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Body confirmed to be missing UI student's

The Johnson County Medical Examiner confirmed Thursday morning that a body found in the Iowa River Wednesday is missing University of Iowa mechanical engineering student David Le.



Information regarding the final autopsy results, including cause and manner of death, will not be available for a few weeks, according to a news release from Detective Sgt. Brad Kunkel.

Le's death is not reported as suspicious and foul play was not suspected, according to the release. His body was found at approximately 1:06 p.m. Tuesday, near 4745 Sand Road SE, near Hills, Iowa, authorities said. The Johnson County Medical Examiner transported the body to the UI Hospitals and Clinics for an autopsy and positive identification.



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Public Information Board appointment scrutinized

Gov. Kim Reynolds has appointed Department of Human Services spokesman Matt Highland to the Iowa Public Information Board, prompting concerns that his appointment will make it easier to silence information about the troubled agency. Pending Senate approval, Highland's appointment to the unpaid position will begin May 1.



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Johnson County Supervisors file for reelection candidacy

Johnson County Supervisors Lisa Green-Douglass, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan each filed an affidavit on Wednesday to officially indicate their intent for reelection to the public. Their terms are up at the end of December.

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Hawkeyes hunting for the double-bye

The Iowa men's basketball team faces off against Illinois on the road Sunday and the winner will secure a double-bye in next week's Big Ten Tournament. The Hawkeyes beat Illinois at home earlier this season and will look to duplicate that success on the road.



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Regents suspend travel amid coronavirus concerns

University-sponsored international travel is canceled for 30 days for faculty, staff, and students.

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The state Board of Regents announced Thursday it is canceling all university-sponsored international travel for faculty, staff, and students

Richards

for 30 days effectively immediately because of concerns related to the spread of novel coronavirus.

Regent President Mike Richards

said in a statement the regents are canceling international travel after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Iowa Department of Public Health recommended that higher-education institutions "should consider

postponing or canceling student foreign-exchange programs."

This 30-day period will include university-sponsored travel over spring break and will affect faculty, staff, and students at the University of

Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa.

"We recognize this decision may be disappointing to many in our community," Richards

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FORMER IOWA HILLEL DIRECTOR TRIAL

Weltman found guilty

Former Iowa Hillel Director David Weltman did not testify during his trial, which resulted in a unanimous guilty verdict from the jury on charges of sexually abusing a 9-year-old during Hebrew lessons.



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Former Iowa Hillel Director David Weltman confers with his attorney Christopher Foster during the third and final day of trial on Thursday at the Johnson County Courthouse. A jury found Weltman guilty of second-degree sexual abuse, a Class-B felony.

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A jury unanimously found former Iowa Hillel Director David Weltman guilty of sexually abusing a 9-year-old boy during Hebrew lessons in 2019 after deliberating for around an hour and a

half on Thursday.

Weltman, 29, of Skokie, Illinois, was charged Aug. 29 with second-degree sexual abuse and later pleaded not guilty. The abuse occurred sometime in February or March 2019.

Weltman did not testify during the trial on Thursday, asserting that he, not his attorney,

made the decision to not take the stand. After the jury reached a verdict, he was taken into custody by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, where he will remain until his sentencing at 1:30 p.m. April 27.

SEE WELTMAN, 2

ETHICS & POLITICS NATIONAL POLITICS

Iowa City reacts to Warren's departure

The only county in Iowa that Elizabeth Warren won on caucus night was the state's Democratic stronghold, and local endorsers are upset to see her go.



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Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks at the Forte Banquet and Conference Center in Des Moines on Feb. 3.

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University of Iowa fifth-year student Cesar Perez described the end of Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign as heartbreaking and infuriating, saying she was the Democratic candidate with the most detailed policies.

"Literally what people have to understand is people picked her because of her policies — her detailed policies, how she's going to pass every single thing," said Perez, who held various positions with the Warren campaign on campus, including the political director for Hawkeyes for Warren.

SEE WARREN, 2

UTILITY P3

Workers accept ENGIE's offer

Nearly all UI utility-system workers accepted an offer to work with the operating firm.

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The University of Iowa announced on Thursday the majority of its utility-system employees have accepted an offer from the company ENGIE North America in the latest stage of the university's public/private partnership to run the university's utility system.

All UI utility-system employees were offered a position by ENGIE without a formal interview, and 127 total employees — 33 of them students — accepted, according to a UI statement. The 23 employees who declined ENGIE's offer will be re-assigned to another area of campus or stay in their current position as the university finalizes the employee-transition plan.

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SUSHI RESTAURANT O-FISH-ALLY OPEN



Chef James Bao slices cucumber for sushi in Sumo Sushi and Ramen on Thursday. The Japanese cuisine restaurant opened at the end of January. Hayden Froehlich/The Daily Iowan

WELTMAN

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Defense attorney Christopher Foster requested a motion for acquittal Thursday after witness testimony, just as he did on Wednesday. Sixth District Court Judge Chad Kepros again denied the request.

The only witness the defense called Thursday was another minor — who will not be identified to protect privacy — who took Hebrew lessons with Weltman and the victim. The minor testified that Weltman sometimes picked up the students during lessons, but nothing ever happened between Weltman and the victim or at lessons that made the minor feel uncomfortable.

In the state's closing statement, Assistant Muscatine County Attorney Oubonh Phomvisay White told the jury the only things it had to determine were whether or not Weltman committed a sex act within the dates in question, during which time the victim was under the age of 12.

Based on testimony given Wednesday by Iowa City psy-

chologist John Meidlinger, White said, sexual abuse is not a linear process, and context before and after the incident in question shows the sexual nature of the act.

"Things are not isolated incidents... You know from the evidence that isn't what occurred. You know this isn't an isolated, out-of-context situation," White said.

She also said that, even if Weltman found it necessary to touch the victim during Hebrew lessons, there is no way touching the victim underneath his pants and underwear could've been an accident. Even though there was also another student taking lessons, White said Weltman took the victim to a storage area where the other student wouldn't have seen this contact.

"This contact was brief. Ask yourself, would anybody else have seen this contact between David and [the victim]? No. That's the point," White said.

The victim also did not change the story of what happened to him between telling his mother, law enforcement, Weltman and his attorney, and a jury full of strangers, White added. The victim did not tell his moth-

er about any uncomfortable incidents with Weltman, she said, but the victim did not fully understand what had happened to him during Hebrew lessons.

"Children don't always know. They can't process what had happened to them. They don't shout out, they don't scream. They don't run out and say, 'Hey, this happened to me.' They don't know," White said.

Foster said in his closing statement the only testimony the jury needed to pay attention to was that of the victim and the other minor; the other witnesses called by the state were a distraction.

Foster added the state's case did not focus on whether or not the abuse occurred during Hebrew lessons.

"Ninety percent of evidence was about this trip to Israel," Foster said. "Again, this is a distraction."

Assistant Johnson County Attorney Rachel Zimmermann Smith added later in rebuttal that the jury could find Weltman guilty based on the victim's testimony alone, but the context given by other witnesses also provides a clear picture of what happened.

The victim's mother's testi-

mony also showed the mother saw red flags in Weltman's behavior and comments made surrounding the Israel trip, Zimmermann Smith said, but Weltman had already established himself as a trustworthy person in the victim's life as a teacher.

"She trusted him completely, and that was by design," Zimmermann Smith said.



Former Iowa Hillel Director David Weltman listens during the third and final day of trial on Thursday at the Johnson County Courthouse. Emily Wengen/The Daily Iowan

WARREN

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Warne dropped her bid for the Democratic nomination on Thursday after a weak showing in Super Tuesday states. Johnson County, Iowa's bluest county, was the only county in the state that went to Warren on the Feb. 3 caucuses. Warren won the county with 33 percent state delegate equivalents, followed by Sen. Bernie Sanders

of Vermont with 32 percent.

Some people took to Twitter on Super Tuesday, criticizing Warren for not dropping out to endorse fellow progressive Sanders as an effort to slow former Vice President Joe Biden. Perez said he knows a lot of Warren supporters who do not say Sanders is their second-choice candidate, so he questioned how much that would've affected Sanders' campaign.

"Some Bernie supporters are saying it's not sexism — what is it then?" Perez said.



Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks at a campaign event at West High School in Iowa City on Feb. 1. With the Iowa caucuses happening in two days, Warren stopped to give a last minute pitch to Iowa voters. Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan

"If Bernie Sanders or Joe Biden or any other male candidate had her policies, they would be winning."

Warren's exit leaves Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard as the only woman in the race. Gabbard won two national delegates on Super Tuesday from caucuses in American Samoa.

Warren came in third place in the Iowa caucuses, fourth in the New Hampshire primary and Nevada caucuses, and fifth place in the South Carolina primary.

Warren endorser and state Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said he suspected Warren would suspend her campaign because of her lack of traction. He said he thought she ran a good campaign.

"The issues she talked about and record of accomplishments would have served the country extremely well if she'd been able to be our nominee," Bolkcom said.

Warren's key issues included universal free college and child care, Medicare for All, and a broad student-loan debt cancellation system. She planned to pay for most of her plans with a 2-cent wealth tax, which would add

a tax to individuals with an income over \$50 million.

Bolkcom said he endorsed Warren initially because of her intelligence, and that he's just as disappointed there aren't any more major women candidates in the race as he is with Warren dropping out.

"I think it's time for a woman to be president," Bolkcom said. "I think women approach problem solving differently I think in some ways than men, and I think the country would have been well served with a woman president."

Warren's campaign had one of the most robust organizing operations in Iowa before the caucuses, with about 150 paid staffers, 26 field offices, and thousands of volunteers, according to her campaign. More than half of Warren's campaign funds came from contributions less than \$200.

UI junior Jocelyn Roof, a Warren supporter and executive director of nonpartisan student group Hawk the Vote, said she was heartbroken when she saw the news that Warren dropped out. She said it was inspiring to

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said. "These types of trips provide remarkable opportunities for learning and growth. This decision has not been an easy one; however, we are prioritizing the health and safety of all individuals."

Regent recommendations and guidance for the situation will be evaluated with university leadership, and updates to guidance will be given as the situation evolves, the statement said.

Faculty, staff, and students already out of the country will be asked to return from

any country that the CDC has designated a Level 3, meaning people are advised to avoid nonessential travel to the country.

The Daily Iowan has asked the UI for information about the programs and number of students affected by this restriction on travel and has not yet received a response.

As previously reported by the DI, the UI has already suspended study-abroad programs in China, South Korea, Italy, and Japan because of coronavirus concerns.

Faculty Senate President Sandy-Daack Hirsch in a Tuesday Faculty Council meeting said the university was considering setting a

policy on travel for students and faculty, and determining whether those would be treated separately.

"I will say that the university is looking at getting ahead of this and for really being interactive with local units and university policy... how do you set policies that are both advantageous for the university," she said.

Asked about her Tuesday remarks, UI Senior Vice President of Finance and Operations Rod Lehnertz on Wednesday told the DI that in regards to personal travel, the university encourages faculty to follow CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health guidance on traveling to coun-

tries deemed to pose a risk for widespread COVID-19 transmission.

Information about travel is being directly communicated to faculty through the Provost's Office and through the deans of the colleges, Lehnertz said.

"We ask for people to voluntarily provide that information so we're aware of it — the university's aware of it and can help understand situations as they develop — but it's not our job to tell people whether or not they travel or where they want to travel personally," Lehnertz said.

Marissa Payne contributed to this report.

see her support grow on campus and in the Iowa City community.

Roof said she thinks the activism from Hawkeyes for Warren played a big role in her overall turnout in Johnson County because of its presence on social media and within the community.

Every Warren staffer and volunteer had a "liberty

green" background in their Twitter profile picture.

"I'm really disappointed that there aren't any more women, but that doesn't mean we can't elect women to the Senate, to the House of Representatives, or locally as well, so I'll definitely still be fighting to elect more women down the ballot," Roof said.

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"We appreciate the ongoing, dedicated service of our staff throughout this process and look forward to the continued success of our operations," UI utilities distribution Associate Director Rick Ney said in a statement Thursday. "We're excited about merging best practices with ENGIE and continuing to keep the utility system running reliably for all our important customers."

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the state Board of Regents signed off on the agreement in December 2019, which stipulates that the operator ENGIE, as well as Paris-based investment firm Meridiam, will operate and maintain the university's utility system so the university can benefit financially from it.

Financial close in the partnership is slated for March 10, and the university will officially transfer management of

its utilities system to ENGIE at 12:01 a.m. CT March 11, according to Thursday's release.

The agreement between the UI and concessionaire Hawkeye Energy Collaborative, composed of ENGIE and Meridiam, involves an upfront lump-sum payment to the UI of \$1.165 billion to manage over 50 years in an endowment fund, the *DI* previously reported. University officials have said the money will go toward funding the campus strategic plan.

Following financial close March 10, the UI will take the lump sum and use an approximate \$166 million of the \$1.165 billion total to pay consulting fees and any outstanding utility-system bond debt, as previously reported by the *DI*. Remaining proceeds from the agreement will be managed by a nonprofit formed to manage the partnership endowment funds of around \$999 million in net proceeds. This nonprofit board will include one regent, one Faculty Senate representative, and the UI senior vice president

for Finance and Operations and will determine allocations from the "P3 utility endowment."

UI President Bruce Harreld said in December that the university needs to spend \$33 million annually to fund its strategic plan, and officials plan to tap into the partnership endowment to use \$15 million each year in support of the institution's goals. Funds will be distributed through one- to five-year grants, Harreld said.

In an interview with the *DI* in February, Harreld said the university determined a \$15 million annual payment, because officials have observed a \$14 to \$16 million gap every year in the strategic plan.

Harreld said in December that keeping UI utility workers was one of many key metrics needed for the institution to comply with a company contract.

When giving the green light to the public/private partnership in December, Regent President Mike Richards said both ENGIE and Meridiam were explicit in their



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University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld answers questions from the press following a meeting with the state Board of Regents in Urbandale on Dec. 10, 2019. The Board of Regents voted unanimously to pass the public/private partnership that would run Iowa's utilities system.

desire to retain university employees while also avoiding the interview process. ENGIE has a history of success in this process, Richards added.

"We're entering into a ... relationship with two other wonderful organizations, and their leaders won't be there for 50 years. I won't be here

for 50 years," Harreld said in December. "And so, we're building a working relationship with an entity as leaders will change through time."

Johnson County supervisors file for reelection

Johnson County Supervisors Lisa Green-Douglass, Royceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan filed an affidavit of candidacy for reelection on Wednesday, as their terms near expiration in December.

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With reelection in mind and pens in hand, incumbent Johnson County Supervisors Lisa Green-Douglass, Roy-

ceann Porter, and Rod Sullivan each signed and filed an affidavit of candidacy at the Johnson County courthouse on Wednesday.

The filing was the trio's official indication to the county

of their intention to run for reelection as all three supervisors' terms in their current positions nears expiration at the end of December.

The primary will be held June 2 and determine who

ends up on the Nov. 3 ballot for the three seats open in the general election.

Sullivan was first elected in 2004 to a Johnson County supervisor seat. During his tenure, Sullivan voted to pass various ordinances including focuses on human rights, stormwater management, and minimum wage, according to the Johnson County website.

A four-year supervisor, Green-Douglass won a special election to fill the vacancy of former Supervisor Terrence Neuzil. According to the website, she often advocates for improving availability and quality of mental-health care in sustainable and equitable ways.

Porter was elected in December 2018 in a special elec-

tion to fill a vacant position after the death of former Supervisor Kurt Friese. According to the Johnson County website, her focus of advocacy includes mental-health services, affordable housing, veterans' services, workers' rights, restorative justice, and opportunities for youth.

Green-Douglass emphasized the importance and complexity of the supervisor position, saying the job involves more than people might think. It's not just being present for a meeting two days a week, she said — there are other aspects to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

Green-Douglass said she is a good candidate to return to her position because she is a good listener and brings her

knowledge and opinions into every discussion — giving her the ability to share her stance while also opening herself up to the opinions and information from others.

"Sometimes you'll notice people in meetings, I'm not talking about the board [of supervisors] meetings necessarily, but [people] just sit there and [I] kind of wonder, 'What are you here for?'" Green-Douglass said. "You need to speak up and to ask questions — you need to advocate for your people. And I've done that, I have not been a quiet voice and have been a very strong advocate [for the county] ... I've been an active participating and contributing member, all for representing the people of Johnson County."



Top: Johnson County Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass speaks with an attendee during a house party for U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., in North Liberty on April 28, 2019. (Alyson Kuennen/The Daily Iowan) Bottom: Johnson County Supervisors Rod Sullivan and Royceann Porter listen to a presentation during a meeting on Feb. 12. (Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan)



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Read more independent news

There's plenty outside corporate media's bubble, from the irreverent *Chapo Trap House* to the investigative *ProPublica*.



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I've written about the dangers of media consolidation and the need for an independent media, but neglected to supply any strong examples of independent media.

I'm going to rectify that.

There's a massive swath of independent media out there regarding nearly every single issue, yet with the 2020 election on the horizon it seems pertinent to give higher priority to important political outlets.

Before listing these, it's important to note that these can be biased sources of information — relying solely on them for your information would be a poor decision. But just because something is biased doesn't mean it should be ruled out — everything has a bias.

What's important is not how unbiased something is, but whether it can provide accurate sources and reporting that explains its bias.

Chapo Trap House is a leftist podcast that focuses on U.S.

politics. Headed by a team of five that came into prominence during the 2016 presidential election, it is now the highest-earning Patreon creator, earning over \$166,000 per month.

Chapo has also done a wide variety of interviews, ranging from many of the Democratic presidential-nomination candidates to academic researchers and writers such as Vivek Chibber.

While the podcast is incredibly popular, *Chapo* is not for everyone — the hosts can be crass, uncivil, and irreverent. But that is part of their appeal.

While mainstream news can often be euphemistic and neutral in coverage, *Chapo* will present topics with full indignation that is warranted by ongoing events.

Some More News is a YouTube channel starring Cody Johnston, covering political and cultural events in the U.S. and online. While not as large or as influential as *Chapo*, the show is nevertheless a strong media outlet. It mimics the familiar presentation of TV news broadcasting while taking more liberties with its mix of humor and news reporting.

Its topics can range from Twitter memes about gun rights and 50 wild hogs to complete coverage of all the crimes President Trump has committed since his impeachment acquittal. Each show also comes with a list of all sources in its description, so if anything seems far-fetched audience members can go and look for more information themselves.

Sludge is an investigative outlet dedicated to uncovering money and conflicts of interest in U.S. politics. With sections dedicated to climate, health care, elections, and others, *Sludge* does incredibly hard-hitting reporting. All its funding comes from subscribers — it takes no advertisements or sponsorships. Any large donations are listed under its "about" page to ensure transparency.

These are just three of the independent media outlets floating in the ether. The investigative journalism nonprofit *ProPublica* is another good example.

Independent media doing the job independent media should be important to recognize.

Looking into the history of contributors to an outlet or publicly available financial information is of key importance. If an outlet doesn't have either of these readily available, you should be more careful in taking news from that given outlet.

Despite its cliché name, *mediabiasfactcheck.com* is good at its job. It gives a summary of where a given source lies on the political spectrum and how well it reports factually.

This is not to say that the mainstream media is terrible. For certain topics and information, the mainstream is an invaluable asset.

But it is important to acknowledge that it has its own biases and lapses of judgement and coverage. To best amend that issue as a viewer, you should try to familiarize yourself with several independent sources you can trust so you can have a more complete understanding of what is going on in today's world.



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Fight for the nomination, vote for the nominee

Every anti-Trump voter must show up for the general election, no matter who gets the Democratic nomination.



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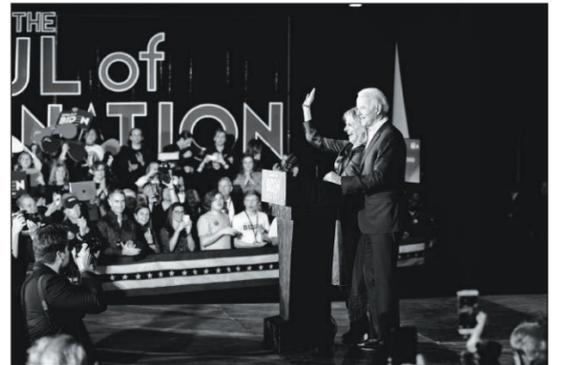
Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., has suspended her campaign, and now the Democratic Party now has two real presidential candidates: former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. (Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, only came out of Super Tuesday with two delegates from the American Samoan caucuses.)

Biden is an establishment moderate, and Sanders is a revolutionizing progressive. The choice of these two is one that fuels the online ever-burning dumpster fire of debate.

However, what's more concerning to me is not so much the argument of whether or not Biden or Sanders should be the nominee. Some are even declaring that they won't vote in November if the nomination doesn't go their way.

For now one can hope it's a bluff, but it stresses the question of what exactly are voters' priorities in 2020? What does loyalty to a candidate — and not a party — matter when the country faces a reelection of President Trump?

Between the choice of the two remaining candidates, I obviously want Sanders to be the nominee. I could argue why, but a more urgent argument in looking ahead to the coming Democratic National Convention this summer is that voters must cast their ballot for whoever accepts the nomination.



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at Drake University on Feb. 3.

Yes, even if that means Biden. Not voting has no noise; it's just silence.

In 2016, the attitudes toward the party and the nomination of Hillary Clinton fueled similar decisions. I myself was furiously suspicious toward all establishment Democrats, because of how the primaries seemed to systematically undermine Sanders. Bizarre voting-machine errors, circumstances of voter suppression, and bias in news coverage gave reason to be skeptical.

That same skepticism from four years ago is returning.

The rhetoric of describing Biden as the "next Hillary" may have some accuracy, but this constant reference to 2016 is unhelpful. Whether voters are registered as Democrats or independents, they must prioritize fighting against a reelection of Trump.

If beating Trump isn't the priority, then what is?

Every candidate running for president — Trump included — calls on Americans to vote. When Hillary won the nomination in 2016, Sanders implored his supporters to support the Democratic Party in defeating the possibility of a Trump ad-

ministration. Many did not vote anyway.

Now this administration has the possibility of having a second term. The logic of preferring a two-term Trump presidency over supporting a least-favorite Democrat is selfish.

Not participating in the general election, especially if you're a registered Democrat, invalidates entirely why you supported Warren or Sanders or whoever at the beginning of this race. The goal is to change the country, and the first step in that change is to beat Trump.

This is how our democracy functions.

A Sanders presidency has an enormous promise of undoing the magnitude of damage this administration has done, and so does a Biden presidency. While these two possible administrations would be very different from each other, both would be unquestionably better than a reelection of Trump.

As a journalist, it's my responsibility — as well as my right — to defend what I understand is true, and what I believe is right.

The truth is that no vote means no voice, and that choice will have consequences.

COLUMN

The left didn't need the War on Warren



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If Elizabeth Warren can't be part of the revolution, we're going to lose.

The Democratic senator from Massachusetts deserved better, and should have been seen as an ally in the fight for a better world. But now that she's dropped her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination, her once-obvious endorsement of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., now seems less likely. Even if Warren does endorse Sanders, the left movement is fractured and our electoral success is now questionable.

We can't keep doing this to ourselves. If we want that better world, we're going to need some comrades. Let's look at what went wrong and how it can be better.

To illustrate how this all went wrong, I'll use a wrong prediction I made last month when I all but eliminated former Vice President Joe Biden from the primary.

What happened

I saw his poor performance here in Iowa and in New Hampshire and rising moderate alternatives. I thought the "establishment" lane would

Neither of those predictions worked out, and there are several lessons to take from this other a reminder for me not to over-punditize.

Why it shouldn't happen

For this next section, we need to go to The Dungeon (also known as Twitter).

The Dungeon discourse has settled on two main narratives of Warren supporters. One is

Others in the Dungeon have pointed out how grossly sexist this all feels. Journalist Liz Plank said it better than I could:

"Warren being expected to drop out for a man who told her a woman couldn't win and then called a liar for speaking up about it is a special kind of sexist sandwich."

How it should happen

This isn't a movement. It's a mess.

Part of me feels yucky since the nominee won't be a woman — something that should be an unofficial requirement for the next president. Another part feels like I'm somehow betraying my leftist stance by elevating someone who said they're a "capitalist to my bones."

But that's how democratic politics winds up working. "Politics is compromise" is often uttered by those far too willing to settle, but the thinking applies here. If progress is going to be made, different left-leaning visions are going to have to work together. In the American context, that means a progressive-socialist alliance.

For the movement to win the White House and the future, it needs to be united.

Yeah, it'd be nice to conjure up a fancy eco-trotskyist/soc-fem agenda that abolishes everything bad and creates everything good. But we're not there yet, and we need to start running in the correct direction instead of perfecting the ideal first step.

And this isn't impossible.

Sanders has already earned support from many who aren't leftists. The Dungeon's "chief neoliberal shill" Matthew Yglesias got on the socialist's side

months ago. When *The Daily Iowan* endorsed Sanders, we highlighted his personal integrity and conviction. As for how to win over the Warrenites defecting to Biden, I'd suggest focusing on his problematic personal history with women and his mistreatment of Anita Hill (which put Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court, and is now deciding the fate of *Roe v. Wade*).

A better future is possible, and the snake emoji isn't going to get us there.



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Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks at a campaign event at West High School in Iowa City on Feb. 1.

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Hawkeye softball heads back to Madeira Beach

After going 2-2 last weekend in Florida, Iowa is eyeing a sweep against a variety of teams on the coast this time around.

BY BEN PALYA
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After going 2-2 in Madeira Beach last weekend, Iowa softball will look to improve on the previous tally with four more games in the same spot this weekend.

The team faced adversity with some travel issues the previous week, including not getting much sleep before playing its series-opening game. However, it is something the team has overcome early this season. “I think coming from this

past weekend we’re going to be even stronger,” freshman Nia Carter said. “It was just a challenge, but we did really good and stepped up to it even if we took a couple of hard losses.”

With a lot of young and new players in the rotation

and lineup, such tough experiences have helped the team grow and become closer. Although the team will have traveled five weekends in a row after this weekend, many of the players are enjoying the moments and are not ready for it to end just

yet.

“It’s still enjoyable because we get to go as a team, and we make memories every time,” utility player Aralee Bogar said. “It can get long since it has been a month now, but we’re almost to our first home game, so we’re really looking forward to that.”

With the team going back down to play at the same location as last weekend, the familiarity will be a boost.

This week, the team will take on Loyola Chicago, South Dakota State, Ohio, and Central Michigan. The Ramblers look to be the biggest challenge out of the four teams, as the team sports an 11-5 record. The Hawkeyes have an early start against Loyola, which seemed to have an effect on the team last week.

Loyola has five players over .300 hitting so far this season, which could be a challenge for the pitchers. The team also has several batters with a slugging percentage over .500, but Iowa’s pitchers are confident in each other to get the job done like they have all season.

“Our pitching staff is confident in ourselves as well as each other, and we know that if we can’t get the job done someone else is going to come in and take over,” senior Allison Doocy said.

The team will be looking to continue its solid run of hitting with the likes of Carter and Bogar having huge weekends last time out. The key to the team’s success could be in getting runners home.

Although Iowa has been a solid hitting team so far this season, the team has struggled at times to get runs when they matter most.

The improvements the team has made this season has head coach Renee Gillispie confident in the group not only for this season, but for getting the program back on the map.

“Our biggest thing we’re trying to do is to show the softball world that we’re back on track, and we’re going to be able to compete against anybody,” Gillispie said.

Iowa starts the weekend against Loyola Chicago in another Friday game and two Saturday games.

IOWA SOFTBALL INFO

What: The Spring Games – Loyola Chicago, South Dakota State, Central Michigan, Ohio
When: Friday-Saturday
Where: Madeira Beach, Florida
TV: N/A



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Infielder Nia Carter leads off the base during the Iowa softball fall opener against Des Moines Area Community College on Sept. 13, 2019.

Iowa gymnastics prepped for busy weekend

Both the Hawkeye men’s and women’s teams have a weekend schedule full of quality competition around the Midwest.

BY CASSANDRA BUCHHOLZ
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Both the Iowa men’s and women’s gymnastics teams have a full weekend ahead, which includes a face off against a ranked Big Ten contender for the men and a double-header against an in-state rival and Big 12 competition for the women.

Coming off an abnormal draw to Illinois, the No. 9 Iowa men’s team travels to Columbus this weekend to match up against No. 5 Ohio State. Northern Illinois will also be present, but it will compete at the collegiate club-level, as its varsity program was discontinued in the ‘90s.

The last dual between the Big Ten opponents resulted in a comeback for the Hawkeyes, 399.650-396.400, last year.

Ohio State is 1-2 in dual matches this season, including an 0-2 record against Big Ten teams. The Buckeyes earned their first win of the season against Navy and tallied their highest team score of the season, 408.900.

The Buckeyes are led by junior Sean Neighbarger, whose career high on vault is 14.750, as well as sophomore Jesse Tyndall, who performed a perfect 15.000 routine on floor against Michigan on Feb. 2.

After a week off, the No. 27 Iowa women’s team continues its annual Iowa Corn CyHawk Series against Iowa State on Friday, traveling to Ames. The Cyclones are ranked No. 17 nationally and have won their last four contests, putting them at 8-6 for the 2019-20 season. Junior Natalia Ros Vaquer leads the Cyclones to a No. 12 rank on the uneven bars, earning a season-high with 9.950.

The tight race between the two in-state rivals last season resulted in a 196.275-196.250 loss for the Hawkeyes in Iowa City, yet multiple season and career bests took place during that competition for Iowa.

After Iowa State, the GymHawks stay at home March 8 and host the Big 12’s West Virginia in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in the afternoon.

The No. 31 Mountaineers are ranked 26th on floor, averaging 49.047 on the event as a team and tallying individual 9.900s over this season.

West Virginia won its last match up against Rutgers last week with a team 196.425 — its best of the season — and completing a winning season thus far with an 11-7 record. The Mountaineers are led by senior Chloe Cluchey on floor (9.925) and sophomore Esperanza Abarca on beam and bars (9.900).

Iowa’s last competition was at the Big Five Meet, hosted by the Big Ten Conference in Toledo, Ohio, which resulted in a disappointing fourth place finish on day one. The Hawkeyes completed a team 195.725, with outstanding performances by Lauren Guerin

on floor (9.875) and Bridget Killian on beam and vault (9.800 and 9.875).

Next week, the women host Western Michigan for Senior Night March 13, while the men host No. 2 Michigan at home in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 15.

IOWA GYMNASTICS INFO

What: Men vs. Ohio State, Women vs. Iowa State
When: Men – Saturday, 1 p.m. Women – Tonight, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Men – Columbus, Ohio, Women – Ames, Iowa
TV: N/A



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa’s all-around Bennet Huang performs his floor routine during a gymnastics meet at Carver Hawkeye Arena against Minnesota and the University of Illinois at Chicago on Feb 1. The Hawkeyes won with a final team score of 400.00. Huang earned a score of 14.000.

BASEBALL

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tinue to produce.

The Hawkeyes’ roster currently boasts three players hitting above .300 (minimum 20 at bats), with two more hitting at least .275.

This weekend marks an opportune time for the Hawkeyes who haven’t found their groove to do so.

Western Michigan’s pitching staff holds a combined 6.73 ERA, while Georgetown sits at 6.66. Army rounds the group out with the best number, but it still sits at 5.76.

Highlighted by Duke’s 0.75 ERA, North Carolina State, North Carolina, and the Blue Devils all entered last week’s tournament with a team ERA of 1.75 or better.

If Iowa can find its offense against teams of that caliber,

all bets are off for what it can accomplish this weekend.

“I think we’re going to take it one game at a time like we’ve been doing,” infielder Brendan Sher said. “I think we’ve been doing a good job lately of just playing every pitch. Every guy has been having good at bats, good pitches. We’re going to do the same there.”

Iowa could stand to improve on the mound, however.

Friday starter Jack Dreyer gave up five runs on four hits in three innings of work last week. Although it came against a top-10 team, the Hawkeyes’ matchup against Western Michigan could go a long way for the sophomore.

After starting last season, Cam Baumann has struggled coming out of the bullpen this year. The junior from Fairfield, Iowa, holds a 16.88 ERA after giving up five earned runs in 2.2 innings scattered

across three appearances.

So far, the unit has found a stabilizing force in Grant Judkins.

Judkins enters the weekend with a 2-0 record and a 2.65 ERA. He’s also punched out 17 batters in 17 innings on the bump.

Iowa’s first chance to carry its momentum over comes against Western Michigan today at 2 p.m. in Port Charlotte, Florida.

IOWA BASEBALL INFO

What: Snowbird Baseball Classic – Western Michigan, Georgetown, Army
When: Friday-March 8
Where: Port Charlotte, Florida
TV: FloLive (subscription needed)

DOUBLE-BYE

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for the Hawkeyes.

“It’s definitely in the back of our minds,” Iowa forward Joe Wieskamp said. “Getting that double bye would be huge for us. Every team in the Big Ten wants that — it’s just a huge advantage. Saves your legs a little bit, and it moves you that much farther into the tournament. So we’re definitely playing for that.”

The Hawkeyes take on the Fighting Illini after having previously beat them Feb. 2 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Words were exchanged in the postgame handshake line after Iowa’s 72-65 win, so both teams are likely anxious to get back on the court this time around.

The biggest challenge

for Iowa, however, may be rebounding from a disappointing loss on Senior Night to Purdue.

“Obviously we kind of knew the potential of the end of the season,” Wieskamp said. “We can just look forward, focus on the next game, and play as well as we can against Illinois. Then we can carry that into the Big Ten Tournament, then the NCAA Tournament. We want to win this game and finish the regular season strong.”

This time around, Iowa faces off against Illinois without the home-court advantage. The Hawkeyes went 9-1 in the Big Ten this season at Carver. Now, Iowa will be tasked with something that will be key down the rest of the season’s final stretch — winning away from home.

Iowa is 4-6 on the road

this season and 2-2 in neutral site games. Those marks will need to be included for Hawkeye postseason success.

“No more home games,” Iowa forward Ryan Kriener said. “Everything is gonna be a battle now. We’re playing for keeps the rest of the way.”

Iowa tips off against Illinois at 6 p.m. Sunday with Big Ten seeding on the line.

IOWA-ILLINOIS INFO

What: Iowa vs. Illinois
When: March 8, 6 p.m.
Where: Champaign, Illinois
TV: Big Ten Network

Tennis to compete in 3 matches this weekend

Men's tennis will welcome non-conference foes to Iowa City this weekend while the women open conference play in East Lansing against the Spartans.

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After the men's tennis team opened Big Ten play with a resounding 5-2 win over the rival Cornhuskers Feb. 29 at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center, the Iowa women get their first taste of conference competition March 8 when they travel to East Lansing to battle the Spartans.

Coming on the heels of a methodical 7-0 win over Northern Iowa on Feb. 29 at the HTRC —where the team didn't drop a single set — the women's squad is ready to take on Michigan State.

"It's big. It's good confidence boost for everyone to be able to finish all the matches and go 7-0 today," senior Elise van Heuvelen Treadwell — who didn't even drop a game in her match — said following the win. "We've still got to learn from a couple things from today and just really get after it for Big Tens. I know we're going on a stretch on the road, so we've got to be ready for that."

The three-match road stretch — that won't see

the Hawkeyes back on their home courts until March 22 — includes Big Ten contests against Michigan State, Purdue, and Indiana.

The Hawkeyes enter conference competition with a 5-6 record this spring but have won three of their last four meets.

On March 8, Iowa will face an 8-4 Spartan team that was on a six-match win streak before it ran into the buzz saw that is the 13th-ranked Princeton Tigers. Michigan State failed to get on the board, falling 7-0 to the Ivy League powerhouse.

Another Ivy League juggernaut will come to Iowa City this weekend.

After the Hawkeye men host Louisville at 5 p.m. Friday, the Cornell Bears will come to town for a showdown between nationally ranked teams.

In the most recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, released on March 3, Iowa is ranked 28th in the country while Cornell sits at 16th nationally.

Cornell leads the all-time series with Iowa 4-1 and the Hawkeyes have only faced

Louisville twice but are 2-0 versus the Cardinals.

The Big Red will enter the weekend 7-1 overall and 33-5 in singles matches this year, and they will face Drake in Des Moines before coming to Iowa City. Louisville is 9-4 this spring.

Iowa's men are riding a three-match win streak and are 10-2 on the year.

"This is kind of how we planned our schedule," head coach Ross Wilson said. "We were hoping to be 9-3, 10-2 going into this big weekend. Obviously, we know that Cornell is one of the top teams in the Ivy League, top-20 team in the country. And Louisville, coming from the ACC, a lot of good teams there so the guys are really confident."

"I think we've played really, really well in the doubles here the last few weeks and been able to pull off some singles wins in all six spots, so we couldn't ask to be in a better spot confidence-wise. The guys are motivated, and the guys are really ready to give their best effort here on Friday night."



Iowa's Elise van Heuvelen Treadwell serves during a women's tennis match between Iowa and Kansas State at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex on Feb. 23.



Iowa's Michelle Bacalla hits a backhand during a women's tennis match between Iowa and Kansas State at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex on Feb. 23.

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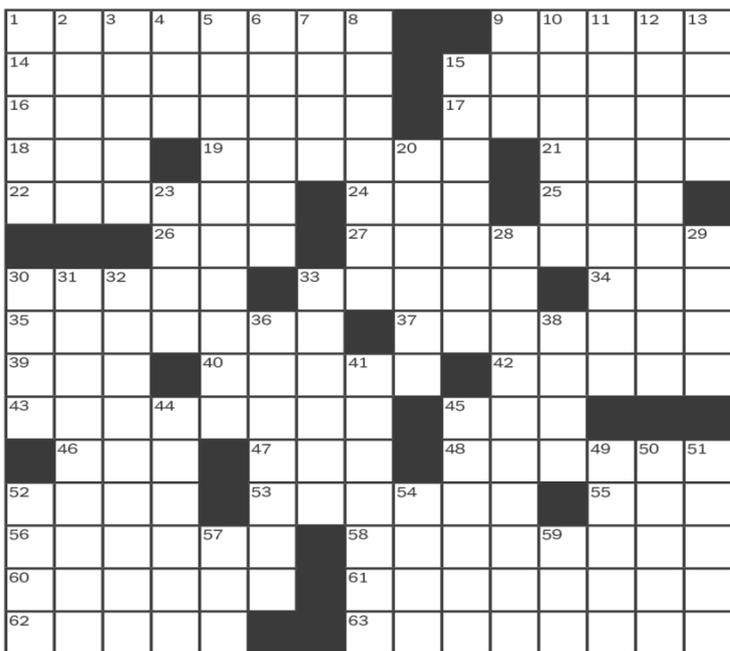
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BIG TENS
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ty well the next couple of games, and I'm hoping that trend holds true here."

Though the Big Ten is a competitive conference, the Hawkeyes have had success against the top teams on their schedule. The Hawkeyes split their games against the tournament's No. 1 seed Maryland, winning 66-61 at home Jan. 9 and losing 93-59 on the road Feb. 13.

The No. 2 seed, Northwestern, was demolished by the Hawkeyes Jan. 5 in Evanston, 77-51. The No. 4 seed, Indiana, took the Hawkeyes into overtime but lost to Iowa on Jan. 12, 91-85.

"This team has worked so hard, and we proved that

we can really hang with anybody in the Big Ten," senior guard Makenzie Meyer said. "So, it's going to be a fun, competitive tournament."

With the unpredictability of a tournament setting, the Hawkeyes are prepared to go up against any team that comes their way.

"I mean, we know to prepare for the first two days," senior guard Kathleen Doyle said. "And then we kind of let the coaches [prepare], and they figure it all out, and they're really good at that. They're super experienced, and we just take it game by game as players and let the coaches worry about the scenarios."

Taking it game by game will also mean taking it day by day for the players, because if they go to the cham-

ampionship game, they will have to play three games in three days.

"It's taxing, and you have to be mentally and physically prepared every single day and it takes a lot of grit," Doyle said. "So, I think that resilience is going to be essential to having a successful weekend."

According to the NCAA Women's Basketball Selection committee March 2, the Hawkeyes are currently the 13th overall team in the NCAA Tournament, meaning they are a No. 4 seed. The top 16 teams host the first and second rounds of the tournament.

The performance the Hawkeyes have in the Big Ten Tournament will probably not have a drastic impact on the seed they get in the NCAA Selection Committee, but it could easily determine whether they get a chance to play home games or not.

"I think a good showing in the Big Ten will definitely help us," Bluder said. "I don't want to put a whole lot of pressure on the team about the whole Ohio State [a possible opponent on Friday] game. I think that's not really that good [of] a thing to do. I would hope that the NCAA Selection Committee would look at the body of our work over 29 games and not just focus on the Big Ten Tournament."

"I think a good showing in the Big Ten Tournament could even get us up to a two seed."

WRESTLING
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Now, the man appropriately nicknamed "The Bull" is gunning for his second straight Big Ten title.

"I think [the key to repeating] is just going in there, having fun, trusting my coaches, listening to them," Marinelli said. "This week is crucial. I've got the best teammates, best coaching staff, and when I trust them and wrestle how I wrestle, good things will happen."

While a second Big Ten Championship is certainly a goal for Marinelli, it is not his broadest aspiration for this weekend's event.

"This year, we've got another chance [to win a Big Ten team title]. Let's not let it slip out of our hands," Marinelli said. "Going into this tournament, we have a lot of opportunities. I heard some things about the seeds. I don't really care about the seeds. The seeds don't matter as long as we're on the top of the podium at the end. This is our year. This is it."

Head coach Tom Brands is buying into Marinelli's championship ideology, as well, firmly believing big things lie ahead for his Hawkeyes.

"I think that our best wrestling is ahead of us," Brands said. "I think that's always how you operate. There's a lot of reasons to perform now. I think you're going to see your opponents' best foot forward."

A great deal of adversity stands between the Hawkeyes and the first-place podium, but

that isn't fazing the nation's No. 1 team.

"When you're number one, they want to beat the number one," Marinelli said. "That doesn't mean we just go out there and expect to win and to blow them all out. We got to respect our opponents. You can expect to win but in a humble way. You got to go in there, respect your opponents, and expect for the guy to fight you. That target on your back is great."

Reigning national champion Spencer Lee is embracing the target that is on the Hawkeyes' backs. Lee will head to New Jersey looking to pair a Big Ten title to his two national victories.

"I want the target on our back every single time," Lee said. "Each individual has to do their job for the team to win. It's a team sport, but it's also an individual sport. If I've got the target on my back, I'm doing a good job. I'm doing the right

thing. I got to go out and do my job. Every single person on this team, if they do their job, we're going to be Big Ten champs."

The Hawkeyes' confidence and success has largely been a byproduct of their unique team chemistry.

"If all of your brothers are going in the same direction, it's easier to get to one place," Marinelli said. "You've got an army. You want to have your brothers alongside you. This camaraderie is what you want. People are jealous of the friendship or whatever we got. It's something that's rare and helps the team."

The time for talk is coming to an end, and the Hawkeyes are ready to hit the mat. The 2020 Big Tournament is held March 7-8 in Piscataway, New Jersey.

"Throw records out the window," Marinelli said. "It's game time. This is Big Tens. This is what we live for. This is what Iowa wrestling thrives off of and fans love."



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Makenzie Meyer protects the ball during a women's basketball game between Iowa and Minnesota on Feb. 27 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



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Iowa's 174-pound Michael Kemerer grapples with Oklahoma State's Joe Smith during a wrestling dual meet between No. 1 Iowa and No. 9 Oklahoma State on Feb. 23 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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Follow the *DI*'s coverage of Big Tens

The *Daily Iowan* will have reporters on location in Indianapolis and Piscataway for the women's basketball and wrestling Big Ten Championships.

Follow along at dailyiowan.com for updated coverage from both events, and follow the *DI* on Twitter @TheDailyIowan and the *DI* sports account @DISportsDesk.

The Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament begins for Iowa tonight 25 minutes after the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. game. The Big Ten Wrestling Tournament begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and concludes with the final session, which begins at 2:30 p.m. on March 8.

DI Go to daily-iowan.com for coverage.

Garza named Naismith Trophy Semifinalist

Iowa junior center Luka Garza was named as one of 10 semifinalists for the Naismith Trophy on Thursday. The award is presented annually to the most outstanding player who achieves tremendous on-court success.

Garza is one of two players in the country — and the only player from a major conference — to average better than 23 points and nine rebounds per game. The Washington, D.C., native

has led the Big Ten in scoring since November and surpassed 700 points on March 3 to break Iowa's 50-year old single-season scoring record.

Garza has scored 20 or more points in a school-record 15 straight Big Ten games, the longest such streak by any player in the Big Ten since Purdue's Glenn Robinson (15 in 1994).

Finalists for the trophy will be revealed on March 17, and the winner will be announced April 5 at the Naismith Awards Brunch in Atlanta.

USRowing tabs Iowa, Carter for U23 National Team

The University of Iowa has been named as the selection and training site for the 2020 U23 National Women's Team, and Iowa head coach Andrew Carter will serve as head coach, USRowing announced.

"I'm very pleased that we've been asked to host the U23 Women's Program," Carter said in a release. "I know everyone here at the university and in the community will do everything they can to support the program this summer. I'm looking forward to working with Brett, Liz, and all of the outstanding athletes as we prepare for a great World Championships."

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NAISMITH TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

- Udoka Azubuike, Kansas
- Vernon Carey, Duke
- Devon Dotson, Kansas
- Malachi Flynn, San Diego State
- Luka Garza, Iowa
- Markus Howard, Marquette
- Myles Powell, Seton Hall
- Payton Pritchard, Oregon
- Jalen Smith, Maryland
- Obi Toppin, Dayton

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's game time. This is Big Tens. This is what we live for."

Iowa 165-pounder Alex Marinelli on the Big Ten Championships

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa wrestling is seeking its first Big Ten Championship since

2014-15

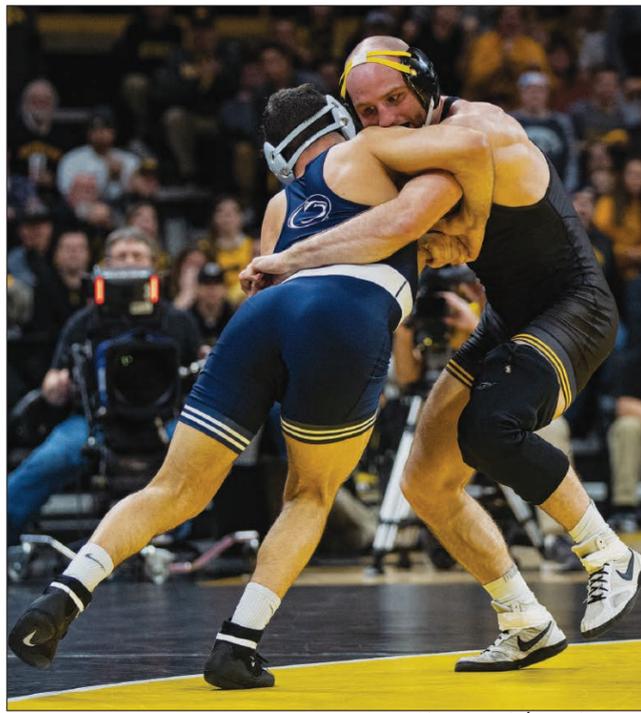
when it tied for the top spot.

Bound for Big Tens



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Kathleen Doyle dodges opponents during a women's basketball game between Iowa and Minnesota on Feb. 27 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's 165-pound Alex Marinelli wrestles Penn State's Vincenzo Joseph during a wrestling dual meet between No. 1 Iowa and No. 2 Penn State on Jan. 31 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

With final positioning in the NCAA Tournament on the line, the Hawkeyes feel like they can take down anyone in the Big Ten Tournament.

BY ISAAC GOFFIN
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When the Hawkeyes take the floor tonight for the Big Ten Tournament, they want to start with a clean slate after their last performance.

Iowa will begin play in the quarterfinals, and they want to avenge their March 1 overtime loss at Rutgers.

"I don't think we played up to our potential in that game," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "And what we've done in the past is, when we haven't played well or played up to our potential, we bounce back and play pret-

SEE BIG TENS, 7

After a 13-0 regular season, Iowa wrestling is now kickstarting its postseason push at the Big Ten Championships.

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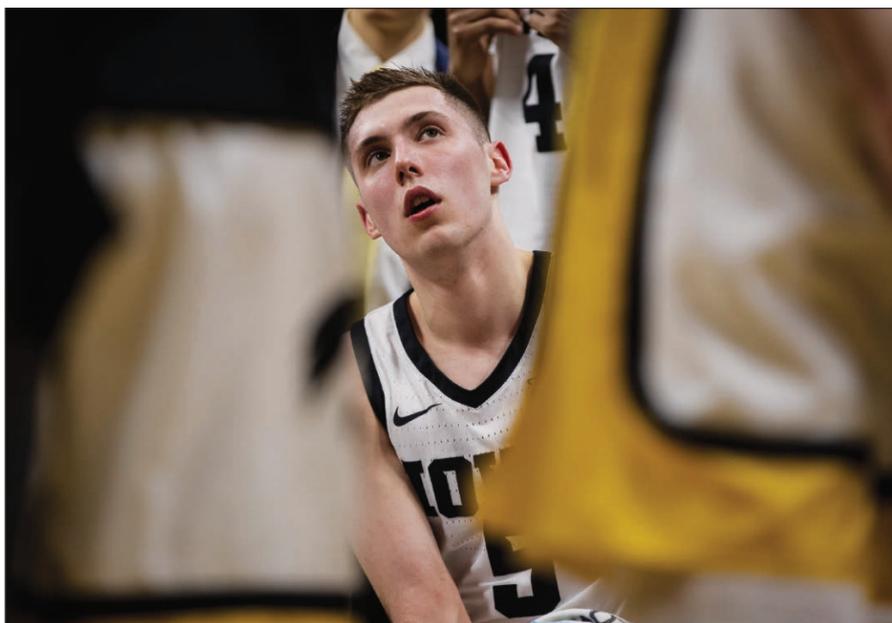
All-American Alex Marinelli has never been one to shy away from the grandest stages in wrestling. The brighter the lights, the better the 165-pounder seems to get.

Last year's Big Ten Tournament in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was no exception for Marinelli. He was the only Hawkeye to strike gold at last year's tournament. In doing so, Marinelli became Iowa's 200th individual Big Ten Champion.

SEE WRESTLING, 7

Hawkeyes hunting for the double-bye

The Hawkeye men's basketball team faces off against the Illini, and the winner will secure the double-bye in next week's Big Ten Tournament.



Nichole Harris/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard CJ Fredrick listens intently during a timeout during a men's basketball game between Iowa and Penn State on Feb. 29 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BY ROBERT READ
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Hawkeye fans should send thanks Ohio State's way after a clutch performance on Iowa's behalf from the Buckeyes Thursday night.

Ohio State defeated Illinois, 71-63, to preserve Iowa's chances of having a double-bye in next week's Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament.

Iowa faces off against Illinois Sunday in Champagne in a play-in game of sorts to determine which of the two conference foes will finish in the top four of the conference standings to earn the double-bye.

"We think we've played well enough to earn a double bye through the Big Ten season," Iowa guard CJ Fredrick said. "It's something we want.

It's something a lot of teams want. It helps put you into position to win a Big Ten Championship. A double-bye is huge, and that's what we're going to try and get."

Securing a double-bye would be key for Iowa's chances to make a stretch run in the conference tournament. A win on Sunday would mean the Hawkeyes would first tip off at Big Tens on March 13. A loss would have Iowa play a day earlier.

Without a double-bye, Iowa would have to win four games in four days to take home the conference crown. For a team with a lineup that typically only goes eight players deep, the extra time to recover and rest between games would be key

SEE DOUBLE-BYE, 5

Hellerball looking to keep momentum

Coming off three strong victories, Hawkeye baseball wants to keep its foot on the gas in Florida this weekend.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Iowa baseball finds itself heading to Florida this weekend for the second time this season. But this time around, they have a lot more momentum.

The Hawkeyes are coming off back-to-back come-from-behind victories over top-20 programs in North Carolina and Duke, and they dominated Grand View 15-2 in their midweek game on Tuesday.

Now, Western Michigan, Georgetown, and Army stand in the way of Iowa continuing its hot streak.

"We really feel like our team took a big step forward this weekend," said Iowa head coach Rick Heller, who won the 900th game of his career Tuesday. "We were able to play three straight games with great focus and good intensity — no pressure."

The Hawkeyes have continued to grow throughout the young season.

After going 1-2 in its second tournament of the year and falling to No. 8 North Carolina State last week, Iowa battled back to down the Tar Heels and Blue Devils.

That's a key for Heller's squad. In recent years, Iowa has picked up big series wins throughout the season in and out of conference. Then, it fell off the map in May.

It doesn't want to go through the roller coaster type of season again.

Heller said his team doesn't need to go through the peaks and valleys. Instead, he wants it to keep playing like it is while continuing to grow.

That'll be much easier to do if Iowa's bats con-

SEE BASEBALL, 5