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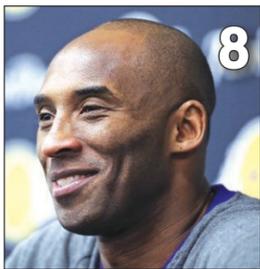
Hawk the Vote to host mock caucus

A mock caucus hosted by Hawk the Vote, a UI student organization, will be held to educate students on the caucus and voting process. Over two dozen student organizations, including *The Daily Iowan*, will be in attendance to help replicate a real caucus.



Iowa City school works to make bussing green

Iowa City Community School District leaders are continuing their recent push for more sustainable solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Their latest endeavor to achieve this goal includes a transition from traditional school buses to electric school buses.



Hawks honor Kobe Bryant with footwear and focus

The Iowa men's basketball team honored Kobe Bryant, who died Sunday in a helicopter crash, at Monday's game against Wisconsin by wearing his shoes and tapping into his "Mamba" mentality.



Men's basketball comes back for 'ugly' win against Wisconsin

Freshman Joe Toussaint made key plays down the stretch in Iowa's ugly comeback victory over Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes beat Wisconsin, 68-62 after mounting a comeback with a little over seven minutes in the second half.



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Fight like a girl

After a two month season ending with the team wrestling in three tournaments instead of five, the first all-girl wrestling team in Iowa City West High School history competed at the second girls' state tournament, placing fifth as a team.



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Iowa City West semifinalist Mami Selemani wrestles with an opponent during The 2020 Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Girls' State Wrestling tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock High School on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020. Iowa City West High School competed in their first state tournament and had two girls place in the semifinals.

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In middle school, Laurel Haverkamp would square up eye-to-eye with her opponent — who was almost always a boy. Due to this, she dropped the sport she loved before starting high school, opting instead to manage the boys wrestling team. She says now that she felt matches between a boy and girl would sometimes create a disadvantage in size or aggressiveness for her, proving to be too intense.

But this decision was reversed this year, her senior

year of high school, as Iowa City West High School sent an all-female team to compete at all-girl wrestling tournaments for the first time ever.

The new West High team was created as the number of girls participating in wrestling statewide more than doubled this year. To cap off Haverkamp's first season wrestling competitively since middle school, she faced off against three other girls during Iowa's second-annual all-girls weekend tournament Jan. 24-25 two-and-a-half hours away in Waverly, Iowa.

She walked away from the meet without clearing to the semi-finals, but said that feeling the swell of sup-

port from parents and friends for her one and only year of high-school wrestling was still a high note to end her high-school career.

"The environment has been insane, the community is really rallying around all their girls and just walking through these back hallways, it's hard to walk back here and not see a coach either hyping up or calming down one of their girls," Haverkamp said. "Overall it just feels like, almost exactly like any other boys wrestling meet you would go to."

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Biden pitches to students a week out from caucuses

Former Vice President Joe Biden polls low among Iowans under age 35, but his supporters at an IMU rally said they appreciate his foreign policy experience.



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Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a rally at the Iowa Memorial Union on Monday.

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In making one of his final pitches to Iowa City residents a week before the Iowa caucuses, former Vice President Joe Biden sought to draw students' attention with an on-campus stop.

A couple hundred people attended the Biden event, a crowd that skewed

older, at the IMU on the University of Iowa campus Monday night.

One UI student attendee, second-year Madisyn Burk, said she was deciding between Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. She said she liked Biden's experience in foreign policy and that he was vice president to Barack Obama but that she liked

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Buttigieg tells Iowans to consider Midwestern ties

Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg focused on his Midwestern appeal at a North Liberty town hall, one week before the Iowa caucuses.



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Democratic presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg speaks during a town hall in North Liberty on Monday.

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With six days left until the Iowa caucuses, 2020 hopeful Pete Buttigieg told Iowans in North Liberty that as they're making their final decisions before Feb. 3, they should consider the Midwestern candidate who lives in a middle-class neighborhood.

"Wouldn't it be a good idea to go up against this president with somebody who actually lives in a middle-class neighborhood in the industrial Midwest, and can actually call out the way he's turned his back on farmers and consumers and workers in this country?" Buttigieg said at North Liberty

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High School.
The Buttigieg campaign is putting all of their resources into Iowa this week, with stops scheduled throughout the state everyday until Feb. 3.

Buttigieg stuck to a message of unity while answering questions from the audience, calling out politicians in Washington for having a partisan mentality and President Trump for spreading divisive messages.

On Monday night, Buttigieg turned out around 900 people to his town hall. Buttigieg has a record of turning out high numbers of people in Iowa, with 1,200 people attending a town hall in Cedar Rapids Jan. 21 and 2,000 people gathering to attend a Coralville town hall in December.

In a question from the audience, Will, 11, asked the former South Bend, Indiana mayor what he would do as president to lower the costs of insulin, so Will can afford the medication when he's older.

"I'm impressed that you're thinking into the future, but I'm also a little bit embarrassed that this is something you have to worry about," Buttigieg said.

Buttigieg supports Medicare for All as a public option, and said he would enforce regulations on drug manufacturers



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Former South Bend, Indiana mayor and Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Pete Buttigieg speaks at his rally at North Liberty High School in North Liberty on Monday.

and allow insurance companies under the Medicare system to negotiate drug prices. He also proposed expanding outreach to rural communities to make mental-health care and other medical services more accessible.

"... We're going to enforce against companies that increase the prices on things that we need, sometimes in order to live, not because they have to, but because they can," Buttigieg said.

Kate Kostenbader 63, and Janet Happel, 66, have been

neighbors in North Liberty for 15 years, and attended their first Buttigieg event together on Monday. They said they both plan to caucus for Buttigieg, but they both said that U.S. Senator from Minnesota Amy Klobuchar was a strong second choice.

They said it's appealing that both Buttigieg and Klobuchar are moderate Democrats from the Midwest, and Kostenbader said Buttigieg's approach to politics and policy is refreshing.

"I think they can relate to us as people — they're down to

earth people," Happel said of Buttigieg and Klobuchar.

The song "The Distance" by Cake played twice before Buttigieg appeared on stage, with lyrics "He's going for distance, he's going for speed" echoing through the high-school cafeteria.

Buttigieg has remained among the top four spots in national and Iowa polls over the last few months. With the top polling candidates coming within single percentage points of each other, caucus-night results are still up in the air.

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Warren's stance on the environment, plus the fact that she was a woman.

But, she said she'd probably make her decision on caucus night.

"It's just gonna be kind of a gut decision," she said. "... You can't go wrong between those two."

The former vice president took questions after finishing his stump speech from young people who'd sat behind him holding Biden signage. In response to one question about how he would address climate

change, Biden outlined several points on a plan he would set in motion to combat the global crisis as president.

"It's the single biggest issue facing humanity," he said.

He added he would rejoin Paris Climate Accord, call on more than 200 countries to meet in the U.S. to establish enforcement mechanisms for the

agreement, invest research into a "carbon-free atmosphere," increase tax credits for wind and solar energy, reform mileage standards, install electric car recharging stations and electric rails across the U.S. and within cities.

He said Obama called him "Amtrak Joe" as a reference to his support for rail infrastructure. His climate stance is similar to other Democratic candidates in the race, but Biden does differ on his stance on fracking. Biden doesn't support a nationwide ban on fracking, which is an oil and natural gas extraction technique by fracturing rock with a pressurized liquid.

In response to another student question, this one about how he would help young workers, he said he would take steps to address student-loan debt and grow rural economies, but that he wouldn't go as far as Warren or Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in canceling all or even most of student-loan debt.

He said that under his plan graduates who engage in volunteering would be able to write off \$10,000 of student-loan debt a year for up to \$50,000.

He also said he supports expanding Pell Grants, making

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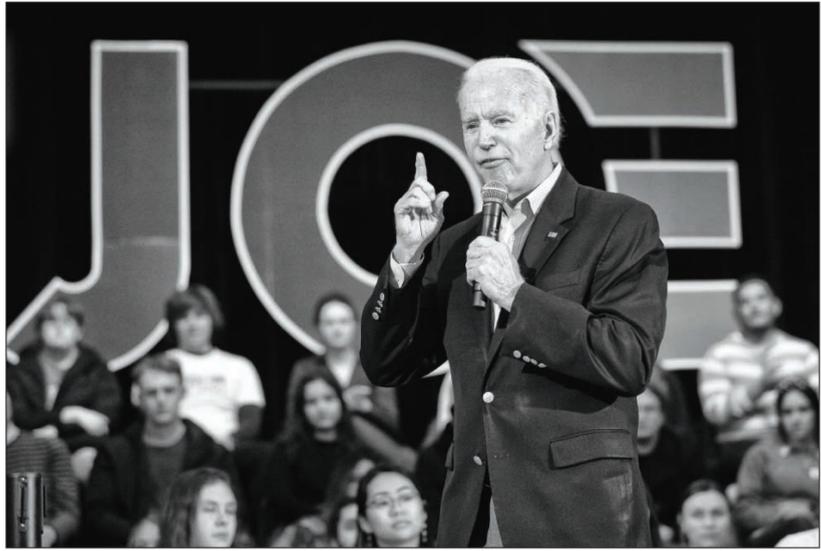
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Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a presidential campaign rally at the Iowa Memorial Union on Monday.

Shining a light on Holocaust remembrance

Seventy-five years after the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, members of the Iowa City community gathered to remember the Holocaust and its impact.

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In the middle of the Iowa Hillel building, 11 unlit candles stood on a table. A few were marked with the Star of David, boldly stating "NEVER FORGET."

In total, the 11 candles represented the approximate 11 million individuals who were killed during the Holocaust.

Monday night, the Iowa Hillel hosted a candlelight vigil in honor of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The date commemorates when the

Auschwitz concentration camp was liberated, celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Ashley Carol-Fingerhut, the executive director of Iowa Hillel, began the event by giving a speech. She shared how she read the book *Night* by Elie Wiesel, a story detailing the authors true experiences surviving the Holocaust with his father. She said his message struck her, emphasizing how people should never sit back while these atrocities continue to occur.

"Hearing his very human experience, having this happen and how horrible it was and all

the choices he had to make. . . it's just disgusting and horrifying," she said, referencing the book.

After a moment of silence and Carol-Fingerhut reading a quote from Wiesel, the candle lighting commenced. Caleb Marx, the president of the student board for Hillel, was the first person to light a candle, which represented all of the Jewish victims.

Marx said he believes it's important for people to further educate themselves about the Holocaust, especially by visiting concentration camps. Marx

said he recently visited Auschwitz and was deeply moved by its gruesome background.

"I've seen all these movies, read the books, but nothing will fully empower like going to a place where millions of people were murdered and slaughtered," Marx said. "When you go to Auschwitz, you see the shoes and where they were, you see the gas chambers where they were. It's an incredible experience."

Other individuals volunteered to continue lighting the remaining candles, each representing groups targeted by the Nazis, such as people with disabilities, people of color, and the LGBTQ community.

Kevin Coomer, a campus pastor at the University of Iowa, said he attended the event because it's important that the victims stories are not forgotten.

"As a Christian pastor, I believe that it was a horrible affront to God, to people, and to the world," Coomer said. "It's something to still mourn and to learn from, I also want to identify with my Jewish brothers and sisters."

Carol-Fingerhut said she also urges others to continue remembering the Holocaust's impact, stating that it's mark on history is still recent.

"If we don't remember our past, we're doomed to repeat it in the future," she said. "It's so important to keep that history alive in the sense that we

two-year college free, and investing in rural economies that keep businesses open and prevents brain drain.

In the latest *Des Moines Register*/CNN/Mediacom poll, Biden polled near the bottom on support from those under 35 with just four percent naming him their first choice for president, tying him with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn. Sanders led that metric, with 36 percent support of Iowans under 35 surveyed.

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller introduced Biden, as he has on several campaign stops this weekend, pledging his support for Biden because he believes the former vice president is the most electable.

Biden's visit to Johnson County marks the beginning of a packed campaign schedule of visits to the highly concentrated blue county a week ahead of the caucuses. Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg held a rally on the north side of the county, in North Liberty.

Allison Gayner, 66, an attendee at the Biden event said

she originally liked Buttigieg, but after Trump authorized the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani in early January, she said she'd rather have someone with more foreign policy leadership experience in the White House.

"When this thing happened with Iran I thought, 'Having been an intelligence officer in Afghanistan does not mean he's going to be Commander in Chief,'" she said, referring to Buttigieg's seven-month deployment to Afghanistan. "He's just too young. He'll make a great president in 20 years."

During his stop at the IMU, Biden took a dig at Trump's foreign policy toward the Middle East and Ukraine while emphasizing his knowledge of foreign leaders.

"There's not going to be time for on the job training," Biden said of what differentiates him from some of his Democratic rivals. "I know who Vladimir Putin is and he knows me. I know every single one of these leaders."

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Caleb Marx lights a candle during a Holocaust Remembrance Day vigil at Iowa Hillel on Monday.

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Across the state, more girls are venturing into the typically male-dominated sport of wrestling. West High is now one of 15 schools in Iowa that have all-girls teams with members numbering into the double digits, said Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Executive Director Jean Berger. Most schools have two to five girls integrated into a boys' wrestling team.

This year, 532 high-school girls participated in wrestling on a boys' team in Iowa, more than two times the 200 high-school girls who competed in the sport during the 2018-19 academic year.

Advocates are working to harness that added interest and set up all-girls meets and matchups sanctioned by the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union.

Nationally, since 1994 the number of high-school girls who wrestle has increased from 804 to 21,124 as of 2019, according to data from the National Wrestling Coaches Association. A sanctioned official scholastic state championship is held for girls wrestling in 21 states.

Growing up with a family full of wrestlers meant that West High sophomore Ava Davis spent many long days at wrestling tournaments watching her brothers compete. Although she always wanted to try the sport, she seldom saw girls get the chance.

"I know there's a boys' basketball team, girls' basketball team, girls' swimming, and boys' swimming, and I'm so happy now they're doing girls' wrestling and boys' wrestling because I think it's a great opportunity for all the girls to get in and just show them what they can do," Davis said.

Before joining the team, Davis didn't know much wrestling terminology beyond "pinning" an opponent or "taking down" someone. She's since learned new techniques and said that she's discovered there is so much still to learn about the sport.

The team started practices in December 2019 and was set to have five tournaments this season, but two were canceled due to weather.

West High teacher Kody Pudil held an informational meeting before the start of the season to gauge the girls' interest in wrestling. To Pudil's surprise, around 30 girls attended the meeting and 23 showed up to the first 6:30 a.m. practice.

He asked Justin Koethe, a former wrestler and boys' wrestling coach, to coach the team — his first venture into training a female team. When offered the position, he saw it as an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the sport he's participated in all his life, Koethe said.

When he was a wrestler, Koethe said, no girls competed. As girls' interest in the sport grew, the only outlet for them to participate was on a boys' team.

Having all-girls teams in wrestling allows the athletes to have more fun and truly compete to be the best they can be, Koethe said. The new team allows the girls to be more comfortable and wrestle people who are closer to their size and build, he added.

"I really would like to see it become a legitimized sport," Koethe said. "Right now it's not technically a school-sanctioned sport, it's more of like a club thing. So, within the next couple of years, I would definitely love to see it become a sanctioned sport."

In order to make girls wrestling a sanctioned sport, the

Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union needs 15 percent, around 50 schools, to request sanctioning, Berger said. Currently, 18 schools have put in requests and 15 are in the exploratory stages of creating programs, she added.

"There are a lot of schools monitoring it and looking at it and want to make sure that, at least for their girls, their school is ready," she said.

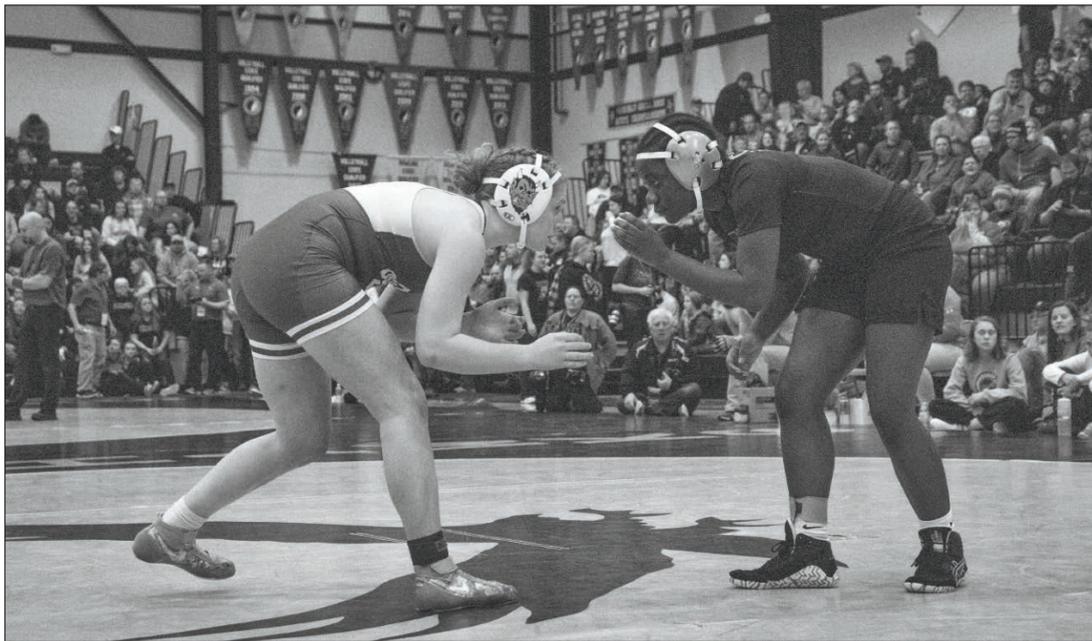
The number of girls participating jumped this academic year because the girls now have the opportunity to wrestle other girls, Berger said. There are 16 girls-only wrestling meets in Iowa, giving girls the chance to compete without boys, she said.

To finish out their season, the West High team participated in the girls' state wrestling tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock High School. Although it was only its third tournament this season, the team placed fifth overall, with one of its wrestlers, Mami Selemeni, placing second in her weight class and another, Salima Omari, securing a state title in hers.

Despite only competing in two all-girl tournaments before state, the girls exceeded Koethe's expectations. By the time semifinals and finals rolled around, Koethe said he didn't care what their team score was, but just wanted to see the girls keep winning their matches and bring home some hardware.

To Koethe and the girls, who enjoyed their time working together, the season wasn't long enough. In the coming year, Koethe hopes take the team to 15 dual meets and tournaments to give them more opportunities to compete and improve throughout their season.

"The changes I've seen in the girls throughout the season is incredible," Koethe said. "They've built confidence in all aspects of their lives."



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Iowa City West High School semifinalist Mami Selemeni wrestles with an opponent during the 2020 Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Girls' State Wrestling tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock High School on Jan. 25. West High competed in its first state tournament and had two girls place in the semifinals.

Haverkamp watched her sister serve as a manager on a boys' wrestling team, which initially sparked her interest in participating in the sport. She wrestled on the boys' team in seventh and eighth grades before breaking

the weaker gender," Haverkamp said. "I think the fact that we have a girls' wrestling team goes against all that."

After noticing a push across the state from other schools to bring girls wrestling to the high

dil said he received praise from other teachers who hoped he would be able to make the team a reality.

"This obviously shows that, especially a school our size, that there are a lot of female athletes out there that want to participate and want to try out something new," Pudil said. "Hopefully something like this inspires other schools to take a risk with it and see how many girls are interested."

Although the other high schools in Iowa City don't have all-girls wrestling teams, they are able to join West High's team to have the opportunity to compete with other girls, Pudil said.

West High sophomore Mattie Harms heard about the informational meeting from a friend

every high school can have as an opportunity for the girls."

Luke Eustice, who works in sports development at Think Iowa City, volunteers as a coach for the team and hopes to help the sport grow through creating local competition for it.

Eustice said he and his colleagues prioritize laying down the infrastructure for a girls' wrestling program, such as planning and putting on all-girls events, to make forming a girls' wrestling team a viable and practical option for schools.

He added he hopes these matchups and tournaments showcase interest girls have in the sport, eventually showing administrators at the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union that forming an official girls program statewide is a worthwhile venture.

"[The girls] are very proud of being the first girls' wrestling program at West," Eustice said. "I know that just from talking to them that they take a lot of pride in that."

After watching her brother Ashton wrestle when he was younger, West High sophomore Emma Barker wanted to give the sport a try. She wrestled on the boys' team last year before joining the girls team this winter.

Her brother has been a big supporter of hers since the beginning, Barker said.

"It's just all because of Ashton, you know, I started it with him," she said. "He pushed me into it, he started doing it to get better at it, he's always there for me."

Barker was injured during the meet and thus unable to continue competing. An injury Koethe felt could have been prevented, if the referees would have stopped the girls from continuing the match.

Something the girls can agree upon is that they want to see the wrestling program continue to grow and improve in the years to come.

"I've only heard of it in Iowa really and I hope it gets [popular] in other states and starts to bring it up and everybody starts talking about it," Davis said. "I just hope that it's not something little, I hope when people talk about the boys' state tournament they also talk about the girls' state tournament like it means something to them."

'I hope when people talk about the boys' state tournament they also talk about the girls' state tournament like it means something to them.'

— Ava Davis, West High sophomore

her hand.

She decided not to continue wrestling into high school, saying matches against boys can become much too intense since boys tend to get more ag-

school level, Pudil asked the school's athletic director how that could be a reality. He then conducted a survey at the school last spring to see how many girls would be interested.



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The Iowa City West High School girls wrestling team warms up prior to practice on Dec. 12, 2019. This is the first year West High School has had a girls wrestling team.

Looking at the team from the beginning of the season to now, Koethe said, they look like a completely different group of girls. One girl would barely touch her opponent at the start of the season, he recalled. Now, after two months of practice, referees at the state tournament reprimanded her for being too rough.

Haverkamp was excited to see how much progress she and her teammates made since state would be their first tournament since December 2019. At the last two tournaments, the girls cheered each other on during each match, and Haverkamp said she was looking forward to seeing everyone come together like that again.

gressive. Instead, she chose to become a manager for the boys team until she decided to wrestle alongside the girls this year.

Within the first week of practice the girls became fast friends, forging immediate bonds and growing more comfortable around each other as time went on. The team starts practices by goofing around and laughing with each other during warm-ups. As they start jogging and stretching, Haverkamp said, the group quiets down and gets "in the zone."

"Not only is wrestling a sport that everyone should get the opportunity to try, but it's one of those things where girls kind of can get put in a box of like not being tough, or kind of being

The fairly high turnout to informational meetings spurred Pudil and school administrators to begin discussing whether the school would fund the program and logistics, he said.

The school and the Iowa City Community School District as a whole have both supported and helped in the process of developing and looking for funding of the program, Pudil said. During the initial survey conducted, Pu-

before going to practices and giving the sport a try. Harms ran cross country and played soccer, she said, but had never wrestled.

Harms sees the team as a way to give girls the opportunity to try out a sport they might be interested in.

"I hope that we can keep the team going next year and for many years to come," she said. "Hopefully girls wrestling will become a state-wide thing that



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Iowa City West High School wrestler Mayowa Dokun drops the tournament with one match away from placing after losing against an opponent during the 2020 Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Girls' State Wrestling tournament at Waverly-Shell Rock High School on Jan. 25.

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Buttigieg: A coalition built on cooperation

The former South Bend, Indiana mayor has the policies and persona to win over his party and our country, despite his flaws.



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Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg smiles while answering a question in North Liberty on Monday.



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The eventual Democratic presidential nominee will signal the party's strategy for the next four years. Win or lose, the party will spend the next presidential term either digging its heels into a strategy of partisan warfare and resistance, or pivot to a goal of recovering from and possibly mending the political divide.

The trouble is that every moderate candidate in this election, like every election, is far from perfect.

But out of the choices in this presidential primary, the best choice is former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

Democratic caucusgoers seeking a candidate close to the center don't have a lot of good options. Businessman Tom Steyer and entrepreneur Andrew Yang are essentially single-issue candidates. U.S. Senator from Minnesota Amy Klobuchar's campaign lacks energy and much-needed "Klo-mentum." That leaves the two leading moderate candidates: former Vice President Joe Biden and Buttigieg.

Regardless of the merits of radical politics, independent swing voters will inevitably play a sizable role in selecting the nominee.

Even for the Hawkeye State, unusually high numbers of Iowans are still undecided with under a week to go. With a lack of ideal candidates to choose from, centrist

Iowans must choose the least objectionable. Compromises will have to be made by those hesitating over imperfections. The best among these compromises is Buttigieg, who has the greatest chance to take back the White House for the Democrats.

This comes with a few caveats. First, Buttigieg polls poorly among voters of color, which is a noteworthy red flag that needs remedied. Failing to do so would mean that the former mayor wouldn't accurately represent the Democratic electorate and would hurt his chances at winning the general election.

It's important to add that the only centrist candidate

His health-care plan, dubbed "Medicare for all who want it," is a characteristically incrementalist spin on a key Democratic talking point. The idea of consumers paying for their own coverage with an affordable premium would dramatically expand health-care coverage, but it sticks to America's ingrained free-market values.

It's more intuitive than making sense of Steyer's or Yang's reasonable but complicated talking points on health care. It's more satisfying than Biden's proposal that sounds like a sequel to Obamacare from a different director, and it's better articulated than Klobuchar's broad proposal for a vague alternative public option.

While health care is the go-to example, Buttigieg's campaign is riddled with other Goldilocks solutions that appeal to the same crowd. The use of government contracts as incentives for companies that meet ethical and legal criteria is one such mix of free-market incentives to accomplish big-government goals.

Likewise, universal tuition coverage for undergrads whose families make less than \$100,000 per year is a far-left solution, but limited to the specific group of people that needs it. Subsidies for families making under \$150,000 is a politically palatable extension of the same aid.

For indecisive moderates hoping that a better option will step up before Feb. 3, the harsh reality is that no such candidate exists.

He may not be everyone's perfect candidate, but Buttigieg is the best bet moderates have. That's a bet worth taking.

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polling remotely well among black voters nationwide is Biden. However, embarrassment dogs the former vice president on other issues, and is prone to gaffes that risk alienating his valued support.

The second caveat: Buttigieg's ads are annoying. I can't recall the last YouTube video I watched without being beseeched to "picture that first day when the sun comes up in this country, and Donald Trump is no longer president."

Despite being a little repetitive, Buttigieg's ad campaign is still better than the relative lack of effort coming from most other moderates.

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COLUMN

Trump: The president earned renomination

While he's obviously not perfect, the president has done plenty to deserve another four years to accomplish a conservative agenda.



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President Trump speaks to an audience during a fundraiser in West Des Moines on June 11, 2019.



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In a more perfect union, I'd be choosing between the reasonably moderate former Rep. John Delaney, D-Md., and deficit hawk Mark Sanford as the Democratic and Republican presidential nominees. Unfortunately, the republic is not Burger King, and I can't have it my way. The best option on the menu is President Trump.

Free trade and austerity are the only two issues that would compel me to consider an alternative to the incumbent. Most Democratic policy pitches involve massively expanding an already bloated federal budget. Many of their ideas, such as Medicare for All, are fiscally reckless and economically unwise.

Economist Milton Friedman used to say that politics is about getting the wrong people to do the right things. The Trump administration has accomplished many things that conservative think-tank scholars have been promulgating for decades. It would be irrational for someone of my political leanings just because I believe Trump personally is one of "the wrong people."

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has made strides toward restoring due-process rights for men accused of sexual misconduct at universities. She did so by rescinding an Obama Administration directive that coerced the institutions into

setting up kangaroo courts to punish the accused, who were often deprived of any recourse.

As of last month, 25 percent of all federal judges were Trump appointees. While President Obama appointed 55 circuit court judges over his eight years in office, Trump has appointed 50 in three. And thanks to the guidance of The Federalist Society, most of the new appointees are conservatives fiercely loyal to the constitution.

If Trump is re-elected and the GOP maintains control of the Senate, it's likely that he will put his third or even fourth conservative on the

Although his lofty promises of a big and beautiful border wall have gone mostly unfulfilled, Trump has mitigated the problem of illegal immigration by working out agreements with Mexico in which they help the U.S. deter illegitimate asylum seekers.

Generally uncommitted to a political ideology, Trump has relied substantially on GOP think-tanks such as the Heritage Foundation for many of his staffing and policy decisions — which is perfectly fine with me. Based solely on policy — disregarding his childish Twitter antics — one might assume such as Sens. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, or Ted Cruz, R-Texas, were in the White House.

I wish every president could be a jovial exemplar of moral integrity like Ronald

'The framers of our constitution never intended for the president to have much more power than a glorified comptroller. Trump is proof that an imprudent and sometimes mercurial chief executive can still be successful with the right policy agenda.'

Supreme Court. I'm exhilarated just thinking about it.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has accelerated economic growth, boosted wages, and lowered corporate tax rates to levels that enable American firms to be more competitive abroad.

Equally important to growth, Trump has shredded a lot of red tape that was tyrannically imposed on the American people by his predecessor. While politicians aren't truly job creators, the self-described "stable genius" should get credit for fostering a business-friendly climate conducive to hiring and raising wages.

This White House has been a staunch defender of the sanctity of the unborn. Last week, Trump became the first sitting president to attend and speak at March for Life rally this year, a massive annual gathering of pro-lifers in the nation's capital.

Reagan, but again, this isn't Burger King. Trade-offs must be made, and executive policy is far more important than personality. The framers of our constitution never intended for the president to have much more power than a glorified comptroller. Trump is proof that an imprudent and sometimes mercurial chief executive can still be successful with the right policy agenda.

Compared with the extremism the Democratic primary field offers, renominating and reelecting Trump is the obvious choice. All I want is the freedom to work hard and earn wealth — unencumbered by the ambitious schemes from those who think they know how to manage my life.

That is why I will caucus for Trump on Feb. 3, and why I plan to vote for him again Nov. 3. He's the best choice conservatives have.

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Iowa City schools consider electric buses

Leaders within the Iowa City Community School District plan to convert diesel school buses into electric vehicles in the next 11 years.

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In an ongoing effort to reduce any negative impact on the environment in the area, Iowa City Community School District has announced that wheels are in motion to replace its school buses with electric vehicles.

The district has been working with a team at the University of Northern Iowa to conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and develop a climate action plan for the schools, Community Relations Director Kristin Pedersen wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Among other suggestions, the resultant plan recommended that the district convert its school buses to electric vehicles in the next 11 years.

"Our district is committed to reducing our impact of greenhouse gas emissions on the environment and will continue to evaluate the recommendations from the UNI team," Pedersen said.

The idea was initially presented at a school board work session in December of 2019

by Eric Giddens, Energy Education and Outreach Coordinator at UNI and a member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. The only way to eliminate emissions entirely, Giddens said, is to convert to electric buses and rely on green electricity.

From his estimates, Giddens said that a single electric bus would cost the district \$230,000 up front, compared to the \$110,000 price tag for a diesel bus.

While the initial cost of an electric bus is more than double that of its diesel counterpart, Giddens said that research shows the large investment will have a beneficial long-term pay off, saving the district more money and energy overall.

Iowa City Community School District Superintendent Stephen Murley acknowledged the increase in cost, and said the district will conduct a "full exploration process" before returning to the school board with a projected budget and timeline for the project.

Although the district will have to expand its budget

for electric vehicles, Murley said, there is money set aside in the district's life-cycle fund for purchasing new vehicles. The physical, plant, and equipment levy, which board members and district voters have passed to allocate towards variety of areas, will cover the rest of the costs, he said.

No other districts have implemented electric bus fleets to Giddens' or Murley's knowledge, the pair said.

"I don't know of any anywhere else [that's taken this kind of initiative]. That's why we should be celebrating this," Giddens said. "This is something truly cutting edge and innovative that the Iowa City School District is doing. There aren't any school districts in the state of Iowa that are exploring emissions reduction like Iowa City School District is."

After the team at UNI took note of the district's greenhouse gas emissions, they found that school buses serve as one of two significant sources of emissions in the district.

According to data from UNI's research, the district



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School buses are seen in the Durham School Services bus lot on Jan. 23.

bus fleet makes up about 8 percent of the district's greenhouse gas emissions, while operating school and other district buildings account for an approximate 90 percent.

Reducing the impact of building operations is a working goal for the district.

Murley said that leaders within the district are already in the process of converting to geothermal energy and have also switched to more energy efficient windows, roofs, and light bulbs.

"This is an enormous opportunity for us, through that education process, to

influence our students to help them better understand their role in the greater world and their social responsibility," Murley said. "And you can't just sit in a classroom and tell people to do that, you really need to be actively involved in getting it done."

Learn how to caucus with campus event

The UI Hawk the Vote student organization will hold a mock caucus on Friday in conjunction with two dozen other student organizations, including *The Daily Iowan*, that will replicate the actual caucusing process.

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In order to further prepare students for the caucusing process, nonpartisan student organization, Hawk the Vote will hold its first "Mock Caucus."

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in the IMU Main Lounge, with an open house at 6:30 p.m. where campaign organizers will talk with students about their candidate, said University of Iowa junior Jocelyn Roof, who helped to organize the event.

Roof said the event aims to replicate the actual caucus process for both the Republican and Democratic Parties.

"Our goal is to educate students on the entire process and demystify it. You don't

usually get to experience what the other party does, and this gives an opportunity to see what they do as well," Roof said.

Hawk the Vote is a nonpartisan, student-led campus organization in its first year that aims to advance voter registration, engagement, and turnout. The organization members do all that they can to educate students on the voting process, UI freshman Kevin Drahos said.

Both the Republican-style caucus and the Democratic-style caucus will be held in Main Lounge and students are encouraged to participate in both as they are held one after the other, Roof said.

"Hawk the Vote has worked on making sure students are prepared for cau-

causes and providing answers to all of their questions. Students want to feel informed, and ready and this event is the best chance for that," Roof said.

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— Jocelyn Roof, UI junior

Druhos said the event is especially important for trying to make students feel comfortable and be more inclined to actually vote and participate in the future, without the pressure of the actual caucus.

"We want to draw in students by providing a much

less stressful caucusing environment for them to learn as much as they can that way they are much more likely to vote and participate in the upcoming election," Druhos said.

There are around 25 student, campus, and community campaigns and organizations involved in putting the event together to provide all the necessary resources to educate students, including *The Daily Iowan*. Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, and Rep. Bobby Kaufmann,

R-Wilton, will be in attendance to give brief remarks, Druhos said.

Running the Democratic caucuses is John Deeth and running the Republican caucuses are Bill Keettel and Karen Fesler.

At this time, Keettel and Fesler could not be reached for comment.

Deeth, a Johnson County Democratic caucus organizer, said that the more people know what's going on, the smoother the caucus runs. Many students expect the caucus to run like voting, but Deeth said this is a longer process than casting a ballot in an election. Students don't just come in, vote, and leave; they should expect to spend at least a couple hours caucusing.

"This is especially important in campus precincts where most people are caucusing for their first time. So, having a mock event right before the real thing is a great service," Deeth said.

Druhos said the caucusing experience can be complicated and stressful, but organizers aim to engage students to encourage participation.

"We feel that the caucuses are really confusing with random rules and a lot to navigate. It can be hard to understand the process and be motivated to show up for caucusing and voting," Druhos said. "But we hope we can make the process as smooth as we can, because it is so important for students to show up and participate in elections."

The Daily Break

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 - 17 Commencement celebrant, in brief
 - 18 *Device for holding papers together
 - 20 Renter's contract
 - 22 Alternative to café
 - 23 Larsson who wrote the "Millennium" trilogy
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 - 29 First things you learn
 - 32 *Carpenter's decorative molding
 - 35 Low in fat
 - 36 Co. in the Dow Jones index since 1979
 - 37 Museum-funding org.
 - 38 N.Y.C. museum, with "the"

- 40 Genetic "messenger"
- 41 Personal manner
- 43 *Abundant harvest
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- 47 "One more thing ...," in a text
- 48 Hesitant assent
- 49 Yelps of pain
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- 62 Ballplayers with birds on their caps
- 63 See 54-Across
- 65 David Bowie song whose title subject is "waiting in the sky"
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- 67 Book that might include "Silent Night"
- 68 Managed, somehow

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- 1 Way in or out
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- 4 __ hall (place to play)
- 5 Dutch-speaking Caribbean vacation spot
- 6 Hairy Himalayans
- 7 Bring on board
- 8 Bring to bear, as pressure
- 9 Of a historic period
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- 11 Black-purple fruit from a palm tree
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- 23 Does the crawl, say
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- 34 Lacking slack
- 39 Factual
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- 44 Air kiss sound
- 45 Oversaw, as a committee
- 50 2014 movie about Dr. King
- 52 Brimless chef's hat
- 53 Liveliness
- 54 Brit's "Baloney!"
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Iowa center Luka Garza shoots a reverse layup during a basketball game between Iowa and Wisconsin on Monday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BASKETBALL
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got to get three steps in a row, four steps in a row, five steps in a row.' Just had to keep getting steps and rebounds."

Toussaint acted as Iowa's spark plug Monday. The true freshman tied the game at 59 with 1:20 remaining on a layup and gave the Hawkeyes the lead after converting on a free throw.

That wasn't how it was drawn up.

"The play was designed for Luka [Garza], but I saw them cheating on Luka," Toussaint said. "I saw some open space, so I took what they gave me. Thank God the shot went in."

Toussaint finished the night with 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting.

It's a risky move for a young player take the ball to the hoop himself when the play is designed to go to a potential All-American. This time, the risk paid off.

"He can always have nice drives to the basket," McCaffery said. "I think, for him, his decision making today was spectacular. That's who he has to be. When to go, when not to go. And big play at the end of the half,

the big plays coming down the stretch, intelligent post feeds, moving the ball, and his defense on [Wisconsin's D'Mitrik] Trice, who is a very good player, was really good."

Toussaint has been on a hot stretch of late after a slump early in the Big Ten season. He scored 14 points and contributed seven assists and four rebounds in Iowa's win last week over a ranked Rutgers team, and he again proved his worth against Wisconsin.

His teammates are taking notice.

"He's tremendous," Garza said. "A bundle of energy, always going and going. He's done a great job over the course of his freshman season. Knowing when to attack, knowing when to read. That all comes with experience. He's growing up fast."

This is a confidence building win for the Hawkeyes. They didn't have their shooting touch, but fought out a victory nonetheless.

Iowa has brushed away any adversity it has faced this season. Tonight was no different.

"It was a rough night for all of us," Toussaint said. "We battled it out to the end. It's an ugly win, but it got the job done."

BRYANT
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

eration. So, Iowa chose to honor him.

The Hawkeyes wore Bryant's signature Nike shoe during their 68-62 triumph over Wisconsin on Monday, and some wrote "Mamba Mentality" on the sneakers to go the extra mile.

"He's the epitome of basketball," Iowa forward Joe Wieskamp said. "He's the guy that's the first one in the gym in the morning and the last one to leave at night. Everyone learned his work ethic and how much time and love he had for the game."

Connor McCaffery came up with the idea to wear the shoes after the team found out about Bryant's death at a team dinner at Monica's restaurant.

While the Hawkeyes borrowed Bryant's shoes for the night, they also used his mindset.

Iowa faced an 11-point deficit with under seven minutes remaining in the game. It went on a 22-5 run to close the game, scoring at will and shutting down the Badger offense.

"Dig in, and it turns into a defensive battle," Connor

McCaffery said. "[Bryant] was one of the greatest at locking up the other team's best player. He was the best. We needed to lock in on that side of the floor tonight."

Bryant left his impact on the Hawkeyes in different ways. While the older generation had Michael Jordan to look up to, this Iowa team had Bryant.

"I think he touched me personally without me being

able to meet him," said Luka Garza, who led Iowa with 21 points on Monday. "Reading his book, *Mamba Mentality*, watching a bunch of documentaries on him about his mindset that I try to harness into my game and with my work ethic, which is something I pride myself on. He's one of the guys who I say I try to reach toward in terms of how to be like."

Bryant's work ethic carried over, as well.

"I came to the gym last night because I couldn't sleep," Iowa guard Joe Toussaint said. "So, I came back here and put up a lot of shots. I was getting tired, and I kept shooting. It's sad just to hear about that news. He's a big reason why I do what I do and a lot of people do what they do, so I just want to thank him for that."

MEDIA
CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Some stations did so — and provided their own speculation — without the facts.

Matt Gutman, a reporter for ABC News, rushed to do a package on the story and repeated a rumor live on the air that Bryant had died in the crash along with all four of his daughters.

"The fact that his four of his children are believed to be on that helicopter with him, all daughters, one of them a newborn, is simply devastating," Gutman said during the broadcast. "Hoping that this is not the case, but, you know, from the police reports right now, it appears that Kobe Bryant is down in the helicopter."

That baseless rumor then spread around to different ABC affiliates and took off on social media.

Lindsey Mastis, an anchor for ABC in Washington, D.C., soon

backtracked on Gutman's claim and tweeted out a report that Bryant was survived by his wife and all four of their children.

"Our ABC affiliate in Los Angeles is reporting that Kobe Bryant is survived by his wife and four children," Mastis' tweet said. "So it does not appear they were on board the helicopter."

These claims turned what should have been a period of mourning for Bryant and the eight others who tragically lost their lives into a hunt to find the most updated and accurate version of events.

Other minor speculative claims and broadcast errors continued to pop up in relation to the accident.

Several sources reported that the NBA would be cancelling games on Sunday to grieve Bryant's death until the league officially announced that the games would go on as scheduled.

A BBC news report of Bryant's death featured footage of LeBron James instead of Bryant

while audio described Bryant's accomplishments.

Storylines like this overshadowed some of the outstanding journalism displayed in the midst of the disaster.

After the TMZ story, the *LA Times* provided a transparent report that said the publication did not have all the facts, but would update the story as it continued to unfold. The *Times* also offered content related to its coverage of the accident without paywalls.

ESPN's Senior NBA Insider Adrian Wojnarowski provided accurate and reliable reports to help guide everyone through the accident. Michael Eaves provided four hours of uninterrupted coverage on Bryant for the same network. Eaves was holding back emotions for the duration of the broadcast, as Bryant was someone he had crossed paths with numerous times over their careers.

This is a field where the bad reporting often stands out more easily than the good.

That's just the nature of the job. When reckless, inaccurate, and — to a certain degree — of-

fensive reporting like what was seen during this tragedy comes out, it's a reminder that mem-

bers of the media are held to a higher standard than that.

For good reason.



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Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant, speaks with members of the media, before his team's game against the Chicago Bulls, at the United Center in Chicago on Feb. 21, 2016.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Warnock, Doyle earn Big Ten weekly honors

Iowa women's basketball players McKenna Warnock and Kathleen Doyle earned weekly honors from the Big Ten, the conference announced on Monday.

Warnock was named Big Ten Women's Basketball Freshman of the Week, while Doyle was included on the Big Ten Player of the Week Honor Roll.

This is the first Big Ten honor of Warnock's career. The Marshall, Wisconsin, native recorded her second career double-double, scoring a career-high 22 points and 10 rebounds in Iowa's 74-57 win over Michigan State on Monday.



Warnock

Warnock scored 19 or her team-leading 22 points in the second half, knocking down seven of her eight shot attempts.

Doyle averaged 23 points, seven rebounds, and six assists in Iowa's wins over Ohio State and Michigan State last week. She scored 26 points, shooting 75 percent from the field and 9-of-9 from the free-throw line against the Buckeyes.

Against the Spartans, Doyle tallied 20 points and recorded a career-high seven steals.

Illinois, Maryland take home men's basketball honors

Maryland's Jalen Smith and Illinois' Kofi Cockburn were named weekly Big Ten award winners, the conference announced on Monday.

Smith, a sophomore, posted back-to-back career-high point totals in a pair of road wins for the Terps at Northwestern and Indiana to earn Big Ten Player of the Week. He averaged 27 points, 11 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks, while shooting .630 from the field and .545 from the 3-point line.

Cockburn was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week after averaging 13.5 points, nine rebounds, and 1.5 blocks in a pair of road wins at Purdue and at Michigan. He helped Illinois extend the Big Ten's longest winning streak to six during a week that saw the Illini win in West Lafayette for the first time in 11 seasons and win in Ann Arbor for the first time in 10 years.



Smith

This is the seventh time Cockburn was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week, becoming the first Illinois player to accomplish that feat.

Mamba mentality for the win

Iowa honored Kobe Bryant on Monday by wearing his shoes and utilizing his mindset.



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Iowa coach Fran McCaffery coaches at a timeout during a basketball game between Iowa and Wisconsin on Monday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BY PETE RUDEN

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When Fran McCaffery coached at Notre Dame, he had his eye on a prospect at Lower Merion High School in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

His name was Kobe Bryant.

McCaffery knew Bryant's father, Joe, as well as the high school standout's uncle.

He also had a connection with Bryant outside of his family. The two played for Sam Rines, an AAU coach McCaffery described as a Philadelphia basketball legend.

But McCaffery would never receive the chance to coach the young Bryant.

"He's telling me the story about trying to recruit him," Iowa guard Connor McCaffery said. "But he also said he's pretty sure he was never going to get the chance to see him play in college."

McCaffery was right.

Bryant entered the NBA straight out of high school and won five NBA titles while becoming an 18-time all-star and two-time NBA Finals MVP.

That's what made Bryant's death following a helicopter crash on Sunday difficult to process for the Hawkeyes.

Bryant defined basketball for the gen-

SEE BRYANT, 6



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Iowa players wear Kobe Bryant's signature Nike shoe during a basketball game between Iowa and Wisconsin on Monday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Men's Basketball Iowa - 68 Wisconsin - 62

Down but not out

Joe Toussaint provided Iowa the spark it needed as the Hawkeyes mounted a late comeback to take down Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



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Iowa guard Joe Toussaint looks up at the backboard during a basketball game between Iowa and Wisconsin on Monday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BY ROBERT READ

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Down by double-digits with under eight minutes to play. A 23-5 run to end the game. A comeback victory for Iowa.

Not chaos, just Big Ten basketball.

It wasn't pretty — in fact, it was ugly — but the Hawkeyes clawed their way back from a 12-point deficit with 7:13 remaining in the second half to beat Wisconsin, 68-62.

"The first thing is you can't panic," Iowa head coach

Fran McCaffery said. "They hit some shots, we had some breakdowns, you got to respect your opponent that they're going to do some things well, you have to keep executing, and then you have to keep defending."

The Hawkeyes did both.

In the final 10 minutes of game time, Wisconsin scored only 12 points as Iowa mounted its comeback.

McCaffery's message got through.

"Wisconsin's a tough team," Joe Toussaint said. "We just had to be tougher than them. Coach was telling us we had to get stops. Teammates are saying, 'We've

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COLUMN

Coverage of Bryant's death problematic

False reports in regard to the accident that killed Kobe Bryant overshadowed the journalists who carried the public through the tragedy.

BY ROBERT READ

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Former NBA superstar Kobe Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were among nine people that died on Sunday as a result of a helicopter crash in the hills over Calabasas, California.

The basketball world — from current and former players to fans whose only close relationship with Bryant was yelling "Kobe" when throwing a piece of crumpled up paper at the recycling bin — was immediately struck with grief.

An icon in popular culture had died at 41.

With Bryant's death came a swarm of media outlets determined to put out content on Bryant as quickly as possible. More than once, this came at the expense of crucial details in relation to the accident.

TMZ initially reported that Bryant died in a helicopter crash around 1:30 p.m. Sunday. A post with a link to the story appeared on Twitter minutes later.

Then there was chaos.

By no means is TMZ a traditional, reliable source. The outlet does have a history at reporting the deaths of prominent popular culture figures. TMZ was the first to break the news about Michael Jackson's death in 2009. It did the same with Whitney Houston in 2012 and with Prince in 2016.

So several media outlets ran with the report.

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3. Arkansas
4. Texas
5. Kentucky
6. LSU
7. Texas A&M
8. New Mexico
9. Minnesota
10. South Carolina
18. Iowa

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It took a while. It didn't help that guys in the background were trying to make me smile."



Iowa wrestler Tony Cassioppi on trying to keep a straight face for a photo

STAT OF THE DAY

The Iowa women's basketball team has tallied

8

weekly conference honors this season

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