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News To Know

Some concern remains looking at football numbers

After a victory for Iowa football, there is still cause for concern when looking at the team on paper. The Hawkeyes allowed Illinois to put up 446 yards in Kinnick, well above the Illini's per-game average. **Sports, 8**

Debate continues on zoning for animal operations

Community members expressed their opinions on concentrated animal feeding operations at a listening post held by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. Many called for a ban on the farming practice, calling it cruel and hazardous, while others, including farmers, advocated for it. **News, 2**

Puerto Rico gets a helping hand from Iowans

Local organizations are boosting their efforts to support those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. "I think we've gotten a great response from everyone," Ph.D. candidate Reinaldo Franqui Machin said. "I've been trying to work hard, because Latinos are a minority in Iowa, so it's hard to get going sometimes." **News, 3**

Mid-season report: Halfway through the football season, the offensive line is



still having trouble getting into its groove. The lineup has seen a lot of shifting as key players have sustained tough injuries. "I think we definitely took a step forward," senior lineman Sean Welsh said. "But there's certainly room for improvement, everywhere, all five spots. There's a lot that we can do better fundamentally." **Sports, 8**

Gendered violence receives attention

A conference on gendered violence public policies discussed gendered violence policies from a local to an international perspective, with particular focus on how state budget cuts and policies have caused the reduction in programs for victims and survivors in Iowa. **News, 3**

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Cloudy, windy, 70% chance of rain/1-storms.

Tip from UISG: Looks like it might rain today! Head over to the IMU Welcome Desk to rent an umbrella, free for students, for 24 hours.

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Locals rally for Indigenous Peoples Day

The Native American Student Association held a rally on the Pentacrest on Monday afternoon in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day.



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Crowd members hold signs during a rally for Indigenous Peoples Day on the Pentacrest on Monday. Mayor Jim Throgmorton signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 9 to be Indigenous Peoples Day.

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Members of the Native American Student Association stood in solidarity for the rights of indigenous people during a rally Monday afternoon on the Pentacrest.

In celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day, speakers representing various Native American nations presented prayer, speeches, and poetry from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The second Monday in October has been known as Columbus Day in the United States since 1970, but Monday's rally sought to reflect on the indigenous people who have suffered as a result of colonialism. The rally also provided awareness for current issues affecting indigenous people and offered words of hope for the future.

Speeches at the rally discussed the importance of Indigenous Peoples Day for commemorating the history of the oppression of indigenous people while providing cultural opportunities and awareness.

"With Indigenous Peoples Day we're talking about a culture that's still thriving; we're celebrating," Native American Association President Xiomara Santana

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UISG ponders equipment rentals

UISG aims to supply outdoor recreational equipment for students to check out from the IMU later this semester.



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The IMU glows in the evening on Monday.

BY SARAH WATSON
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The University of Iowa Student Government plans to supply recreational equipment for students to check out for free from the IMU.

A Facebook survey posted Oct. 3 invited students to check which of 12 equipment options they would like to use. A few options included footballs, soccer balls, and Frisbees, said UISG Director of Student Services Kyle

Scheer, but by far the most popular option was hammocks.

Students will be able to check out equipment for 24 hours from the IMU welcome

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ICE-y reception needs communication

Greater conversation between DREAMERS and the UI called for, students say.

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Following a recent scare for some students at the sight of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement vehicles, more conversation between the University of Iowa and DACA students has been called for.



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having.

The confusion in part, he said, lies in the lack of communication between the UI and its students who may feel threatened by seeing border patrol.

"The issue is not that ICE was here," Martinez said. "The issue is about miscommunication and how [not telling students] isn't seen as an issue."

Main concerns from students were not about themselves, he said, but what could potentially happen to their parents and families.

Following the incident, the UI released a statement in response to concerns about seeing ICE vehicles, explaining border patrol was here along with other government agencies for the Job and Internship Fair.

"The organization participated to build awareness for career opportunities with-

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said. “We also hope to bring attention to the disparities that happen in the community.”

Since the day’s origin, there has been a nationwide trend of cities renaming Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day. On Oct. 3, the Iowa City City Council signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 9 Indigenous Peoples Day.

“It didn’t hit me until the very end when Jessica Owens and I had the document in our hands,” Santana said. “It really means a lot that all of you stand with us in getting that recognized and

accepting that Indigenous Peoples Day needs to happen. It’s important for all of us, not just indigenous people, to recognize the history — the real history — of the United States.”

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors also voted to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on Oct. 3. The county proclamation was read aloud during the rally to cheers.

Part of the proclamation read, “Whereas Johnson County recognizes the genocide and opposes the systematic racism that is practiced toward indigenous peoples in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbates disproportionate negative health

education outcomes, and weakens social stability.”

Adriana Peterson, the Native American constituency senator in the University of Iowa Student Government, proposed her resolution to UISG on Oct. 3 to support the holiday. In her speech at the rally, she said the resolution passed with a 98 percent vote.

“We still have the city of North Liberty, the city of Coralville, and the state of Iowa,” Native American Association adviser Tracy Peterson said during the rally. “In passing this resolution at City Council, [Rep. David Jacoby] made some comments to some of our student leaders here that said he was going to consult with them and write a reso-

lution for the state of Iowa — which is huge.”

On Thursday, the Native American Association will hold an Indigenous Peoples Week feast at 6:30 p.m. at the Latino and Native American Cultural Center. The student organization is also working to promote the Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women online awareness campaign.

UI grad student Cinnamon Spear led a prayer at the rally.

“I think celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day means celebrating being a good human being and knowing to treat each other well despite all of this adversity,” she said. “It means having love in your heart and interacting that way every day.”

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desk, similar to services already in place at the IMU where students can check out phone chargers and umbrellas for no charge.

Scheer said he hopes to get the initiative completed by the end of the month, and at the very latest, by the end of the semester.

Currently, no UI recreation facility allows students to check out outdoor recreation equipment for free.

“Right now, our policy is that all of our equipment is indoor only,” said Shea McMurray, assistant director of facility operations for Recreational Services.

Out of 155 responses, about 80 percent of participants would be interested in checking out a hammock said Scheer.

“I would definitely use hammocks, especially on the Pentacrest,” freshman Sarah Schade said. “Because hammocks are expensive, you don’t want to buy it and use it once. You’d be able to rent it and see if you like it.”

Hammocks are sold by three major emerging companies, ENO, Kammock, and Grand Trunk, at prices anywhere from \$20 to \$150.

Currently, students can hammock using any trees on campus, Wendy Moorehead, the UI Facilities Management strategic communications manager, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

“We haven’t seen any ev-

idence of tree damage from this use and as long as that continues to be the case, we are fine with it,” Moorehead wrote in the email.

The idea originally came about when Scheer studied abroad in Tilburg University in the Netherlands over the summer, which had implemented a similar program.

“I knew that the Pentacrest and Hubbard Park were being underutilized in terms of using it for recreational activities,” Scheer said. “I know I always find a little joy in seeing people throwing around a Frisbee.”

UISG Sen. and project organizer Abby Simon said that the UISG team had looked at other schools across the country and drew inspiration from the Uni-

versity of Utah, which allows students to rent such equipment as Frisbees, basketballs, and soccer balls for a charge. One difference in the program planned by UISG, will be that the equipment checkout will be free for students.

Embedded in tuition, each undergraduate student pays \$36 in activities fees, and UISG plans to use some of that funding to pay for recreational equipment. Simon said that the team has sent the funding proposal to be approved by the president and vice president of UISG, and will hopefully implement the service at the very latest by the end of the semester.

“We are planning not to go over \$1,500,” Scheer said. “We want to make

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in the agency, not for enforcement reasons,” the statement said. “As a unit within the federal government, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection meets all university guidelines to attend the fair and recruit students interested in pursuing careers with the

agency.”

Earlier this month, the UI Staff Council released a statement saying the university fully supports and stands with students affected by the DACA repeal, aiming to create a welcoming environment to students.

“At its core, the University of Iowa is its people: students, staff, and faculty guided by the values of community, inclusion, and re-

spect,” the statement said.

Surrounding the DACA conversation, Martinez said, it’s disappointing the UI let the presence of ICE fall through the cracks.

Hawkeyes for Dream Iowa began as a way to give a voice to DREAMERS and tackle issues that are difficult to work on, he said. Since DACA’s repeal, he said, the organization became an outlet for DACA, organizing a successful rally

following the repeal.

An engaged and activated community sprang from Hawkeyes for Dream, Martinez said, resulting in group chats for those involved with the organization and its message. On the day of the Job Fair, he said, hundreds of concerned, confused messages came in, as no one knew what was going on with the ICE vehicles.

The issue of not knowing

what ICE is doing in Iowa City does not lie in the job and services ICE provides, Martinez said, because the agency does do good things, such as stopping drug crimes. Instead, he said, the UI should acknowledge ICE vehicles could cause fear to some of their student population.

These issues should be put at the forefront of conversations to students, Martinez said. DREAMERS face

very prevalent issues, he said, and the UI needs have open conversations and address all potential concerns to DREAMERS.

“Nineteen-year-olds with parents from West Branch should not have to be worried about border patrol moving from a career fair to making arrests,” Martinez said. “Students should not have to be worried about their parents or their livelihood.”

County sparks debate regarding CAFOs

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors hosted a community post for community members to express their opinions on the Johnson County Comprehensive Plan, and many of these comments regarded the issue of CAFOs.

BY PAIGE SCHLICHTÉ
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A listening post hosted by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors on Monday evening allowed community members to voice their opinions and concerns regarding Johnson County’s Comprehensive Plan, which is still in the draft stage.

Much of this discussion focused on the county’s support for a moratorium on concentrated animal feeding operations in the area.

Johnson County Supervisor Mike Carberry said the construction of large-scale farms is regulated at the state level, so the county itself cannot mandate that none are built in Johnson County, but the language in the comprehensive plan encourages a moratorium on the confinements.

Members of advocacy groups such as 100 Granies, as well other community members who have been affected by the operations, spoke at the meeting. Iowa City resident Aaron Silander described the dangers she felt the operations pose to the quality of the air, soil, and water because of the waste they produce.

Silander said they no longer eat meat in her household because they find the practices of industrial farming to be unbearably cruel.

“Animal-feeding operations produce an enormous amount of waste, almost more than we have the capacity to handle,” Silander said. “While I can’t say for certain CAFOs waste is the cause of the air-quality problems in my neighborhood, I can’t imagine what it must be like for families that live near them.”

The question of air, water, and soil pollution by the operations also has raised concern about the health implications of the confinements on humans.

Paul Pomrehn, a retired physician who used to work at what is now the UI College of Public Health, called for the farms to be regulated as hazardous.

“Because of the health issues associated with them, I think we really need to think of these more as factories than as farms,” Pomrehn said.

Other speakers were worried about the health and well-being of the animals in operations. Solon resident Lynn Gallagher spoke extensively of the treatment of animals.

“With the industrial model, animal science has replaced animal husbandry, and productivity has become priority,” Gallagher said.

John Ikerd, a professor emeritus of agricultural & applied economics at the



Supervisors Mike Carberry, Kurt Friese, Janelle Rettig, and Lisa Green-Douglass listen to public comment during a county Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday.

University of Missouri, called for a moratorium on industrial farms so members of the public can inform themselves.

“CAFOs could mean the end of agriculture, especially when independent farmers are driven out by these

confinements,” Ikerd said. Farmers were also present at the meeting, and they discussed benefits of the operations.

Nancy Stach, a farmer in West Branch and part of a farm family that owns and operates large-scale farms,

argued that diversity in agriculture should be celebrated. She said it is better to use all methods of farming and not just one.

“New technology, including CAFOs, help farmers, but they are often met with skepticism and criticism,” Stach said. “We

live in a diverse community with diverse types of people and diverse types of farming. It doesn’t make sense to limit farming to one type of practice to exclude or alienate the others. One type of farming can’t feed the world, one type of crop can’t feed the world.”

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Gendered violence takes center stage

A public policy conference took aim at gendered-violence policies from a local to an international scale, with focus on how these policies have changed in Iowa and how these changes affect victims.

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In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Public Policy Center hosted a daylong conference on gendered violence to discuss domestic-violence policies from a local to an international level, with a focus on the recent changes in Iowa's policies.

Tracy Osborn, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science, is the director of the Public Policy Center's Politics and Policy section and the organizer of the conference.

"I served on the Domestic Violence Intervention Program's board for several years, and during that time the state went through a policy transition and changed the way they fund shelters for domestic-violence victims," Osborn said. "I found the transition interesting and wanted to highlight what the key problem are for policy attention and offer that information to the public."

DVIP Director Kristie Doser, who served as a panelist at the conference, focused on how domestic-violence services have been chipped away

since she joined DVIP in 1986.

"In 1986, there were 37 domestic-violence and sexual-assault programs in Iowa, and as of now there are 18," Doser said. "The domestic-violence shelters in the state were also cut from 26 to eight."

DVIP serves eight counties in southeastern Iowa. Doser said DVIP serves between 300 and 350 men, women, and children in the emergency shelters every year. The lower number of shelters coupled with Iowa City's affordable-housing crisis creates even more danger in the area of domestic violence.

"We are in a space, particularly in Johnson County, where getting housing is difficult, especially if you have struggled economically," Doser said. "If you add in the barriers domestic violence brings, many of the victims don't have the resources or the physical options to leave the violent household, so they are forced to go back. It literally puts them in danger."

The state of Iowa has also cut victim services funding by 26 percent this past year, Doser said. This jeopardizes federal funding due to what is called "match dollars," in which federal



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Keynote speaker Sarah Super addresses guests during a gendered violence conference in hotelVetro on Monday. Super founded Break the Silence, a platform on which victims of sexual violence may share stories.

organizations require a certain amount of their donations be met by state and local funds before they will award a grant.

"The question for me is, if you are not willing to take care of victims of violent crime, what does that say about you as a state?" Doser said.

The conference's keynote speaker, Sarah Super, founded a platform called Break the Silence in which victims of sexual violence can publicly share their stories to end rape culture and hold perpetrators accountable. Super said she was inspired to create this

platform following her own experience with sexual assault in 2015, in which she was raped by an ex-boyfriend.

"I chose to publicly identify myself as the victim of the crime six months afterwards because I felt like it was an opportunity for the community

to learn about this pervasive issue," Super said. "I want to work to eliminate the stigma that comes with surviving sexual violence. Survivors surround all of us, and I watched how by telling my story, I unconsciously gave other people permission to tell theirs."

Locals rally around aid to Puerto Rico

Despite national resources moving slowly for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, organizations in the Iowa City community are ramping up efforts to help those in need.

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Since Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, millions of dollars in damage has been done, and a majority of the island's residents remain without power and clean water.

President Trump, whose response to the hurricane and allocation of federal funds has been criticized by Democrats and members of the Puerto Rican community, assures people that response workers' efforts have been "nothing short of a miracle."

Regardless, organizations in the Iowa City community are increasing their efforts to help those in need.

Shakoora Sabree, a University of Iowa medical student training program trainee, said the Global Medicine Society in the Carver College of Medicine put together a new group, called the Humanitarian and Emergency Response Team.

The group's first task: allocate resources to Puerto Rico.

The group will host an event today at 5:30 p.m. in 1289 Carver Biomedical Research Building titled "Puerto Rico: How Climate Change Has Impacted Our Fellow Americans," which will feature guest speakers who have connections to Puerto Rico and a screening of Al

Gore's documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*.

While this is the first disaster the Humanitarian and Emergency Response Team has responded to, Sabree said it won't be the last.

"After this event, we are going to be monitoring the news and responding to different emergencies," she said.

Reinaldo Franqui Machin, a UI Ph.D. candidate in molecular medicine, said he is "concerned how President Trump has reacted to Puerto Rico."

Franqui Machin is the co-president of the Latina/o Graduate Student Association and Association of Multicultural Scientists.

Franqui Machin, along with locals and members of the Puerto Rican community, raised money for victims on Oct. 6 at Caliente Night Club, located on 171 Highway 1, with "Unidos Por Puerto Rico" (United for Puerto Rico).

Caliente charged a \$10 cover, with all of the proceeds going to hurricane relief. The event, Franqui Machin said, raised \$2,460.

He said aid is desperately needed in Puerto Rico. Despite the death toll estimate ranging around 34, he said, there are unconfirmed estimates in the hundreds because of poor medical care.

"They had to close down a hospital because it smelled like a morgue," Franqui Machin said.

Despite these reports, he said, he has been pleased with Iowa City's reaction so far.

"I think we've gotten a great response from everyone," Franqui Machin said. "I've been trying to work hard, because Latinos are a minority in Iowa, so it's hard to get going sometimes."

Wilbeth Lugo-Morales, a doctoral candidate in psy-

chology, iterated Franqui Machin's reaction.

"I think people really care about the situation," Lugo-Morales said.

She said she would like to reinforce that there are

Puerto Ricans in the Iowa City area and hearing their accounts is important.

She also said she is grateful for all the Iowa City community is doing for those affected by Hurricane Maria.

Franqui Machin said there is much work to be done still, however.

"I would not be surprised if people are still without power in two to three months," he said.

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Honor kneels, politics walks

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So on Sunday, Our Great Leader's sidekick, VP Mike Pence, attended an NFL game in Indianapolis in the White House's continuing quest to defend the honor of America wherever it might be found.

Now, you might find the honor of America in locales other than an NFL game, but that could be just you. This is a diverse country, and people find the honor of America in diverse places. Even an NFL game in Indianapolis.

And Indianapolis makes some sense; Pence used to be the governor of Indiana, whose capital is Indianapolis, so Pence probably knows how to get to the stadium.

And if not, there's always the Secret Service.

So here we are, one big happy family what with Pence and the entourage in attendance, the national anthem comes on, Pence and entourage stand, and, as predictable as a sunrise, some members of the San Francisco 49ers kneel. (Yes, the 49ers were in town to face the hometown Colts. Yes, the 49ers protest racial discrimination by kneeling. Gee, whiz.)

I mean, the national-anthem protests started with the 49ers last season. Whatever.

Pence is insulted, so he and his entourage leave to fly to LA. So that was apparently a five-minute sojourn to defend the honor of America.

Pence, of course, had some remarks later about dishonoring the flag and dishonoring the national anthem and how the Trumpster administration won't stand for it. Pence, of course, was actually standing at the time, but details, details.

Maybe it's just me, but I fail to see how kneeling during the national anthem is dishonor-

ing anything. The flag is not America, it's a scrap of brightly colored cloth. Probably made in China. The national anthem was cribbed from an English drinking song. A drinking song written for a private men's club in London celebrating a bawdy Ancient Greek poet. Honor?

Instead, the administration puts on a brief PR move that does nothing but toss some filet mignon to the Trumpster's base. Which the base probably won't touch because filet mignon is a French term.

And the cost of the PR move? According to FiveThirtyEight, \$242,500 for the taxpayers. Pence flew on a C-32 from Vegas to Indianapolis, then there was the brief honorable moment at the Colts' game, then they flew the C-32 from Indianapolis to LA. Part of the LA flight, FiveThirtyEight notes, will be paid by the RNC because the LA appearance involved a "political event."

Wait a minute. A "political event" in LA? Political events, at least generally, are planned some time in advance. So somebody in the know knew that the Pence so-



Many of the Buffalo Bill players kneel on the sidelines for the national anthem before the game with the Atlanta Falcons in the land of the free on Oct. 1, in Atlanta.

journal in Indianapolis was going to be brief, very brief. And now the Indianapolis moment seems more and more like a PR event. A \$200K PR event.

This is why honor is so hard to find these days: It gets so twisted around in order to make political points that we are left with the shoddy remains of the day.

Oh, well. At least we'll always have un-public radio. I'm not sure there's any honor there, but it brings us Cub games and Hawkeye games,

so it's got some worth.

Un-public radio, which reportedly has more listeners than does public radio, continually uses the verb "alarm" in a recurring ad in a very confused manner. Of course, if that were the only thing un-public radio did wrong, we would just laugh, shrug, and move on to Nextfix or something. Counting gnats, maybe. It's about the same thing.

As in: "You can alarm your house."

I mean, I don't merely alarm

my house. I scare it and frighten it so deeply that it shakes itself off its foundation. Which might be something of a problem if a New Madrid earthquake ever comes along.

It's just a small example. But un-public radio is the sign of the future. And the future will be very un-public, if the Koch brothers and their ilk have their way. And they have the billions and billions of ways.

Which is why we wind up with Indianapolis moments.

COLUMN

Ending the drug war, abolishing free-speech zones

The University of Iowa Young Americans for Liberty looks forward to promoting its message on campus.



MARINA JAIMES

On Oct. 4, students from Young Americans for Liberty hosted a former police chief from Missouri, Larry Kirk. His presentation, "Stop the Drug War: How a failed drug policy has destroyed lives, communities, and culture of policing," offered a commonsense, log-

ical approach to the War on Drugs. Key points during the lecture explained the effect that the drug war has created between communities and police, how a racist system justifies the war, the amount of taxpayer money wasted on victimless crimes, and solutions on reforming the criminal-justice system.

While sitting in on Kirk's lecture, I discovered a whole new set of truths that had not been exposed to me before. For 60 minutes, I was able to sit and listen to facts backed by real statistics and was offered solutions that could shape the future of the criminal-justice system. Kirk's presentation leaned neither left or right and

promoted reform in one of the most controversial areas in American politics. Regardless of ideology, he proved that more time and effort should be placed on this reform in order to move toward a better-functioning society.

Needless to say, this event sparked my interest in the group hosting Kirk, which was the UI Young Americans for Liberty. I was able to sit with its executive board and ask a few questions about what their group hopes to achieve on campus. The executive board, composed of five members, believes that its mission at the UI is to attract liberty-minded individuals who would like to

focus on ending the drug war and abolishing free-speech zones. As a group, the members feel that their primary focus will be reforming free-speech regulations at the UI by adopting the "Chicago Principles."

The "Chicago Principles," created at the University of Chicago in 2012, "ensure all members of the university community have the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, learn, and make clear it is not the proper role of the university to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive."

Students at schools that

have adopted these principles have absolute freedom to say what they wish to say as long as it does not threaten the safety of others without facing punishment from their university. Personally, I believe that a place of higher education should prioritize these principles if all students wish to grow in their beliefs and critical-thinking skills. We cannot claim to be a place in which ideas are free to express while censoring or silencing opinions of those in the minority.

What I saw during Kirk's lecture and in the executive-board meeting was a breath of fresh air. Young Americans for Liberty does not spread a message that is

divisive or polarized, but instead spends time focusing on messages that can unite communities. In a time in which the political atmosphere is extremely hostile, it is important to remind ourselves that groups such as this exist and are easy to find on almost any college campus.

You can find Young Americans for Liberty on campus petitioning for free speech or even with engaging students in events such as signing free-speech balls during the school day. If joining the liberty movement is something you believe would be beneficial for the UI, Young Americans for Liberty at UI meets biweekly in 31 Schaeffer at 6:30 p.m.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

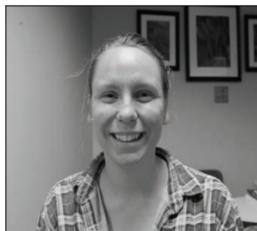
Should employers have to cover birth control?

Earlier this week, the Trump administration rescinded Obamacare's birth-control mandate, making it easier for employers to refuse coverage of birth control in their health-insurance plans. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has cited religious liberty as the reason for this rollback. We asked Hawkeyes the following question: "Should employer-provided health-insurance policies be required to cover birth control?"



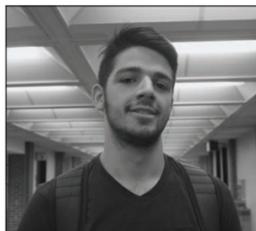
TORI KING
UI sophomore

"Yes, because it's not up to the employers, the right to birth control. I feel like it shouldn't be something that they have to pay for out of pocket."



KRISTINE PINTER
UI senior

"Yes, employers should provide birth control for women because women's health is important."



CONOR HENRY
UI senior

"Yeah, I think it should. I don't see how it's really different than any other kind of medication that health insurance would be required to cover. It's not like it's some kind of weird prescription toothpaste, it's like a real medicine that a lot of women need. I don't see any reason it shouldn't be. It's weird to even ask the question like 'Should they be required to?' Like, why would it be different than anything else?"



SYDNEY BOYSEN
UI sophomore

"I think that it should be provided because I feel like it's like an essential for health care for women preventing kids. It's more than just preventing kids, like with periods and things like that."



JASMINE RAMIREZ
UI sophomore

"I think that employers that provide health insurance should also cover birth control because if other insurance companies still cover Viagra, then women should get the right to have their birth control covered by employers' insurance."

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Birch, though young, leads Hawkeye field hockey

Sophomore Katie Birch is an important player for Iowa field hockey, despite being in only her second year with the program.

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After notching a hat trick against Indiana, Iowa field hockey's Katie Birch snagged the Big Ten's Offensive Player of the Week.

"We've been working a lot on her corner execution, and she was on point [against Indiana]," said field-hockey head coach Lisa Cellucci. "That was outstanding. We knew where we wanted to attack Indiana on the penalty corner, and she hit her spots, so that was great performance by her."

The hat trick against Indiana is the third of Birch's career, the second this season.

Even beyond the hat tricks, she continues to make it clear that she's a powerful force to contend with on the field. This is her third weekly honor from the Big Ten, which named her as the Big Ten Freshman of

the Week twice last season and the 2016 Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

The last Hawkeye to receive the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honor was Natalie Cafone on Oct. 25, 2016.

"[Birch] possesses every single skill you want a hockey player to have," Cellucci said.

"[Birch] possesses every single skill you want a hockey player to have. She loves to win, and she plays really hard. I think she has a ton of potential."

— Lisa Cellucci, head coach

"She loves to win, and she plays really hard. I think she has a ton of potential. We just expect her to keep getting better and better."

For the majority of this season, the York, England, native has led the Big Ten in goals,

points, and points per game.

Her leadership extends beyond the stats, though.

"You look to her, and she's on our leadership council, and we look to her just to continue to lead the team," Cellucci said. "She plays a central position for us, so she's our main distributor in the back, and she's our main piece on all

der, but she seems to carry it well. As a captain, she must for the success of the team.

"I think I have a very important role," she said. "Coming up as one of the captains is always kind of questionable because it usually goes to a senior. I think I'm doing all right so far, I hope. I'm really enjoying my role this year as a leader, [and] we'll see if we carry on for junior, senior year."

Birch's position may be central to strategic play, but her role as a member of the team is just as important.

"She has a unique personality," Cellucci said. "She's very calming to the girls. She stays poised, but she also has a humor and a sarcasm to her, so she can make it really light at times when it gets pretty tense. She's just always able to make a joke and make people feel really good about themselves, but when needed, she



David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Katie Birch passes during a match against the Indiana field-hockey team on Sept. 29. Iowa won the match, 4-3.

can push them, too."

The team does respond well to Birch on and off the field.

"She's a fantastic player, and everyone looks up to her," junior Makenna Grewe said. "If we have any questions about field hockey, life, pretty much anything, she's the one we can go to."

Freshman Maddy Murphy also notes Birch's value as a member and leader of the team.

"Even though she's younger on the team, just a sophomore, she's still respected, and everyone on the team really values her and what she has to say," Murphy said.

An ode to the Chicago Cubs, from a real White Sox fan

The Chicago Cubs may be a feel-good story, but that doesn't stop one Chicago White Sox fan from rooting against them, even with his Chicago ties.



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In Chicago, you're either a White Sox fan or Cub fan. If people say they like both teams, well, they're not a true fan of either club.

I was born and raised a Chicago White Sox fan. My grandpa and dad passed down their South Side allegiance to me, and through thick and thin, I've been proud to call myself a die-hard fan.

So when the White Sox won the city's first World Series since 1917 in 2005, it was one of the best days of my life. Where I come from, half of the population is South Siders, and the other half is North Siders.

For 11 years, whenever I would get into an argument with a Cub fan, I'd always win the fight by saying, "Let me know when you guys win a World Series."

That phrase worked every time, but one day it didn't.

During the 2016 MLB season, the Cubs were unbeatable. But deep down, I thought there was no way they could pull off a championship run. All my life I heard Cub fans repeating, "There's always next year."

But this time, next year was this year.

Constant blaming is a Cubs' fan trademark. Whether it be the goat, the black cat, or Steve Bartman, there's always an excuse Cub fans use to cover up their failure.

Throughout the whole 2016 MLB postseason, I became the No. 1 supporter of whatever ball club the Cubs were going up against.

When my friends asked me whether I'd be cheering for the Cubs last postseason, they were appalled by my answer of no.

As well all know, the Cubs

won the 2016 World Series in seven games, ending the longest championship drought in sports. To be honest with you, that night was one of the worst of my life.

During the run, I would get hate from Cub fans because I rooted for them to lose. I heard a lot of stupid reasons I should cheer on my beloved team's archrival, but arguably the craziest one was: "Why aren't you cheering for the Cubs? If you were a true Chicagoan, you'd like them to win."

It wasn't only Cub fans who would say something that would make me lose brain cells. White Sox "fans" also blurted out things that made me cringe.

For example, "I'm a Chicago baseball fan, so if one team is doing well, I'll cheer for them because I love Chicago baseball."

When the 2017 playoff field was set, a couple of buddies and I changed our Twitter names to "NatsFan(-First name)" to show our support in the NLDS series against the Cubs.

Petty, I know, but also something that needed to be done.

Growing up a Sox fan, I was never taught to hate the Cubs; I think it's just something that comes with being a follower of the White Sox.

I remember being the 2006 Crosstown Classic Game in which White Sox catcher AJ Pierzynski ran into Cubs catcher Michael Barrett when Pierzynski was crossing home plate to score a run.

Tempers started to flare and hands were thrown ultimately, resulting in a bench-clearing brawl. Not only were the players getting

into it, but fans sitting near us also exchanged words and blows, and security had to be called.

That's when I first realized the significance of the rivalry.

One thing all Chicago natives can agree on is the city is one of the best places in the world. But when it comes to baseball, it's either one or the other.

Though the White Sox rebuilding is two or three more years away until we can officially call them contenders again, it's only right I continue to cheer against the hated North Siders.

Look at it this way, Hawkeye fans: If Iowa State was playing for a national championship, would you cheer for or against your in-state rival Cyclones?

Yep, that's what I thought. Go Nationals.

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Hawkeyes; they have only given up 12 touchdowns to go along with the 1,456 yards they have allowed.

However, as the season progresses, it may get more difficult for the Iowa defense to stop teams when they are marching down the field for more than 400 yards a game — especially when the Hawkeyes are set to face teams such as Ohio State and Wisconsin in the upcoming month.

Illinois turnovers (including downs): 6

This is where Iowa struggled against Michigan State but thrived when facing the Illini.

In East Lansing, Iowa did not force a single turnover during its 17-10 loss. The next week, the Hawkeye defense picked off Illinois quarterback Jeff George Jr. three times, recovered a fumble, and forced two turnovers on downs.

The turnovers Iowa benefited from resulted in 24 of the Hawkeyes' 45 points — nearly 2.5 times the number they scored against Michigan State.

Collecting turnovers resulted in solid field position for the Hawkeyes, giving the offense a much better chance to score than when it was continually pinned deep in its own territory for nearly all of the game against the Spartans.

Iowa has intercepted 8 passes this season, tying Wisconsin for No. 2 in the conference. Only Penn State sits ahead of the Hawkeyes with 9.

Iowa penalties: 3-18

In a large improvement from the game against Michigan State, Iowa gave up only 18 yards on 3 penalties. Against the Spartans, the Hawkeyes were flagged 7 times for 47 yards.

Iowa has been relatively successful in comparison with the rest of the Big Ten when it comes to keeping penalty yards to a minimum. Through the first half of the season, the Hawkeyes average 43.7 penalty yards per game, No. 3 in the conference.

Additionally, Iowa has also been successful in getting a flag pulled on the opposing team. Opponents have been flagged 42 times for 379 yards against the Hawkeyes, fourth in the Big Ten.

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Iowa had just scored on a pass from quarterback Nate Stanley to receiver Nick Easley. Illinois committed a personal foul, giving Recinos 15 extra yards to kick off the ball from the 50-yard line.

The Hawkeyes opted for an onside kick, and Recinos executed the call to perfection. Defensive back Matt Hankins recovered the kick, setting Iowa up at Illinois' 37-yard line.

In the second quarter after Illinois took a 13-10 lead with fewer than three minutes remaining before halftime, Iowa's offensive put together a decent drive but faced a fourth-and-5 from the Illinois 41. The Hawkeyes sent out Rastetter and Company for the punt, but a fake punt (a direct snap to safety Amani Hooker) resulted in an 18-yard run.

Iowa capitalized, scoring a touchdown to regain the lead with seconds remaining in the first half.

The return game hasn't been anything spectacular, but it has gotten the job done. Defensive back Josh Jackson's only major mistake this season while returning punts came against Michigan State, when he opted to return a punt deep in his own territory rather than let it bounce into the end zone, allowing precious seconds to dwindle off an already shrinking clock late in the game.

True freshman running back Ivory Kelly-Martin handles most of the kick-return duties. He's taken 9 kick returns for 206 yards (22.9-yard average) and proven to be a reliable option.

Aside from shaky punting and a couple of excellent surprise plays, Iowa's special teams hasn't done much to sway its grade one way or the other.

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"There's always room for improvement, but I felt like we grew today," head coach Kirk Ferentz said after Iowa's 45-16 victory over the Illini. "It was tough in the first half, and credit goes to Illinois, they came in here to win a football game, and they did a lot of really good things. But I thought as things, as we pressed on and pushed on, we kept playing."

Last year's team was a squad that experienced similar circumstances.

Iowa started the same offensive line in back-to-back games only twice last season; eight different combinations started. What's even crazier is that no offensive lineman started every game.

Still, the unit was honored by winning the Joe Moore Award, given to the most outstanding offensive-line unit in the country.



Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan
Iowa offensive lineman James Daniels gestures for the crowd to quiet down during the Iowa/Illinois game in Kinnick on Oct. 7.

After its best game of the season from an average yards-per-carry standpoint, maybe things are looking up for the offensive line.

Maybe the group will pick it up, just as it did in 2016.

After all, Iowa is accustomed to having a tremendous offensive line, and things are starting to look up after the team found its running game.

"I think we definitely took

a step forward," senior lineman Sean Welsh said. "But there's certainly room for improvement, everywhere, all five spots. There's a lot that we can do better fundamentally."

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Golf finishes 7th

The Iowa men's golf team finished seventh at the Windon Memorial with a team score of 850 (10-over).

Alex Schaake led the way for the Hawkeyes with a 54-hole score of 2-under, tying a career high. Schaake finished in a three-way tie for third and was 2 strokes behind the first-place golfers.

Matthew Walker tied for 20th while shooting season-best 213 (3-over) for the tournament.

Alex Moorman carded a career-best 54-hole score of 215 (5-over), putting him in a tie for 29th.

Benton Weinberg used two birdies on the final six holes to finish with a score of 216, tying for 33rd.

After struggling in the first round, Jake Rowe, who was competing as an individual, shot a career-best 18-hole score of 71 (1-over) while finishing tied for 75th.

"The weather was perfect for scoring," head coach Tyler Stith said in a release. "Our opponents took advantage of it, and we didn't. We know we have the ability to get ourselves in contention, but we have to close better. Alex was in contention all day and managed himself well. He's comfortable in those situations. He needed a few more putts to drop today."

The team gets a break this weekend and will return to action Oct. 23-24, when it travels to Dallas to compete in the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.

NFL HAWK WATCH

Micah Hyde (DB, Buffalo) Hyde continued his ball-hawking streak on Oct. 8, snagging an interception off Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton. Hyde leads the NFL with 4 interceptions. He also recorded 6 tackles (4 assisted, 2 solo) in Buffalo's 20-16 loss.

George Kittle (TE, San Francisco) The rookie tight end had the best game of his NFL career in the 49ers' 26-23 overtime loss to the Indianapolis Colts. Kittle hauled in 7 passes for 83 yards, including the game-tying touchdown with 20 seconds left on fourth-and-goal to send the game into overtime.

AROUND THE BIG TEN

Offensive Player and Freshman

Jonathan Taylor, running back, Wisconsin
 • Career-high 249 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns in Wisconsin's 38-17 win over Nebraska
 • Second true freshman in Badger history to produce numerous 200-yard rushing games
 • Most rushing yards by a Wisconsin player on the road since 2014
 • Second time receiving both awards

Defensive Player

Joe Bachie, linebacker, Michigan State
 • Team-high 10 tackles in the Spartans' 14-10 win against Michigan
 • Registered a sack, an interception (the first of his Michigan State career), a forced fumble, and a pass breakup
 • First Spartan to win the award since 2015

Special Teams Player

Ty Johnson, running back, Maryland
 • Returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in the Terrapins' 62-14 loss to Ohio State
 • Averaged 31.5 yards per kick return
 • First 100-yard kickoff return touchdown in the Big Ten since 2015

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"[Katie Birch is] just a down-to-earth person but also so kickass at hockey as well."



— field hockey's Maddy Murphy

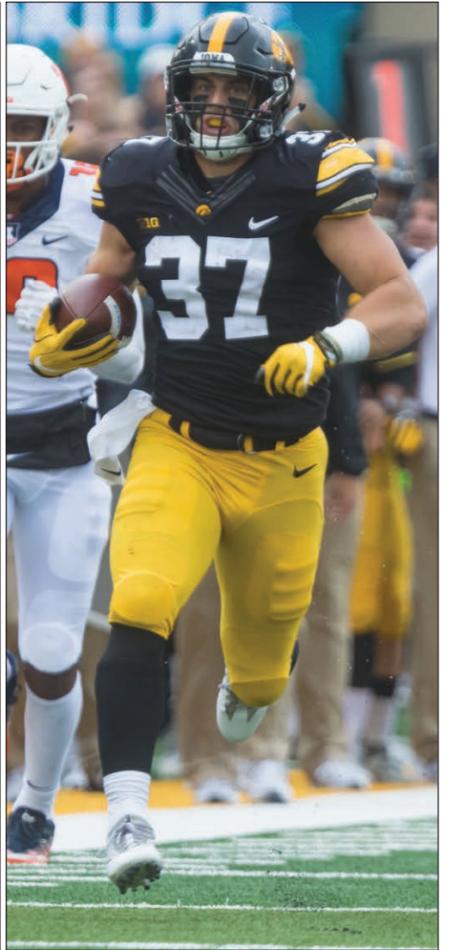
STAT OF THE DAY

Through six games, quarterback **Nate Stanley** has a passer rating of 149.1, the second-best rating by a Hawkeye in the past 10 seasons (157.6 by Ricky Stanzil in 2010).

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Proverbial bending, not breaking

The Hawkeye football defense gives up yards by the bushel but points, not so many.



LEFT: Iowa defensive end Anthony Nelson celebrates during the game between Iowa and North Texas in Kinnick on Sept. 16. The Hawkeyes demeaned the Mean Green, 31-14. (Ben Smith/The Daily Iowan) **MIDDLE:** Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz calls time-out during the game between Iowa and Illinois in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 7. (Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan) **RIGHT:** Iowa defensive back Brandon Snyder runs an interception back for an 89-yard touchdown during the Iowa/Illinois football game on Oct. 7. (David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan)

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The Iowa football team heads into its bye week coming off a win over Illinois. The victory, although against the struggling Illini, was needed after the Hawkeyes dropped two in a row to Penn State and Michigan State.

Now 4-2, the team finally has its first Big Ten win of the season. Though the Hawkeyes won and there were areas of improvement, there

were also some areas of concern when looking at the team on paper.

Illinois total offense: 446

Though Iowa faced the worst team in the Big Ten in total offense, the Illini managed to put up 446 yards in Kinnick. Coming into the game, Illinois averaged just 267.3 yards per game — that number bumped up to 303.0 yards per game after the team trooped through Kinnick.

This is not the first time this season Iowa has allowed for a team to move the ball down the field. Iowa ranked No. 12 in the Big Ten in total defense, giving up 420.6 yards per game. While this number could be concerning, it is overshadowed by Iowa giving up just 18.7 points per game.

The "bend but don't break" mentality has been strong halfway through the season for the

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Hawkeye football report card

As Iowa heads into its bye week, the Hawkeyes' regular season is halfway complete. Sports Editor Adam Hensley and Assistant Sports Editor Pete Ruden hand out mid-season position grades this week.

Special teams



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Ah yes, the punting and the kicking. As simple as it may seem, Iowa's special teams often become the difference maker in games — look no further than Iowa's 17-10 loss to Michigan State in East Lansing on Sept. 30.

Iowa failed to start out with good field position for most of the game. All but one of Iowa's drives in the first half ended in Hawkeye territory, so it's not like the special teams are to blame for setting up Michigan State with solid position, but they sure didn't help.

Colten Rastetter booted punts of 37 and 36 yards on Iowa's first two attempts, but then went on to shank punts of 32 and 33 yards, both having come from inside Iowa's own 10-yard line and setting Michigan State up with prime real estate.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz said that Iowa's ineffectiveness in the punting game "didn't make

things any easier" in Iowa's unproductive outing.

"Anytime you get a young punter, you're going to have to ride the roller coaster a little bit," he said following the loss.

That roller coaster has been a bit too rickety so far.

On the season, Rastetter and Ryan Gersonde's 28 punts average less than 40 yards per punt (39.5 as a unit, 39.7 for Rastetter and 37.7 for Gersonde). Neither punter ranks in the Big Ten's top-10 punting averages.

That's not ideal.

Meanwhile, kicker Miguel Reinos has been consistent through six games. He's made five of six field-goal attempts and has yet to miss a PAT. His field-goal accuracy (83.3 percent) ties for fourth-best in the Big Ten. One of his best plays — and arguably one of the best play calls of this season — came against Illinois.

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Offensive line



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Iowa's offensive line has had its troubles this season, and a fair amount of that is due to the constant shifting and moving around because of injuries.

What are those issues exactly? Ike Boettger is out for the season with an Achilles injury. Boone Myers has been battling an ankle injury that didn't have a chance to get much rest, but he has started to make his return more pronounced. James Daniels missed the opener against Wyoming.

There have been a lot of things that have gone wrong for this unit, but its depth still allows it to do what it needs to do.

Because of the open slots, Alaric Jackson has been thrust into the starting lineup, while playing time has also opened up for four-star recruit Tristan Wirfs.

Speaking of Wirfs, his potential is crazy.

A three-sport star, the shot put and discus his junior and senior

years, while throwing 66-3.25 in the shot, which ranked sixth nationally and was the second best all-time in Iowa.

Oh, and he was a state wrestling champion in one of the most wrestling-crazed states in the country. That's pretty impressive.

But after missing some time in camp, Wirfs hasn't played much.

Injuries have the potential to devastate a group, and that has been proven. While Iowa's pass protection has been solid throughout the season, it has not been able to produce in the running game.

The Hawkeyes averaged 5 yards a carry for the first time this season when they took on Illinois on Oct. 7. Coming off of a game in which Iowa totaled 19 yards on 25 carries in the ground attack, it was exactly what the Hawkeyes needed.

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