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Iowa City police received additional reports of gunshots

Iowa City police have received more reports of gunshots near Taylor Drive at 6 a.m. Thursday. According to a release from City of Iowa City, gunshots were reported near Wetherby Park. Officers found multiple shell casings in the park's parking lot. No injuries or damages were reported in relation to the incident, the release said. No arrests have been made, and officers are investigating all leads.

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UI doctors discover new genetic mutation that causes fatal heart arrhythmias

Following the sudden deaths of multiple Mennonite children, a team of UI doctors have discovered a new genetic mutation to be the cause. Arrhythmias is a disorder that disrupts the contracting rhythm of the heart.

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Balancing act downs Buckeyes

Bakari Evelyn and Cordell Pemsil provided a key spark off the bench in the Hawkeyes' win over Ohio State on Thursday. The pair haven't been called upon a lot this season, but they played a key

role against the Buckeyes, especially with Iowa's depleted lineup after the injury to guard CJ Fredrick.

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Pemsil



Hot start fuels Iowa

Iowa got out to an 18-3 lead over Ohio State just under six minutes into Thursday's game. The Hawkeyes never let up from there as the team improved to 13-1

this season at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Luka Garza led the way again for Iowa, while Joe Wieskamp heated up late.

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Garza

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Public Safety Director Scott Beckner to retire

Scott Beckner, who joined the UI in 2016, will retire in June. Beckner is best known for improving the design of Nite Ride to be more user-friendly and implementing the student-security program.

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The University of Iowa announced Thursday that Scott Beckner, assistant vice president and director of the Public Safety Department, will retire after nearly 34 years of service in law enforcement.



Beckner

Beckner, who assumed his position at the UI in 2016, will retire in June. He will continue his duties as usual until a replacement can be found, the UI said in a statement. A specific

date will be chosen for his retirement closer to that time, and more details will be released.

Among other initiatives, one of Beckner's primary contributions to the UI included spearheading a partnership with the Information Technology Services to create a more user-friendly version of the late-night

campus-driving service Nite Ride.

In addition, he created the first formal security officer program, which employs around 100 students on campus and furthers connections between students and the police department, the release said.

SEE BECKNER, 2

City High students explore faith in new club



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City High juniors Tobey Epstein (left) and Jeremiah Collins (right) stand in front of City High on Thursday. Epstein and Collins started a Jewish Studies club at City High to educate both Jewish and non-Jewish students about Judaism.

What started out as a joke turned into a club for two City High juniors who are passionate about bringing Jewish and non-Jewish students together to learn about Judaism.

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Two Iowa City High School juniors started a club this year to learn about Judaism with their peers as a way to create a space to learn about the religion within the school, which has a small Jewish-student population.

The City High Jewish Studies club, recently founded by high-school students Tobey Epstein and Jeremiah Collins, welcomes both Jewish and non-Jewish students at its Tuesday meetings.

"Initially, before we gave it any thought, it was just kind of like, 'Hey let's get all the Jews together, just as a joke, that would be fun,'" Epstein said. "And then it evolved from there."

The club has seen anywhere between six to 20 people at its seven meetings thus far, Epstein said.

Collins said the pair brings bagels, provided by a local synagogue, for a 45-minute gathering after school on Tuesdays to teach their peers about Judaism through slideshows and games.

So far, the club has covered topics such as

synagogues, kosherism, Hanukkah, Jewish holidays, and other Jewish traditions, Collins said. They try to throw in jokes and memes to make the slideshows interesting, he added.

"For me, it's just through my life I've experienced a lot of, not necessarily hate — while there has been some though — but just ignorance about Judaism," Collins said. "For me, it's a way to teach people so that we can get rid of misconceptions and it's just a very positive environment

SEE CITY HIGH, 2

Anthropology Department celebrates 50 years

A series of lectures, events, and festivities will kick off Feb. 28 to celebrate the milestone, with guest speaker James Watson, a UI grad and Harvard University professor emeritus.

BY MARY HARTEL
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As the University of Iowa Anthropology Department prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, a series of guest speakers and faculty are reflecting on the program's evolution and looking toward the future.

When department leaders realized it was approaching an anniversary a year ago, UI Anthropology Professor and Department Chair Katina Lillios made it her mission to honor the landmark achievement after she assumed leadership in August 2019. The series of events will kick off soon on Feb. 28.

With globalization and a world that is increasingly

interconnected and interdependent, an understanding of people and culture remains critical, she said.

"Anthropology is kind of a holistic study of human cultures and behaviors of the past and the present," Lillios said.

Lillios added that many different people were involved with the founding of the UI department, which used to be joint with sociology. A primary force in its foundation, she said, was former UI Professor June Helm, president of the American Anthropological Association.

Since then, the department has evolved rapidly to include all four disciplines of anthropology — cultural, biological, linguistic, and archeological.



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Anthropology Department Chair Katina Lillios is seen in her office in Macbride Hall on Wednesday.

UI anthropology Professor Emeritus Michael Chibnik focuses on cultural anthropology and began at the UI in 1978.

"Over time, the department has had different specialties depending on who's here," Chibnik said.

Biological anthropology is one specialty in the field that has seen massive progress at the UI, said UI Professor Robert Franciscus, one of three at the UI specializing in this discipline.

Franciscus started at the UI in 1998, just shy of the de-

partment's 30th anniversary, when the department created a timeline of its faculty to show shifts over time in prominence of certain fields within the department. Now, he is working to extend that

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THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM



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Up in Smoke cashier Omer Noor cleans the shelves before the Thursday night rush. Omer has been an employee for around three years.

CITY HIGH FROM FRONT

to be able to do that.” The club is not just for Jewish students, Collins emphasized, but for everyone. The goal of the club is not to convert people to Judaism, he added, but to educate people. “It’s a nice passion project for me and Jeremiah,” Epstein said. “We like putting a lot of time into it and I think one of the benefits, for me at least, and for Jeremiah I know, is that we’ve both learned quite a lot from doing it.” The two have met with a local synagogue to discuss the future of the club and the possibility of bringing in guest speakers to teach the students, Epstein said. With the help of the synagogue, Collins said they hope



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City High juniors Tobey Estein (left) and Jeremiah Collins (right) stand in front of City High on Thursday.

to bring in specialists on topics such as Jewish history, Judaism, and the LGBTQ community to talk to the club. “It’s very exciting when a

new person comes and they tell us they had fun, they tell us they learned because we’re reaching more people, and that’s our goal,” he said. Iowa Hillel Student Board

President Caleb Marx said he was president of his Minnesota high school Jewish club, which was a local chapter of the national Jewish Student Union. All of Marx’s friends

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50 YEARS FROM FRONT



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Anthropology Department Chair Katina Lillios poses for a portrait in her office on Wednesday in Macbride Hall.

timeline, 20 years after its creation. When he arrived on campus, Franciscus said the most rewarding aspect of the

job was the development of the paleoanthropology focus within the department.

Franciscus said he brought around 1,100 modern human skeletons from Stanford University, where he worked previously, and combined them with the 230 skeletons already at the UI.

“We sort of instantaneously had one of the largest human skeletal collections in the country for research and for teaching,” Franciscus said.

Franciscus said he works closely with other units on campus, including in a long-standing association within the UI College of Dentistry’s Orthodontics Department.

This collaboration is just one example of why Franciscus said anthropology is so interdisciplinary.

“I think anthropology in general is undoubtedly the broadest and most eclectic field taught at the university,” he said.

Lillios said she has also seen cross-disciplinary interaction intensify within the department.

“We study culture, we study the world, we study people ... it’s a part of everything in some ways,” said Heidi Lung,

lecturer and program coordinator for the museums-studies program in the UI Anthropology Department.

‘We study culture, we study the world, we study people ... it’s a part of everything in some ways.’

— Heidi Lung, UI Anthropology Department lecturer

Lung also chairs the colloquium committee within the department and helped organize the guest speakers and 50th anniversary event coming later this semester.

Students don’t have to be anthropology majors to reap its pragmatic benefits, she said. Many students take an anthropology course to fulfill general-education credits, she added, giving them a better understanding of the world.

Looking ahead, Franciscus said he hopes the UI Anthropology Department can maintain at least three sub-field strengths, although four would be ideal.

Chibnik said he doesn’t

anticipate much growth any time soon, however, because of tough economic times. He said he thinks a decrease in

state funding and difficulty in hiring new staff members does not allow for anthropology or other liberal-arts de-

partments to expand.

“In the ‘80s and ‘90s, the program was really focused on expanding and becoming better,” he said. “[But now,] when someone retires, they are not replaced.”

Lillios said in the future, she wants the Anthropology Department to increase its national and international recognition while maintaining a strong presence on campus.

“I would like to see the department have more visibility and take more of a leadership role in concerns related to cultural diversity,” she said. “Our campus is actually a space of intensive cultural interactions.”

BECKNER FROM FRONT

“Working with students has always been my favorite part of this job, and I’m happy we’ve been able to build student-centered programs that help us improve the safety of our campus community,” Beckner said in a statement. “This has been the pinnacle of my career. I enjoyed working with the officers of this department and the partners throughout the county. It’s been an honor to serve as a member of the public safety team at the University of Iowa.”

Before his work at the UI, Beckner spent 18 years at Michigan State University Police Department in East Lansing. He also served as the Public Safety director and police chief at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia, and police chief at



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

A Nite Ride vehicle is seen on July 30, 2019. Beckner helped spearhead Nite Ride improvements.

Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

UI Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations Rod Lehnertz said in a statement that Beckner has made his time at the UI a mission

to improve safety services on campus and foster community with the students.

“He has listened to feedback from students, thought outside the box to develop solutions even during fiscally challeng-

ing years, and through the hard work of the team he led and partnerships with our neighboring municipal agencies, our campus is a safer and better place,” Lehnertz said. “We are grateful for his leadership.”

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Painting a 'pretty in pink' picture

University of Iowa art student Annika Wahlberg specializes in painting social gatherings, all that feature her favorite color: pink.

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Annika Wahlberg didn't like creating art at first. In fact, the University of Iowa senior was annoyed when she learned art classes were a requirement to complete her art history major. But after her first few classes, she fell in love.

"I've always liked art, but I thought I wanted to be an art historian," Wahlberg said. "... Once I started taking [art classes], I actually liked them a lot more than I thought I would. Then I dropped my art

history major and became an art major instead."

Now, Wahlberg double majors in Italian and art with a minor in French. She specializes in painting gatherings, such as her friends' parties that she goes to. Her process includes attending the parties and taking photographs of people interacting with one another in entertaining manners.

"I kind of have a weird process, because I have to go to parties and take pictures of people doing embarrassing stuff," she said.

After leaving the party,

Wahlberg goes through the pictures and decides on her favorites based on composition. Then, she prints them out and crops them with scissors. Occasionally, she said she will make a collage of the pictures she likes as well. Before starting the painting process, she covers her entire canvas in hot pink oil paint in order to create a strong background.

"I love pink. I like to see the back of the canvas come through the rest of the painting as a nice base," Wahlberg said. "I think that because I paint parties, I like to use colors that make you feel like you're disoriented, or like you're drunk, and I feel like hot pink is just a very jarring color that you don't expect to see."

Wahlberg said her work is especially inspired by the founder of Create Magazine, Ekaterina Popva, who frequently talks about her experiences being a woman in the creative field. She said the UI art faculty also artistically inspire her.

Made from oil paints, her favorite painting to date is a piece on an oval canvas,

consisting of two people, her friend and that friend's boyfriend at a party, one teaching the other how to use a bong. In the painting, an onlooker can clearly see the bright pink shining through the background.

"I think it just represents womanhood and power, and I thought it was very funny. I like to make art that's funny," she said.

Aside from painting, Wahlberg also enjoys doing other crafts that involve using her hands. She likes making earrings as well as knitting, which began early on. In fifth grade, she knitted herself a bunny backpack.

Her other favorite hobby is learning about languages and improving her fluency.

"I'm basically majoring in my hobbies," she said with a smile on her face.

Despite the fact that Wahlberg is fairly new to painting in her life, her talent and ambition are growing in the field. With hopes of working at Civitella Ranieri, a residency program in Italy, Wahlberg continues to let herself bloom artistically.

"I'd like to work in muse-



Abby Watkins/The Daily Iowan

University of Iowa student Annika Wahlberg poses for a portrait at her house on Tuesday.

ums, but I think it'd be nice to work at the art residency," she said. "I'm hoping to get my claws into these people and make them keep me."



Go to dailyiowan.com to see the video featuring Wahlberg.

FAST FACTS

- **Hometown:** Decorah, Iowa
- **Year in school:** Senior
- **Age:** 22
- **Top musical artist:** Kacey Musgraves
- **Dream place to live:** Italy
- **Dream place to work:** A museum
- **Favorite place for a late-night bite:** Uncle Sun
- **Favorite movie:** The Handmaiden
- **Last song stuck in your head:** Break my Stride by Matthew Wilder
- **Instagram:** @anoliveparty

New discovery addresses fatal heart arrhythmias

After Mennonite children suffered fatal cardiac arrests, UI doctors set out to discover a link between a genetic mutation and the deaths.

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After several children died from sudden cardiac arrests, a team of doctors discovered a genetic mutation to be the cause of their fatal heart arrhythmias — a disorder of the movement of the heart that disturbs its typical contracting rhythm.

Ian Law, pediatric cardiologist at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, said a Mennonite family moved to Iowa in 2013 just before one of the children died suddenly of cardiac arrests.

Doctors ran further tests and found other Mennonite children to be at a similar risk for heart problems, Law said, and had been so for years. Ultimately, the cardiac arrests were the result of genetically inherited heart arrhythmias.

"We determined that the children had inherited gene mutations and the mother and father both had one good copy and one bad copy, causing their children to have different combinations of the gene," Law said.

One bad copy plus one good copy would give a child more of a predisposition to the heart defects but not make them at risk, two bad copies would mean they are indeed at risk of the fatal mutation, while two good copies would mean they bear no trace of the gene, Law said.

As of right now, Law said, there is no cure for the recently discovered genetic mutation, but physicians can prophylactically place pace-making devices or beta blockers in children who test positive for the gene before they have an episode.

In a letter written to Law at UIHC, the mother of the children affected said the family was thankful for the doctors putting implantable cardioverter defibrillators in the children. She said she understands they need to pay more attention to how the kids take medications daily and watch their activity when sick, because most of the cardiac episodes occurred when they were feeling "under the weather."

"[We are] glad to know if we can do a blood test to find out if the children and grandchildren will be affected ... I still have a hard time fully believing we can totally rely on these tests," the letter said.

The new genetic mutation is unnamed at the moment, because it had not been discovered or identified before now, Law said. Moving forward, precaution against it can now be taken.

"Knowledge is power, so ideally what will happen is that we genetically test those who want to get married and counsel them, whether or not they have any trace of the mutated gene," Law said.

Hannah Bombei, a genetic counselor in pediatric cardiology at the Stead Family Children's Hospital, defined genetic arrhythmias as an abnormal heart rhythm which can stem from a variety of causes.

"You can think about this like a factory assembly line. The genetic code is the blueprint to make certain products such as calcium, potassium, or sodium channels in the heart muscle cells," Bombei said. "If the blueprints aren't correct due to a genetic mutation, the resulting products won't be produced and/or function properly."

In the future, Bombei said doctors hope to move toward more personalized medicine. This means they would determine the most effective treatment based on the particular underlying genetic cause of an anomaly in a patient's heart.

UI pediatric cardiology Professor Emerita Dianne Atkins said there are multiple mutations similar to this one which have been found only in Mennonite families. The doctors finally linked these incidents to this similar mutation.

"Now that we have found this specific mutation it is very likely that we will continue to find it other communities and families," Atkins said.

It's hard to pinpoint how many people are affected by arrhythmias, Atkins said, because the condition presents

very differently in different people and doctors only know about those who show symptoms. Some are extremely rare, she said, and others are more common.

This mutation differs from others because doctors can discover who is at risk and who isn't, Atkins added, so treatment can begin before a fatal event.

Atkins said this discovery was important as a collaboration, because doctors agreed that they were all helping patients with unclearly defined abnormalities and had to work together to find answers.

Law said they had to work to define the mutation itself, as well as keep track of who carried and showed symptoms.



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University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics is seen on Sept. 17, 2018.

"Persistence, curiosity and teamwork is key," Law said. "If we didn't have a community working together, these people and those in similar positions, would have continued to die."

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Opinions

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Democrats can't let Michael Bloomberg win the primary

The former mayor can't be nominated with his terrible records with women and race.



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He's a Manhattan businessman who became a politician. His name has become a headline — followed by racial targeting and at least several sexual-misconduct allegations.

No, I'm not referring to President Trump. I'm describing Michael Bloomberg.

The former New York mayor's campaign unquestionably sees the presidential election as having a price tag. He's spent hundreds of millions of dollars on advertisements alone.

But his candidacy can't be dismissed entirely. Bloomberg qualified for Wednesday's debate in Nevada, and his polling has become high enough for mainstream news outlets to examine his presence in this race.

Despite this, Democrats must recognize that Bloomberg is simply an embodiment of the hypocrisy within the Democratic Party. Not only does his own timeline as a billionaire resemble that of Trump, but Bloomberg's personal abuse of power matches that of Trump.

A Bloomberg administration is not a Democrat alternative to a reelection of

Trump — it would be a continuation of giving the presidency to a racist, sexist man.

Setting aside Bloomberg's business career, his political experience conveys enough to make a judgment of his disqualifying character for this presidential run.

Before he decided to run for president as a Democrat, he was a Republican mayor of New York, serving three consecutive terms from 2001 until 2013.

Within those 12 years, the billionaire struggled consistently with his approval ratings. He relied entirely on his own accumulated wealth for his runs for mayor — spending over \$100 million on his third campaign.

That campaign was only possible because Bloomberg had lobbied the New York City Council to so he could win a third term for mayor, something his predecessor Rudy Giuliani tried and failed to do.

So, what has he done with his political authority in the last two decades? One is the highly criticized policing tactic, stop and frisk.

During all three of Bloomberg's mayoral terms, the city's police detained, questioned, and searched civilians in a manner that later was ruled to be ruled unconstitutional by a U.S. district court judge.

By the end of the third term, more than 100,000 stop-and-frisks were made in New York City in a year, according to the New York Civil

Liberties Union. The vast majority of those stopped were young black or Latino men. Not only were these practices obviously racially targeted, according to the almost 70 percent of all of these stop-and-frisks were found to be baseless and citizens were found innocent of a suspected crime.

Bloomberg was interrogated by his fellow Democratic candidates on the debate stage on his role in stop-and-frisk's extreme use.

"I've asked for forgiveness, but the bottom line is that we stopped too many people," he responded flatly.

Not only has he played a part in racist law-enforcement tactics, Bloomberg also holds responsibility for several allegations of sexual misconduct by those working for his multibillion-dollar company.

These credible allegations by multiple employees reveal

that his business allowed sexual harassment to thrive for decades.

A report by the *Washington Post* this month reveals that Bloomberg's own CEO status was used in creating atmospheres encouraging sexually inappropriate behavior against women employees.

Even now during his presidential race, he is refusing to release women from their nondisclosure agreements that they had signed as part of settlements in these harassment lawsuits.

Examining his history of stop-and-frisk and his extensive involvement in sexual-misconduct lawsuits — all of which has avoided real consequence by advantage of his own billionaire status.

Bloomberg should not be taken seriously as a candidate by Democrat voters. His campaign is a counterfeit for a potential Democratic presidency in 2020.



USA Today/TNS

The Democratic Primary Debate in Las Vegas featured former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who took the majority of attacks for the evening.

GUEST OPINION

Faculty Senate has the power to fix catastrophic leave

The problems with the sick-leave policy at the UI have completely doable solutions.



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University of Iowa history lecturer Mike Zmolek speaks at a Faculty Forward protest for sick-leave time on Oct. 29, 2019.

Last semester, months of meetings and back-and-forth between some of my contingent faculty colleagues, members of Faculty Senate, and representatives of the University of Iowa Human Resources department came to a sudden halt when the faculty senators decided to push through a catastrophic sick-leave policy that would be nothing more than a simple fix to a disadvantageous problem.

Faculty Senate unanimously voted to push through an expansion to the UI's current catastrophic sick-leave policy to nonvacation-accruing faculty on Sept. 17, 2019.

At face value, this may seem like an impressive step to make the policy more inclusive, but it presents a number of challenges.

colleagues over the summer with input and support from both faculty senators and Human Resources representatives that would have benefited all faculty at the university. The proposed policy would have created a "Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank" that would have a minimum of 800 days per year from the university and would be accessible to any faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences after they exhausted their individual sick leave. In addition, it would also allow faculty to contribute their own unused sick time to the bank, should the need arise, essentially allowing faculty to donate unused sick leave to one another.

So, while you think it's great that Faculty Senate voted to

'They have done nothing to increase the supply for this newly increased demand.'

If you've kept up to date with any of the university happenings over the past year, then you might remember the April 2019 state Board of Regents meeting where members of UI contingent faculty held the floor demanding a meeting with the Regents to discuss a catastrophic sick-leave policy for UI faculty.

That meeting (finally) happened, and so did subsequent meetings with UI faculty senators and representatives from HR.

For those of you who may not know, the UI doesn't have short-term disability coverage. That means if any person employed by the UI were to become catastrophically ill, they would have to use sick time (or vacation time for those eligible) to fill the 90-working-day gap before long-term disability took effect. As the "new" policy currently stands, eligible faculty and staff — those with appointments of 50 percent or greater and accrue vacation or sick time — can donate unused vacation time to other eligible employees. This means that faculty members who do not accrue vacation time must seek the assistance of staff that do.

This doesn't solve the problem. Let's be clear — there is another option.

There is a policy that was drafted in committee by my

expand the existing policy to nonvacation-accruing faculty, they have done nothing to increase the supply for this newly increased demand.

While Faculty Senate markets itself as "shared governance," many of us at the UI, especially those of us who are non-tenure-track faculty, do not feel that it is acting in our best interest.

After months of meetings in committee to draft a suitable policy, something else was brought to a vote. In committee, my two colleagues voted against the policy while all of the other members abstained.

If that's what happened in committee, then why was this brought to the floor? Why was a policy that was voted down in a committee so quickly, and unanimously, pass by Faculty Senate?

If they were able to pass this cataclysmic policy so quickly without consideration, then why can't they pass something that would actually solve the problem at hand?

That's my challenge. I'm challenging Faculty Senate to continue its work immediately and draft, vote on, and pass a policy that is effective and beneficial for all faculty.

— Dakota Thomas-Wilhelm
UI English as a second language lecturer

COLUMN

GOP climate plan ignores fossil fuels

Planting a lot of trees is great, but serious climate policy needs to tackle dirty energy.



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As someone who writes a lot about climate change, I don't usually have a lot of reasons for optimism.

Sure, there's Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, the Sunrise Movement, and the proposed Green New Deal — but most of the time, the chances of governmental action on the climate crisis are slim to none.

The most obvious barrier to substantial action is that the Republican Party has made it pretty clear that climate change is a nonissue, if it even exists at all. The current party platform hardly mentions climate change. The sparse mentions are in military and foreign policy contexts, and they dismiss any urgency.

"Climate change is far from this nation's most pressing national security issue," the

platform says before supporting the further development of coal, oil, and natural gas.

This runs in direct conflict with actual national security experts. A 2019 Defense Department report insists on large-scale operations to protect assets from climate-change effects such as sea-level rise.

But the GOP can't go on with climate denial forever, right?

So, what's the GOP's big plan? Help other countries to plant a trillion trees globally.

On the surface, that actually doesn't sound so bad. Trees are an awesome carbon sink, nature's way of sucking climate-change chemicals out of the air. Reforestation and afforestation definitely belong on anyone's climate to-do list. It'd be nice to bolster the planet's forestry, especially

for renewables, but the energy for that is more of a flicker than a surge.

Vox energy writer David Roberts summed it up best with his headline last week: "New conservative climate plans are neither conservative nor climate plans."

Until the GOP gets serious about going after the fossil-fuel industry, its environmental policy isn't going to be that effective.

While it's nice that there's some movement (kind of), I'm afraid these smaller efforts are going to look substantial enough for a lot of people. The party won't be pressured to actually reduce carbon emissions and work to get the U.S. and world off coal, oil, and natural gas.

I've written before about how environmental policy shouldn't have to be this way. What's good for the planet is what's good for us. Real climate action — one that minimized carbon emissions as much as possible, as fast as possible — should be viewed as a win for basically every human being.

But until there's a real sea change on the right, the sea levels are going to keep rising.

'Until the GOP gets serious about going after the fossil-fuel industry, its environmental policy isn't going to be that effective.'

Some members of the party seem to understand that the scientific reality can't be ignored anymore. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., is a strident conservative and supporter of President Trump. But Gaetz is also a millennial and knows that some climate action is necessary.

"Climate denial is a bad political strategy," he said to the right-wing *Washington Examiner*. "At some point, you have to be for something to fix it."

after the Amazon was burned last year.

The tree-rific plan has picked up enough traction in conservative circles that Trump lauded it in his State of the Union address earlier this month.

But this overdue Republican answer to the climate crisis still falls short.

Remember how they support the development of coal, oil, and natural gas? That's still intact. Some party figures have gestured at funding

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Hawkeyes head to Hawaii for tournament

After two promising weekend tournaments to begin the season, the Hawkeyes head out to Hawaii to continue their strong start.

BY ISAAC GOFFIN
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Iowa softball will soon play 4,000 miles away from

Iowa City, and the team can leave its winter gear at home.

The Hawkeyes are set to compete in the Hawaii In-

vitational this weekend. That's new territory for many Iowa players.

"I've never been to Hawaii before," junior pitcher

Lauren Shaw said. "The flight is probably going to be the worst part, but it's going to be worth it to be able to go to the beach. I heard it's beautiful from everybody."

Though this seems like a vacation, the Hawkeyes are in Hawaii for work. They face Portland State and Missouri-Kansas City today. On Saturday, Hawaii will be their opponent, and they will face another opponent based on their results up to that point. They will finish the tournament with one game on Sunday.

The Hawkeyes have back-to-back games today. Head coach Renee Gillispie knows this will be a challenge for the team.

"A lot of what [the trip] will do is just see how we can tolerate the travel," Gillispie said. "We're on the road for six weeks as it is. But you're going to be eight hours on a flight, being able to turn around in two hours to play your next game and see how they can sustain them and be

able to quickly recover."

Even with a tough itinerary, the Hawkeyes want to have fun on this trip.

"I went [to Hawaii] once in kindergarten, but obviously I don't remember much," junior infielder Mia Ruther said. "I'm really excited just to see everything. I know it's a longer trip, so it leaves a little bit more room for fun team activities. I'm super excited about that."

The Hawkeyes are coming off two good weekend tournaments. In the Kickin' Chicken Classic, the Hawkeyes went 4-1, including a win over Virginia Tech. Down in Atlanta for the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, the Hawkeyes went 3-1, including two wins over Boston College and one over Georgia Tech.

Pitching is what's carrying the team so far. Last weekend, Shaw and senior Allison Doocy had impressive performances. Doocy had a one-hit complete game shutout against

Boston College, and Shaw through two complete games with 18 strikeouts on the weekend.

For her performance, Shaw was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week. After redshirting last year because of a knee injury, she's grateful being in this position.

"What I went through is [like] doing something for good," Shaw said. "It's making me realize that everything I did has a purpose."

None of the Hawkeyes' opponents this weekend has a winning record. Yet, the Hawkeyes aren't taking them lightly.

"Hawaii is going to be the toughest one," Gillispie said. "They're always a challenging team to play, and I played them a couple times in the past, so they're always big hitters. They love to go all out when they're hitting. So, it will be a challenge with our pitchers going against that tough of a hitting team, but I think they'll be alright."



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Iowa pitcher Lauren Shaw throws a pitch during an Iowa softball game against Iowa Central at Pearl Field on Oct. 4, 2019.

Track finishes regular season at Notre Dame

A few Hawkeyes are representing Iowa in South Bend this weekend before Big Ten Championships next week.

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Iowa track and field has certainly made an impression on the Big Ten and 2020 Indoor Qualifying List this season — but the indoor campaign isn't over yet.

The Alex Wilson Invitational kicks off at 11 a.m. today in Indiana, where a select few Hawkeyes are set to compete in track events for the final meet of the regular indoor season.

One of the handful of athletes competing for Iowa is Lindsay Welker, a junior mid-distance runner. Welker said she's looking forward to boosting her personal best in the 800-meters.

"My teammates have been crushing it on the track, and I haven't been right where I've needed to be, so I'm just excited for another chance to go out there and compete," Welker said. "It'll be a small group this weekend, but we're just

all excited to compete with Iowa across our chests. It'll be another chance to run a better PR."

Redshirt freshman hurdler Nolan Roethler also thinks the meet will present another opportunity to finish the indoor season off strong.

"We're all really excited to go out there and get another good rep in the 4x4 before Big Tens," Roethler said.

While the distance group returns to the Notre Dame facility, those staying behind are looking forward to their short recovery period before the Big Ten Championships in Geneva, Ohio, arrive next week.

Jaylan McConico, Iowa's star hurdler, said it's nice to get a break from the race. McConico still ranks second in the country and first in the Big Ten in the 60-meter hurdles (7.60) since clinching his record time at the Tyson Invitational on Feb. 14.

"It'll be nice to recover, go

back to the drawing board, and tune things up for the Big Tens," McConico said.

Senior thrower Lauluga Tausaga said she's happy to have a break too.

Tausaga competed at the Texas Tech Shootout Feb. 15 and snagged first-place in the shot put (17.34). She'll round out the indoor season as a top Big Ten contender, being No. 1 in shot put (17.96) and No. 2 in weight throw (22.00).

"I'm very excited to get to relax," Tausaga said. "I've only traveled twice this indoor season, but my body definitely needs a break so I can get back into a rhythm of some heavy lifting, some more reps, and just trying to get things right. That way, when the time does come, I'll be fresh and able to get some really good marks up on the board."

Another Hawkeye who's resting this weekend is sophomore sprinter Wayne Lawrence.

Lawrence said this period will be important in

his preparation for the Big Tens, where he will compete in 400-meters, 600-meters, and 4x400-meter relay — three events in which he's currently No. 1 in the Big

Ten.

"The break is definitely needed," Lawrence said. "It'll be nice to rest up after a long week of travel in Arkansas. Just refocus

my mind on Big Tens, get some schoolwork done, and going into Big Tens body feeling good, mind feeling free, and just being ready to compete."



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University of Iowa sprinter Wayne Lawrence runs his leg of the 4x400m relay during the Hawkeye Invite at the UI Recreation Building on Jan. 11. He and the other members of the Iowa B relay finished in ninth place.

GymHawks focused ahead of Big Five meet

The Iowa women's gymnastics team heads to the Big Ten's annual Big Five competition that determines the seeding placement for the Big Ten Championships.

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After taking first place last year with a team total of 196.450, the Iowa women's gymnastics team is looking for a repeat in the Big Ten's annual Big Five Meet in Toledo, Ohio, this weekend.

The Big Five meet is the final regular-season conference meet — designed for seeding placement heading into the Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championship — held March 21 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Hawkeyes will compete against the four other Big Ten teams they have not seen in dual meet action yet. Iowa will compete against Illinois, Nebraska, Ohio State, and Rutgers tonight, while Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, and Penn State compete Saturday.

After a disappointing fall to Michigan last week, Iowa head coach Larissa Libby notes that her team understands where they are and where they can go.

"The whole event last week was so fun," Libby said. "We had so many fans write to us about how that was their first gymnastics meet, and it was entertain-

ing. We knew we weren't perfect, and we knew it would take perfection to hit that 196 [points]. But I think [Feb. 14] was the first time they saw their potential of being close to the

best.

"We sat down [Feb. 16] and figured out, 'What's the one thing you can change?' and, 'What's the 1/10 that you can change on your routine?' for each person."

Iowa native and current junior Erin Castle has seen two other Big Five meets in her career in the Black and Gold. After earning a personal best on bars last weekend, the gymnast spoke of

how electric and exciting the environment is at the placement competition.

"I'm excited," Castle said. "Big Fives is such a fun environment with the podiums. Last year's Big Fives

were so fun. We've been on an upward with being more consistent lately, and now we are just trying to put it all together."

Gymnastics is an individual competition sport that turns into a team game with the combination of scores. While her gymnasts have been strong on the individual level, Libby recognizes the team aspect and how the Hawkeyes can focus on themselves coming into the weekend.

"That's the hardest part about our sport in college," Libby said. "It's not really a team sport. We try to change that in our freshman right away and teach them that to move the chains. The sixth person can't hit until the first person hits [during a competition]."

"Coming into the weekend, we are focusing on ourselves. It's a good thing we don't see the other half of competition on Saturday, because we've already seen them. We will be at our best if we don't see what everyone else in the arena is doing."

After the meet in Toledo, the Hawkeyes stay in-state for the annual Cy-Hawk match-up against Iowa State at 6:30 p.m. March 6 in Ames.



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Iowa's all-arounder Erin Castle performs on the beam during a gymnastics meet at Carver-Hawkeye Arena against Michigan State on Feb. 1.

Doyle leading Iowa beyond expectations

Senior guard Kathleen Doyle is the leader the Hawkeyes needed this season, both on and off the court.

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With the graduation of a player of Megan Gustafson's stature, it would have been understandable for Iowa fans to have had tempered expectations going into the season.

After Iowa made the Elite Eight for the first time since 1993, the Hawkeyes were projected to be a team on the bubble of making the NCAA Tournament. Instead, Iowa has been just as competitive as it was last season and could very well end with a better regular season record.

"It's unbelievable, it really is," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "You get the right system in place, people buying into the right roles, so yeah it is really rewarding."

Everyone on the team has certainly performed above expectations, but the number one reason for Iowa's success has to be Kathleen Doyle.

Doyle has been a key part of the program since she arrived on campus, but the senior from Illinois has taken her game to another level this season. ESPN has even dubbed her the 17th best basketball player in the country.

Doyle has always been a great distributor of the ball, reaching 148 assists in each season as a Hawkeye. The biggest jump in her game has been offensively, where she has become the focal point of a successful Hawkeye attack.

The senior's scoring output ballooned up to 18.5 points per game this season as she is tasked to come up with clutch moments for Iowa. Despite her higher shot volume, Doyle's shooting percentage has also increased this season up to 45 percent.

"I have so much confidence in her and so much belief in her, and I think her teammates absolutely do as well," Bluder said.

The restructuring of the offense has allowed Doyle to play

to her strengths. With a more guard-oriented style of offense that focuses on the offense driving to the basket, the change could not be more tactically suited for Doyle.

"It's fun as a guard [playing in this offense]," Doyle said. "Just all of us getting to attack the basket, and it just opens it up a little more for us."

The stats are impressive enough, but Doyle's leadership and charisma off the court have been a major part of her role on the team. Always upbeat, Doyle's spirit and tough-minded nature has allowed her to become the clutch player Iowa leans on at the end of a game.

Doyle had several fourth quarter explosions this season, a strong reason why the Hawkeyes have been so good coming from behind late in games.

"She wants to win like we all do and just brings a lot of energy to the floor," fellow senior McKenzie Meyer said.



Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Kathleen Doyle tries to get the ball past Wisconsin guard Julie Pospislova during a women's basketball game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday.

Iowa now turns ahead to face Penn State at home on Saturday, looking to maintain its place around the top of the Big Ten standings. The Hawkeyes hand-

led the Nittany Lions on the road last time, easing to a 77-66 score that was a lot closer than the game suggested.

Although Penn State has

struggled this season and brings up the rear of the Big Ten, it gave No. 7 Maryland a scare last week as they kept the game close going into halftime.

Hawkeye tennis back at it this weekend

The women's tennis team will host both of their matches while the men travel out.

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Both the men's and women's Hawkeye tennis teams will be tested this weekend as they will each play in two head-to-head matches.

The women will host DePaul at 5 p.m. today and then Kansas State at noon Feb. 23. The matches will be only the second and third home contests of the year. Iowa's women's program lost its home opener 4-3 to Colorado on Sunday. The loss dropped their spring record to 2-5.

"Our challenging non-conference schedule continues as we have two solid teams coming into Iowa City this weekend," head coach Sasha Schmid said in a release. "Both matches will be competitive test for us, and we are looking forward to the home matches."

Iowa is 12-5 all-time against the Blue Demons and defeated DePaul 6-1 in last year's meeting at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center. DePaul is an even 4-4 so far this year.

Iowa leads the all-time se-

ries with Kansas State 6-3 but lost last year's matchup with the Wildcats, 4-1, in Manhattan, Kansas.

Although the Iowa women's team's record may not be what it wanted thus far, the team won each time it secured the doubles point.

"When we drop the doubles point against the good teams, we just have little margin, and we have to understand that as we go into singles a little bit better," Schmid said following Iowa's Feb. 6 loss.

The Iowa men — following an undefeated homestand last weekend with victories over Middle Tennessee State and Wichita State — will hit the road with battles against Utah at 2 p.m. today and Denver at 11 a.m. Feb. 23.

The matches will mark the first time in school history that an Iowa team enters competition nationally ranked inside the top 25.

After an impressive 7-1 start to the season — only dropping their first match of the spring to Texas Tech — the Hawkeyes currently sit 23rd in the national poll.

"It's nice to be ranked inside

the Top 25 for the first time in program history," head coach Ross Wilson said in a release. "Our team knows it's early in the year, and we have a lot of tennis to be played, but we are happy with the start of our season."

The seven-match winning streak is the longest in 29 years for the men's program.

Kareem Allaf is the 61st-ranked singles player in the country while the pair of Will Davies and Oliver Okonkwo are the 10th best doubles pair.

Allaf is 6-1 in singles overall this spring and 5-1 on court one. Davies and Okonkwo are 3-2 on the year.

Utah is 7-4 this season and lost its last two matches. Iowa is 3-1 all-time against the Utes and defeated them 5-2 at home last year.

Denver, who is responsible for Utah's loss on Feb. 13, enters the weekend at a perfect 8-0 and ranked 35th in the country. They will face Colorado State-Pueblo today before the Hawkeyes come to town.

Iowa beat the Pioneers the last three times they have played, most recently getting a 5-2 win in 2018.



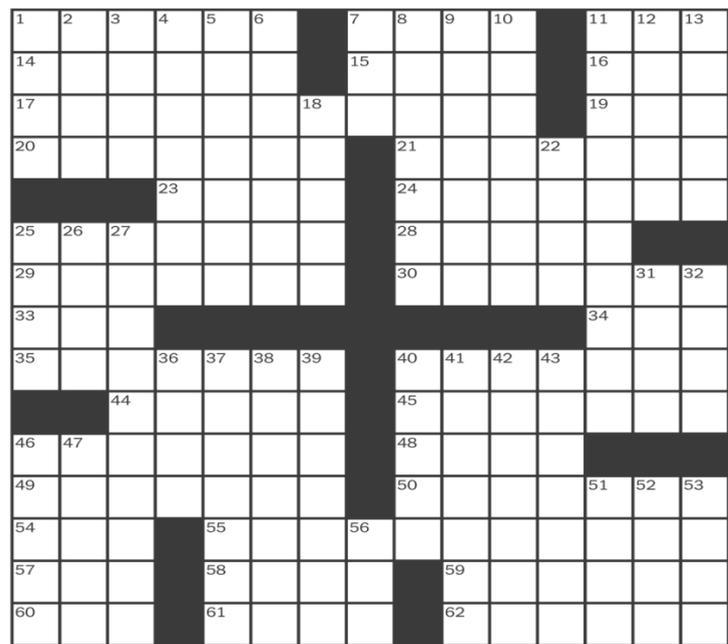
Left: Iowa's Elise van Heuvelen Treadwell celebrates a point during a women's tennis match between Iowa and Northern Texas on Jan. 20, 2019. (Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan) Right: Iowa's Kareem Allaf eyes the ball during a match against Wichita State University on Sunday at the HTRC. (Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan)

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- 37 World leader who once worked as a bouncer and a snowboarding instructor
- 38 Like the characters Romeo and Juliet, but not Mercutio or Tybalt
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Iowa guard Bakari Evelyn shoots a 3-pointer during the men's basketball game against Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday.

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helped Iowa bounce back with a win at Minnesota on Sunday.

The role Cordell Pemsal played proved to be just as important.

After scoring six points on a perfect shooting night against Minnesota, Pemsal put up nine against the Buckeyes on 4-of-4 shooting.

McCaffery said he knew the performances from Pemsal were coming. On Thursday, the depth of this Hawkeye

team allowed him to flourish.

"We never know who's going to do the scoring," Pemsal said. "Obviously, we know what we're going to get from Luka, but we got other guys that can do things in different ways. Depending on how guys play us, different guys are going to have bigger nights on different nights."

After the bench — consisting only of Pemsal and Evelyn — combined to score 24, McCaffery saw the importance of the duo playing the way it did.

"Cordell and Bakari were phenomenal tonight," McCaffery said. "We don't win

the game without them. And they did it at both ends. Cordell had eight rebounds and nine points. Bakari with the 3s, driving the ball, making great decisions."

When Evelyn and Pemsal are finding their groove on the floor, it also helps Iowa from a flexibility standpoint.

With CJ Fredrick missing Thursday's game with an ankle injury, McCaffery rotated Evelyn, Joe Toussaint, and Connor McCaffery. It worked.

Toussaint finished with nine points and drained both of his 3-point attempts, while Connor McCaffery hit Iowa's

first bucket from beyond the arc and dished out four assists with one turnover.

Iowa started the game on an 18-3 run, thanks to Connor McCaffery and Toussaint. Then, Pemsal and Evelyn made sure their team kept the effort going.

"They played well," Ohio State head coach Chris Holtmann said. "They made shots — stepped up and made shots. Guys that hadn't really done that a whole lot stepped up and made shots, but we were always able to kind of keep it between nine or 10. Give them credit, though. They made shots."

HAWKEYE

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The only Hawkeye that wasn't hitting early on was Wieskamp.

The sophomore came in to Thursday's game off his worst performance of the season. Against Minnesota Sunday, Wieskamp finished with only two points on 1-of-7 shooting. His struggles continued early on against the Buckeyes.

"I was just frustrated

throughout the game," Wieskamp said. "Shots weren't falling. They were all over me; you can tell that their game plan was to take me out of it. At the same time, I've got to remind myself that I'm creating opportunities for other guys when they are all over me."

Wieskamp was held scoreless until the 3:25 mark of the first half. Right before the break, the Hawkeyes had a final possession to add to their lead. Wieskamp took advantage.

Garza had the ball in the post but shot a pass out to Wieskamp on the perimeter. The sharpshooter then made his only three of the night.

"Huge three," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "I did not [draw it up]. I wish I could tell you that I did. That was just a really good player making a really good shot."

Wieskamp finished with 13 points on the night.

Things should be looking up for Iowa as the Big Ten Tournament approaches.

Guard CJ Fredrick is working his way back from his ankle injury, and the team continues to keep pace for a double-bye in Indianapolis.

Iowa's prepared for the final stretch, no matter who is on the court.

"I think we continue to build momentum," Garza said. "No matter what lineup is out there, we all play well together. I think we've been forced to do that because of injuries. It's just a really connected group and we're going to continue to stay together."



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Iowa center Luka Garza shoots the ball during the men's basketball game against Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's 125-pound Spencer Lee wrestles Penn State's Brandon Meredith during a wrestling dual meet between No. 1 Iowa and No. 2 Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 31.

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Lee was pinned by Nick Piccininni after 4:55 of wrestling. Piccininni was ranked fourth, and Lee was ranked second at 125-pounds coming into that match.

Since that moment, Lee's career has taken off. Lee capped his 2018-19 campaign with a national title. That momentum has carried into 2019-20, as well. Lee is 14-0 with wins over three ranked wrestlers.

Most of Lee's wins have come in dominant fashion.

The junior has outscored his opponents 171-10, earning 54 team points. Lee has registered eight technical falls this season — six of which came in succession.

Lee has pinned three opponents this season. Two of the falls he produced came in under one minute of action. As a result of all the falls and technical falls, Lee has only wrestled into the third period twice over the year.

"I feel like every day I focus on improving and becoming the best wrestler and person that I can be," Lee said. "The coaching staff and my teammates and my family — they've been helping me every

single day. That's pretty much it. It's just improvement no matter what happens, win, loss, draw, injury. It doesn't matter."

Despite the rapid change of each program's fortunes, Brands and the Hawkeyes aren't taking their dual with the Cowboys lightly.

"We know that [the Cowboys] are coming in here to beat us," Brands said. "They're coming in here to fight. Their program is very relevant. They take [wrestling] very serious in [Stillwater]. This is a very relevant dual meet. We don't look at rankings like maybe some pundits do. We got to be ready for 10 weight

classes."

The two teams have won a combined 57 NCAA Wrestling titles since the first championship was crowned 1928. Twenty-three of those titles belong to Iowa, the other 34 to Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys currently lead the all-time series with the Hawkeyes, 29-22-2.

"There are certain programs that garner your eternal respect," Brands said. "Oklahoma State has been relevant for decades, and [head coach John Smith] has won five national championships [during his tenure]. I'm not trying to boost [the Cowboys] up to sell tickets."

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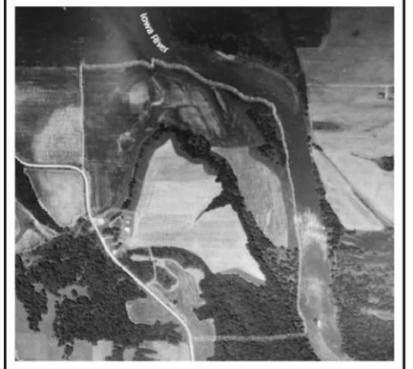
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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Three Hawkeyes to try out for U.S. Women's National Team

Iowa volleyball players Joslyn Boyer, Courtney Buzzerio, and Maddie Slagle are set to try out for the U.S. Women's National Team at the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Feb. 21-23.

The Hawkeye trio join 211 athletes from 93 colleges vying for spots on the National Team and U.S. College National team programs. The tryout will be led by three-time Olympic gold medalist Karch Kiraly.

Boyer, a freshman from Downers Grove, Illinois, led all freshmen in playing time in 2019, amassing 161 digs and 15 service aces to tie for third on the team. Boyer set a career-best 14 digs in a five-set victory over Indiana on Oct. 26, 2019.



Boyer

Buzzerio, a sophomore from Chino Hills, California, enjoyed a career year in her second season at Iowa. Buzzerio tallied 305 kills and 263 assists in 115 sets played. Buzzerio's 32 service aces are tied for the most in a season since 2015 and her .30 aces per set is the most since 2010.



Buzzerio

Slagle, a sophomore from Cedar Rapids, played in every set for the Hawkeyes in 2019. Slagle notched a career-high 219 digs and 11 service aces in 31 matches.



Slagle

McCaffery, Doyle named to All-District First Team

Iowa redshirt sophomore Connor McCaffery and senior Kathleen Doyle were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Men's Basketball First Team on Thursday.

McCaffery is a finance major maintaining a 3.5 grade point average. He leads the country in assist-to-turnover ratio (4.26) and is the only Division I player nationally with more than 95 assists and fewer than 25 turnovers.

Doyle double majors in journalism and mass communication and Spanish with a 3.83 grade point average. She is a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and was a 2018-19 Distinguished Scholar Athlete. Doyle leads the Big Ten conference assists with 165.

Women's golf heads to Arizona

The Iowa women's golf team will compete at the Westbrook Invitational in Peoria, Arizona, this weekend.

The field consists of 16 teams, including Big Ten opponents No. 19 Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, Ohio State, and Wisconsin.

The Hawkeyes' starting lineup includes freshmen Lea Zeitle, Jacquelyn Galloway, and Morgan Goldstein, sophomore Manuela Lizarazu, and junior Stephanie Herzog.

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"I'm not trying to boost [Oklahoma State] up to sell tickets."



— Head coach Tom Brands on Iowa's matchup with the Cowboys

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa hurdler Jaylan McConico has won all



of his 60-meter hurdles races this season.



Men's Basketball

Iowa - 85 Ohio State - 76

Balancing act downs Buckeyes

Bakari Evelyn and Cordell Pemsel provided a key spark off the bench in Iowa's win over Ohio State on Thursday.



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Iowa guard Bakari Evelyn shoots the ball during the men's basketball game against Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 85-76.

BY PETE RUDEN

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There was an incredibly large contribution from someone other than Luka Garza in Iowa's 85-76 win over Ohio State on Thursday.

In fact, there were big performances from the entire team.

Along with Garza's 24 points, the Hawkeyes' final box score featured six players who scored at least

nine points with four finding their way into double figures.

With an All-American candidate leading the way, it only helps to have a lineup full of players who can score surrounding him.

"We can't just put it all on Garza and [Joe] Wieskamp," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "That's not the team we have. We wouldn't be sitting here with 19 wins if that was the case."

Perhaps Iowa's biggest performer of the bunch

was Bakari Evelyn, who dropped 15 points with three 3-pointers.

His triple early in the first half pushed the Hawkeyes to a 27-8 lead, and he kept heating up from there.

Evelyn has played a critical role for Iowa in the past week. After the Hawkeyes' suffered a double-digit loss to Indiana on Feb. 13, Evelyn

SEE BUCKEYES, 7

Hot Hawkeye start downs Buckeyes

After getting out to an early 18-3 lead over Ohio State, Iowa never relented and improved to 13-1 this season at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



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Iowa guard Joe Wieskamp dunks the ball during the men's basketball game against Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 85-76.

BY ROBERT READ

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Big leads in the Big Ten are tough to come back from. Ohio State ran into that problem in Iowa City on Thursday night.

Before Ohio State even had a chance to settle in, the Hawkeyes had already left the Buckeyes behind.

Connor McCaffery hit a shot from deep to open the game's scoring. Joe Toussaint and Luka Garza followed with their own 3's. Toussaint forced an Ohio State turnover, and then he proceeded to make an acrobatic move to get into the paint and hit a layup while being fouled.

A second-chance rebound by forward Cordell Pemsel stretched the Iowa lead to 18-3 just under six minutes into the game.

"A couple games ago, coach came up to us

and was talking about how we weren't starting the game off as well as we wanted to," Garza said. "I think we've had a couple games in a row that we've had really good starts. We've had a big focus on delivering the first punch. I think we did that tonight."

Getting down early has cost Iowa games against Purdue and Indiana recently. That wasn't going to happen at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday.

After taking the lead 90 seconds into the game, Iowa never relented. The Hawkeyes held the lead for the rest of the contest.

"A lot of people were getting going in the first half," Iowa guard Joe Wieskamp said. "We were moving the ball pretty well, creating different shots for different guys, and they were able to knock them down."

SEE HAWKEYE, 7

Hawkeyes, Cowboys renew rivalry

The last dual meet Iowa lost was against Oklahoma State last season. The Hawkeyes get a chance for revenge to end the regular season.

BY AUSTIN HANSON

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Since they last met in Stillwater, Oklahoma, many things have changed for both Iowa and Oklahoma State wrestling.

Oklahoma State was ranked second in the nation last year at this time, boasting a 15-0 record after blanking the Hawkeyes, 27-12. Iowa only won three out of the 10 bouts against the Cowboys in that Feb. 24, 2018, matchup.

"They beat us up in Stillwater," Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands said. "That's not forgotten by anybody here."

The tables have turned over the last year or so. That was the last dual meet the Hawkeyes lost. Iowa is now the undefeated juggernaut wrestling at home, and the Cowboys will travel to Iowa City as underdogs.

No. 1 Iowa is 12-0 and No. 9 Oklahoma State is 13-2 this season. All 10 Iowa wrestlers expected to partake in the dual are ranked inside the top 10 in their weight class. The Cowboys lineup features nine ranked wrestlers, but only three are ranked in the top 10.

"I'd hope you'd improve after a year," All-American Spencer Lee said. "I think I've gotten a lot better, and I hope that I've proven that this year a little bit. I hope to continue to prove that."

Of all the wrestlers in the Hawkeyes' lineup, Lee is likely the one that has come the farthest since Iowa last faced Oklahoma State.



Lee

SEE RIVALRY, 7