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Iowa wins fourth-straight Cy-Hawk game

Head coach Kirk Ferentz picked up his fourth-straight football win over Iowa State on Sept. 8, as the Hawkeyes took down the Cyclones, 13-3. Being the state's Super Bowl and taking place in Kinnick, there were a number of people who swarmed the stadium to witness a tight defensive battle.



UI involved in groundbreaking MS study

The UI's Clinical Trials and Statistical Data Management Center had a role to play in a recent study that found the drug Ibudilast slows brain atrophy in those suffering from MS. Researchers coordinated data from 28 centers across the country at the UI.

West High adopts plan against violence

Iowa City West has implemented the Sandy Hook Promise to prevent gun violence. School administrators learned about the curriculum this summer after family members of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting started the initiative. **News, 3**



Hawkeye offense falters in win

When Iowa defeated Iowa State in the Cy-Hawk game for the fourth-consecutive season, there was one side of the ball that stuck out in a positive way: the defense. The Hawkeye offense, on the other hand, needs improvement in a number of areas if Iowa wants to maintain its undefeated record.



Law students sample state's highest court

The UI College of Law hosted its annual Supreme Court Day on Sept. 7 for its students to see a case argued by attorneys in front of the Iowa Supreme Court, as well as meet Supreme Court justices and observe their work.

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Gerdin Center shows \$6 million renovations

The Gerdin Athletics Learning Center underwent a \$6 million renovation and hosted an open house Sept. 7.

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The Gerdin Athletics Learning Center was buzzing on the morning of Sept. 7 with student-athletes, administrators, and donors during the center's rededication and open house.

The building, which was com-

pleted in 2003, recently underwent a renovation that includes private study areas and a "Refueling Café," in which athletes can snack while they study. The budget for the project was \$6.3 million, according to June 2017 State Board of Regents documents.

Liz Tovar, the associate athletics director for student-athlete academic services, said there was a lot

of thought that went into the building's renovation.

"This has been a three-year project in the making for us," she said. "My first year I was here at the University of Iowa, we had a great, great space — we're very fortunate to be one of the few Big Ten schools to have an academic building solely dedicated to student-athletes. How-

ever, what I started to hear from students was 'How can we make this a more functional space?'"

Tovar said many factors influenced the need for an updated space, such as the ever-changing nature of technology and other improvements to the campus, such

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Something's afoot — sock monkeys aid young patients

A new project unites winking sock monkeys with pediatric patients who have lost one of their eyes.



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Winking, handmade sock monkeys are the latest companions for young patients who have lost an eye at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics Ophthalmology Department.

The project, which began this summer, gives kids sock monkeys that wink in coordination with the

patients' removed eyes.

UI student and volunteer Kenten Kingsbury and UI Clinical Assistant Professor Audrey Ko were inspired to provide the sock monkeys while meeting with young patients and considering how to improve care.

"To see the smile on the children's faces when they receive the monkeys really makes this project so meaningful," Kingsbury said.

The stuffed animals are handmade by a volunteer group known as the Merry Monkey Makers, who distribute sock monkeys to pediatric patients across the UIHC. The group paints special winks on the monkeys for the children receiving eye surgery.

"I do think this is a really great community project," Ko said. "A lot of people put a lot of work into

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Young aims to be financial 'watchdog'

Rep. David Young, R-Iowa, wants to represent the people of Iowa's 3rd District for two more years.



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Rep. David Young, R-Iowa, sits in his office on March 15 in Washington, D.C.

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Seeking to serve a third term, Rep. David Young, R-Iowa, hopes to continue serving as a financial "watchdog" for Iowans as a member of Congress.

Young, 50, is running for re-election this fall to the House of Representatives for Iowa's 3rd Congressional District. Prior to being elected in 2014, Young served as the chief of staff to Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. The Van

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At work in the Kinnick recycling trenches

Students volunteered outside Kinnick Stadium to supervise recycling bins to help Hawkeye fans separate recyclables from waste.

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Emptying beer cans onto the pavement, reaching into recycling bins to remove napkins that belong in the trash, and crushing plastic bottles to make room for more are only some examples of what the Kinnick Goes Green volunteers partake in prior to Hawkeye games.

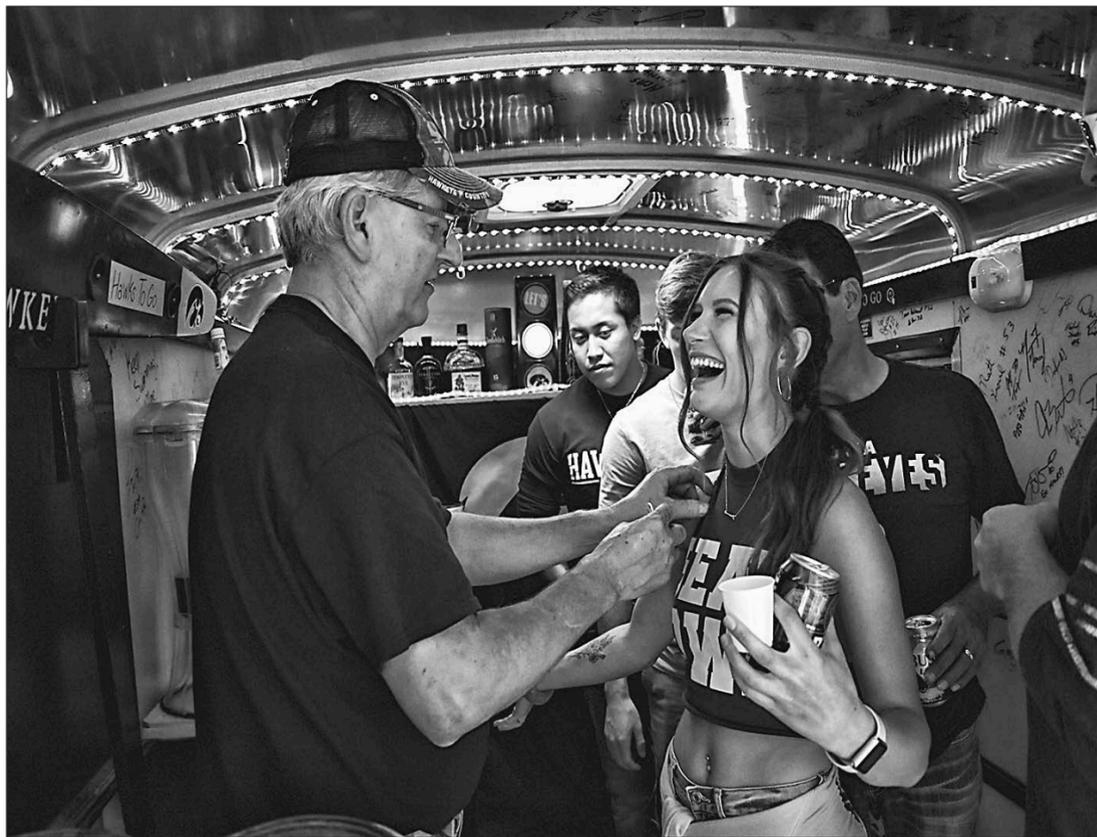
In efforts to decontaminate the University of Iowa's recycling, organizations and individuals across campus gather on game day to direct Hawkeye fans toward the correct waste bins for their recycling and garbage as they enter the stadium.

UI Sustainability Office recycling coordinator Beth MacKenzie said if nonrecyclable items, such as glass or compost, get into the recycling, the facility would reject the recycling load. The business would instead throw it all in the trash, she said, defeating the UI's goal.

An average of 15 to 30 students volunteer their time at home games, checking that drinks and discarded pizza boxes are indeed empty before tossing them in the recycling bins.

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ON THE GO



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Haley Jennings of Ames receives a button for taking her first shot in the Hawks-To-Go tailgate trailer on Golfview Avenue on Sept. 8. All proceeds from trailer participants went directly to the UI Stead Children's Hospital. Both Hawkeye and Cyclone fans tailgated prior to the annual Iowa/Iowa State football game.

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Meter native graduated from Drake University with a degree in English.

Young, who serves on the House Appropriations Committee, said he will prioritize strengthening the economy, continuing tax cuts, sticking to commonsense rules and regulations, and reducing tariffs.

"People just work hard in this district; some people work two or three jobs, and they deserve to keep more of their hard-earned dollars," Young said.

Recent tariffs levied by President Donald Trump make him nervous, he said, and he hopes they are only a short-term tool used in negotiations.

"I don't like tariffs, I think tariffs are a tax on consumers, employers, and employees," Young said.

The biggest lesson he's learned in Congress is the importance of keeping in touch with the 700,000 constituents who live in the district, he said. Young refers to the people of Iowa's 3rd District as his "bosses," noting that they sent him to Washington to work on their behalf.

To keep in contact with them, he said, he visits the district each weekend and travels to each of its 16 counties on a monthly basis. He also visits when Congress is out of session.

"They want to have access to those who are at the table making those decisions that

affect our everyday lives," Young said.

He stressed that the importance of building relationships reaches farther than Iowa and surpasses party lines. Much of the legislation introduced by Young is cosponsored with a House Democrat. Before he introduces a bill or an amendment, he said, he looks for someone on the other side of the aisle to join him.

"Relationships are important," Young said. "I recognize that you can't do it alone, and it's good to build those bridges."

He is running against small-business owner Cindy Axne, and the race has been labeled as a tossup by the Cook Political Report. Young said he sees the competitiveness of the race in a positive light, noting that he believes it has been a competitive district in past elections.

"It can be tough, but that's OK, it just makes you work harder," he said.

The latest voter-registration numbers published by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office on Sept. 4 show a slim edge (17) of active Republicans in the district over Democratic voters. There are also some no-party and other-party voters.

Recently, Young received support from Americans for Prosperity, a political interest group for economic freedom founded by Charles and David Koch of Koch Industries. The group has given Young a lifetime score of 89 percent based on his voting record. Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, of the 1st District has also received backing from the group.

the community. MacKenzie said the Delta Tau Delta fraternity has been involved in game-day recycling for a long time, providing 10 to 15 volunteers at every game.

For many, this means sacrificing tailgating to instead sort through tailgaters' waste. UISG Vice President Heath Schintler, a Delta Tau Delta member, said the waste includes items fans didn't realize were prohibited, such as high-quality purses, coolers, and umbrellas.

"The system we use has been telling us for nearly three years now [that] our recycling is too contaminated with trash," Facilities Management Assistant Director Dave Jackson said. "Having the volunteers present to separate the two is a good reminder for fans."

Because recycling bins are present throughout campus, the Sustainability Office believes they should also be present at campus events. Jackson said the university's goal is to reach 40 percent waste diversion by 2020.

One issue volunteers have is when bins fill up too quickly. The university only has a certain number of recycling bins available, so after a certain point, volunteers and fans have to throw recyclables in the trash.

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as new study spaces in the Main Library and Tippie College of Business.

"Our thought was the third floor [of Gerdin] is currently empty, so we need to finish that, but while we're doing that, why can't we change some of the functionality of the first- and second-floor spaces?" Tovar said.

Regardless of what students' study needs are, Tovar said, they have access to many sources at the learning center.

Mel Sanders, the associate director for advising & eligibility, said he is excited about students taking advantage of the renovations.

"One of the key things about the way the building is structured is that students used to have to be here," Sanders said. "If you look at spaces like the [Main] Library, we want this space to echo that sense of community and help students seek academic assistance."

OPN architect Justin Bishop, who worked on the renovations, said each floor of the building is designed to help students in different ways. While the first floor is geared

toward collaboration and open study spaces, the second and third floors have areas for private, quiet studying.

"We want this to be a specific place for student-athletes," Bishop said. "As you go up, you'll find more private areas so students can focus more."

In addition to student favorites such as the Re-fueling Café, he said, the

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The Gerdin Athletics Learning Center is seen on Sept. 7. The building, which has study spaces for student-athletes, recently completed a \$6 million renovation.

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"I think fans really enjoy it and have even come to expect it," MacKenzie said. "Volunteers are outside about two hours before kick-off, separating tailgaters' recycling and waste. Before going into the game themselves, they clean up litter surrounding their stations."

The UI is one of many schools participating in a nationwide Game Day Challenge, which is dedicated to increasing recycling and cleanup at college football games. Last year, Sustainability at Iowa calculated an average recycling diversion rate of 34 percent.

"We gather data to see how much we are recycling," MacKenzie said. "If it's hot, we recycle a lot of plastic bottles. If it's cold, we recycle hot-chocolate cups. We've had up to 60 percent diversion rates in those cases."

Volunteers come from a range of backgrounds, including Dance Marathon, the Environmental Coalition, Associated Residence Halls, UI Student Government, and individuals simply interested in serving

Welcome to University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital

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making this happen and improving patient care."

There are also sock monkeys of every eye color, so that the children can match their monkey perfectly. There are enough sock monkeys with every combination of right winks, left winks, and eye hues to fill up Ko's and Kingsbury's arms.

Colorful removable hats and vests also bring the stuffed animals to life. Ko hopes the kids will be able to change out their monkey's outfits during subsequent vis-

its to the Ophthalmology Department.

A handful of pediatric patients have now been united with their sock monkeys, with more to come in the next months.

"I think making the decision to remove an eye is hard for everyone, but it's especially hard for parents of children because they have concerns and fears about what their child will look like afterwards, how it will affect their appearance, and how it will affect the child socially," Ko said.

The sock monkey restores normalcy and provides comfort during a potentially difficult time for the children. Ko said the doll can also be used

by parents to help explain the surgery to children.

An online resource, created by UI medical student Kelly Yom, is also listed on the tag of the sock monkeys in order to provide education.

Ko said the resource includes almost 20 interviews with patients of all ages and with various causes for eye removal. Thanks to the website, people can learn firsthand from others about the surgery, recovery process, and life with an artificial eye.

"The sock monkey is for the child, but the online resource is for the parent. It shows photos of children without the prosthesis, with the prosthesis, how it moves, and every-

thing like that," she said. "A lot of times after the parents see this kind of information, they really feel much better knowing what to expect."

Ophthalmic professional Lindsay Wagner-Pronk works with the young patients when she's custom creating, designing, and hand painting their artificial eyes.

"What kid could doesn't want a new stuffed animal?" she said. "But to have one that represents what they're going through, I think it really is going to help them come to terms and maybe understand more that this is what's happening and this is what they're going to look like."

UI plays key role in MS study

The UI served as the data-coordinating center for a Phase 2 study on the drug Ibudilast, which showed the drug slows brain atrophy in people suffering from MS by nearly 50 percent over a two-year period.



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Professor Christopher Coffey works as part of a research team that discovered a drug that slows brain shrinkage in people with MS.

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The University of Iowa's Clinical Trials and Statistical Data Management Center served as a data-coordinating center for a recent study that found the drug Ibudilast slows brain atrophy, or shrinkage, in people suffering from multiple sclerosis by 48 percent.

The study, proposed and led by neurologist Robert J. Fox of Cleveland Clinic in Ohio, sought out the UI as a data-coordinating center. The study involved 255 MS patients at 28 centers around the country and has only recently had results published after six years of research.

"All of that data needed to be funneled together into a single data set at the University of Iowa," Fox said.

UI biostatistics Professor Chris Coffey, the director of the data center, is the principal investigator of NeuroNEXT, a national network founded in 2011 to efficiently conduct Phase 2 studies of

treatments for neurological diseases. The UI's role as the data center in NeuroNEXT made it the ideal place to collect and analyze data for the MS study.

The network also involves 28 other sites and the Clinical Coordinating Center in Boston, all working together to streamline Phase 2 research.

"The idea of putting the [NeuroNEXT] together was that you had this kind of existing infrastructure in place, and then, as new proposals came in for Phase 2 trials that needed that help, they could tap into the network, and all that expertise was there so someone wouldn't have to pull it together from them from scratch," Coffey said.

Coffey and NeuroNEXT have been hard at work supporting studies such as this since the network's founding, helping to conduct trials to find treatments for such diseases as Huntington's, myasthenia gravis, fragile X syndrome, and glioblastoma multiforme, according to an

Iowa Now article.

Marianne Chase, the director of research operations at the Clinical Coordinating Center of NeuroNEXT, said the UI and Massachusetts General Hospital worked very closely together during the study, allowing the course of the study to run smoothly and efficiently.

"We joke and say [NeuroNEXT] is like an 'arranged marriage' between the Clinical Coordinating Center and the Data-Coordinating Center, with 28 children, all arranged by the National Institutes of Health," she said.

Because many of the trials for treatment take several years to complete and require three phases of research and studies, Coffey said, publishing results is often a slow process. This phase of the study showed that the drug slowed brain atrophy by 48 percent over a two-year period, meaning every patient involved in the study required a two-year follow-up.

"It was really nice to see it come to fruition and then to actually have impact has been a positive thing," Coffey said. "We spent five, six years working on the study, so it's nice to see something good come at the end of all the hard work."

While the study must now move into Phase 3 before ibudilast can officially be confirmed and approved by the FDA as a beneficial, safe drug to be prescribed to people with MS, the study is a major milestone for NeuroNEXT, according to the UI College of Public Health website. The results were recently published in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"This study in particular went really well," Chase said. "Everyone worked really well together, and operationally, we were very happy with it. The results were positive, which was fantastic for both NeuroNEXT and multiple-sclerosis research. We're all very excited about where the study will go next."

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West institutes Sandy Hook plan against school violence

The Sandy Hook Promise initiative involves multistep, semester-long work to teach students how to report harassment or suspicious activity.

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A local high school is implementing new measures to prevent gun violence and ensure a safer community by educating students to pay attention when their peers display signs of distress.

Iowa City West High recently implemented the Sandy Hook Promise, an initiative started by family members of the victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

West Principal Gregg Shoultz said he and other school administrators learned about the curriculum over the summer from parents and community members.

"[We want] to have a safe learning environment in which students are all connected to their school in positive ways," Shoultz said. "Better than any metal detector or external device we can put on the building, that's the best way to have a safe community."

The crux of the initiative is the school's @SaySomething campaign. Texts are encouraged to text @SaySomething to a six-digit number.

Then, they will be provided with a form that allows them to anonymously submit information about either harassment they or others might experience or the potential violent or suicidal thoughts of their peers.

Many of the initial tips sent through the format were simply tests to see how the system worked, but Shoultz said there were a few real instances of bullying behavior that were quelled thanks to the system.

Another aspect students learn in their first week of the semester is the Start With Hello campaign by the Sandy Hook Promise organization. The aspect of the initiative is designed to foster a sense of community by bringing students together through positive social interactions.

Know the Signs, the third part of the curriculum, teaches students to recognize when others are demonstrating behavior that might lead them to commit acts of violence. Suicide prevention also plays an important part, and Shoultz said the school will focus on that later in the semester.

Part of the curriculum involves ensuring that students know their options when it

comes to trying to prevent violent situations from occurring, said John Roarick, the West High student and family advocate.

"We want everyone to feel comfortable talking about whatever is concerning them, and they have many outlets for ... reaching out," he said.

Roarick said school administrators talked with counselors on how the Sandy Hook Promise would be run, and organizers designed the curriculum to familiarize students with the various avenues they have for contacting others about potential problems.

West guidance counselor Greg Yoder said teachers are often the first people students turn to if they're in distress or know of someone who is, and the teachers then usually discuss the matters with counselors or school administrators.

"In the media nowadays, often, kids see things across the country, incidents of violence, and obviously that piques concerns," Yoder said. "It can be very unsettling, and [the Sandy Hook Promise curriculum] is an opportunity for us to bring to the forefront that there are people that you can go to."

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Budget cuts and broke college students

Across the nation, tuition costs are rising and education budgets are being slashed. The 2018 midterm elections can change that if students vote.



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Life has basically been planned out for us since birth: You try hard in school, graduate, get into college, and then get a good job. Unfortunately, things aren't that straightforward nowadays because of the ever-increasing tuition.

College isn't a feasible option anymore but continues to be sold as the only option. Tuition is so high in this country that the value of an education is being questioned because it can no longer be justified as a return on investment when you're thousands of dollars in debt.

'College isn't a feasible option anymore but continues to be sold as the only option. Tuition is so high in this country that the value of an education is being questioned ...'

Here in Iowa, rising tuition and an always-shrinking education budget is nothing new, and the story is similar across the country. In the last two budget years alone, the state has taken back about \$35 million in support for the universities governed by the state Board of Regents. The student vote can change all that in the upcoming midterm elections if we vote for candidates with solutions to the problem.

We all know that about 30 years ago, you could work while attending classes to pay for them. The reality today is a far cry from that, and working the maximum allowed 20 hours a week at the UI barely covers rent. We haven't seen a big surge in tuition costs since the recession; instead, we've seen small increase over the years.

'Instead of an investment in our country and strong economy, the government has let education become a business.'

Inside Higher Ed reports, "Seemingly small annual increases can add up over decades. The published tuition and fee price in the public four-year sector was 3.13 times higher in 2017-18 than it was in 1987-88. The tuition and fee price in the private, non-profit four-year sector was 2.29 times higher in 2017-18 than it was 30 years earlier. The price in the public two-year sector was 2.25 times higher."

A lot of the blame for these tuition increases can be placed on the lack of state funding

(for public schools). Enrollment is up compared to enrollment from decades ago, but if states don't increase funding or just cut the budget (such as Iowa), students will receive less support and be forced to cough up more out-of-pocket. An annual College Board report on trends in college pricing shows that from 2005-06 to 2010-11, total funding from appropriations rose by 2 percent. Meanwhile, enrollment spiked by 19 percent, and as a result, per-student funding fell by 14 percent.

Federal Reserve data show that student-loan debt is up to \$1.53 trillion in the second quarter of 2018. In the last five years alone, that number has increased from \$1.15 trillion in 2013.

That much debt is not a sustainable option. Students shouldn't be punished for a system the government refuses to fix. Education should be an option for all, especial-

ly when so many jobs rely on having some sort of degree, whether it's a two-year, or four-year, or postgraduate program.

Economically speaking, if so many people carry so much debt when they enter the workforce, that's less money they will spend on goods and services. Instead of an investment in our country and strong economy, the government has let education become a business.

The state of Iowa has imposed midyear budget cuts to our state universities. This meant the UI had to stop renovating buildings that needed it, stop offering certain scholarships, and raise tuition. Education funding is not a priority for Gov. Kim Reynolds (R) and a lot of other candidates.

Reps. Steve King and David Young, R-Iowa, don't even have education listed as an issue on their website.

U.S. News ranks Iowa as eighth in the nation for higher education and pre-K-12. To keep our ranking, students need candidates who will put policies in place to decrease student debt and make tuition affordable. It's vital that we as students vote for candidates who will do something about tuition hikes and student debt, even if it means forcing an answer.

COLUMN

Rod Blum lambasts Iowa reporters

Rep. Rod Blum's criticism of local media reflects President Trump's hostility toward the press.



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Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, speaks during an event in Johnson Hall on the Kirkwood main campus in Cedar Rapids on May 9, 2017.



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In recent weeks, Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, has made his disdain for the press abundantly clear — and even targeted individual reporters.

On Aug. 29, Blum claimed KCRG-TV reporter Josh Scheinblum's questions had ignored that Blum's opponent, Rep. Abby Finkenauer, D-Dubuque, raised more out-of-state funds than he did in the race for Iowa's 1st Congressional District.

"Waiting for the news story on KCRG. #MediaBias," he tweeted.

KCRG did, in fact, report that Finkenauer's campaign money is "predominately coming from out of state."

Days later, Associated Press reporter Ryan Foley emailed Blum's staff about why he was in a racist Facebook group called "Tea Party."

Blum tweeted a screenshot of the email that included the

reporter's office address and cellphone number. He denied knowledge of the Facebook group.

"This 'journalist' is obsessed w hating on Republicans & abuses his position," he tweeted.

Replies to the original tweet criticized Blum for "doxing" the reporter by posting Foley's contact information. Blum deleted that tweet and reposted it on Sept. 2, with Foley's information redacted.

On Sept. 4, a U.S. House Ethics Committee announced it would investigate the Iowa congressman for failing to disclose his involvement in a digital-marketing company. Blum released a statement including media criticism.

"Still, the complicit media continues to take its cues from the Democratic Party, and they work to make mountains out of molehills," he said.

Make no mistake — this rhetoric is dangerous for American democracy, and it comes directly from the highest office in the land. President Donald Trump's criticism of the media is often directed toward national organizations such as CNN, the *Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*. But worse than that, the president has extended

his press vilification to all journalists, whom he has labeled "really bad people," "downright dishonest," and "dangerous and sick."

The pervading generalization is that journalists are fundamentally without character. Therefore, no journalist who tries to hold power accountable is safe from being called "fake news" — not an AP correspondent from Iowa or even a local TV news reporter.

This distrust is so potent that politicians automatically assume bias. They spread false information that an organization hasn't written a story on their opponent, when they have, indeed, written such stories. Politicians conclude a reporter is "obsessed w hating on Republicans" just because they asked a question. And they push the narrative that a bipartisan investigation is a collaboration between Democrats and unconscionable journalists — sound familiar?

A year ago, I wrote a column about how the liberal slant in media is a real, measurable problem. That remains true. The media industry has dramatically shifted since 2008, with more journalists working in coastally concentrated internet publishing than regional newspapers.

And in general, newsrooms are not very diverse — along, racial, gender, or political lines. A 2013 survey by Indiana University researchers found that while half of journalists identified as politically independent, just 7 percent identified as Republicans.

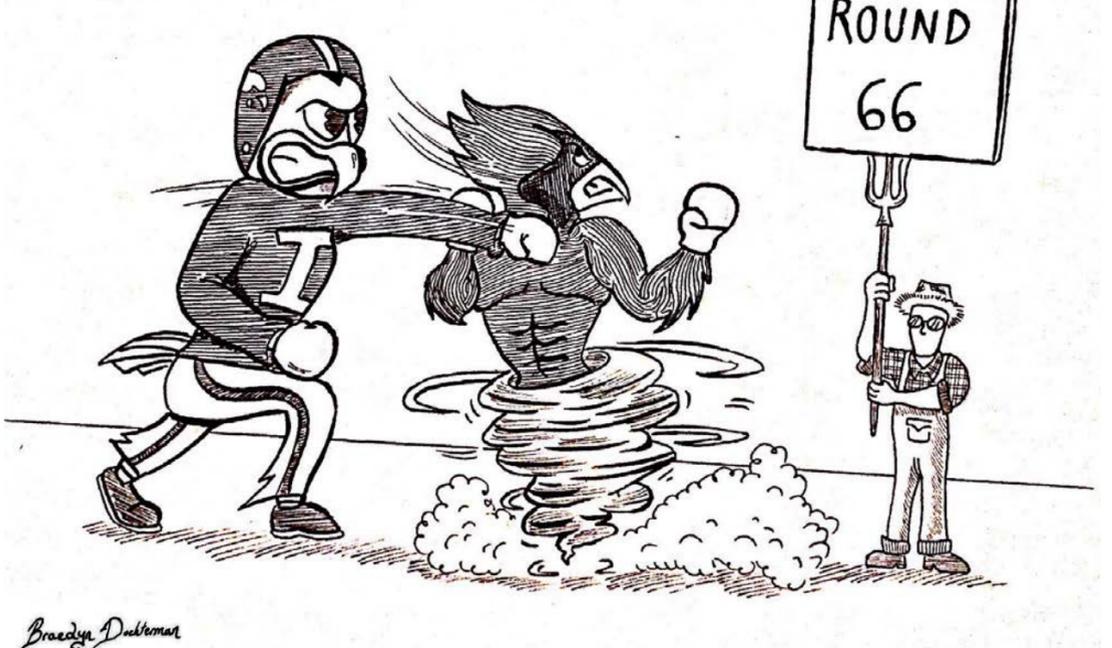
That being said, most newsrooms share a strong commitment to fairly informing the public. To speak as though they don't has real consequences. A recent Gallup Poll found that Americans estimate more than one-third of the news they see is inaccurate. The internet giving rise to (actual) fake news is partially to blame. But it's not unreasonable to say that attacks on journalists have exacerbated skepticism.

This idea that the press is the "enemy of the American people" is not bolstered to stop the spread of lies but to withhold the truth. If politicians are implicitly instructing their constituents to turn against state and local journalism, voters stand to be uninformed about issues that most directly affect them.

No story has been made truer by a reporter not asking a question.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Turning from Marching Band to rock band

From the walls of Phi Mu Alpha 's fraternity house to local venues, the Mystics Cats horns its way into the music scene.

BY TROY ALDRICH
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No original band is safe from the Mystic Cats — its sets span decades, bringing its twist to tunes from Jimi Hendrix, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, even Kanye's 2009 hit, "Can't Tell Me Nothing." "We arrange all of our own songs," said Teagen Kiel, the band's frontman and guitarist. "We like to call them original covers."

The rock band with music stands won the SCOPE 2018 Battle of the Bands following the decision to take the act outside the walls of the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity house.

"It was always our dream to play for an audience at a ven-

ue," Kiel said.

All the band's members belong to the fraternity, where they play an annual recital. Following the recital last spring, the musicians took stage at Gabe's in June.

"We all play in front of people, but now it's in a bar instead of a football field; it's a lot more intimate with a different level of energy."

— Levi Boston-Kemple, trumpet player

Its set on Sept. 6 at Blue Moose was a display of the band's growing confidence, which can be attributed to the members experience performing live.

"We all play in front of people, but now it's in a bar instead of a football field; it's a lot more intimate with a different level of energy,"

said Levi Boston-Kemple, the group's trumpet player.

The band's experience in composition and improvisation allows for quick access to a large library of songs.

"I think we learned 'Fire' in one rehearsal," said Casey Gaylord, the band's drummer, describing the newest addition to the set.

Each member's ability to play gives the band's on-stage presence a more whole feel.

During its version of "Let's Dance," by David Bowie, the band handed the featured mic from stage left to right, from brass to reeds, allowing each member a riff in the solo measures.

Kiel's ability with the guitar coupled with vocals led the band through each tune. Playing chameleon, the inflection

in his voice carried the original spirit of each tune's creator, bringing out a familiarity amid the horns native to the Mystic Cats.

The six-piece horn section escalated in energy and volume as the set reached an end. The swaying horns, consistent

with that of the game-day Marching Band, began to take a toll on the members beneath the bright lamps.

Following the cover of "Can't Tell Me Nothing," the band was notified it had gone past its time allotment.

After investigating their

sheet music, the members agreed to close with "Sunday Morning Coming Down," Kris Kristofferson's tune famously covered by Johnny Cash.

The conclusion was a gentle-hearted ending following the high-energy tracks that preceded it.



Mystic Cats performs at the Blue Moose on Sept. 6.

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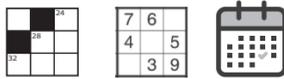
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- "Let's take it from the ___"
- Kind of exam that's not written
- Seafood often served on a toothpick
- Clean Air Act org.
- Anaconda, e.g.
- Lopsided wins
- Mess up
- Open the door for
- President elected with the slogan "Yes we can"
- "Hurry up!"
- It can get you into a lather
- Shriver, sister of J.F.K. and funder of the Special Olympics
- Computer glitch
- "Watch your ___!"
- Electrical unit
- Magical drink that gets someone smitten

Down

- Overflows (with)
- The "O" of O magazine
- Ski jacket
- "Almost finished!"
- Dustin Hoffman's role in "Midnight Cowboy"
- Comparable (to)
- "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
- Prevent from falling, perhaps
- English rocker Hitchcock
- Simon & Garfunkel's "I ___ Rock"
- Typist's stat, in brief
- Hush-hush grp.
- Boo-boos
- Smoldering remains
- Hammer's end
- Like some Greek columns
- Armor flaw
- Like some promises and gas tanks
- Painstakingly sorts (through)
- Tykes
- Door fastener
- "The Magic Flute," for one
- Planet between Mercury and Earth
- Bugs Bunny or Wile E. Coyote
- Muddy deposit
- Splits in two
- "... ___ the twain shall meet"
- Cushioned footstool
- Alternatives in case things don't work out
- Swashbuckler's weapon
- Wild shopping expedition
- A+ or C-
- Fred Mertz's wife in 1950s TV "___ Hope" (soap opera)
- Redding who sang "(Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay"
- Bump on a log, literally
- Decade that spawned the slogan found at the starts of 19-, 31-, 40- and 51-Across
- Cubes in a freezer
- Competed in a marathon

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HAWKEYES CYCLONES



Clockwise from top left: Iowa running back Mekhi Sargent carries the ball during the Iowa/Iowa State game at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 8. (Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan) Iowa wide receiver Brandon Smith catches a pass. (Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan) Iowa center Keegan Render and teammates carry the Cy-Hawk trophy off the field. (Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan) Iowa State quarterback Kyle Kempt gets sacked by Iowa linebacker Nick Niemann. (Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan) Kinnick Stadium is seen during a flyover. (Lily Smith/The Daily Iowan) Iowa State wide receiver Landen Akers makes a catch. (Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan)

FOOTBALL
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While those numbers certainly need improvement, the Hawkeyes can be positive about the fact that six of those catches and 102 of those yards came in

the second half of the Iowa State game.

"It was big to be able to get those receivers going," Stanley said. "Being able to spread the ball around and being able to get everyone involved so they can't focus in on one person, especially our tight ends, is big."

Perhaps the best thing to come out of the second half of

the Sept. 8 game for Stanley and Company was Brandon Smith's first reception of the season.

After a rough game against Northern Illinois, Smith made a big 30-yard reception near the end of the Iowa State game to help seal the win for the Hawkeyes.

That play may have been just the spark the young re-

ceiver needed.

"[Smith] looks like a big player," Ferentz said. "But he's still a young guy learning how to play. So, hopefully, that will be good for his confidence, and that's something you can't give young players."

While the offense continues the search for consistency and rhythm, it can be confident

because it may not have to be elite to win games.

The other side of the ball has been terrific for the Hawkeyes through two games, allowing an average of 5 points a game — that's the second-best mark in college football.

That is the reason the Hawkeyes will begin this week

2-0, and it gives them hope that if they can improve offensively, nothing is out of reach.

"It's a good feeling," tight end Noah Fant said. "It makes us think if we keep the offense going in the right direction and keep improving week by week, it's going to be something that's going to be pretty special."

COLUMN
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that — it held Iowa State to a field goal when it seemed a touchdown was inevitable. And from there, the defense never bent again.

Defensive coordinator Phil Parker dialed up a va-

riety of blitzes, keeping Kempt and Iowa State's offensive line confused. And when he wasn't sending extra defenders, the front four had its way with the Cyclone linemen.

But, just like after the first weekend of the season, the offense is the main question heading into a matchup with Northern

Iowa. Consistency is a major issue, as the Hawkeyes weren't able to string together a legitimate drive until the fourth quarter, when they scored their only touchdown of the game.

I'm not saying Iowa is due for a breakout performance this weekend. I'm saying Iowa could use a high-scoring outing to get things back

on track, specifically in the passing game.

The running game has been fine; the main issue is that Nate Stanley has yet to show any consistent rhythm with any receiver other than tight end T.J. Hockenson, and while his development is promising, it's Stanley's inability to find even Noah Fant that has me concerned.

If Iowa's offense wants to start putting up points, it starts with the tight ends and the passing game. Fant has 7 receptions for 41 yards and a touchdown through two games.

Twice, the Hawkeyes started out inside Iowa State's 30-yard line, and they came away with 3 points.

As I said earlier, if Iowa's defense comes out just as well

as it did against Iowa State, it'll keep the team in the game, regardless of the opponent. Realistically, who knows if the success will continue. But at some point, the offense needs to step up, because after Northern Iowa, Wisconsin comes to Kinnick, and that game will likely have major implications for which team wins the Big Ten West.

VOLLEYBALL
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The run continued in the second set, thanks largely to efforts by Taylor Louis and her 7 kills, adding to her team-high 17. Although Eastern Illinois made a run at Iowa, fueled by Panther Laurel Bailey, the team's errors proved to be too much, and the Hawkeyes claimed the set, 25-18.

The true resourcefulness and focus of the squad was obvious in the third set. Bailey's 3 kills helped put the Panthers out front early. The Hawkeyes matched

the score, and an assist from Brie Orr helped Louis post a kill that gave Iowa the lead.

The Hawkeyes didn't lose that lead, and a kill from Hoye ended the set, 25-20, giving Iowa the sweep.

Its third-straight sweep did not come easily, but it said a lot about the hard work and focus put into the successful weekend.

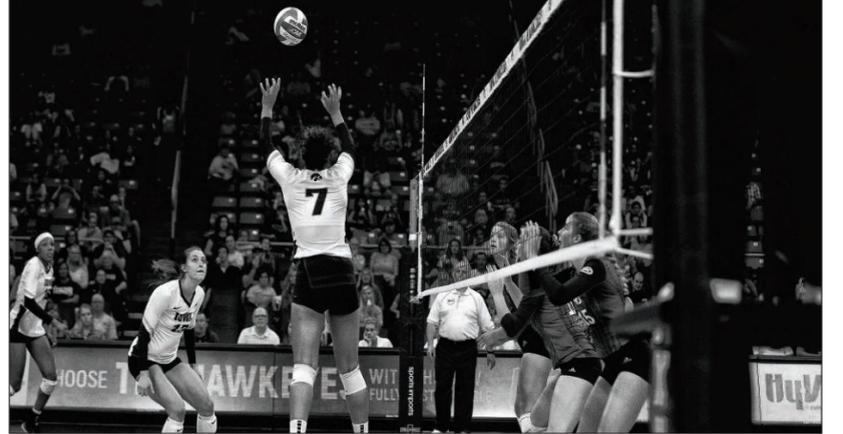
"[The three sweeps] takes a lot of effort because it takes a lot of focus to maintain that intensity level," Shymansky said. "But we got great leadership out of our seniors. I thought Molly Kelly passed really well all weekend and played strong

defense. And both Taylor Louis and Reghan Coyle were bringing a lot of thunder in their swings."

Iowa will try to continue the focus and strong fundamentals when it heads to Ames on Friday to take on Iowa State.

"[Our] main focus this weekend was definitely serve and pass, and we really executed that really well," Louis said. "Going into playing Iowa State this Friday, I think we are definitely focusing on staying on our mission, which is mental toughness."

Surely, confidence from a three-game win streak doesn't hurt.



Brie Orr sets during Iowa's match against Eastern Illinois on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye. The Hawkeyes won, 3-0. Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

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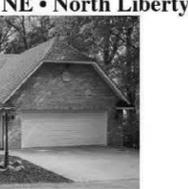
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Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley throws under pressure against Iowa State at Kinnick on Sept. 8. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 13-3. Nick Rohman/The Daily Iowan

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On Sept. 8, Iowa (2-0) won a tough game against in-state rival Iowa State (0-1) to keep the Cy-Hawk Trophy in the Hawkeye football complex for a fourth-straight year. The 13-3 Hawkeye victory came despite a lackluster performance by the Iowa offense, and it was the second-straight game the offense proved to be a bit of a liability for the Hawkeyes, especially in the first half. When the halftime whistle blew, Iowa had just 73 yards of total offense, 5 first downs, and just 3 points that were largely the result of good field position. Throw in last week's first half, and Iowa is averaging

just 110.5 yards of offense in the first half, with the passing game being especially worrisome — it has put up just 116 yards in the first half through two games. “We don't have rhythm,” head coach Kirk Ferentz said. “That's usually the hardest thing to establish. What we have to do right now is refine, and keep cleaning things up, and try to develop some rhythm.” A chunk of that much-needed rhythm is needed between quarterback Nate Stanley and his wide receivers. Through the first two games, Stanley has completed just 10 passes to the wideouts for 135 yards, with 75 of those yards coming on just two plays.

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Fundamentals boost volleyball in sweep

A strong weekend in Des Moines gave Iowa confidence as it brought volleyball home to Carver-Hawkeye for the first time this fall. This, paired with focus on fundamental volleyball, gave Iowa a three-set sweep over Eastern Illinois.

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Sunday was Ice Cream Day at Carver-Hawkeye, and Hawkeye volleyball's first match in front of a home crowd made it even sweeter, as the squad swept Eastern Illinois, 3-0. The team's two three-set victories over Drake and South Dakota State in Des Moines on Sept. 7 helped it bring home a winning record of 4-3 when the Hawkeyes faced the Panthers on Sunday. The Panthers sported a record of 3-7 heading into Carver-Hawkeye, after dropping their most recent match to South Dakota State. A return to fundamentals has been the focus of Bond Shymansky's Hawkeyes, and that held true in the sweep of the Panthers. Part of the focus in practice was on cleaner passing, better serving, and better returns of serve. The early season losses to Washington and Colorado showed the Hawkeyes what needed improvement, and it certainly showed at Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. “After coming off the tough loss in Washington, we were just super inspired and ready to get after it,” said junior Cali Hoyer, who posted 13 kills on Sunday. “In practice, we kind of focused more on the basics like the passing, and the serving, and working on our first contact, knowing that every single little point counts.”



Brie Orr serves during Iowa's match against Eastern Illinois on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye. The Hawkeyes won, 3-0. Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

In the first set on Sunday, all of Iowa's hard work was evident. Clean passing, sound defense, and smart kills helped the Hawkeyes play their first set. Sophomore Brie Orr put up 13 assists in the first set, leading Iowa's improvement in clean

passing. This paved the way for Hoyer's 4 kills in the set. All of that meant Iowa hit its stride after being tied at 4 and going on a run to claim the set, 25-15.

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 7

The Iowa Report Card

The Hawkeyes snagged the 13-3 win, proving for the fourth year in a row, Iowa is the Hawkeye State. Looking back at Iowa's performance against Iowa State, the grades are in.

Offense

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Iowa's offense didn't put up the points or yardage it did against Northern Illinois, but when it mattered, the Hawkeyes delivered.

Quarterback Nate Stanley struggled for most of the game to hit receivers in stride, but you have to give credit where it's due: His 30-yard strike to Brandon Smith was on the money, and Mekhi Sargent punched it in seconds later for the game's lone touchdown.

While the running game didn't have any explosive plays, as it did the week before, it was consistent. Iowa still enters Week 3 averaging just 3.7 yards per carry.

Defense

A+

Well, holding Iowa State to just 3 points has to be good for something, right? Iowa's defensive line stole the show — that's obvious. But the Hawkeye secondary shut down a typically wide-open passing game.

Aside from one play on the Cyclones' opening drive, the Hawkeyes allowed no big plays. That's what it had to do.

A.J. Epenesa is going to be one monster of a player when his Hawkeye career is said and done. His 2 sacks paved the way for Iowa's disruptive line.

Special Teams

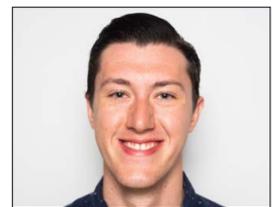
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Didn't think we'd be saying this, but so far through two games, Hawkeye punter Colten Rastetter has been the best part of special teams. Against the Cyclones, he averaged 42.2 yards per punt, and he boomed a 51-yarder. Three of his four punts landed inside the Iowa State 20-yard line.

Kicker Miguel Recinos, however, had an off day, missing two of his four attempts — a 38-yarder and a 50-yarder. He did make a 31-yard kick and a 48-yard kick, though.

The Iowa offense needs to help the defense out

A win is a win, but for Iowa to maintain its winning ways, it will need more than a standout defensive performance.



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I'm a big fan of offense. So, through two games, I'm not very impressed with Iowa's offense.

But guess what? Iowa's defense has sure made up for its lack of points. If the Hawkeyes play at the same level defensively as they did on Sept. 8 all season long, they'll have a shot to beat every team on the schedule.

I can confidently say that the performance against Iowa State was the best outing I've seen from Iowa's defense in recent memory.

On paper, Iowa State has one of the best offenses Iowa will face all season. Kyle Kempt is an above-average quarterback — he's got plenty of weapons such as Hakeem Butler to spread the ball — and running back David Montgomery is the best back the Hawkeyes will clash against in 2018.

Taking all that into consideration, Iowa allowed 19 rushing yards, the fifth-fewest since Kirk Ferentz took over in 1999. Iowa allowed just 122 yards after giving up 66 on Iowa State's initial drive.

That initial drive, where Iowa's defense looked out of sorts at first, set the tone for the remainder of the game.

The middle of the field on the first drive was wide open. Hawkeyes Jack Hockaday and Dijimon Colbert made their first starts of the season, and when the Cyclones gained 31 yards on a receiver streaking across the linebackers' area untouched, it appeared as though it would be a long day.

But Iowa's bend-and-don't-break defense did just

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