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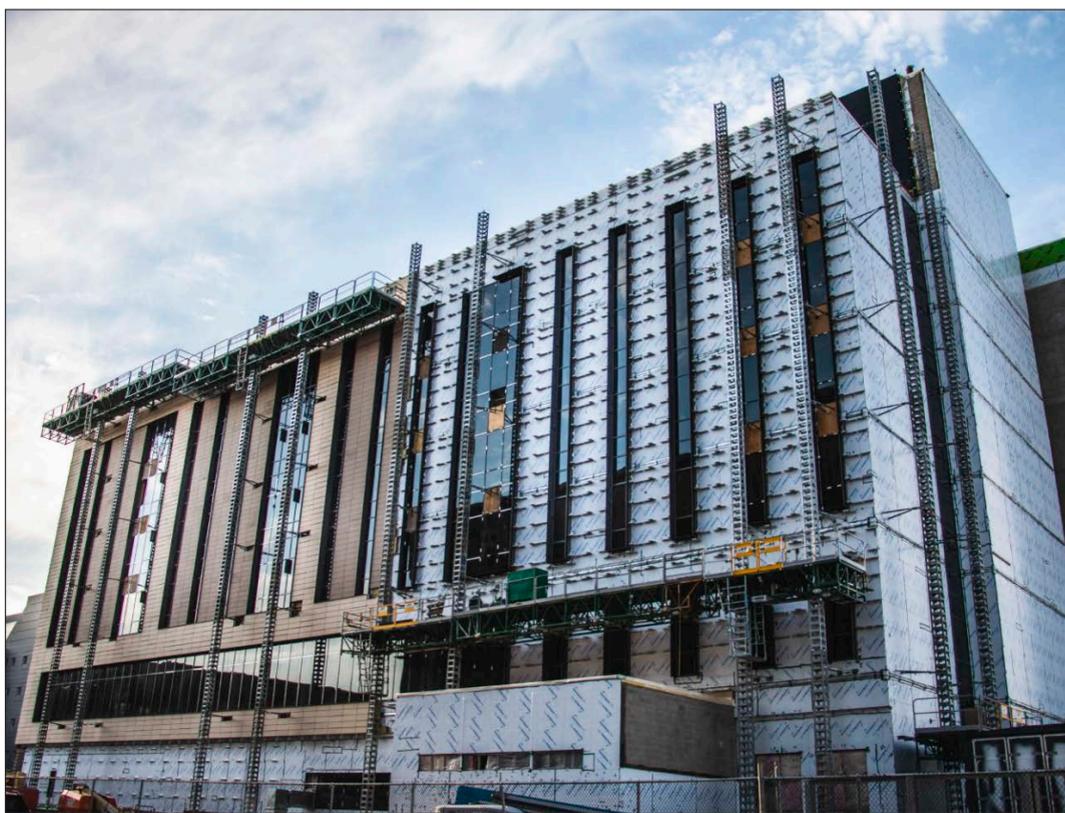


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# UI pays nearly \$4 million to keep Modern Piping off new project

The UI spent \$3.875 million to request a change order on the Pharmacy Building project to replace Modern Piping, a construction company it has paid millions amid legal disputes on UI projects.



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Construction on the new pharmacy building is seen on the West Campus on Tuesday. The UI paid almost \$4 million to replace Modern Piping as a subcontractor on the project.

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The University of Iowa paid nearly \$4 million to replace construction company Modern Piping as a subcontractor on the project to build a new facility to house the College of Pharmacy amid costly legal disputes with the Cedar Rapids-based construction firm.

Records requested by *The Daily Iowan* show the UI in March 2017 "object[ed]" to Modern Piping's bid to help

construct a sprawling, 296,000-square-foot pharmacy facility. The contractor, Miron Construction, a company based in Wisconsin with a Cedar Rapids office, then requested a change order — at a cost of \$3.875 million — to replace Modern Piping with Ryan and Associates.

The UI did not specify in documents the reasoning for its objection.

"The university proceeded in accordance with the contract," UI media-relations Director Anne Bassett said in an email to the *DI*. "The contractor, Miron Con-

struction, chose Ryan and Associates as the subcontractor to replace Modern Piping."

Miron officials directed requests for comment to the UI.

At the time the UI requested Miron propose another subcontractor, the university was around two years into its legal feud with Modern Piping. In 2015, the construction company filed a petition asking a 6th

The amount of money the UI paid to replace Modern Piping as a subcontractor on the Pharmacy Building project:

## \$3.875 million

The \$96.3 million project is funded by state appropriations combined with university and pharmacy-school contributions and investments.

"We hear frequently from the University of Iowa that they need more money, they're asking for more money. Yet they make choices and decisions that indicate they're not good stewards of the money that they've been given."

— Ken Brown, Modern Piping CEO

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## ETHICS & POLITICS NATIONAL POLITICS

# Gabbard decries corruption, regime-change wars

Democratic presidential-nomination candidate Tulsi Gabbard spoke at Yotopia on Tuesday.



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Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, speaks to the audience during a meet-and-greet at Yotopia on Tuesday. Attendees listened to Gabbard discuss such topics as defunding regime-change wars, environmental policies, and Medicare for all.

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In her third visit to Iowa City since announcing her bid for the White House, 2020 Democratic presidential-nomination candidate Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, drew up on the grassroots nature of her campaign to call out what she called special interests and corruption in Washington.

"So many of these challenges we are confronted with every single day are really coming from, or being driven by, self-serving politicians, greedy corporations, and special interests," she said on Tuesday in front of a crowd of around 40 at Yotopia, 132 S. Clinton St.

Gabbard pointed to a piece of legislation that would prevent the IRS from offering a free online tax-filing service, called the Taxpayers First Act. Gabbard said the bill was a bid by corporate tax-filing services to protect their interests.

"This is just one example of so many about how we are seeing these corporate interests that drive the policies that are being made, that are paying to play," she said.

Gabbard also spoke about her signature issue, calling for an end to regime-change wars.

As a member of the Hawaii National Guard and an Iraq War veteran, Gabbard

# Housing & Dining buoyed by satisfaction survey

In its satisfaction survey, distributed every two years, UI Housing & Dining saw large increases in dining satisfaction, as well as LLC and roommate satisfaction.

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On-campus residents were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on a number of housing and dining issues in the fall 2018 resident-satisfaction survey.

The survey asked students questions about their satisfaction with dining, residence halls, campus safety, among other items. The survey is distributed to all on-campus residents every two years, gauging their feedback and satisfaction.

Von Stange, the UI assistant vice president for Housing & Dining, said the overall results of the survey, which was taken by 2,104 students, were positive.

"The major feedback we got was that we're doing things pretty well," he said.

Scores went up in all areas but one, Stange said. The only area that had a decrease was residents' perception of safety on campus outside the residence halls.

One of the areas that increased dramatically in the survey was student satisfaction with resident assistants, Stange said. The survey asked nine questions about RA availability and support, among other things.

"All nine of those factors went up, and they're actually all at historic levels," Stange said.

One area that he said he wanted to improve more was the noise level in the residence halls. However, he said, Housing & Dining doesn't have as much control over that as other factors.

"It's an OK score," he said. "But it's an area where, if we look at all the questions and their means, it's probably one of the lower scoring ones."

The biggest increases compared to previous years were seen in dining, Living Learning Communities, and roommate satisfaction, Stange said. They all went up around a third of a point on a seven-point scale.

Changes in dining were made in response to the survey, Stange said. The dining-hall hours were extended to



Stange

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UI student Joey Powell studies on the Pentacrest with the company of Luna on Tuesday.

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District Court judge to compel arbitration over payment for work on Hancher and for disputes on the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital.

When a district court judge sided with Modern Piping, the UI appealed the arbitration award, contending that the arbitration panel wrongfully considered the Hancher and children's hospital complaints together. The Iowa Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Modern Piping in both cases earlier this year, and the state Supreme Court had previously declined to hear the UI's case and deferred to the lower courts' judgments.

As of April 4, the UI said it will

have paid Modern Piping \$73.9 million for its work on the two projects. The total includes a nearly \$21.5 million award from an arbitration panel that a 6th District Court judge had previously affirmed, of which the UI owes \$17.9 million. Modern Piping was awarded \$724,912.38 in attorney fees and expenses.

Now inching closer to completion, with construction anticipated to wrap up later this year, the College of Pharmacy's new home has taken over the location that Quadrangle Hall previously occupied before its demolition in 2016. Construction started that year.

State appropriations as well as university and College of Pharmacy contributions and investments fund the \$96.3 million project.

Bassett said the project funding will cover the cost of

the change orders, and the project remains within its approved budget.

Per the state Board of Regents' policy manual, change-order requests exceeding a certain threshold of a project contract amount on projects with a budget above \$1 million shall be approved by the regents' office. The documents show former Regent Executive Director Bob Donley signed off on the change order.

"... No change orders are required to go to the full board," regent spokesman Josh Lehman said in an email to the *DI*. "The board office evaluates any requested change order individually, based on the information provided in the request."

Modern Piping CEO Ken Brown said around early 2017, the time at which this change order was requested, he felt that

the UI began doing what he said was "blacklisting" Modern Piping on projects. He identified the pharmacy project as one that Modern Piping was not awarded despite bidding low.

While Modern Piping's bid came in lower than Ryan and Associates' bid on the project as a subcontractor, Iowa Code does not require projects to be awarded to the lowest bidder.

The code states the regents "shall advertise for bids for the contemplated improvement or construction and shall let the work to the lowest responsible bidder. However, if in the judgment of the board, bids received are not acceptable, the board may reject all bids and proceed with the construction, repair, or improvement by a method as the board may determine."

Brown said Modern Piping was in the position to make an

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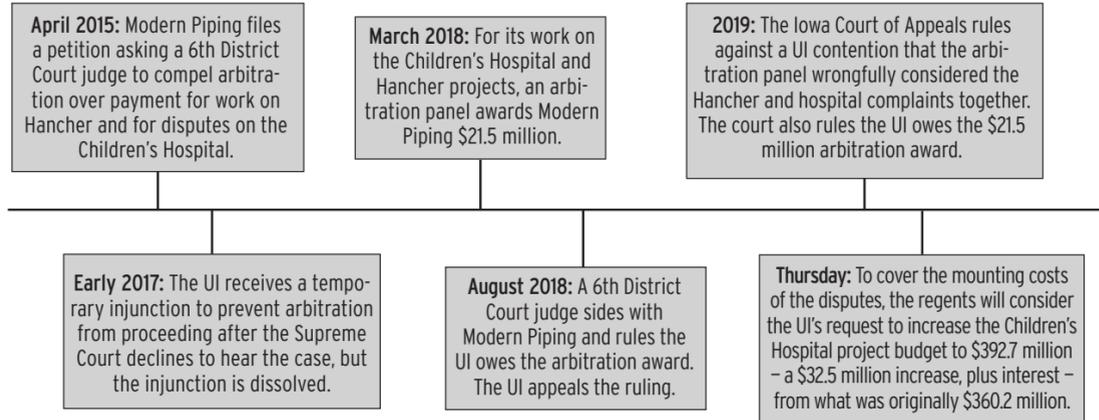
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**THE EVOLUTION OF THE UI'S LEGAL DISPUTES WITH MODERN PIPING**

The lawsuits over Modern Piping's work on the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital and Hancher Auditorium have garnered significant media attention as it has gone through the Iowa court system and racked up a high cost for the UI. How did the case get to where it is today?



**GABBARD**  
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has been outspoken against U.S. involvement in conflicts abroad, especially in conflicts that are focused on changing the government in a foreign country.

"Trillions of our taxpayer dollars are going to pay for regime-change wars in other countries — regime-change wars that are incredibly costly on my brothers and sisters in uniform," she said.

The "peace dividend" that could be gained from the end of regime-change wars could go toward funding the progressive legislation and domestic programs that she promotes, Gabbard said.

"People ask me why I talk about ... the cost of war so much, when there are so many issues that we are dealing with

in our everyday lives," Gabbard said. "It is because unless we address this cost of war, unless we shift the priorities in this country, we will not have what we need to meet those needs that we have."

Health care is one of the domestic issues that Gabbard puts at the forefront. She said she supports a Medicare-for-all system as a baseline, while allowing private insurance to be available for those who want it.

Gabbard also called for an end to private prisons and advocated for marijuana legalization. Marijuana legalization could help address the opioid epidemic, she said.

"In states that have legalized either medical marijuana or adult-use marijuana, there has been a direct connection in the reduction of those who are addicted to opioids, as well as opioid-related deaths," she said.

University of Iowa sophomore Ben Paulaitis, who studies political science, said he has been a fan of Gabbard since 2016, and she was his favorite candidate when it comes to addressing foreign-policy concerns. However, he said, he was leaning toward supporting Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., or Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., because of their domestic-policy stances.

"She does mention how solving that would free up money for so many other domestic-policy issues," Paulaitis said of Gabbard. "But I feel like she doesn't talk enough about the domestic-policy issues."

Yotopia owner Veronica Tessler said she was happy to host the event, and she shares a lot of similarities with the candidate. Tessler has worked in foreign policy, lived in Hawaii, and comes from a military background.

While Tessler hasn't officially announced or confirmed her intention to run for office, there has been speculation that she may run for the seat that will be left vacant in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, because Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, will not run for re-election in 2020.

"[I admire] her background in the military and her background serving this country, her expertise in foreign policy, and her understanding that we need a shift in Washington that takes money out of politics and puts people back in the center of our democracy," Tessler said.

**SURVEY**  
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8:30 p.m., and the hours that flex meals are offered at Clinton Street Market in Burge were extended.

Catlett resident Tavia Dreisemeier said she was mostly satisfied with the dining experience and the variety and availability of flex meals. However, she said, she would like the Late Night Fire Up Grill in Catlett to offer flex meals.

"You're not getting a flex meal for every meal," Dreis-

meier said. "For someone who wants them for every meal, it's probably not enough variety."

Stange said a factor that contributed to the increase in LLC satisfaction score was a change in the 2017-18 school year to make LLCs optional.

From 2013 to 2017, LLCs were required for all first-year students, Amy Baumgartner, assistant director for residence education, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

The decision to make LLCs optional came from residents showing little engagement in their LLCs, Stange said. Some students would choose to live

in an LLC only because of the building it was in without much interest in the community.

"It watered down the experience for everybody," Stange said.

Baumgartner said the current system, with smaller and more focused communities, works better to serve the interests of the students involved.

"We have LLCs where students are more engaged with each other and with the programming we are offering," she said. "Not because they had to choose that option but because they wanted to."

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# Prof studies illness, imperialism in Caribbean

UI faculty member Mariola Espinosa delves into yellow fever in the Caribbean, studying what the colonial search for its cure could mean for cultural understanding.

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As an undergraduate, a professor prompted Mariola Espinosa to write about Col. Bailey Ashford, an American physician in Puerto Rico who dedicated his life to curing illness in the country during the U.S. occupation. Espinosa felt a connection to the topic, because she was from Puerto Rico.

Now the University of Iowa director of Global Health Studies, Espinosa said that conversation eventually led her to write a book about illness a couple of islands over, in Cuba. Her latest publication, still in its developmental stages, will cover yellow fever in all of the Caribbean.

"I've been working on this for many years," Espinosa said. "Seeing how different islands and different people in that region understood and dealt with a disease that afflicted many people there."

Espinosa said her initial interest in yellow fever developed while reading narratives from U.S. authorities occupying Cuba who were obsessed with finding a cure for the disease. However, she found that mortality rates showed the sickness didn't even rank in the island's top five killers.

"It's the kind of thing you dream of as a historian," Espinosa said. "That you'll go into the archives with an idea and then something pops up and is surprising."

Although she originally thought her literary audience would be limited to Cuban historians, Espinosa said, the information could attract those studying medicine, colonialism, and the powers that intervene in other countries.

Unlike her first book, she said, this one will consider the Caribbean as a unit of islands, its inhabitants part of a larger community than linguistically distinct countries. In the age of empire, she said, illness such as yellow fever didn't respect national boundaries.

"It was called a strangers' disease, because it afflicted strangers to new locations," Espinosa said. "The British, the French, and the

Spanish were fighting in Europe, but when it comes to sharing knowledge, they were reading each other's work."

Life happens and can slow down an author, Espinosa said, but she hopes to see the book come together in the next three years. In the meantime, she travels to various archives and accesses medical treatises, military accounts of the tropics, among other resources online.

When Espinosa is not busy researching, she directs the Global Health Studies Program. The latter is 25 years old, but the major was created three years ago and continues to grow. Espinosa facilitates communication among faculty and students,

among other duties.

"I think her leadership has allowed us to really fill a very important and overlooked need on this campus," UI International Programs Associate Director Karmen Berger said. "We've created this area that students can come to academically and study social determinants of health."

Espinosa said her understanding of people doing global health in the past will benefit the large proportion of students in the program who are driven by what they can do in the present. Berger agreed, saying Espinosa is poised to develop curricula as a historian.

"Her work really has looked at the complexity that health isn't about going to the hos-

pital per se," Berger said. "It's about things like racism, economic justice, and imperialism — and movements to fight those things and improve health equity through interrogating those systems of impression."

Juggling the direction of an entire program and the research for an entire book is difficult, Espinosa said, and she looks for good mentorship to keep things balanced through people such as UI Professor Elizabeth Heineman.

"Her work for global health is huge," Heineman said. "She's just been amazing to work with because she's doing this research to understand disease and health on a global scale."

# Nursing to launch registered-nurse apprenticeship

UI College of Nursing will use funding from the Iowa Workforce Development to expand on its online nurse-residency program and create a registered-nurse apprenticeship.

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When newly graduated nurses begin working at health-care organizations, they may need extra support transitioning into their careers.

Through the Iowa Workforce Development, the University of Iowa College of Nursing received \$150,000 to begin a registered-nurse apprenticeship.

The nursing school currently has the Iowa Online Nurse Residency Program, which was created in 2014 and partners with health-care organizations across the country to help newly graduated nurses transition into their careers. With the funding from the Iowa Workforce Development, the college will expand the online residency program, adding the apprenticeship program to its repertoire.

Iowa has 82 critical-access hospitals. These hospitals have 25 beds or fewer, making it more difficult for those kinds of hospitals to have residency programs, said Ni-

cole Weathers, the program manager for the Iowa Online Nurse Residency Program. The goal of the online residency program is to have a standardized, but adaptable, program for smaller hospitals, she said.

The online residency program has 13 online modules that serve as the core curriculum for the program, Weathers said. The UI provides the curricula and support for the hospitals, and the health-care organization that hires the newly graduated nurses provides on-the-job experience and support for the nurses, she said.

"Prior to this ... when people have thought about apprenticeship, they've really been associated with the unlicensed workforce," said Anita Stineman, College of Nursing executive associate dean. "So this is really the first licensed profession that's been identified as an apprenticeship possibility."

To add in the apprenticeship aspect to the online residency program, the modules will be expanded to include

information on health-care finance and ethics and to increase information on technology, Weathers said.

"We really thought it would be important to work with those new graduate nurses kind of from Day 1," she said.

Some of the funds will be used to provide scholarships for new health organizations that join the nursing school for the program, Stineman said. Cost can be an issue in both rural and urban hospitals, so providing extra funding will allow those organizations to participate in the program, she said.

It may be a few months before the program gets started, as the college plans to spend time developing the new modules and to hire someone part-time to work on the development, Stineman said. The goal is to have 200 apprentices enrolled in the program by October 2020, she said.

Before the online residency program was created, there were very few programs similar to it in Iowa, said Lori Forneris, the Iowa Action Co-

alition Nurse Residency Task Force chair. The programs that did exist were at larger organizations because it was easier for them to develop the programs, she said.

Having an online apprenticeship program allows new nurses in rural, critical-access hospitals to have programs to help them transition, because rural hospitals may not have programs, Forneris said.

"I think it's key to that now more than even with the generations that are coming, the millennials and Generation Z, that we really provide them this opportunity so that they stay in the profession of nursing and don't leave," she said.

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### Chauncey must deliver for city, not investors

The new Chauncey building has potential to be disasterous for many, the question is whether our concerns will be addressed properly.



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The Chauncey Building is currently under construction on May 1, 2018.



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Describing what Iowa City is to friends unfamiliar with the area is strangely difficult. I often do not know how to begin talking about this city and why I care so much about it. Is it a small town, interconnected and vibrant, or is it a burgeoning city ready to expand, as the name suggests? Is there even a necessary binary between the two?

I tried to describe Iowa City's artistic and historical importance to a friend in Massachusetts, but to her mind, it was hard to conceive of something so removed from the heart of seemingly any major community — an urban heart — that is nonetheless thriving.

It is this paradox that makes Iowa City unique. The community, and specifically the art community, is what drew me here and what ultimately made me stay when I considered leaving. But, the face of Iowa City, and how its community exists, is changing rapidly, and I am unsure how I am supposed to react.

The urbanization of Iowa City has its clear purposes and benefits, and much of the marketing behind it makes sense on an intellectual level. In order to develop our city, we need more living space, more entertainment, more public spaces — we need to get bigger and taller so others in the Heartland and outside of it can see us.

So we are constructing beacons to call out our presence. In this way, the new Chauncey building is in many ways the physical manifestation of my anxieties, the fulcrum in the question of whether or not this progress is dangerous. It is certainly the tallest beacon by far and the most ambitious.

When it is being sold to artists and like-minded people, it is praised for its interest in

creating an even more vibrant art community in Iowa City by building the greatest small city for the arts. The new FilmScene at the base of the monolith is glass-encased and transparent. It will be filled with thousands of lights, and colors, and pieces of popcorn. But I do not completely recognize what I love about Iowa City in it.

I am not against progress. I try not to be too much of a reactionist when I consider

'The face of Iowa City, and how its community exists, is changing rapidly, and I am unsure how I am supposed to react.'

new infrastructure or building. There is a clear purpose of progress, and I want the opportunities that the new Chauncey will afford the community, especially the film and art community. But, nonetheless, knowing that the "arts" will exist in a building almost no one can afford to live in is ideologically incomprehensible for me. I do not know exactly how this building will go to define a community — or if it should try to define a community like this in the first place.

I care about the new opportunity this will afford Iowa City, but are high-rises the natural cost for this? Does



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During this campaign season, we are seeing many Democratic candidates push for more mental-health resources at lower costs. Politicians, doctors, and the public have discussed suggestions such as broadening health-care coverage, creating wider access, and breaking the stigma when it comes to mental-health treatment.

The numerous solutions being offered are contributing to a larger picture: There

progress have to look like this? I don't know the answers to my questions, and I don't know the right course of action.

All I know is that my gut feeling is an abiding sense of discomfort. When caught between a fading Englert whose structure can barely keep housing its purposes and a shiny new building that feels distanced from the community it wants to help, I don't know where I should land. Your

answer is as good as mine, but I do know that I want to spend my energy listening to a community that calls out for affordable or better housing, for more resources, for improved safety measures, for relief for poverty rates rather than developers who see Iowa City as a revenue opportunity.

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## COLUMN

### Mental-health progress requires serious attention not just empty political rhetoric

The crisis cannot be solved until there are urgency and specificity in state-mandated programs.

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plan regarding the mandated access centers, many Iowans are limited to the emergency room or are left untreated. Only some Iowans are able to find psychiatrists and begin a healing process because the resources are so scarce.

## COLUMN

### Students need better ways to select their majors, career paths

Students feel pressure to make lifetime decisions too early in their young lives. We need a more comprehensive way to make choices.



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Thinking back, most can relate to the ambitious change that occurred when moving into college. You felt eager to take on the challenges of the unknown and try new things. It is a foreign experience that is difficult to fully prepare for. Going into college, I had declared a major that I knew little about.

Shortly into my first semester, I was already among the 75 percent of students who change their majors at least once before graduation. Choosing a major is literally a lifelong decision that requires planning and thought, not just looking at a list of majors and picking what seems interesting ... or easy.

According to the mentor, students choose majors based on assumptions rather than what they are interested in and knowledgeable about. I am indeed guilty of picking a major that I thought sounded eager and not what sounded interesting to me. It is challenging to change your major in the middle of the semester because you are no longer enrolled in classes that pertain to your major until the next semester.

Not only is it challenging to change your major mid-semester, but if it is something you are no longer interested in, it may be hard to keep your GPA up. Like picking your major, your GPA plays a big role in your future. Perhaps if students are required to take one full year

of courses that interest them and help with the development of their interests, they would pick majors that they are more interested in. It is becoming a highly encouraged route for students to come into college undecided and pick a major their second year, as reported by the College of St. Scholastica.

By the second year of college, students have had more experience and exposure to classes that help in directing them to their passions.

My high school did the best it could to prepare students

Because of my poor decision, I was required to keep going in courses that no longer had to do with my new major. My GPA suffered from that semester as well, because the classes were not meant for me. I was left feeling defeated and carried the fear to next semester that I would not like my new major and the same thing would happen again. This could create a motive for some to not change their major more than once and be stuck with a major they do not like yet again.

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for picking the right college but did little to prepare them for picking the right major. Had the importance of picking a major been expressed in high school, I feel I would have put more thought into picking a major. At the time my main inspiration in picking a major was what my parents did for careers and what others around me picked. Obviously, this was not a serious way to go about essentially picking the rest of my life.

College is all about growing up, making decisions for yourself, and learning from them, but a lifelong decision such as your career can avoid being a "learning experience." Getting to college and being unhappy with your major is the last thing you need in adapting to your new adventure.

Students and educators need to start taking and teaching the choice of a major more seriously. The effects of changing your major even once are more than many anticipate.



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The Old Capitol is seen on Sept. 17, 2018.

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# ETHICS & POLITICS

## 2020 CANDIDATES

### TARGET YOUTH VOTE

Student-related issues are becoming a focus for the 2020 Democratic presidential-nomination candidates.

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As the momentum toward the 2020 Iowa caucuses heats up, many Democratic presidential-nomination candidates are crafting strategies to appeal to Iowa students and young voters.

To stand out in the crowded race, candidates are visiting Iowa colleges and promoting their stances on key student issues such as student debt, education, and gun safety as youth political involvement appears to be on the rise. In addition, with more than a dozen campaigns forming Iowa staffs, young volunteers, interns, and engaged Iowans will be in high demand for the next 10 months of knocking on doors, calling, and campaigning leading up to the caucuses.

Drake University freshman Tanner Halleran, the communications director for College & Young Democrats of Iowa, said he thinks young people will play an increasingly powerful role in elections, including the upcoming caucuses. Young people as a demographic constitutes a significant voting bloc, he said.

Members of Generation Z, ages 18-23, are expected to make up one in 10 eligible voters in 2020, according to the Pew Research Center.

However, despite recent increases in turnout, young Iowans still vote significantly less than older generations.

In the 2018 midterm election, 38 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted. Although they showed a 14 percent increase from the 2014 midterm, they still remained the least civically involved group.

In contrast, 78 percent of 65-and-older Iowans participated in the election.

University of Iowa Student Government External Relations Director Herbert Meisner said voting statistics at the IMU, the voting location for many UI students who live near campus, increased exponentially in 2018. He would be shocked if this trend did not continue in 2020, he said.

"Students are now more empowered than ever to vote," Meisner said.

UI senior Ryleigh Fredericks, who introduced Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., at her April 10 rally at the IMU, said candidates want to hear student voices this election season.

"One of the things I've learned as a student here is how important it is to get involved in the elections and elections processes," she said. "Especially in Iowa City because of what a political center it is."

Harris is attempting to harness the youth-organizing effort by hosting training sessions at five college campuses across Iowa. The program, known as Camp Kamala, teaches college students and young adults about Harris as a candidate, informs them about the Iowa caucuses, and provides



Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan  
Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., greets supporters during a campaign rally at the IMU on March 8. The rally was a part of Sanders' first trip to Iowa since announcing his 2020 presidential-nomination bid.

them with ways to get politically involved. The University of Iowa session was Tuesday.

"We hope that by organizing early the campaign not only shows how much we value student and young-adult contributions to the campaign and the electoral process, but it also gives students and young Iowans the opportunity to have

their voices heard earlier in the election than normal," said Miryam Lipper, the Harris campaign's Iowa communications director.

With student engagement on the rise, many other candidates are targeting young potential volunteers and

voters by touting their solutions to the issue of mounting student debt.

"We're not getting the best out of people when they're saddled with tens and sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt, which far too often I think they can't pay back," former Rep. Beto O'Rourke of Texas said in an April 7 interview with *The Daily Iowan*. O'Rourke visited the IMU in a string of Iowa college stops (donning hats of each school's symbol and colors).

Student debt is at its highest, with about 44 million people owing a collective \$1.56 trillion. Students graduated with an average \$33,310 in debt in 2018, according to statistics from the Education Department compiled by the financial-service marketplace Credible.

To save students money, O'Rourke said, he supports free community college and partnerships with public high schools so that some students can obtain associate degrees along with their high-school diplomas.

O'Rourke said he supports granting loan forgiveness in exchange for public service.

"If you want to take care of veterans at the VA at a time that we have 45,000 positions unfilled at the VA, let's reward that commitment to public service by wiping clean

their debt," he said on April 7. "If you want to teach school or become a public-school educator, I think that has tremendous public and national value, and so let's wipe clean some or all of your debt for doing that."

Presidential race returner Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders railed against the "1 percent" and called for tuition-free college in a rally at the IMU this year.

The senator performed better than both Hillary Clinton and now-President Trump among young voters in caucuses and primaries nationally in 2016, according to a study from CIRCLE at Tufts University.

Presidential hopeful and former Maryland Rep. John Delaney said

he thinks all Americans should have the option to attend community college or other vocational training after high school. He said the interest rates need to be lowered.

"The government shouldn't be making money on student debt," he said in a March 31 interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

However, Delaney said his primary appeal to young adults will be through his ability to fix a wide variety of problems relevant to both younger and older people, such as gun safety and climate change.

"I think what college kids are looking for are actually solutions," he said. "I don't think young people necessarily think in terms of politics as much as they think of prog-

ress and ideas."

Strategies to appeal to students for the 2020 caucuses are also shifting along with current national events. Candidates are beginning to call gun control a student issue because of the death toll in recent years from school shootings. High-schoolers and young activists have played a prominent role in advocating for gun-safety as a student issue, from the perspective of protecting other students from school shootings.

Thirty-five people were killed in K-12 school shootings in 2018, and seven people were injured, according to *Education Week*, a journal covering U.S. education.

O'Rourke said he attributes recent gun-safety initiatives, such as the universal background-check bill passed in the House on Feb. 27, to the leadership of young people.

He said that specifically students who led high-school walkouts and organized protests for the March For Our Lives gun-safety movement contributed to the beginning of changes in national gun legislation.

"I really think about the history of our country and in any moment of significant change, it's very often the young people leading the charge, risking their lives," he said.

At Harris' April 10 rally at the IMU, she pointed to many public schools having active shooter drills as a sign of a larger problem with gun safety in the U.S.

"There are people in Washington, D.C., who have failed to have the courage to reject the false suggestion that you're either in favor of the Second Amendment or you want to take everyone's guns away," she said. "We need reasonable gun-safety laws in this country, including universal background checks."

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Source: Pew Research Center



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan  
Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., smiles with a supporter during a town hall at the IMU on April 10. Harris is running for the Democratic presidential-nomination in the 2020 election.



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Iowa defensive back Michael Ojemudia tackles Wisconsin wide receiver Kendrick Pryor in Kinnick on Sept. 22, 2018.

## FOOTBALL

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other, he knows how I run my routes, and I'm used to how he throws the ball. We're getting a lot better chemistry."

That chemistry has manifested itself in practice as well — Smith noted that he and Stanley are able to communicate well nonverbally.

"[Tuesday], I had a little slice route, and I knew the corner was playing off, and I kind of side-eyed Nate, and I already knew the ball was coming to me," he said. "It's good to have that kind of chemistry."

Smith also credited red-shirt freshmen Nico Ragaini and Tyrone Tracy Jr. for showing the most growth this spring.

### Versatility key in competitive secondary

Last year, Iowa's secondary, specifically cornerback, was plagued by injuries. That resulted in more playing time than expected for freshman

corners Julius Brents and Riley Moss.

The Hawkeyes return those two, along with their original starting corners in Michael Ojemudia and Matt Hankins. All of those players saw significant playing time last year, and it has all of them hungry for more action in 2019.

That's why Ojemudia believes the cornerback room is overflowing with competition.

"Our group is especially talented," he said. "That's why I think our group is the most competitive on the team. So that makes Coach [Phil] Parker's job harder to put the right defense on the field, but that's our job."

Parker's job has also been made tougher this offseason as he tries to adapt to the ever-changing landscape that is college offenses.

Versatility played a critical role in last year's team, and Parker's squad hopes for even more of that in order to stay current.

"We have to adapt because we're facing more spread teams, and we can't do the same things that we've done in the past like put a line-

backer on a slot [receiver]," Ojemudia said. "So kudos to Coach Parker for adapting to the new style of offense."

### Who's behind Stanley?

There's not much deliberation over who will be Iowa's quarterback this coming season — Stanley returns for his senior year after two solid seasons under center.

But the race for the No. 2 spot behind him seems to be heating up, and Peyton Mansell — Stanley's backup last year — said it has made for quite the atmosphere in the quarterback room.

"I think this is probably one of the better QB rooms we've had in a while just because everybody's such a baller," Mansell said. "Everyone's going in and making great plays. It's nice to be able to go out and compete with people you're friends with."

There's certainly no harm in having a skilled quarterback room. After all, injuries are no stranger to football. It also bodes well for Stanley's inevitable departure after next season.

volves more around the mental aspect than the physical.

"I think it's actually a little more mental than physical," Wilson said. "I think it's a long season, and there is a lot of practice in there and a lot of pressure. And I think guys, to play at the level we are playing at, have to be mentally tough, but they also have to work at that and throughout their careers as well."

The physical traits are certainly important, but competitors need to have more than speed, length, endurance, flexibility, and strength to win close matches.

Iowa freshman Oliver Okonkwo, who has been one of the Hawkeyes' most consistent players this season, knows all about that.

"I think for me especially, it's the most important part of the game [mentally]," he said. "I'm very physical on the court, but if I have a day where I'm not particular focused or maybe a bit more agitated,

then I don't have a shot to compete nearly as well."

Learning from his early season mistakes both mentally and physically, Okonkwo has been able to become one of the best players on the team as a first-year player. The freshman noted his mental game has helped him crack the top 10 for most singles victories in season in Iowa program history with 22 and counting.

The Hawkeyes work to improve their mental toughness every day through practices and matches. However, being mentally tough during routine practices is different from having it when the lights are on and the team desperately needs someone to come up with a victory in a match.

"You have to train your mind in practice to the same level that you would have on a match court," Davies said. "Without that, you won't be able to deliver in the key moments."

## TENNIS

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that if he's not fully committed mentally, there's no shot of having consistent success.

"You have to be committed day in, day out to improving your mental game so that you can have a mental edge over your opponent during matches," Davies said. "You can't just expect to show up on match day and be mentally tough. Tennis doesn't work like that. You have to master the little things to be consistent. Talent can only get you so far in tennis."

He knows that if a player doesn't have the mindset of getting better every day, then the individual — or team — won't benefit.

Tennis is one of the more physically demanding sports, but as Davies said, it's much more than that. That's why Wilson believes the game re-

against Clarke, and the first Rutgers contest.

Despite facing problems in the box, Wetrich wasn't fazed in the field. He has served as a solid wall between second and third base that hasn't committed an error in the month of April.

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What might be most ex-

citing for Iowa is that Wetrich may have figured out the problem he previously dealt with.

Heller said the shortstop has worked to shorten his swing and make his swing as compact and direct to the ball as possible.

When Wetrich is successful, Heller said, it shows.

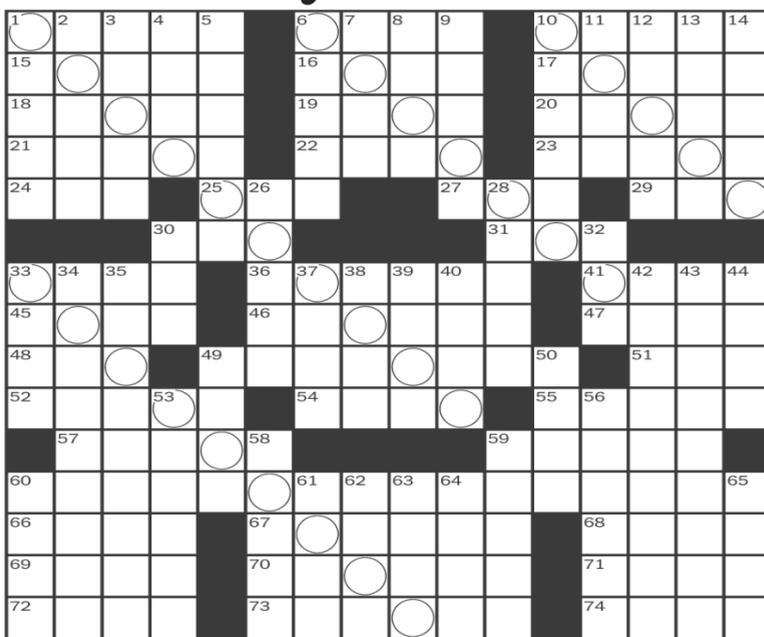
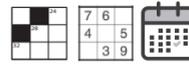
"When he does, you see the results," Heller said. "He's got tremendous power. He was just in a disconnect mode it seemed like. A self-defense-type mode that he couldn't get himself out of."

As Wetrich has done this season, Iowa fought back on Tuesday. After surrendering 3 runs in the second inning, Iowa battled back the rest of the way, putting up runs in five different innings.

The Hawkeyes had three players with more than 1 RBI, and Wetrich was one of them.

"Even if a team scores a couple runs early, we always feel that we're never out of a game," outfielder Ben Norman said.

# The Daily Break



## The New York Times Crossword

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| <b>Across</b>  | <b>Down</b>  |
| 1 Metallic waste   | 1 Like the slang "da bomb" and "tubular, man!"           |
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| 10 Longtime Syrian leader  | 3 Award for Washington and Lee                           |
| 15 Preferred seating request                                       | 4 Pupil of a lizard, e.g.                                |
| 16 Get ready for planting  | 5 Becomes established                                    |
| 17 In ___ (developing)   | 6 Garden pest  |
| 18 Understood  | 7 Dummkopf   |
| 19 Ithaca, to Odysseus   | 8 "Personally ..."                                       |
| 20 Odysseus, to Ithaca   | 9 Worry about, informally                                |
| 21 Les ___-Unis  | 10 The Charioteer constellation                          |
| 22 Patent preceder   | 11 Bit of theater detritus                               |
| 23 Girder type   | 12 Tennis Hall-of-Famer with a palindromic name          |
| 24 Lineage-based women's grp.                                      | 13 Arts and hard sciences, e.g.                          |
| 25 "___ be my pleasure!"   | 14 Sides of some quads                                   |
| 27 "Star Trek: ___" (syndicated series of the '80s-'90s)           | 26 Pictorial fabric                                      |
| 29 Draft org.  | 28 Studying aid  |
| 30 Pizza chain   | 30 Grp. that gets the show on the road                   |
| 31 Stumblebum  | 32 Recipient of media complaints, for short              |
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| 36 Like Mercury among all the planets                              | 34 [Yawn!]   |
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| 46 Distance for Captain Nemo                                       | 38 Eponymous physicist Ernst                             |
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| 49 TV host Ryan  | 42 Made the rounds, say?                                 |
| 51 Singer Carly ___ Jepsen   | 43 It varies from black to white                         |
| 52 Hide away   | 44 Ballpark purchase                                     |
| 54 Place to go to swim, informally                                 | 49 N.B.A. Hall-of-Famer with four rap albums, informally |
| 55 Mythical figure known for ribaldry                              | 50 "The Tale of ___ Saltan" (Rimsky-Korsakov opera)      |
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- "Live from Prairie Lights," Kimberly Burwick & Kevin Goodan, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights
- Cmd+Fn Dance Thesis Concert (Marc Macaranas), 7:30, 8, & 8:30 p.m., 250 Art West
- Jazz Repertory Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Voxman Concert Hall
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## BASEBALL

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.264 to go along with 16 RBIs and 5 home runs, tied for the team lead and five times the number he clubbed last season.

"Last year, I wasn't happy with how I played, I wasn't happy with a lot of things I did myself," Wetrich said. "I came in with a different attitude ... My main thing was just coming back and try to provide this team with somebody who can be a force in the lineup, and be consistent in the field, and give us a chance to win day in and day out."

The ups and downs Wetrich has experienced have even been present this season.

After Iowa's series opener against Rutgers on April 5, he had a .207 average, his lowest mark of the season. It was the result of a five-game hitless streak in late March that spanned the entire Illinois series, a midweek game

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### BECOME A BIOTEST PLASMA SUPERHERO!

# Softball focuses on details ahead of Drake

Fresh off of a productive weekend offensively, Iowa softball takes on high-scoring Drake tonight in Des Moines.

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Iowa softball head coach Renee Gillispie told her team that the minute details were keeping it down during its 11-game losing streak leading up to the games against Illinois on April 13 at Pearl Field.

The small details also helped the team harness its first win since March 23. With an away game against Drake tonight, the team hopes to keep that focus on the small things to create a second-straight win.

"We talked about how we need to get all on one page and feel each other," said sophomore Aralee Bogar, who launched a double to score 2 runs and tie the April 13 game in the seventh inning. "I think we just took that out. We were encouraging each other in this game, being selfless, and I think that showed."

The team finally broke through that streak with a win against Illinois on April 13, taking down the Illini, 4-3. The biggest story of the day was Iowa's offense: The doubleheader featured 15 Iowa runs on the board, more than in the team's previous 12 games combined.

"We all came together before [those] two games," junior outfielder Hayvn Monteer said. "We knew how to do it, we knew it was going to

fall, we just needed it to come together... I think confidence and keeping the bats rolling will keep it going for us."

For the weeks during the losing streak, Gillispie kept iterating that the team's failure lay in the details. Errors and poor relays were common. When those things occur, she repeated, it negatively affects all facets of a team's performance.

"Offensively, it was great to see them come together," she said. "They were fighting to put the ball in play, moving the runners, and doing the little things right."

It's a good time, too, because the Hawkeyes will have to score a ton to beat Drake. The Bulldogs have been very efficient at the plate, scoring better than 8 runs in seven of their last 10 games. Macy Johnson leads the team offensively, posting a .389 average with 42 hits and 21 RBIs. The Bulldogs are on a 15-game winning streak.

But the Hawkeyes' biggest batters — who had been quiet for much of the last several weeks — rose in the Illinois series in dominant fashion.

DoniRae Mayhew, who is batting .304, had one of her best outings of the season in the first game on April 13. The junior transfer went 4-for-4, scoring 3 runs and putting in an additional 2 RBIs.



Iowa's Aralee Bogar takes a pitch against Illinois on April 13.

Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

"The girls came out, and they were working so hard today in batting practice and focusing on doing the

little things, small adjustments," Gillispie said. "Doni's adjustment was looking for her pitch, being able to

stay a little bit taller and a little bit stronger, watching for the rise ball." Because of the weather, the

game will take place at 5 p.m. at Buel Field in Des Moines, an hour earlier than its previously scheduled start.

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Hawkeye baseball's Dreyer out for the season

Iowa baseball Saturday starter Jack Dreyer will remain out for the rest of the season, Hawkeye head coach Rick Heller said on Tuesday.

Dreyer hasn't pitched since Iowa's win over Hawaii on Feb. 23 in which he gave up 2 runs on 4 hits with a strikeout and a walk in 2 innings of work.

Heller said surgery is still up in the air for Dreyer, who finished 2018 with a 3.69 ERA in his first season with Iowa.

Cam Baumann has stepped up into the Saturday role since Dreyer's injury, and that will continue, Heller said.

Baumann has a 2-2 record with a 5.31 ERA, 32 strikeouts, and 21 walks.



### Iowa rowing wins Boat of the Week

Hawkeye rowing's first Varsity 8 boat was recognized by the Big Ten on Tuesday, earning Boat of the Week honors.

Despite facing strong headwinds, which reached 15 mph, the Hawkeyes toppled No. 11 Wisconsin and Minnesota on April 13.

The Hawkeyes got out in front of the waves fast in their race against Wisconsin, jumping into the lead 250 meters in. Iowa hung on to the advantage for the next 1,000 meters to secure the victory.

Iowa's lead wasn't quite a sure thing against the Gophers, and the Hawkeyes needed to pull away toward the end of the race to down Minnesota by five seconds.

The Hawkeyes' 1V8 boat has two 2018 All-Americans in Hunter Koenigsfeld and Contessa Harold.

Iowa won't take to the water this week; its weekend races against Harvard and Brown have been canceled because of severe weather in the forecast.

### Hawkeye wrestling leads nation in attendance... again

For the 13th season in a row, Iowa wrestling led the nation in attendance, according to NCAA numbers released Tuesday.

The Hawkeyes averaged 8,526 in their seven home duals, with 59,684 entering Carver-Hawkeye throughout the season.

Iowa has averaged more than 8,000 fans per dual for 11-consecutive season, and the Hawkeyes have paced the nation in attendance for each of head coach Tom Brands' 13 years with the program.

The next closest school was Penn State, which averaged 7,889 fans and welcomed 55,222 overall.

Things dropped off significantly after that; Ohio State, the school with the third-most supporters, saw an average of 5,817 fans walk through the gates, and 34,900 entered for the Buckeyes' six home duals.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"We always feel that we're never out of a game, no matter what."**



— Iowa outfielder Ben Norman on playing at Banks Field.

## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa shortstop Tanner Wetrich has clubbed **5 home runs** this season after hitting 1 in 2018.



— home runs from Tanner Wetrich

# Andrew Francis to leave men's hoops

Longtime Fran McCaffery aide Andrew Francis will leave the Hawkeyes for another coaching position.

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Francis

Iowa men's basketball assistant coach Andrew Francis will leave the program for another coaching position, Iowa Athletics has confirmed to *The Daily Iowan*.

Francis' next position has not yet been announced.

The Hawkeyes

have enjoyed the same coaching staff — head coach Fran McCaffery and assistants Francis, Kirk Speraw, and Sherman Dillard — since McCaffery took over prior to the 2010-11 season. Francis will be the first coach to leave the staff since the group's inception.

Francis served as the acting head coach when Iowa lost to Rutgers, 86-72, on March 2 because McCaffery had been suspended for two games.

"It's a different view, that's for sure," Francis said after the game. "It felt good, but it felt, obviously, differ-

ent. Those guys are used to my voice."

After previously serving under McCaffery at Sienna, Francis was the first assistant coach hiring McCaffery made after he took over at Iowa.

"Coach Francis — man, it's going to be tough to see you go," Iowa point guard Jordan Bohannon wrote on Instagram. "You were one of my favorite people to be around to talk basketball, but more importantly, about life. You cared about the type of individuals we would become, and that speaks volumes to the type of coach and person

you were.

"We're all beyond excited for you as you begin this new chapter in your life. You've never have been one to brag about yourself, always have been humble and consistently cared about the team. You were a big reason we had that big of a turnaround this year."

Francis played a big role in recruiting and helped McCaffery's staff become the first in Hawkeye history to lead Iowa to at least 18 wins in six consecutive seasons.



BASEBALL

Iowa - 8

Northern Illinois - 6

# Slump no more

Tanner Wetrich went through a slump in late March, but he has returned in full form in recent games.



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Tanner Wetrich hits a home run against Northern Illinois at Banks Field on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes won, 8-6.

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In Iowa's 8-6 win over Northern Illinois on Tuesday at Banks Field, Tanner Wetrich finished 2-for-4 with a home run, a triple, 2 RBIs, and 2 runs scored.

That player, however, wasn't the Wetrich

fans saw in 2018. Last season, he hit 1 home run.

Wetrich started 15 games in left field that season, along with two at second base, two at designated hitter, and one at shortstop. He scuffled overall, hitting .224 and knocking in 11 runs.

Now, fast forward to 2019, and the story is completely different.

Wetrich's No. 16 can be found almost every game at shortstop, where he has started 32 games this season. His increase in playing time has come with an uptick in production.

The Moberly, Missouri, native is now hitting

SEE BASEBALL, 6

# Offense in sync

Quarterback Nate Stanley has continued to gel with his receivers despite some key departures from the program.



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Iowa wide receiver Brandon Smith catches a touchdown pass against Maryland in Kinnick on Oct. 20, 2018.

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Spring practice is heating up on the offensive side of the ball. The air attack — as well as defending it — took center stage in Iowa City this week.

## Receivers and Stanley in sync

One of the bigger stories heading into the next season was how Iowa planned to replace its top

three receivers, who have all either entered the NFL Draft or graduated.

It's definitely something that could be cause for some concern. However, many of the receivers who will see significant action this coming season have spent considerable time with quarterback Nate Stanley and offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz, and that's certainly an edge.

"It's a huge advantage," wide receiver Brandon Smith said. "Because we're getting used to each

# Tennis seeks mental edge

For the Hawkeyes, mental toughness remains a key to success in an uber-competitive Big Ten conference.

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When it comes to tennis, there are two main aspects of the game: physical and mental.

Having the mental toughness and a strong mentality are what separate the good athletes from the elite ones, especially for college tennis players.

The mental aspect can determine if a player wins a close point, match, meet, or tournament. A player can't get scared in big-time moments and play not to lose. That's why Iowa head coach Ross Wilson stresses the importance of mentality.

"I think as a program, for us, something we talk about is playing to win," he said. "It's a big emphasis for our program is going after our shots and playing to win, and whatever happens at the end of the match happens, but we aren't going to miss an opportunity to take the win."

Sophomore Will Davies, who has the best singles and doubles record on the team (24-8 singles, 19-8 doubles), knows all about the benefits of being mentally strong. Playing at the Division-1 level for two years now, he knows



Davies

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