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Two students turned an assignment for their graphic-design class to send a powerful message about single-use plastics.



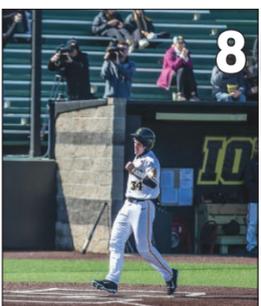
Iowa deals with structurally deficient bridges
The state of Iowa was named the among the top three states for structurally deficient bridges. The cost of repairs for the 2nd Congressional District is more than \$400 million.



Rapper Eink faces challenges in achieving stardom
UI student Eink, whose real name is Imran Kaiser, is a 21-year-old rapper from northwestern China pursuing a career in music despite the challenges.



Tuufuli throws past the competition
Iowa thrower Reno Tuufuli completed his final Musco Twilight in impressive fashion. The senior from Las Vegas picked up wins in the shot put and discus. Now, Tuufuli looks for two more titles: Big Ten and national champions.



Hawkeye baseball newcomers prep for Northern Illinois
Austin Martin, Izaya Fullard, and Trace Hoffman have played a big role for Iowa baseball at one point or another this season. If the three keep up their solid work, the Hawkeyes could be set up for success against the Huskies and in the future.



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Wilson named new associate VP for diversity, equity, and inclusion

TaJuan Wilson, who wants to create a 'paradigm shift' for diversity programs at the UI, will assume his position June 28.



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TaJuan Wilson, who will become the new UI associate VP for diversity, equity, and inclusion, speaks during a forum on March 25.

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TaJuan Wilson has been named the new University of Iowa associate vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

He will assume the position on June 28 after being approved by the state Board of Regents and will receive an annual salary of \$224,000.

Wilson will assume the role currently being filled on an interim basis by Associate Vice President Melissa Shivers. This decision comes three weeks after Wilson's campus visit.

"I'm excited to be joining a university that is asking the tough questions and is ready to act on what it is hearing from the community," Wilson said in a statement. "My hope is through assessment and education, we can build and cultivate

pipelines to increase diversity among our faculty, staff, and student body and create a more culturally conscious campus."

Wilson has served as the executive director of multicultural programs at Missouri State University and, most recently, as an associate professor and executive director of student pro-

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Midwest flooding becomes political wedge

A state aid package is being crafted for Midwest disaster relief in the Iowa Legislature, but a federal disaster-relief package has stalled in Congress.



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Gov. Kim Reynolds talks at the Coralville Hy-Vee on April 5, 2018.

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Members of Congress and the Iowa Legislature are at political crossroads over how government aid should be dispensed to victims of Midwest flooding and whether the flooding was caused by climate change.

While a federal aid package has stalled in Congress, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced a \$15 million legislative funding package on Monday for this fiscal year to immediately address flood damage to infrastructure in western Iowa.

"The legislation spans levees, drainage areas, and flood-control improvements for individuals, businesses, and communities affected by this historic flooding," Reyn-

olds said in a press conference on Monday.

Iowa Senate Democrats proposed a \$50 million plan to address flood damages two weeks ago, but Republicans wanted to wait for Reynolds to deliver more information until the Legislature took action, according to the *Des Moines Register*.

Although it is yet to be seen if Reynolds' proposal will gain bipartisan support among legislators, deliberations for an aid package at the federal level have gained limited traction.

An aid package in the U.S. Senate sponsored by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, was voted down by some Senate Democrats on April 1. Grassley, along with Sen.

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UISG pushes for move-in checklist

A move-in checklist is used by tenants to document the conditions of their new apartment upon moving in. UI students have advocated for making them mandatory.

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As the academic year comes to a close and students prepare for their leases to end, some may not get their full deposits back and not receive much explanation. University of Iowa Student Government and other advocates hope to remedy that in the future by making a move-in checklist mandatory by law.

A move-in checklist is a document that can be used by tenants to record the conditions of an apartment upon moving in, UISG City Liaison Gustave Stewart said. They help to increase transparency between tenants and landlords.

Submitting a move-in checklist is a voluntary process in Iowa, but lists are legally required in 14 other states.

Stewart came up with a proposal for putting a move-in checklist into law after he conducted a rental survey in spring 2018 when working on the UISG renters' guide.

The survey indicated that 23 percent of students had received none of their deposit back upon the end of the lease, and 38.3 percent said they felt they should have received more of their rental deposits.

Students can be especially susceptible to unfair deposit deductions, Stewart said, because many of them are first-time renters and don't know the correct procedures for renting.

"I was a first-time renter, and I'm not really going to know that I'm supposed to document all the conditions, because I had never rented," he said. "And I think that's the case for the entire population."

Although students can fill out checklists on their own, Stewart said, putting them into law would

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Nodo Iowa City is seen on Monday. Nodo is a locally owned establishment specializing in artisan sandwiches, vegetarian/vegan entrees, and a cozy atmosphere.

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Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, made statements via Twitter condemning senators who voted down the disaster-relief package while campaigning in Iowa ahead of the 2020 presidential race.

U.S. Senate Democrats and 2020 presidential hopefuls, Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Amy Klobuchar, all voted against a \$13 billion-\$45 billion relief package on April 1, as did independent Bernie Sand-

ers. Democrats opposed the package because it didn't include direct funds to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria from September 2017.

In the lower chamber, all but six U.S. House Republicans similarly voted against a disaster-aid package that passed in January with all Democrats casting yes votes.

Rep. Cindy Axne, D-Iowa, successfully requested in April a supplemental disaster appropriations bill to allocate \$3 billion in federal aid for Iowa after the Senate disaster relief bill stalled.

At the state level, Reynolds also asked the Iowa Legisla-

ture to approve an additional \$10 million for fiscal 2020 for a workforce and housing tax credit that aims to develop flood-affected areas.

A similar effort on the federal level driven by Grassley and Ernst, would give tax relief to flood victims of Iowa and Nebraska. The proposed legislation, sponsored solely by Republicans, would give individuals access to retirement funds and provide tax credits to businesses experiencing employee retention.

Climate change

Whether climate change is a player in the flooding

has put a divide in the way some politicians are addressing the issue.

Grassley communications director Michael Zona wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* on March 28 that the flooding was caused by mismanagement of the Missouri River and adverse weather conditions, excluding climate change as a factor. Ernst will chair a committee hearing on Wednesday with the Army Corps of Engineers to examine the management of the river.

Democrats in Congress, such as Rep. Abby Finkenauer, D-Iowa, have chal-

lenged the assertion that climate change is not a factor, saying it's a primary cause of the massive flooding.

Jerry Schnoor, University of Iowa professor of civil and environmental engineering, said he would put equal blame on the mismanagement of the river and climate change as fac-

tors in the severity of the flooding.

"Given the amount and frequency of flooding in the Midwest and Iowa, it would seem to me that [Iowa senators] should be concerned about the possibility that climate change is affecting our weather and our flooding," Schnoor said.

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make them more effective.

"There's really no incentive for the landlord to distribute the move-in checklist," he said. "Many individuals may not be aware that they're supposed to fill in the checklist."

At the Hawkeye Caucus on April 9, move-in checklist legislation was one of the things students with the organization spoke to legislators about at the State Capitol.

Rep. Brian Lohse, R-Bondurant, said he had spoken with students about the issue, but no legislation was filed during the current session. He said he had spoken to legislators on both sides of the aisle who have showed interest in addressing the students' concerns.

"I can't say it has bipartisan support, but it certainly at this point has bipartisan curiosity as to whether or not something should be done," Lohse said.

Student Legal Services recommends that all students fill out rental checklists upon moving into their new apartment, Assistant Attorney Amanda Elkins said.

The move-in checklist provided by the service checks for the condition of the ceilings, walls, windows, appliances, and more. The service recommends that tenants submit their move-in checklists to their landlords within seven days of moving in.

"We want students to document the condition they found the apartment in," Elkins said. "Really so that when they leave, they're going to do a move-out checklist, and we want them to be similar."

Elkins said that the legal service starts seeing students come in with issues around rental deposits starting in August, and she estimates that more than 100 students come in every year with complaints about a withheld rental deposit.

Despite the high num-



Photo Illustration by Allison Kuennen/The Daily Iowan

bers, Elkins said, the students who come in are only a small number of total students affected. Elkins said

students often don't consider a deposit deduction a big deal and don't want to bother with pursuing action

to fight the charge.

"It may be a totally bogus deduction, but it's not worth their time," Elkins

said. "And then the landlords keep doing it because they know they can get away with it."

WILSON

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grams and diversity at the Medical University of South Carolina. Wilson is also a trained Title IX investigator and coordinator.

"Dr. Wilson has demonstrated skills and experience with diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives that will enable him to work collaboratively across different sectors of the university," said Professor Claire Fox, the leader of candidate search and chair of the English Department, in a statement.

At Medical University, Wilson is responsible for teaching, budget management, diversity-program development, and service-learning program development.

While at Missouri State, Wilson increased minority student retention, established an LGBTQ Resource Center, and constructed a new cultural center.

"He's a passionate leader with an impressive track record of using data to assess and improve campus culture, weaving diversity, equity, and inclusion into

every unit on campus, and advocating for students of diverse backgrounds, identities, and experiences," said Montse Fuentes, the UI's future executive vice president and provost, in the statement.

During a forum at the UI, Wilson shared his vision of a two-step "paradigm shift" for UI diversity programs. The first step is to expand the opportunities provided by diversity programs, and the second step is to achieve inclusive excellence. Wilson said he is not afraid to be held accountable.

The UI Chief Diversity Office is also trying to shift the paradigm from diversity to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

"I'm going to make sure that we create an environment where we not only ask the tough questions, but actually do something with the information," Wilson said at the forum.

During the forum, he also discussed his plans to ensure intensive diversity training for UI employees. To emphasize this point, Wilson referenced Medical University's system.

"At my current institution — it is important to note



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TaJuan Wilson, who will become the new UI associate vice presidency of diversity, equity, and inclusion in June, speaks during the candidate forum for the position on March 25.

there are 3,000 students but 14,000 employees. Your first day on the job, you have your eight hours of mandatory diversity training," Wilson said. "I would like to see the

same system implemented at the UI. I would probably start with our student leaders and faculty and staff across the board and additional training to supervi-

sors across the board."

Wilson said he is committed to making fundamental changes to how diversity programs are treated at UI and knows that this task

cannot be done alone.

"My vision starts with creating an environment where [diversity] work is the responsibility of every community member," he said.

Students turn trash into powerful art

Using discarded plastics, two graphic-design majors partnered to create artwork about how the garbage affects the environment.

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When Alexandria Gonzales and Natalie Petersen's graphic-design class received an assignment to turn a simple phrase into artwork, they saw an opportunity to make their final product far more than an ordinary typography project.

The two University of Iowa second-year graphic-design students partnered and were immediately inspired by a quote by American computer scientist and Rear Adm. Grace Hopper: "The most dangerous phrase in our language is, 'We've always done it this way.'"

Taking the second half of the quote, Gonzales and Petersen saw an opportunity to apply the phrase "We've always done it this way" to humans' effect on the environment.

The students researched leading pollutants to decide what to use to assemble the words from the phrase. The message was spelled out in coffee cups, plastic grocery bags, straws, silverware, and pop bottles.

"A lot of the coffee cups were from Christmas still," Petersen said. "They were all

very dated things that kind of stick around."

According to EcoWatch, Starbucks alone goes through 4 billion coffee cups in a year. While the cups are recyclable, most go end up in the landfill, according to the website.

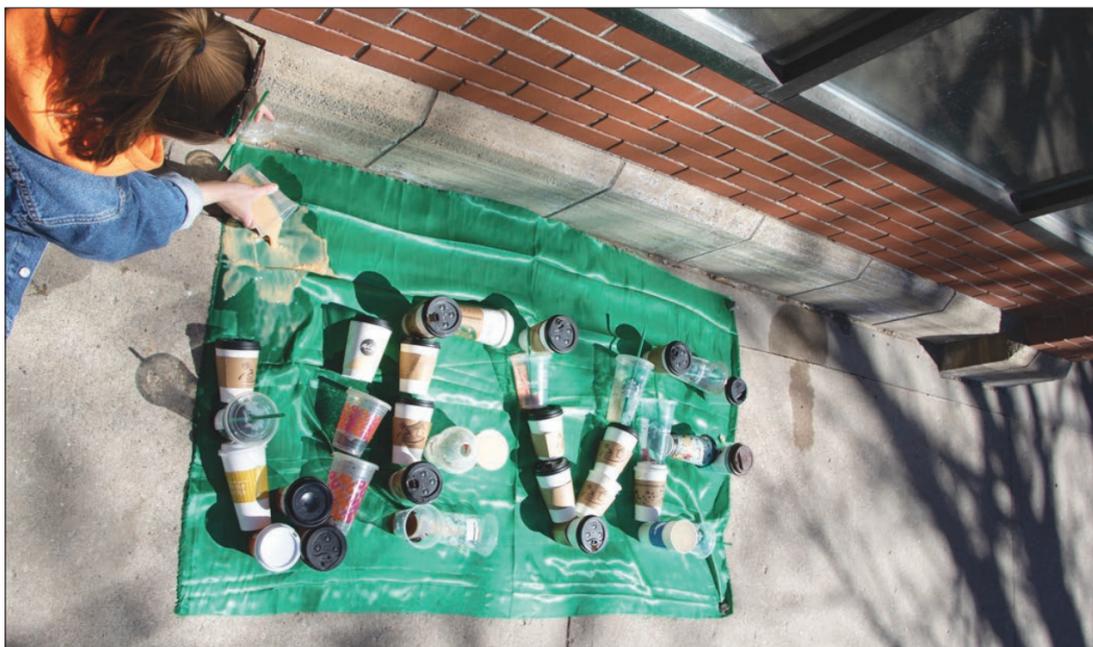
The students collected most of their materials over spring break, starting by digging through trash cans on the Arts Campus. While at first the two thought finding the materials they needed to complete the project would be a challenge, both said it came as a surprise how easy it was to find trash.

"We have so much in Iowa City, Iowa," Petersen said. "The amount that's out there where it matters, it's awful."

After break, Petersen and Gonzales hauled their project to different locations, assembling and taking pictures of each word to later compile in their graphic design.

"The coffee cups are in front of Starbucks, the straws are in front of McDonald's, the plastic bags in front of Hy-Vee, the bottles in front of vending machines," Gonzales said.

Gonzales said something that was sort of funny about



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the project is that once the two finished taking the pictures, everything they used went in recycling bins.

The finished result compiled all of the photos against an earth-toned background, something Gonzales said she wanted to include to provide contrast to the dingy

appearance of the garbage. Around the pictures, the women added designs of sea creatures.

Blake Rupe, the program manager in the UI Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said the students' project piqued her interest because of the message it sent.

"I am so intrigued by the fact that they are using items that someone purchased and used for maybe five minutes before discarding to tell this important story," she said.

Rupe, who teaches a class on the effects of garbage on health, said she was

impressed with the students' passion for creating something that would raise awareness about important environmental issues.

"Every single action matters," she said. "It may seem pointless to refuse a straw at a restaurant, but when 1 million people do, that it really adds up."

Iowa takes on challenge of deficient bridges

The state ranks among the top three states for the highest percentage of structurally deficient bridges, according to a survey.

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A recent survey of bridges from the Federal Highway Administration has named Iowa as having the third-highest percentage of structurally deficient bridges in the nation that need to be repaired.

According to the survey, 19.4 percent of Iowa's bridges are structurally deficient. Rhode Island sits at 23.1 percent and West Virginia at 19.9 percent.

The 2nd Congressional District, which includes Johnson County, ranks higher than the state's average, with 22.3 percent of bridges in need of repair or replacement.

The county is home to six of the most-traveled structurally deficient roads in the 2nd District, according to the report.

The Iowa Department of Transportation is responsible for the majority of bridge repairs in the state and is also responsible for funding bridge repair.

James Nelson, the director of the Office of Bridges and Structures at the Iowa DOT, said that although the structurally deficient bridges are classified as being in poor condition, they are not unsafe for travel.

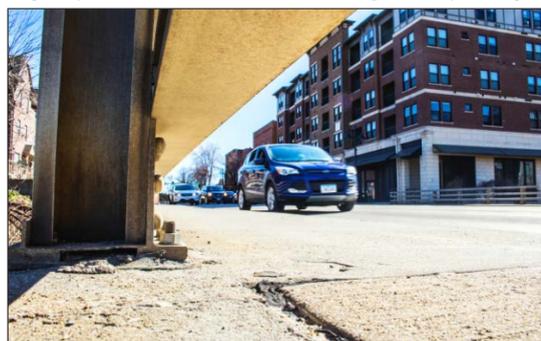
Bridges are inspected by the Iowa DOT at least every 24 months, he said. DOT manages more than 4,000

bridges in the state of Iowa, according to its website.

"Bridges that are determined to be unsafe are closed immediately," Nelson said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "SD is a term originally used to identify bridges that qualified for federal funding to repair or replace the bridge. It establishes a threshold where a bridge has conditions that could need eventual repair."

There's currently one bridge construction project underway in Johnson County, on Forevergreen Road, according to the DOT website. Officials estimate that the project will conclude this summer.

In order to be classified as structurally deficient, a bridge must be ranked poor or worse by the National Bridge Inventory, which is performed by the Federal Highway Administration.



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The bridge on Gilbert Street over Ralston Creek is seen on April 8.

According to the agency, a bridge that receives a "poor" classification indicates that repairs or replacement will be needed in the near future.

Alison Black, a chief economist at the American Road and Transportation Builders Association who conducted an analysis of the data, determined that it would take nearly 80 years to replace or repair America's structurally deficient bridges.

"America's bridge network is outdated, underfunded, and in urgent need of modernization," she said in an email to the *DI*. "State and local government just haven't been given the necessary resources to get the job done."

Black also noted that the rate of bridge repair is at its slowest pace since the association began conducting its annual report five years ago.

"We expect that unless we see a significant increase in federal investment, the pace of bridge repairs will continue to slow down," Black said in her email. "Unless Congress acts to fix the depleted federal Highway Trust Fund, which funds on average more than half of states' transportation

outlays, our national bridge crisis will continue."

The estimated cost for all 2nd District bridge repairs is more than \$400 million, which would cover 3,695 bridges that are in need of repairs, according to the association.

Association President Dave Bauer has called for

the federal government to assign more resources to repairing America's infrastructure.

"This report makes clear that it's about time Congress and the Trump administration stop talking and start solving this national problem," Bauer said in an email to the *DI*.

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Staying safe as a traveling woman

Solo-female travel surges with stories of violence against women, but that doesn't need to stop women from traveling independently.



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Headlines of stories pertaining to female travelers scattering the globe hone heart-wrenching stories of assault, trauma, and even death. And while the stories of those whose travels have been interrupted by the violence against women are well-known and plague the world, the number of female travelers still surges as they continue their solo expeditions with both caution and resilience.

Memoirs and media alike bring tales of exhilaration and self-discovery as borders are crossed with suitcases in tow. Stories such as *Wild*, by Cheryl Strayed, and *Eat Pray Love*, by Elizabeth Gilbert, motivate the adventure-seeking hearts of women, young and old.

And with inspiration embedded in such storytelling, readers and audiences of this age of solo female travelers begin looking into what this kind of independent travel is all about.

According to the Travel Trends Report 2018, the search for "solo female travel blog" prompted more than 2.45 million search results on Google. The average monthly search for the term "solo female travel" grew 52 percent between 2016 and 2017 — averaging 2,900 searches between October 2016 to September 2017.

On Instagram, there are more than 100,000 posts with the hashtag #solofemaletravel — and the number continues to climb. TripAdvisor reported in 2015 that 74 percent of women had either planned on traveling solo or had traveled solo.

The *New York Times* released a story near the end of March spanning several different tales of globe-trotting women who stepped forward and shared their experiences as fiercely independent solo travelers.

But with their travels, these women offered insight into the fact that bravery does not mean defiance of rules or regulations, courage does not discard caution, and women do not need to trade their inspiration for ignorance.

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Clutching boarding passes and dust-covered suitcases while trailblazing through coastal villages, spanning skyscrapers, or gathering a pocketful of experiences does not mean women need to forfeit what has been taught in D.A.R.E. or self-defense classes. But it also doesn't mean that they should hide away and refrain from traveling at all.

There can be a balance between flinging ourselves out into the world with an empty notebook in hand and heart full of hunger and hiding ourselves away.

When it comes to being a woman, a certain level of risk is involved no matter what it is that we do — especially

when we're flanked by statistics telling us that danger awaits us around every curve, every bend, and on the other side of customs.

But traveling independently requires traveling wisely with safety as the frontrunner in all that we pursue.

According to stories shared in the *Times* article, some of the female solo travelers featured made sure they were accounted for at all times during their time abroad — ensuring that someone knew if they were out and about, winding through city streets, or holed up in their hotel room working on an assignment.

These solo female travelers inquired about the safest locations for dinner spots, cafés, and even places to stay the night. And even the

Travel Trends 2018 Report explained that safety was the biggest concern for women when traveling alone — regardless of where they were going or where they were coming from.

And so, experiences and stories don't need to be squandered from intimidating statistics of assault and the harsh reality of violence against women. But the conversation must continue carrying the weight of worry that women often crumble beneath as they take to train stations, airports, and interstates.

Safety must always precede adventure, and caution must always carry the courageous woman forward — even in the most fearless of expeditions.

COLUMN

UI students should demand more from their candidates

Democrats need to be challenged before they receive celebrity status.



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In about 300 days, Iowans will gather with their respective political parties and be the first in the nation to determine a nominee for the 2020 presidential election. Iowa's influence on primary elections is immense, as it will set the stage for other states to elect a representative for the 2020 election, hence the importance for candidates to visit Iowa and create energy that will last until caucus day.

The University of Iowa has seen the effect of this importance. For months, candidates have swept through Iowa City, even making impressions that have been turned into viral videos.

It's great to have UI students so accessible to these candidates — who have unequivocally vowed to take down President Trump — but, as a group of college-educated students, we are not making the most out of these visits. Students have mistaken the importance of these town-hall meetings and instead treated them as a concert — worshipping each candidate like a celebrity, anxiously awaiting a photo with a politician whose most solid proposal is to take out the person who currently occupies the White House.

A February visit from Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y.,



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Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., engages the crowd during her campaign stop at the Airliner on Feb. 18.

perfectly demonstrates this problem. Her campaign stop at the Airliner made waves over the United States because of an apolitical bystander "just trying to get some ranch." Besides this interruption, Gillibrand spent almost the entire duration of her visit praising the Green New Deal. One month later, she voted "present" on the unrealistic bill that addressed global-climate change.

In Cedar Rapids, Gillibrand said, "[Trump] doesn't care that we have severe weather all across this country and people are dying. He doesn't care that it's probably the greatest economic opportunity of our lifetime — to take on green jobs and green energy and have a Green New Deal." Another month later, she voted against disaster relief that addressed flooding in Iowa.

This is not unexpected of Gillibrand. She is a politician, doing what normal politicians do.

As voters, we should challenge candidates on their hypocritical stances. We should challenge Massachusetts Sen.

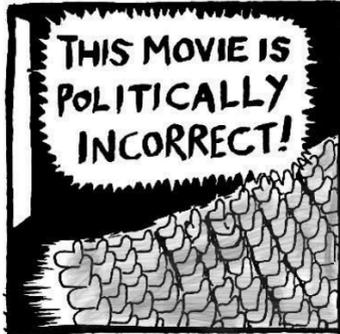
Elizabeth Warren on identity politics and California Sen. Kamala Harris on the criminal-justice system. Students have missed opportunities to get some substance out of each candidate and have shown their political ignorance in the meantime.

A Pennsylvania State University student took advantage of a town hall with Beto O'Rourke and asked: "When are we going to get an actual policy from you instead of just, like, platitudes and nice stories?" Instead of making the news for asking O'Rourke "Are you here to see Beto," the student demanded accountability from the former U.S. representative from Texas.

Democratic candidates know they have the typical progressive, anticapitalist, social-justice promoting college student wrapped around their finger. They have galvanized around the state of Iowa with promises to implement solutions to climate change and health care, yet voted against Iowans in D.C. or failed to explain how they'll provide their lofty goals. They'll continue to do so until after the caucuses, in which they will return to treating Iowa as a flyover state.

Whether it's blindly supporting any candidate that promises to remove Trump from office or an actual ignorance of politics, UI students are not doing their share of weeding out potential candidates for the most powerful position in the world. The next time a presidential hopeful comes to town, don't join them in head-banging to AC/DC; make them earn the seat they're so desperately vying for.

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The 'A' Word: Can it unite instead of divide us?

Extreme anti-abortion legislation has taken social media by storm, but there's a way to reverse the polarization on this hot-button issue.



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Abortion: One word. Eight letters. Infinite controversy.

When a bill was proposed in the Texas House that could engender the death penalty for women receiving abortions, the nation's pro-choice and pro-life populations erupted in a seemingly never-ending discourse.

We saw our own version of this uproar here in Iowa when the state was en route to pass what would've been the nation's most restrictive anti-abortion bill to date. The fetal-heartbeat bill, of course, was then struck down by a state judge in January.

So with all this debate, I can't help but wonder one thing: If so many of us are out here discussing abortion, why is its debate still seen as taboo?

Some might argue it's not taboo at all — that too many people won't shut up about it. I mean, that's a fair point. When the proposed Texas bill hit social networks, I thought it would break the internet.

Even still, it's an uncomfortable subject. It's an issue so powerful that it literally polarizes the political realm to the point of some pro-lifers suggesting the DEATH PENALTY. (Yes, because in 2019, there's nothing more pro-life than killing someone.)

Think about this.

I guarantee you someone in your life has been impacted by abortion — maybe that person is you. The point I'm trying to make here is it's OK to talk about abortion and what makes it such a divisive discussion.

If you've had an abortion. If you're considering having an abortion. If you're

anti-abortion. If you're on the fence about your stance on abortion. Regardless of which one of these is you, talk about it.

We can't keep having such false, preconceived notions and noncivil discourse to the point of national uproar.

Listen, I'm pro-choice (as a Democrat, totally shocking.) But I know for a fact it's not fair to say that all pro-lifers support this Texas proposal.

I also don't think it's fair to say that just because you're pro-life, you are anti-women's health.

Now, do I like a bunch of old, stuffy white men sitting

around making laws about my uterus? No.

Because that, to me, makes no sense. But we have to stop jumping to these extremes and running in circles having nonconstructive debates about this issue.

As someone who's pro-choice, I must say, that doesn't mean I'm necessarily pro-abortion. It means I know that abortion will take place whether it's legal or not.

Would I rather a woman seeking an abortion get one by a licensed physician or by completely unsafe, desperate measures?

That answer seems clear. As many before me have said,

let's keep abortion legal but make it safe and rare.

I also feel obliged to acknowledge that the idea of being pro-life isn't an awful one. I get it.

If you truly believe life begins at conception, I understand the stance. But to completely drown out the left — the pro-choice persons, many of whom strongly believe that life develops further down the line — just doesn't seem like a productive action.

We must discuss, educate, and understand each other — or at least try — or the topic of abortion will continue to polarize and divide our united nation.

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Rapper Eink faces challenges in achieving stardom

Inspired by stereotype-breaking rappers, a UI international student is finding his place in the hip-hop world.

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During the weekdays, Eink is an ordinary University of Iowa student who runs from class to class, but on the weekends, he lights up the stage with hundreds of people in the audience.

Eink, whose real name is Imran Kaiser, is an ambitious 21-year-old Chinese rapper from Ürümqi in northwestern China who has stirred up a zeal for Chinese rap at the UI.

The UI junior said he has faced challenges in living out his passion, from struggling with cultural differences in making music to dealing with his parents' doubt about his career path.

From the beginning of his artistic career, Eink has constantly faced the decision of how to communicate his story. He discovered an interest in rap as a high-school freshman while he was in China. Eminem, a white rapper who broke the stereotype of African Americans' dominant position in hip-hop, inspired the budding artist.

Eink started tracking everything about Eminem's music and learning his songs. In school, he got to know peers who had experience rapping with a crew.

In Eink's sophomore year, he accepted an invitation from a local music company, Xinhengzhizao, to join its project of a three-person rap crew, August.

The group intended to rap in different languages: English, Mandarin, and the Uygur language (the major language of the ethnic minority). However, the group members eventually found that their choices of language didn't cater to the music market; they discovered that most people prefer to listen to music in their own language or in a familiar language.

After he graduated from high school, his love for American culture, especially hip-hop music, prompted Eink to attend college in the U.S.

Eink once hesitated to pursue his dream of becoming a professional rapper because of his family. He started out as a business major, expecting to

enjoy the classes and explore an unknown area.

However, he felt conflicted after not enjoying the first week of classes. He loved music, but his parents, who are both doctors, worried if he could feed himself in the future as an artist. They wished he could live a steady life.

By the second week, Eink decided to change his major to global-public health. Eink said it's completely different from what he wants to do.

"... I don't want to upset my parents," he said. "They don't want me to be unable to afford meals as a poor artist. But I'll still try to use my music to prove I can feed myself."

Eink did not start performing at the UI until last fall, when he saw a music competition on campus held by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association. He gave it a shot and finished in first place.

His outstanding performance in the competition resulted in an invitation to join the Chinese Music Club. The next month, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association took the top three performers, including Eink, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for a bigger music competition with singers from five other universities.

Eink has received invaluable guidance from his two mentors, LIL-EM and AIR, who became big hits from the show "Rap of China."

LIL-EM is the brother of one of the members of Eink's debut rap crew, August. He offered the group his personal music studio in



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Ürümqi, saving the young artists a lot of money. AIR, who occasionally performed at the same events, also provided Eink a lot of personal insight.

"A rapper should not betray their original motivation of loving rap," Eink recalls being told. "Some people might luckily become known, but it won't last long."

Eink said AIR also taught him to jot inspiration down whenever it occurs, because the only way to compare a rapper's ability to others is

how much work the rapper has collected. Advice from these rappers has long resonated with Eink, helping him create 14 pieces of work so far.

Although Eink has gained recognition in schools and university organizations, the reality of being a superstar is still far away, in both China and the U.S.

In China, hip-hop is strictly censored. Any songs

containing sensitive words or drug references are not allowed to be published. The government may even block problematic artists from working in the industry, banning "low-taste content," which includes hip-hop culture and musicians, celebrities, actors, and other performers with tattoos, or those whose lifestyle is considered problematic.

Despite the restrictions,

he tries to write more songs in his NetEase Cloud Music, a popular music platform in China, and he continues to seek to build a bridge that connects Asian and American hip-hop culture.

But the challenges hardly faze Eink as he continues to chart a path at his own pace: "I hope to earn my own place in the Chinese rap industry."

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a year and a half, so that was a really good feeling. I had a some really big fouls, and then I was finally able to pull through on my last throw.”
Tuufuli wasn't the only one pleased with his performance. After Tuufuli launched

his winning throw in the discus, throwing coach Eric Werskey could be seen jumping up and down with his arms in the air.
Needless to say, he was excited.
“I was really happy for him,” Werskey said. “Reno also had a huge throw. It was a great performance for him, and it came in a really big meet, his last Musco Twilight.”
Tuufuli wrapped up the

meet with his second win of the day, in the shot put. A mark of 17.90 meters was enough to take first place.
Bringing home two gold medals on Senior Recognition Day is quite an accomplishment, and it adds to the legacy Tuufuli has created as a Hawkeye.
“Reno has had an impressive career in his time here,” Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody

said. “He’s a guy who has been to the national meet numerous times, and we hope he’ll qualify again this year in the shot put and the discus. He came here to be national champion, so I know that’s his big goal. He definitely has that ability, he’s shown that in practice and in some of his competitions.”
The goal of becoming a national champion is still attainable for Tuufuli, but

he will have the opportunity to check something different off the bucket list before that happens: becoming a Big Ten champion.
Tuufuli’s best career finish at the conference meet is second, which he placed at the 2018 Big Ten Indoor Championships in the shot put.
This season, Tuufuli will have the home crowd behind him as he goes after the first-place finish at the

outdoor Big Tens at Cretz-meyer.
“It’s going to be really, really fun to be able to compete here at home,” Tuufuli said. “With the crowd behind us, it will take us to an even higher level. We are adding more stands, and I have a bunch of my family coming down. It will be really exciting; I’m sure I’ll be really pumped up with adrenaline because of the atmosphere.”

BASEBALL
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son so far, *The Daily Iowan* took a look at the newcomers who will continue to play a key role for the Hawkeyes against Northern Illinois today and beyond.

Austin Martin, catcher

Martin has been Iowa’s most consistent force at the plate this season by far. The Southeastern Community Col-

lege transfer enters the matchup against the Huskies slashing .328/.412/.457. His average ranks first on the team among those with at least 40 at-bats.
Martin has also been solid with runners in scoring position, knocking in 19 runs while crossing the plate 22 times. The Altoona, Iowa, native leads the Hawkeyes with 13 multi-hit games and 6 multi-RBI games.
While his offensive production has certainly been impressive thus far, he has been just as solid behind the plate.
Starting 30 of 34 games at catcher, Martin boasts a .988

fielding percentage, committing only 3 errors on the season.
Izaya Fullard, infield
Because he is used often by Hawkeye head coach Rick Heller, Fullard has been the next best new bat in the lineup after Martin.
In his 29 starts, Fullard has logged a .278 average. Zeb Adreon and Tanner Padgett are right up there with Fullard, posting .286 and .385 averages, respectively, but they have only combined for

102 at-bats, and Padgett has battled an injury for most of the season.
Despite clubbing only 2 home runs on the season, Fullard has displayed power at times, clearing the scoreboard at Banks Field with a 3-run shot against Rutgers on April 5.
After a season at Kirkwood Community College in which he earned first-team Juco Division-2 All-American honors, Fullard has made a quick transition to Division-1 ball. If he keeps it up, the Hawkeyes could be set up well for the future.

Trace Hoffman, right-handed pitcher

Hoffman played junior-college ball with Martin at Southeastern, where he earned first-team all-conference honors as a reliever after leading the nation with 13 saves.
And just like his teammate, he has made a smooth transition to the Hawkeyes.
Hoffman has been Iowa’s most called upon reliever, logging 19.2 innings in a team-high 17 appearances. Although his 5.03 ERA

won’t blow anyone away, it’s clear he has the trust of his coaches, evidenced by his sheer number of appearances.
That could be a result of Hoffman’s command. In his 19.2 innings, he has only walked 5 batters while striking out 19. He has also shown he can keep opposing batters off balance, holding them to a combined .237 average.
If Hoffman can build on his solid junior campaign, the Hawkeyes could have another reliable arm out of the bullpen to complement closer Grant Leonard.

TENNIS
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nis Association’s top 50. In addition, they have a young and talented No. 1 doubles duo in freshman Oliver Okonkwo and sophomore Will Davies that has spent a considerable amount of time in the doubles rankings. Still, the team has failed to string together weekends of dependable play since conference matches started on March 10.
Iowa has one last weekend of regular-season play to work out its weaknesses before the Big Ten Tournament begins on April 25 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

15-8 — Iowa men’s third-set record at home

Playing at home helps. Iowa has mostly taken advantage of its home court in marathon matches. Playing in a familiar environment with crowd noise on your side is important in tennis. It’s especially crucial considering the Hawkeyes have often started four underclassmen in singles.
With its last three matches at home, Iowa

hopes its late-game heroics can continue through one more weekend.

3 — Big Ten teams with a 4-5 conference record

Iowa sits even with Northwestern and Minnesota in Big Ten play, and all three are comfortably in the middle of the Big Ten standings. With a win against the Gophers and a loss to the Wildcats earlier in the season, the Hawkeyes could use a big upset on April 21, when Michigan visits the Hawkeye home.
Luckily for Iowa, its match against the Wolverines is sandwiched by visits from two basement-dwellers in Michigan State and Illinois State. Both are winless in their respective conferences.
Northwestern and Minnesota face each other in their regular-season finales, leaving a great opportunity for the Hawkeyes to create separation from at least one of those teams. Should it come down to it, the result of Iowa’s final match against the Redbirds could be the deciding factor in its overall record, thus determining its seeding for the conference tournament.



Iowa’s Will Davies hits a backhand against Ohio State at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on April 7. The Buckeyes defeated the Hawkeyes, 4-1.

2-4 - Iowa’s record against ranked teams this season

A pair of slight 4-3 victories are all Iowa has to show for itself in matches against fellow top-50 teams. One of those triumphs required

Davies to hang on for a 7-5 mark in the third set against No. 30 Penn State.
While the losses include dropping a match to No. 1 Ohio State, Iowa has also fallen hard to Arizona and Illinois by the scores of 6-1 and 5-1, respectively.

Iowa head coach Ross Wilson’s squad has to return its focus to doubles; oddly enough, the Hawkeyes won both of the ranked matches where they secured the doubles point.
When faced with a challenge, the Hawkeyes have

tended to resort to defensive, conservative play. That type of approach will not cut it against Michigan this weekend, nor will it do against Illinois or Ohio State, should the teams have a rematch in the tournament.

The Daily Break

The New York Times Crossword Edited by Will Shortz No. 0312

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 - [Bzzt!]
 - Some Dairy Queen orders
 - Frequent Andrew Wyeth model
 - Palindromic woman’s name
 - Affected adversely, physically or psychologically
 - Oil installation
 - Some Siouans
 - Part to play
 - Runaway best-selling Apple products of the 2000s
 - Pince-___ (style of glasses)
 - ___ Godiva
 - Part of the upper deck?
 - Utopian
 - Naked
 - Like an orange tan, say
 - Content of a bog
 - Western tribe member
 - Military operation that might last for months
 - Got chicken, say
 - Largest moon of Saturn
 - Org. with a Form 1040
 - Modern acronym for “seize the day”
 - Play mates?
 - Supply with updated parts
 - A puzzling direction
 - Asleep
 - “Listen!” quaintly
 - Fresh
 - Aerodynamic
 - Website with crowdsourced reviews
 - Lip
 - Bagel go-with
 - Bringer of rain
 - The Cardinals, on scoreboards
 - Creator of a logical “razor”
 - Bird in the flycatcher family
 - Favorite
 - Sport, as a sport coat
 - Touches down
- Down**
- When a play’s plot is set in motion
 - Honked
 - *Bo-o-o-ring event
 - Comics exclamations
 - Happy ___ clam
 - *Go order a drink
 - Fashion magazine with more than 40 international editions
 - Psyche part
 - *Flop sweat producer
 - The “x” in Euler’s Identity - ei@ + 1 = x
 - Gung-ho
 - Jumping pieces in a classic wooden puzzle
 - Car part called a bonnet in England
 - Slight vestige
 - According to
 - *Scoffing remark to an ignoramus
 - Old Turkish title
 - Ride, in two different senses
 - Born: Fr.
 - Very conventional ... or a hint to the starts of the answers to the four starred clues
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 - Screening area?
 - Noble title
 - Rage
 - “Green Book” co-star Mahershala
 - Country on the Mediterranean: Abbr.
 - Many a time
 - Kvetches
 - Jane ___, anonymous plaintiff
 - Transitioned
 - People who count to five by saying “ett, två, tre, fyra, fem”
 - Homecoming returnee, informally
 - Nonverbal response to an insult
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POINT-COUNTERPOINT

Does baseball have a problem with pace of play?

Baseball games can take upwards of three hours, but is that too long? Two members of *The Daily Iowan* sports staff debate.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Banks Field is seen between games of a doubleheader between Iowa and Cal State-Northridge on March 17.



ADAM HENSLEY
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Yes

Each Wednesday, my buddies and I trek to an apartment and play cards. It's a tradition that's gone on for most of this current semester.

We're all pretty good friends, but we're also all incredibly competitive. Thus, each play and each decision

is hyper-calculated. Whenever one of us takes too long on a turn, the rest of us yell, "Rate of play, rate of play."

Sometimes, I feel the need to yell that at baseball.

We all have problems. So to say that a certain sport is problem-free, well, that's just not true.

Baseball — America's so-called pastime — has stood the test of time. It's changed here and there since its inception, but for the most part, the game itself has remained intact. And you can tell by how fast the game is played.

Compared with the other sports in the "big three" (football and basketball), baseball has an incredibly

slower rate of play. Personally, I think the other two sports are much more entertaining because there's action on every single play.

Yes, there's action on every pitch in baseball. But it's not as rapid as the other two sports.

However, I'm in no way saying I don't find a pitching duel entertaining — I do. But when a game becomes bogged down with play stoppages or long pauses in between pitches, it gets old (this really isn't a huge issue at the college level, I'd like to add. I find it more common in the pros.)

I know a lot of people don't want to mess with baseball. I get it.

But when my buddies and I play cards and yell at whoever is taking his sweet time, the person listens, and the pace increases. Baseball might want to listen.



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No

Imagine being at the ballpark on Opening Day. Wrig-

ley Field, Busch Stadium, Kauffman Stadium — it doesn't matter. Wherever you are, baseball and American pride will be in the air.

Now picture yourself grabbing a hot dog, some sunflower seeds, and maybe an adult beverage. You'd be set. You would have no reason to move for the next three hours. It sounds like a dream, really.

That's why baseball doesn't have a problem with pace of play.

Everyone might not enjoy sitting there for three hours to watch a game, and that's OK. But for those who love the atmosphere, going to a game — or even watching one from home — can't be beat.

Now, it's understandable to think that baseball has a problem. After all, it goes for three-plus hours, while football and basketball are much shorter.

But not every sport appeals to each person. There are people who simply don't enjoy baseball, football, and basketball for plenty of different reasons. On the same token, though, there are plenty of other people who love those sports for the exact reason someone else hates them.

Are there ways for baseball to speed up its pace of play? Sure. Is it necessary? Not for those who enjoy the sport and the atmosphere it brings throughout the season.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

ESPN set for 'All Hawkeyes Day'

If you turn on ESPN today, you will certainly see a lot of black and gold.

That's because today is "All Hawkeyes Day" on the network. Brian Dahlin, a Green Bay native and die-hard Iowa fan, bid on a package at last year's ESPY Day Auction that allowed the winner to schedule a day of content featuring the school of choice.

In addition to scheduling programming, Dahlin's winning bid also went to the Jimmy V Foundation for cancer research.

- **11 p.m.-2 a.m.** - 2017 football, Ohio State at Iowa
- **2-4 a.m.** - 2012 men's basketball, Wisconsin at Iowa
- **4-7 a.m.** - 2016 football, Michigan at Iowa
- **7-9 a.m.** - 1995 men's basketball, Iowa vs. UConn
- **9-11 a.m.** - 2002 football, Iowa at Penn State
- **11-1 p.m.** - 2017 men's basketball, Iowa at Wisconsin
- **1-3 p.m.** - 1997 wrestling - NCAA Championships
- **3-6 p.m.** - 1996 football, Iowa at Penn State
- **6-8 p.m.** - 1993 men's basketball, Iowa at Michigan State
- **8-11 p.m.** - 2005 football, Capital One Bowl

Hawkeye baseball sets golf outing date

Iowa baseball will host its annual golf outing at Finkbine on May 10 beginning with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The tournament will take place on alumni weekend before Iowa's last home series against Michigan State, which runs from May 10-12.

The outing, which costs \$150 a person or \$600 a foursome, includes a cart, green fees, range balls, lunch, an appreciation gift, and flight and raffle prizes.

Sponsorships can also be purchased for \$100, and they include a sign on the tee box and recognition during the program after the tournament.



Big Ten men's tennis standings

- 1) **Ohio State** (24-2, 9-0)
- 2) **Illinois** (14-7, 8-1)
- 3) **Michigan** (15-6, 6-3)
- 3) **Penn State** (16-7, 6-3)
- 3) **Indiana** (13-9, 6-3)
- 6) **Minnesota** (15-6, 4-5)
- 6) **Iowa** (14-9, 4-5)
- 6) **Northwestern** (13-12, 4-5)
- 9) **Wisconsin** (9-10, 3-6)
- 9) **Purdue** (9-11, 3-6)
- 11) **Nebraska** (9-15, 1-8)
- 12) **Michigan State** (6-18, 0-9)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He came here to be national champion."



- Iowa Director of Track and Field Joey Woody on thrower Reno Tuufuli

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa is **one of four schools** to win an FBS bowl game and a men's and women's NCAA Tournament game.

1 of 4
to win a bowl and NCAA game

Former Hawkeye Dailey to transfer to Akron

The Beachwood, Ohio, native will be closer to home after his decision to leave the Hawkeye program.

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Dailey

Former Iowa basketball guard Maishe Dailey has decided on a transfer destination.

On Monday, 247Sports' Evan Daniels reported that Dailey decided on Akron for his new home; then Dailey confirmed the news on Twitter. The ju-

nior will sit one year in order to have eligibility for one final college season.

Last season, Dailey averaged 2.5 points, 1.5 rebounds, and 0.9 assists per game on 35.2 percent shooting. He scored a season-best

11 points in Iowa's season-opening win over Missouri-KC on Nov. 8, 2018.

His best season came during his sophomore campaign; the Beachwood, Ohio, native scored 4.9 points, grabbed 1.9 rebounds, and recorded 1.6 assists per game while shooting 38.9 percent from 3-point range — all career-best marks.

In his three-year career, Dailey scored

277 points, grabbed 134 rebounds, notched 87 assists, and shot 40.2 percent.

Akron finished the 2018-19 season with a 17-16 record, including a an 8-10 mark in MAC play.

The Zips toppled Miami (Ohio), 80-51, in the first round of the MAC Tournament before falling to No. 1 seed Buffalo in the quarterfinals, 82-46.

Tuufuli throws out the competition

Iowa track's Reno Tuufuli won two events and scored an impressive personal best at the Musco Twilight Invitational; come this postseason, he has some unfinished business.



Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Reno Tuufuli gets set to put the shot during the Border Battle indoor track meet in the Recreation Building against Missouri and Illinois on Jan. 7, 2017.

BY ROBERT READ
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The 20th-annual Musco Twilight Invitational was a huge event for every Hawkeye involved. In particular, it was a memorable event for the track and field seniors who took part in a ceremony in front of the home bleachers as recognition for their contributions to the program.

Well, at least most of them took part in the ceremony. Reno Tuufuli had his name announced along with the other seniors, but he was too busy warming up for the discus to wave to the crowd.

Tuufuli's time for waving came later, after he won two events in his last Musco.

To begin his day, Tuufuli put up a massive

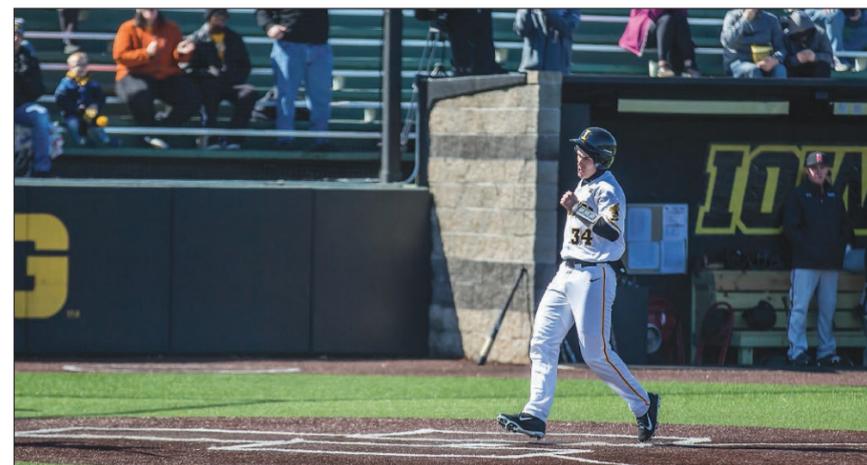
mark of 62.54 meters in the discus, a personal best for him that currently ranks third in the NCAA.

"I thought my performance in the discus was especially good," Tuufuli said. "That was the first time I hit a personal record in about

SEE TRACK, 6

Newcomers spark Iowa baseball run

Iowa's newcomers have played a key role this season, and they will continue to do so against Northern Illinois.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa catcher Austin Martin scores during a baseball game against Cal-State Northridge at Duane Banks Field on March 16.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Hawkeyes to step up fast.

They've done that so far, helping Iowa to a 20-14 record and a 7-5 mark in Big Ten play, including a 7-2 stretch in its last three conference series.

Because of the effect they have had on the sea-

By the numbers: Iowa men's tennis needs a boost

With its regular-season finale quickly approaching, the Iowa men's tennis squad requires a push to improve its place in the Big Ten Tournament.

BY SHIVANSH AHUJA
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Meet Iowa, the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of college tennis.

One week, the Hawkeyes are downing ranked opponents with solid doubles play and an energetic core in singles. The next week, they're blanked by an inferior Indiana team on the road in a vital conference match-up.

The Hawkeyes have spent most of the season ranked in the Intercollegiate Ten-



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