Flick said most participants are from the state of Iowa and between the ages of 55 and 75.

"In general, the population

is pretty reliable for patients," Flick said. "They are really good patients, because they show up and are respectful. It has been especially great for our faculty and staff to get involved to see that there is this population that has needs that are not being met, dental needs specifically. To be able to give them a resource because they have sacrificed so much is something we are happy to do to such a deserving population."

A lot of veterans can't afford or don't qualify for dental care through the Veterans Association, she said. The Prosthodontics Department donates the services at around \$2,500 for a set of dentures.

Butch Mattoon, a veteran serving in 1962-65 in the U.S. Army, said his care providers do not offer any dental coverage.

"It's been really great," he said. "Mine were breaking after about 15 years. Everybody out here has bent over backwards to help us. It's wonderful that the university has stepped up to support veterans. I'm an old vet, and when you came home, they typically didn't care about you. Within the last few years, they really have gotten behind the vets, and it's nice to

see them not forget the old ones."

Matthew French, a third-year graduate fellow in the Prosthodontics Department, said residents do the program every year.

"The first year is tough to make a set of dentures in a week," he said. "You know just enough of the lab work to do it, but it is a little more stress to do it in a week's time."

The opportunity to do a quick turnaround in a week has given the prosthodontics residents a way to show what they've got, French said.

"It's very difficult to qualify for care," he said. "A lot of people go untreated with their care."

As French said this, Ray Felch, a U.S. Army veteran serving in 1975, chimed in to note his and French's similarity in playing electric guitar.

Felch has had his previous dentures for 30 years. He served in the Vietnam War and said he financially could not afford dentures.

"This is a big deal to those who have served," he said. "I almost feel like I don't deserve it. It's been amazing and these people are great. I am so thankful."

MONUMENT

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as to where the campus officially begins.

"One of the models that we have seen at other universities is the notion of a gateway, of an entrance," Lehnertz said. "A place where you are now on our campus and you know that you have come to the University of Iowa."

A drawing of the monuments shows each column is proposed as having a two-toned bronze UI seal on the front, the word "IOWA" inscribed in bronze directly into the foundation beneath, and a granite world globe at the top with North America front-facing.

Lehnertz said the monuments are modeled to reflect stone obelisks that lined Iowa Avenue separating the old football and baseball stadiums before the 1929 construction of what is now Kinnick Stadium.

"One of those [obelisks] still exists on campus, right next to Iowa Avenue," said Lehnertz.

Other historical factors also went into the design of the monuments. Lehnertz said the column will be five-sided to represent the Pentacrest.

The globe on top, reflective of a similar design on the original monuments, represents the UI's intent to have a global impact.

According to the request for proposals, "The Gateway Project requires the supplier to fabricate, provide, store, deliver, and install a series of granite monuments with a bronze seal at various locations around campus to welcome guests to the university."

The request will close on April 25 when a committee designated by the UI will evaluate proposals to choose a supplier, according to the proposal documents.

The first installation will be made possible by a gift of \$100,000 from Mary Lou-

ise Petersen, the eponym of Petersen Residence Hall, and her husband, Rand. Although there is no definitive timeline for when the first monument will be placed, the plan is to install it at the intersection of Church and Dubuque Streets.

"Our family has been proud to support many areas of the University of Iowa for three generations," Petersen said in a statement to *The Daily Iowan*. "The Gateway Project is a wonderful way to welcome all — including students, alumni, and community — to Iowa's beautiful campus, and we are happy to help make it a reality."

Future installations at additional sites across campus will be considered should additional donor funding be dedicated to the project, Lehnertz said.

"We believe these will serve as a visual demarcation to a person coming into campus, but we also know that it will tell a story of who we are and what we aspire to be," he said.

Business school celebrates 20 years of Tippie

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Tippie College of Business name change, the UI community honored Henry B. Tippie, the man who accelerated the college's success.

BY RACHEL STEIL
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The man who gave his name to the Tippie College of Business 20 years ago started his education in a one-room schoolhouse in Belle Plaine, Iowa.

Henry B. Tippie's rural Iowa beginnings present a striking contrast to the sprawling, 187,000 square-foot Pappajohn Business Building that houses the University of Iowa's business school today.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Tippie College of Business. The UI community celebrated this milestone and honored Tippie, the eponym of the business school, Thursday afternoon in the IMU Iowa Theater.

"We have an incredible institution, and we have so many great things yet to come because of the foundation that Henry has created," UI President Bruce Harreld said.

Tippie, 91, has retired to Austin, Texas, with his wife Patricia, but the Hawkeye has a long history of giving to the UI.

He helped fund the construction of the Pappajohn Business Building, and in 1999, he donated \$30 million

to the university in order to support research and scholarships, Tippie Dean Emeritus Gary Fethke said.

"It was the largest gift made to the University of Iowa by an individual," said Lynette Marshall, the CEO and president of the UI Center for Advancement.

In 1999, the university officially renamed the business school the Tippie College of Business to commemorate Tippie's prominent effect on business students and faculty.

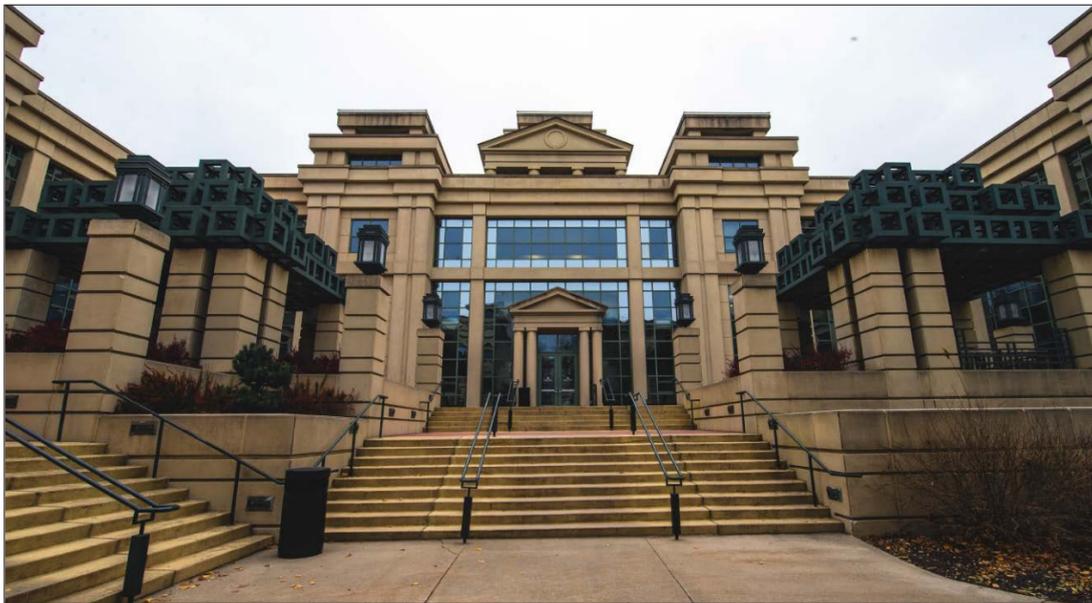
"Henry is an inspiration to a lot of ordinary folks a living example of the American Dream," Harreld said, quoting former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad.

Tippie expressed his gratitude to the university for giving him his education and experience.

"I am the one that owes the university; the university does not owe me a thing," Tippie said. "I was the beneficiary of getting my foundation, which I was able to do something with."

Tippie then gave a bit of his own advice to the audience. He said the focus of a business needs to start small, and advised against going for the "big bucks" right away.

"You want to start with the



The Pappajohn Business Building is seen on Nov. 12, 2018

Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan

crumbs, and that will lead to maybe a slice," Tippie said. "Then maybe you'll get a half of a loaf."

Tippie graduated with a bachelor's of science in accounting from the UI in 1949. After that, he became a certified public accountant in Des Moines.

He went on to work for the consumer and commercial services company John W. Rollins and Associates, which is now known as Rollins Inc. At Rollins, Tippie helped orchestrate the buyout of Orkin Exterminating Co. He is now the lead director at Rollins Inc., RPC Inc., and Marine

Products Corporation.

"I'll bet there's no other guy on the [New York Stock Exchange] Wall of Fame that has stood in a cow pasture," said Daniel Collins, the Henry B. Tippie research chair in accounting. "He's very proud of his Iowa roots, and he's very proud of being a University of

Iowa alumnus."

The business school has grown throughout the years and changed a great deal from when he graduated 70 years ago, Tippie noted, expressing optimism about the future.

"We are in a world of change," Tippie said. "The best is yet to come."

River Run celebrates 40 years of running for a cause

UI students have organized the annual River Run race for 40 years, a 5K that benefits Uptown Bill's Coffeehouse.

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For students passionate about having an effect on the community and running, River Run provides an opportunity to do both.

River Run will celebrate its 40 years as a student-run charity. The run benefits Iowa City's Uptown Bill's and the Extend the Dream Foundation, which benefit individuals with disabilities living in Iowa City.

River Run Co-Executive Director Miranda Nichols said the causes go beyond just supporting individuals with disabilities, especially Uptown Bill's.

"Uptown Bill's is much more than that," she said. "It hosts tons of community events from [Alcoholics Anonymous] meetings to ukulele clubs. [It's] just a really fun in area in the Iowa City community for those who need that sense of community."

Construction prevented previous event routes from extending along the Iowa River. For the 40th anniversary, the race route will return to the river for the first time since 2008.

Nichols said the original River Run was the first 5K race in Iowa City.

"Back then, it was originally where we have the course this year, as well," she said. "We were excited to move back by the river, because it is the River Run. ... In recent years, this course is most similar to what the course was when it first originated, and it's the least elevated."

Co-Marketing Director Shelby Spencer said outreach was a priority for River Run for the 40th anniversary. She revamped the groups' Instagram and Facebook pages to reach out to both University of Iowa students and community members.

"I also just wanted to make sure we were able to really raise a lot of money for Uptown Bill's, because it was a good cause, and I wanted to get as many people as we can," she said. "I wanted to make sure we went above and beyond, just like UI students — that's why we posted a lot more, had more of an outreach."

Nichols said that while the median age of a River Run participant is 29, participants range from 6 to 72 years old and come from a variety of backgrounds.

"I think it's really cool — our organization gets more community members than other 'orgs' do, just because it has been around for so long," she said. "It's a cool range of ages, a range of people in the community, whether they be

related to the university, if they were involved in the past years, or knew about it back when it originated in 1979.

With the group celebrating its 40th anniversary, alums have reached out to current

race organizers. Nichols said she received a letter from the race director in 1985, sharing mementos from the race that year and wishing current organizers good luck.

While River Run makes an impact on the community, it

impacts its student organizers as well. Co-Race Director Shane McTague said River Run allows him to stay connected to his passion for running.

"I'm a transfer sophomore, so I had never heard of [River

Run]," he said. "I really love running, and I wanted to get more involved in the running community. It was a really good opportunity with the position that was open, and the foundation that we're supporting is awesome."

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Birth-control bill benefits all Iowans

Over-the-counter birth-control bills in the Legislature and can be seen as a victory for both sides.



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Gov. Kim Reynolds' proposal for over-the-counter birth control passed well beyond the partisan margin in the state Senate on March 27 and will soon head to the state House for a vote. This bill would allow many types of self-administered hormonal contraceptives to be purchased over-the-counter rather than with a doctor's prescription. These self-administered contraceptives include oral pills, vaginal rings, and patches. The bill was a campaign promise Reynolds made during her visit to Sioux City for a debate last year and was introduced in the Legislature in February.

The bill passed in the Senate 42-6 with only six Republican members voting against the bill and two senators absent. While every Democratic senator voted in favor of the bill, there remain some concerns about the specific details of the legislation that were brought to the Senate floor. Many lawmakers worry that allowing contraceptives to be purchased without a physician's prescription would eliminate follow-up procedures with a health-care provider after starting the medication and ultimately, decrease the overall need for doctor supervision in women's health care.



The state Capitol in Des Moines is seen on April 29, 2018.

The bill, however, does include requirements for pharmacists to undergo education training before being able to dispense the contraceptives, which would require that a pharmacist informs the patient about potential risks and symptoms

'[The bill] is a step in the right direction for both parties because it allows greater access to contraceptives for women in the state who may be unable to afford the price of a doctor's visit.'

as well as require each patient to fill out a self-screening assessment beforehand. Many Iowa lawmakers are confident that pharmacists would be adequately trained to advise women who are interested in purchasing over-the-counter birth control and would also encourage the consultation of a doctor.

Providing over-the-counter access to self-administered birth control is a step in the right direction

for both parties because it allows greater access to contraceptives for women in the state who may be unable to afford the price of a doctor's visit in order to get a prescription or do not have direct access to a health-care provider. Additionally,

many contraceptives boast a 90 percent or better success rate (CDC.gov) for preventing unwanted pregnancies, which would not change if these methods were to be provided over-the-counter. Instead, this would increase access for women who felt as if they could not get contraceptive care otherwise. Birth control can also provide other reproductive-health benefits to women such as reducing

pain, heavy bleeding, acne, anemia, and other symptoms experienced during a menstrual period.

Both women's health care and abortion are hotly debated issues in our country, and Iowa is no exception. This bill would be one of the first in recent Legislatures to bridge the gap between Democratic and Republican issues. It supports liberal ideals in providing affordable and accessible health care for women, especially after there has been a nationwide decrease in funding in programs such as Planned Parenthood. Conservatives who are in favor of the plan argue that as pro-life supporters, this would decrease abortion rates in the state. The legislation, if passed, would reach across both sides of the aisle to provide valuable resources to Iowans. Reynolds' bill has the potential to be the start of many cohesive and comprehensive Iowa legislation that promote partisan cooperation and support.

COLUMN

Staying safe on public transportation is more than wearing a seat belt

The UI Public Safety Department provides services to make your trip as safe as possible.

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A little under two weeks ago, Samantha Josephson, a senior at the University of South Carolina, lost her life after getting into a car that she believed was her Uber ride. Josephson's death is absolutely devastating and has brought the question of safety of ride services into the minds of millions.

For many college students, booking a transport service is part of the weekly routine. However, just because something is a rou-

students try to request a ride 20 to 30 minutes earlier than when they want to leave, taking into account the demand for the service. Poole also recommended waiting inside, because a text message is sent when the Nite Ride arrives to pick people up.

Besides Nite Ride, Poole also detailed the numerous other services provided by Public Safety. Rave Guardian is a free mobile app that works as a "virtual safety escort" with features including a safety timer that can be programmed to notify police or a chosen contact

'When it comes to safety, the smallest actions — the efforts that seem tedious — can sometimes change the course of a life.'

tine does not mean people should not be on alert. Especially when you need to get somewhere by yourself, it is important to be aware of ways you can make your experience secure, from waiting for the vehicle to getting out and home.

Alton Poole is the community-outreach specialist for the University of Iowa Public Safety Department. As a community-outreach specialist, Poole works to "bridge the gap between the campus and the department." Poole emphasized that the department's thoughts were with the loved ones of Josephson. He also provided insight on the many safety precautions students at the university are able to take.

The best known service provided by the UI Public Safety Department is Nite Ride, which runs from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. throughout the week. The service is free or \$1 per person if Express Ride is chosen. While this service is incredibly useful, dozens of requests mean that the service is often quite delayed, sometimes for over an hour. Poole recommended that

if you do not arrive at your planned destination. If in need of an actual escort, student ambassadors — trained through the SHOUT program — are available to assist students in finding a way to get home on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. More information is available on the resource page of the department's website.

When it comes to safety, the smallest actions — the efforts that seem tedious — can sometimes change the course of a life. Poole had a plethora of actions to consider: waiting for the ride indoors, confirming the license plate and features of the vehicle before getting in, sitting in the back seat, even having your phone ready to dial 911. While these are tiny steps that are easily forgotten in the moment, it has come to a point where these actions are necessary for people to take. Maybe it is awkward to ask the Uber driver what his name is and who he is supposed to be driving; however, five seconds of awkwardness could save a life in the long run.

COLUMN

Missing-person reports persist and can't continue to be ignored

Thousands of missing-person reports arise in a year but often go unnoticed. It's important that the public continues to pay attention to the names and faces of those who have vanished.



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The end of 2017 brought nearly 90,000 active missing-person reports, according to the FBI. And in a 10-day time frame in July 2018, 48 Iowa juveniles had reportedly gone missing.

Near the end of the summer, a social-media post emerged expressing the urgency and depravity of the number of missing persons — and specifically, people between the ages of 13 and 20. The post received thousands of responses.

The attention of communities and various media outlets were drawn to the grip-

ping number while different news platforms arose, disputing the number as a misread on data and statistics.

Even the Department of Public Safety stepped forward in an attempt to correct perspectives on the numbers being publicized among social-media platforms.

'Thousands of children are missing and efforts need to be exhausted, relentlessly, in seeking to find the number of missing persons.'

According to *USA Today*, the number included people who had not been kidnapped or disappeared during an ordinary day — but had simply run away from home, and more than that, contributed to the astounding number as children who had run away from home a number of times, each time a new entry in data.

While organizations were quick to wave off the intim-

idating number of missing children, the fear still rang true enough and near enough to home to cut through the thickening debate over how frightened communities should be.

The point of discussion is that children are missing — whether they've chosen to

run away from home, been grabbed in the middle of an afternoon on their way home from the bus stop, or vanished in the abyss of crowded hotel lobbies.

Thousands of children are missing and efforts need to be exhausted, relentlessly, in seeking to find the number of missing persons. Regardless of how they disappeared, whether they wanted to or not, there needs to be

a quickness in responding with action rather than debate or discussion.

According to the *Des Moines Register*, just last week a boy was found in Kentucky claiming to be Timothy Pitzen while recounting in vibrant detail the kidnapping of the then 6-year-old boy, who has been missing from Illinois for nearly eight years.

DNA revealed that he is not Pitzen, he is instead Brian Michael Rini, a 23-year-old convicted felon from Medina, Ohio.

While officials are unsure why he attempted to claim the missing boy's identity, the family of Timothy was devastated, sharing with media that they felt like they were back to ground zero.

Yet authorities were quick to assure people that the search for Timothy was not over — and that they would continue with their efforts in finding him. Au-



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Nite Ride police Officer Joel Trantow gives students a ride on Aug. 24, 2016.

ror police continue leading the investigation with the assistance of the FBI when needed.

Timothy is one of tens of thousands of children who have gone missing in the last 10 years. And while law enforcement increases in diligence for the search of the missing persons cases that flood counties across the

country, it's imperative that communities continue to remain aware.

It's important that the increasing number of people who have vanished, statewide or nationwide — whether they've run away or been taken — have the attention of the public, so that their absences do not go unnoticed and the search for them can persist.

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Taste of Asia brings flavor, culture to IMU

The Campus Activities Board will present the Taste of Asia event at 9 p.m. today to allow the UI community to experience some Asian foods and culture for free.

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For University of Iowa students and others of the community who seek to expand their cultural horizons, the Campus Activities Board will provide an opportunity to sample a taste of Asian cultures.

CAB will host the free Taste of Asia event at 9 p.m. today at the IMU. While the event is annual, this year will bring a much larger quantity and more variety of cuisines. The event will last from 9 p.m. to midnight and is free for everyone.

CAB member Mishma Nixon, a UI freshman who is in charge of Taste of Asia this year, has dedicated herself to provide as much representation for all the diverse cultures of Asia.

"It's going to be a lot of Asian food, and it's an effort to bring about and celebrate Asian culture and how diverse the culture is," she said. "There are so many different countries and so many different regions in the continent. There are students from almost every region, so it's a way of representing them through food because food is a very integral part of all cultures."

Taste of Asia will offer

food from four regions: East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East.

"Asia is a huge continent, and it's easy to get sidetracked and focus on the main few countries," Nixon said. "Breaking it into four regions definitely helped me focus in more; I knew for sure that section had to look full, which meant I had to go search for more food from that region. I really tried to be as authentic as possible. Every single food item has a rich history, has a tradition."

After eating, guests will be able to watch various group performances, visit the henna table, or get their name printed in Arabic calligraphy. Taste of Asia will cater food from Asian restaurants in Iowa City and Coralville.

UI junior Idries Kysia, the president of the Arab Student Association, said it is empowering to be connected with the community through the event.

"Our organization supports and facilitates the discussion and furthers awareness of Arab culture, issues, language," he said. "We're primarily doing cooking. We're cooking a traditional Arabic cuisine, grape leaves. Basically, we wrap a filling of rice and meat, traditionally. This semester, there's been a lot of cross-culture organization outreach,

and it really does feel like there is a bigger cultural campus growing."

Nixon said that, as an international student, she misses food from home.

"Even if we are not from that country, we all miss food from home. I know it sounds cliché, but there's something about Asian food that is just amazing," she said. "It's cooked with love. I'm even making all my members eat before they serve so that they can serve with love."

Nixon said she wanted to tap into as many countries as possible to make underrepresented Asian communities feel welcome.

"I really hope that people can see things that they miss from home," she said. "I really hope that someone who always thought that their country is not represented in events comes to this event and sees their culture represented. If that could happen to one person, then I think I would have done my job."

CAB member AJ King, who was involved with Taste of Asia last year, said this year the event is significantly larger.

"We've been being a little more intersectional and a little more cognizant of other identities," he said. "I'm from the Philippines and southeast Asia, so I felt some



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan
Members of the Asian American Student Union prepare Ché Thài for Taste of Asia in the IMU kitchen. The event will take place in the IMU Main Lounge today at 9 p.m.

communion with the Asian population that showed up to the event [last year], but there are so many specific things from your own country, and not having my country there kind of hurt."

In addition to vegan and gluten-free options, Taste of Asia will offer Halal food, which is prepared in accor-

dance with Islamic law.

"There are a lot of Muslims in the Asian community here, and I thought that it would be great thing to have food that they could eat," Nixon said. "In those communities, we try to be as inclusive as possible, which is a bit of a challenge, but it worked out."

Many restaurants offered discounted or free food for Taste of Asia.

"I told them what I wanted to do with this and why it means so much to me, and I think they just got it," Nixon said. "I was so proud of my skills as a negotiator. I hope students will go out and visit these places after."

IWP launches project for emerging female writers

For the next six months, 16 emerging female writers from many parts of the world will work with International Writing Program alums to establish their craft and careers through the Women's Creative Mentorship Project.

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From Iowa City to Italy to South America to Africa, 16 emerging female writers are on a six-month journey to kick-start their creative careers.

The Women's Creative Mentorship Project is a collaboration between the University of Iowa International Writing Program and the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to provide a mentorship between established and emerging female writers.

The bureau contacted the IWP to develop the pilot project. Director Christopher Merrill and program-development coordinator Cate Dicharry were excited about the idea. They contacted eight alumnae of the IWP's fall residency program to become mentors, Merrill said.

"We like to reach out to our alum[s] as much as possible through projects as they arrive," Merrill said. "We are hoping to cultivate writing at all stations of creation. It's a part of our effort to not only maintain contact with our alums but develop connections between the IWP and writers all over the world."

Once they chose the mentors, Merrill and Dicharry asked them to find potential writers from their home countries to be mentees. The IWP also worked with different embassies and had applications to choose the 16 participants, Merrill said.

The women represent Somalia, Italy, Mauritius, Colombia, Argentina, Kenya, South Africa, Mexico, and Botswana. All 24 traveled to Portland, Oregon, on March 27-30 for the 2019 Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference, Dicharry said.

One of two mentees from Colombia is Paula Silva.

"During the four days of my stay in Portland, I learned how to stop wincing and panicking before answering the question of whether I was a writer and slowly accepting that I am," she said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "I came back feeling like writing is truly my life's calling, and I've come back with full segments of my book demanding to be written immediately. Being part of this project allowed me to move from avoiding my writing to fully embracing it."

The conference allowed the cohort to formally meet, listen to authors and publishers speak, and make connections, Dicharry said. Afterward, they traveled home to

begin the six-month journey. Right now, participants are focusing on building a successful relationships with their mentors.

In September, when the project ends, the women will have a specific project to show. Dicharry said she appreciates the freedom given to participants to develop their writing in any genre they're passionate about, whether that is poetry, fiction, nonfiction, or plays.

"I think it's really important, because it's really carefully designed to help established careers where there weren't careers before," Dicharry said. "We think about the creative craft practice and the business side of writing such as publication and professional ambition."

Depending on the success of the project, it could continue in future years, Merrill said. For now, the IWP is focused on developing the 16 emerging writers' craft and careers.

"My dream is to see women who may not have the same access to opportunities, because of this program, the

people they meet, the guidance they get, [are] able to pursue a creative career," Dicharry said. "It's a program

that's really designed to give voice to writers who may not find themselves always having access to that kind of opportunity. I hope this project

will continue to think about groups who don't have the same access to a voice."



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"Being an athlete, you work on being independent and finding yourself, working on time management," she said. "There are a lot of things that you have to work through in order to be in a position to succeed, and being involved in the track program has helped me learn those things."

With her time as a Hawkeye winding down, Simmons is still looking to achieve her ultimate goal.

"Looking back, freshman year was a sort of warm-up year," she said. "Now, as a senior, I'm trying to be a leader for this group and trying to work toward a Big Ten Championship."

On the men's side, Chris Douglas will be honored for his contributions to the program.

Douglas has developed into one of the best hurdlers in the country during his time at Iowa, and while he wasn't always planning on becoming a Hawkeye, it's a choice he can look back on fondly.

"I was originally commit-

ted to a Division-3 school," Douglas said. "Iowa reached out after my senior year, and I switched. I'm not really sure if I would have been able to accomplish the things that I have if I went with my original plan."

Beyond just picking up All-American honors or placing sixth at the national meet, Douglas sees the people he has come into contact with as the thing he will always remember about his time at Iowa.

"I've made friendships that I hope will last a lifetime," he said. "I've learned a lot about myself as both an athlete and an individual, and I think this whole experience is something I wouldn't have been able to get anywhere else."

The meet is scheduled to begin at noon on Saturday with the seniors being honored at 4 p.m.

As those 17 seniors take the track for the last time in the regular season, Woody wants their legacy and impact on the program to be clear.

"We would not be ranked where we are as a program without what our seniors have done to get us here," Woody said. "They have been the leaders; they have taken this program to a whole new level."



Iowa's Chris Douglas finishes the 200 meters during the 19th-annual Musco Twilight meet at the Cretzmeyer Track on April 12, 2018. Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

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moment for the rest of this season.

"We had a home race my freshman year, and just looking between the differences — how much I've grown," Jones said. "I've been with the boat that I'm in this year and the past year, and I've just gotten close with all my teammates. [I'm] just kind of trying to enjoy every moment, especially being able to have a home race my senior year, just trying to take in every moment that I can from here on out."

The rest of Iowa's team has never competed at Lake Macbride, including junior Eve Stewart.

While the competition aspect in Iowa will certainly be new to many, Stewart looks forward to sleeping in her own bed.

"I've never competed at home here before, but it's definitely different not having to pack our suitcases and get ready to travel, but I definitely think it has its benefits," she said. "You don't have to worry about getting tired legs. You're in your own bed, and it's a little bit more relaxed. We're doing a team dinner on Friday night to kind of simulate that typical racing environment for us, but it should be a nice change."

After going 1-2 at the Pac-12 Invitational in California March 30-31, the Hawkeyes picked up a few areas in which to improve.

"Obviously, doing California, we got to know where we can improve during the race," Stewart said. "So the past two weeks, we've just been focusing on strategy plans and kind of working on areas, bettering areas — hopefully, putting our best foot forward this weekend."

The Hawkeyes will take on the Badgers to kick off the weekend.

"It is a little bit far and few between for us to be able to host here at Iowa, and to be able to do it with Big Ten opponents is fantastic," Carter said. "These are three really great teams that are coming in here to race on our lake, two of which we get to face. So, great measuring posts and great to do it in front of some fans."

BASEBALL

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good job. The plan worked well if we would have just executed both on offense and defense, but we did not."

Trenton Wallace started on the bump, and the Hawkeyes didn't allow a hit until Jason Foster — Iowa's fourth pitcher of the game — entered from the bullpen.

Then, Iowa gave up 3 runs in the next 3.2 innings, conceding 5 hits and 3 walks in the process.

"You have to keep your free bases to a minimum, and we had too many," Heller said in a release. "Two of their 3 runs were walks. We made some mistakes defensively."

Luckily for Iowa, Purdue is not a strong offensive team, giving the Hawkeye pitching staff an ample opportunity to bounce back.

The Boilermakers are hitting just .224 as a team, last in the Big Ten. While center fielder Skyler Hunter comes at .343, his team doesn't follow suit.

Purdue hasn't displayed

much power this season, either, clubbing only 4 home runs on the season.

Iowa's weekend rotation of Cole McDonald, Cam Baumann, and Grant Judkins will enter the series trying to give the Hawkeyes their third conference series win in a row.

As it has the last two weekends, it will be important for McDonald to come out strong in the opener.

After a rocky start to the season, McDonald has settled down, allowing 4 runs in his last two starts — a total of 12.1 innings.

Judkins, Iowa's Sunday starter, has been strong all season, boasting a 1.70 ERA with an opponents' batting average of .206.

If McDonald and Baumann get off to a fast start, it will make it easier for Judkins to attack the hitters he faces in the series finale.

"It gives me confidence going out there seeing what they've done, seeing how they've pitched different batters," Judkins said after Iowa swept Illinois on March 31.

The Hawkeyes will also be presented with the



Iowa baseball coach Rick Heller takes the field during the game against Bradley on March 26 at Banks Field. Megan Conroy/The Daily Iowan

chance to get their bats going again; Purdue's starting rotation includes Andrew Bohm and Ryan Beard, who are both 0-4 with ERAs above 6.30. Both

of those pitchers also have an opponents' batting average over .300.

The room for improvement is there, but with the Hawkeyes embarking on a

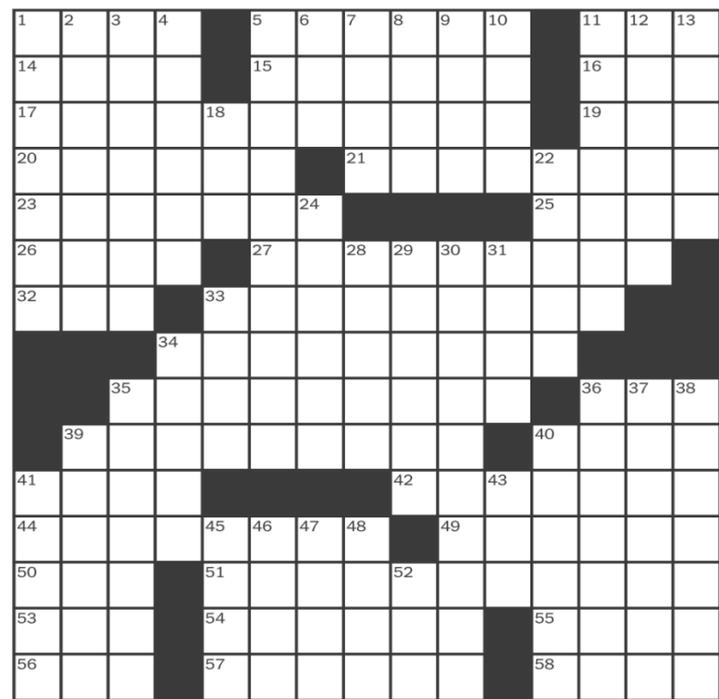
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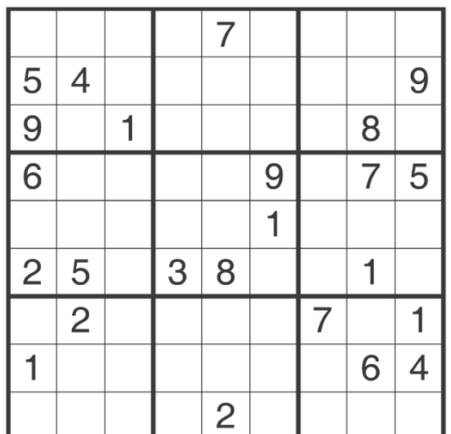
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Softball takes on hot Illini squad

Mired in an offensive slump, Iowa softball will try to break a nine-game losing streak against an impressive Illinois team.

BY PETE MILLS
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It's been slightly more than a year since Iowa softball last won a game on its home field. This can be frustrating, but it can also be inspiring.

Iowa will try to use this motivation to grab some wins this weekend against Illinois at home. It hasn't won a game at Pearl Field since April 8, 2018.

The Hawkeyes will have to break a few other streaks as well in order to do it. The team is on a nine-game losing streak and is in something of an offensive slump. But a 2-0 loss to Iowa State on Tuesday was a breakthrough in a lot of ways — starting pitcher Allison Doocy got her stuff

back with one of her better outings in the last few weeks, and the hitters were getting quality looks at the plate. This, head coach Renee Gillispie said, is an indicator that good things are to come.

"We just have to keep getting better," she said. "You're seeing what we looked like this weekend [against Wisconsin] — there were some situations

where we ran ourselves out of bases, out of opportunities, out of innings. We have to stop that, and we did that [against Iowa State]. As long as we start seeing that little improvement, we will see some good things happen this weekend."

Only two hitters found daylight at the plate in the loss — freshman Sydney Owens and junior Havyn Monteer each got a hit — but Gillispie said there were other promising signs. Hard-hit balls and only 3 strikeouts might mean Iowa is on its way out in an offensive slump. It's a good time, too; Big Ten play is only really getting started, so the team might be able to make a run at the standings in the first year of Gillispie at the helm of the program.

"It's a brawl in the Big Ten, just a crazy outing right now," she said. "We're working to get in the Big Ten Tournament. We have to win some games this weekend and then go to Rutgers and take care of a couple things there."

As is typically the case with this conference, quality opponents are all over the place. Iowa had a tough series against Wisconsin in Madison last weekend with an offensive jackhammer in the Bad-



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Allison Doocy pitches in the sixth inning against Northwestern at Pearl Field on March 29. The Wildcats defeated the Hawkeyes, 5-0.

gers. The Illini are even better, with a 24-13 overall record this season. Illinois took down Wisconsin in a series just a few weeks ago on the shoulders of some high-level hitting.

Four Illinois players have an average better than .360.

Bella Loya leads the pack with a .403 average with 12 doubles and 11 home runs. To put that in perspective, no Hawkeye hitters have a batting average better than .300 after the offensive slump. Doocy and the pitching staff will have

their hands full this weekend.

But the players understand that all they can do is take care of their side of the game and have faith that results will follow.

"We're excited to play Illinois," Doocy said. "This is a

big turnaround for us, we're excited to see how this weekend goes ... [For me] it's just doing the little things right. As a team, we work together to produce offensively and defensively. That's all we have to do to get some wins this weekend."

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Wieskamp to test NBA Draft waters

On Thursday, Stadium's Jeff Goodman tweeted that Iowa freshman Joe Wieskamp will receive feedback from NBA teams regarding its draft on June 20.



Wieskamp averaged 11.1 points, 4.9 rebounds, and 1.1 assists in his first season with the program.

He scored 20 or more points on four occasions this season. His career-best mark is 24 points, which he accomplished twice (against Savannah State on Dec. 22, 2018, and Illinois on Jan. 20).

Last season, both Tyler Cook and Isaiah Moss declared early for the draft, going through the process as well. Both returned after receiving feedback.

Wieskamp is expected to return to the Iowa program next season.

Iowa softball series altered

Hawkeye softball's series against Illinois has been moved because of predicted weather.

The opener, which was set for Friday at 5:30 p.m., has been moved up to 4 p.m.

The teams will then play a doubleheader on Saturday with the first game's first pitch taking place at 1 p.m. Game 2 will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 1.

Parking will be limited because of the Iowa track Musco Twilight meet; there will be additional parking at the Hawkeye Commuter Parking Lot. A shuttle will be available to take fans to Pearl Field from there, starting at 10 a.m. and running for an hour after the track meet.

Weekend Sports Schedule

Women's Golf (Athens, Georgia)

• Friday-Saturday, Liz Murphy Collegiate Classic – all day

Softball (Pearl Field)

• Friday vs. Illinois – 4 p.m.
• Saturday vs. Illinois – 1 p.m.
• Saturday vs. Illinois – 30 min. after Game 1 concludes

Baseball (West Lafayette, Indiana)

• Friday vs. Purdue – 5 p.m.
• Saturday vs. Purdue – noon
• April 14 vs. Purdue – noon

Track and Field (Cretzmeier Track)

• Saturday, Musco Twilight – all day

Women's Tennis (Tennis Complex)

• Saturday vs. Nebraska – noon

Rowing (Lake Macbride)

• Saturday, Big Ten Double Dual – all day

Men's Tennis (West Lafayette, Bloomington, Indianapolis)

• Saturday vs. Purdue – 11 a.m.
• April 14 vs. Indiana – 11 a.m.
• April 14 vs. Indiana/Purdue-Indianapolis – 6 p.m.

Soccer (Kansas City)

• Saturday vs. Kansas City-Missouri – noon

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We would not be ranked where we are as a program without what our seniors have done to get us here.”



– Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody on the team's seniors

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa baseball has **nine** come-from-behind victories this season.



9

come-from-behind victories

Senior Twilight

Seventeen senior track and field athletes will take to their home track for the last time in the regular season, and they will be honored for their contributions to the program.



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Iowa's Tria Simmons gets set for the long jump at the Iowa Dual indoor meet on Jan. 16, 2015.

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Senior Day is an emotional time. Four years, or in some cases longer, suddenly start to wind down as college eligibility runs its course. It's a unique experience, and it's something that will soon take over the UI campus.

Iowa track and field will host the 20th-annual Musco Twilight Invitational at the Cretzmeier Track on Saturday in what will be the final reg-

ular-season home meet in the Black and Gold for the Hawkeye seniors.

Seventeen senior track and field athletes will be honored at the meet, and this crop of soon-to-be graduates is a bit more personal for Director of Track and Field Joey Woody.

“I took over as head coach five years ago, and I've been involved with recruiting on the last four classes,” Woody said. “So this is really the first senior group that I recruited and was actively involved with, and it's been fun to see the develop-

ment of our whole team because of that group.”

One member of this class is Tria Simmons, who has taken an unconventional path to being the athlete she is today.

Simmons was recruited as a triple jumper and long jumper and now is a Big Ten champion in the multi-events. On her path to becoming a champion, Simmons has figured out what it takes to be on top.

SEE TRACK, 6

Baseball primed to take third-straight series

The Hawkeyes have room to improve, but they have a solid chance to move up the standings with a three-game series against Purdue.



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Iowa's Cole McDonald pitches against Illinois at Banks Field on March 29.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Heading into its second road series of the Big Ten season, Iowa baseball needs solid production in an area that has been a strength at times this season: pitching.

The Hawkeyes are coming off a 3-1 loss at Bradley on Wednesday in which they used eight different arms. While the performance

wasn't terrible — Iowa only gave up 3 runs on 7 hits — the Hawkeyes' tendency to allow base runners caused problems.

“For the most part, the pitchers that we ran out there did a really nice job,” Iowa head coach Rick Heller said in a release. “They fought and battled. Some guys who needed to get out there and get some confidence did a

SEE BASEBALL, 6

Rowing hosts Big Ten double dual

The Iowa rowing team hosts an event for the first time since 2016.

BY SARAH ALTEMEIER
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For the first time in three years, the Iowa rowing team's schedule includes a home event. The competition will take place Saturday at Lake Macbride, when No. 13 Iowa will host No. 11 Wisconsin, No. 20 Minnesota, and No. 19 Indiana in the Big Ten double dual.

After being on the road for three years, fans of the program couldn't stay in one place to watch the team. But this weekend, that won't be the case.

“The only way for parents and supporters to see us the last couple years is to hit the road and follow us around the country,” head coach Andrew Carter said. “We have a greater volume coming out when we have a home competition. Those people get to connect with one another at a greater level, and it is a time when our students can validate their hard work in front of their strongest supporters.”

With the last home event being in 2016, only nine seniors — Faith Wieland, Rachel Valentine, Andjela Milenkovic, Rachel Canon, Logan Jones, Carly Millerd, Allison Blevins, Paige Schlapkohl, and Elizabeth Pritchard — have had the chance to compete in front of a home crowd.

Jones, the 1V8 coxswain, is not taking a home senior meet for granted, or any

SEE ROWING, 6



Carter