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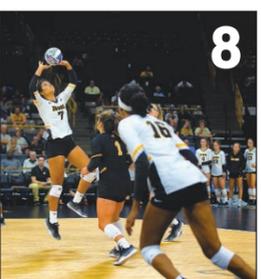


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Gravel group blazes a gritty path

Andrea Cohen started the Gravel Scouts with hopes of building a network for gravel-road bikers.



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A cyclocross rider runs up Mount Krumpit before the first day of Jingle Cross at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Sept. 14, 2017. The three-day cyclocross event played host to youth events, masters' events, and the UCI Telenet Cyclocross World Cup.

BY KATE PIXLEY
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Andrea Cohen began biking because her car died.

Cohen was living in Coralville at the time and needed a way to get to class at the University of Iowa, so she started riding her bike. What started as a commute became both a passion and a career.

"My family has always been into riding bikes, so I've always had bikes around me," she said. "So when my car died, I had a bike that always

sat in my room."

Cohen, a World of Bikes salesperson, began riding regularly and got into the gravel biking scene around seven years ago.

Cohen is both the creator and head scout of the Gravel Scouts, a group that meets weekly to ride bikes on gravel roads and trails around the state.

"I started the Monday night ride, because I needed a Monday night ride," Cohen said.

Members of the Gravel Scouts will participate in events at this weekend's Jingle Cross and Cyclo-Cross World Cup in Iowa City.

The Scouts will also host the Jingle Cross

Gravel Group Ride at 7 a.m. Saturday.

The group garners around 20 riders a week, Cohen said. The members recently started holding monthly sit-down meetings that attract around 15 people.

The group ranges in ability from beginners to competitive bikers. Cohen noted that some people wind up riding a \$5,000 bike, while others ride the bike that they use to commute to work.

Drew Boss, a bike mechanic and Scout mem-

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Grassley plays a role in 'Me Too' moment

Sen. Chuck Grassley again plays a role in hearings regarding sexual-assault allegations against Supreme Court nominees.



Tom Williams/Pool/CQ Roll Call/Abaca Press/TNS

Professor Christine Blasey Ford is sworn in by Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, on Thursday during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. The hearing focused on allegations of sexual assault by Kavanaugh against Ford in the early 1980s.

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Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee, oversaw hearings Thursday in which both Christine Blasey Ford and Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh testified in front of the committee and the nation about allegations of sexual assault.

"I want to apologize to you both for the way you've been treated, and I intend for today's hearing to be safe, and comfortable, and dignified for both of our wit-

nesses," Grassley said during his opening remarks.

Following Thursday's hearing, the committee confirmed it would stick to the scheduled vote today whether to approve Kavanaugh's nomination. If the committee confirms it, the full Senate vote could occur as soon as next week.

The panel's vote will come fewer than 24 hours after the committee heard testimony from Kavanaugh and Ford.

Senators have compared Thursday's testimony from Ford to that of lawyer Anita Hill, who accused then-Supreme Court nominee and current Associate

Freerks touts experience in City Council bid

Ann Freerks hopes to improve housing affordability and transportation if elected in next week's City Council special election.

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Ann Freerks has spent the last 17 years serving Iowa City and hopes to continue her service on the City Council.

"I have a lot of experience bringing people to a consensus," Freerks said. "I've acquired a lot of good listening skills. I understand how everything is interconnected after working with the community."

Before running for City Council, Freerks served on the Iowa City Planning & Zoning Commission, where she worked on the development of the Riverfront Crossings District. She currently works as a designer for the University of Iowa Strategic Communication Office.

Her volunteer work includes serving on the advisory board for "Any Given Child," a program that seeks to connect children with arts programs and as PTA president for Longfellow Elementary School.

Freerks said her top platform issues include affordable housing and transportation.

If elected, she said, she hopes to bring affordable housing to all neighborhoods of Iowa City, not just those that are near downtown.

"Quality housing — it will start from the outside," Freerks said. "Places will become a little less expensive the farther away [from downtown Iowa City] you are."

She also wants to increase housing accessibility to those in the workforce who don't necessarily qualify for affordable housing but still struggle to pay rent every month.

She said she doesn't want affordable housing to be limited to apartment complexes, either. Affordable duplexes, single-family homes, and smaller apartment buildings should be evenly



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SKATING ON



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Aaron Cruz skateboards at the Iowa City Skatepark on Thursday. Cruz became interested in skateboarding when he discovered "Tony Hawk Pro Skater" and got his first Penny Cruiser board, but he didn't start skateboarding seriously until 2010. "Daily life can sometimes be a struggle, and you can't always get what you want, but with skating, you get a sense of pride when you can do stuff consistently. Plus, it's good exercise and gets me outside."

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ber, said he got into gravel riding because of how the trails evolve from week to week and the sense of solitude he gets from riding more isolated routes. "Gravel is a little more different every week, more

of an adventure, more of a challenge, also less traffic," he said. The gravel-riding community isn't limited to the Iowa City area. Next weekend, Cohen and two other riders plan to compete in the Winterset Spotted Horse Gravel Ultra, a long-distance gravel biking race in Winterset, Iowa. Cohen plans to ride 200 miles, but riders have a choice to ride a shorter route

of 150 miles. "What I do on my bike is gravel ultras, like ultra-distance," Cohen said. "That's my main goal, to become a stronger ultra-distance gravel rider." Jason Mattock, a biker, Scout member, and member of the service department at World of Bikes, said he enjoys the challenge of gravel riding. He was born into a biking family, and for him,

the journey to gravel riding was a natural progression. "I just like riding my bike a lot, and gravel riding has a little more of a technical ability, because you've got to be kind of skilled because gravel's loose, and there's always a chance you could wipe out," he said. Mattock plans on participating in Jingle Cross racing today and Sept. 30. Cohen hopes to take the

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Gravel Scouts nationwide and create a community of gravel bikers across the country. The riders would share routes with each other, meet up for rides, and make friends. "This group showcases every version of a cyclist," Cohen said.

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Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment 27 years ago.

At the time, Grassley was a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., also a panel member at the time, reminded Grassley of the hearings in calling for an FBI investigation.

"Chairman, you and I were here 27 years ago ... we failed Anita Hill," Leahy said. "We are doing a lot less for these women today."

The current ranking Democrat, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, won her seat the year after the hearings.

"While young women are standing up and saying no more, our institutions have not progressed in how they treat women who come forward," Feinstein remarked Thursday in her opening statement.

She recounted her memory of watching Hill testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee while in an airport.

"What I saw was an attractive woman in a blue suit in front of an all-male Judiciary Committee speaking of her experience

of sexual harassment," Feinstein said. "She was treated badly, accused of lying, attacked, and her credibility put to the test throughout the process."

Ford requested an FBI investigation into her allegations, similarly to Hill in 1991. Grassley explained his reasoning for not supporting an investigation from the agency in a Sept. 19 conference call with reporters and in public statements thereafter.

"Nobody knew who was involved in Anita Hill's case]. And they needed to find that out," Grassley told reporters. "We know everybody that's been involved in this instance, and we have contacted them for information."

Feinstein criticized Grassley and other Republicans, contending an FBI investigation would be a normal process squarely in the bureau's jurisdiction.

Grassley, in response, has criticized Feinstein for withholding Ford's letter.

In her testimony, Ford outlined the night she was allegedly assaulted by Kavanaugh at a party in Maryland when the two were high-school students as well as the lasting effects on her today.

"For a very long time, I was too afraid and ashamed to tell anyone these details," Ford said



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Christine Blasey Ford (center) takes a break from testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

during her opening statement Thursday. She said during her testimony that she was "100 percent certain" Kavanaugh was the one who assaulted her. Kavanaugh, in his testi-

mony, categorically denied the allegations. "I'm not questioning that Dr. Ford may have been sexually assaulted by some person in some place at some time," Kavanaugh

said during his opening remarks. "But I have never done this. To her or to anyone." Grassley had expressed his desire to speak with Ford since her allegations

of sexual assault were published in the *Washington Post*. "She deserves to be heard," Grassley has said on numerous occasions in reference to the hearing.

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dispersed throughout the city, she said.

Housing accessibility is closely related to economic development and transportation, Freerks said.

"Economic development is important," she said. "The university is a huge job engine ... but we can't just have the university, we have to have other things as well."

Freerks hopes to increase ease of transportation for workers in addition to potentially creating a regional bus pass. She noted that she would want to wait until the city's transportation study is complete before outlining a plan.

"I think transportation on Sundays has actually been a big issue," she said.

Freerks noted that the recent addition of a bus

line between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City is a good start to fixing the city's transportation woes.

She said she believes she would fit in with the council, because she has worked with city councilors many times during the course of her career.

"I know many of them, I respect everyone, and everyone's got qualities that I admire," she said. "I could bring something that's missing on City Council."

Freerks said that if elected, she would like to take a goal-based approach on the council.

"I'm an independent voter in the way that I look at things," Freerks said. "I carefully assess everything, and the situation, and what is the best for the city. It's not even about my vision, I'm just one of the tools to make things happen. I see it as me helping to fulfill those goals. If things aren't goal-based, then things fall apart."



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City Council candidate Ann Freerks discusses her City Council bid in the Adler Journalism Building on Wednesday.

Protesters speak out against Kavanaugh nomination in IC

Several community members came out Thursday to the Old Capitol to protest Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination.

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Several community members assembled at the Old Capitol on Thursday morning, flashing placards and chanting "Cancel Kavanaugh" to denounce the Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh.

This was followed by speeches from University of Iowa students and faculty and Iowa City community members.

President Trump nominated Kavanaugh to serve as an associate justice on the Supreme Court following Justice Anthony Kennedy's res-

ignation. Three women have come forward with allegations of sexual assault and misconduct by Kavanaugh.

Christine Blasey Ford, one of the women who has voiced allegations against Kavanaugh, and Kavanaugh testified Thursday be-

fore the Senate Judiciary Committee. A vote on Kavanaugh's confirmation as a Supreme Court justice is scheduled for today.

"I am here to say to our senators and congressmen and the president that Judge Kavanaugh ought not to be confirmed," community member Aaron Silander said. "This is a very important position."

Silander said the Supreme Court nominee will make important decisions, some of which will be on sexual assault. The nominee should therefore have an untarnished record, Silander said.

Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. Some have drawn comparisons between Hill's allegations and testimony 27 years ago to Ford's allegations today.

"It shows that sexual assault can happen to anybody," Schnerre said. "I hate the victim blaming that's happening right now. I was 'tried' when I was sexually assaulted. What I was wearing didn't matter ... Nobody really asks to be assaulted."

Community member Leslie Schwalm said she wants survivors to be believed, and she would like to raise awareness in society.

"I hate that another woman is [going to be not only] believed but smeared and denigrated as she has come forward with legitimate charges that deserved an official investigation," she said.

Community member Li-ana Reimer protested with a poster that said 'KAVANOPE.'

"We're calling for a full FBI investigation," she said. "We are voters, they see us coming ... and midterms are just month away, and there are going

to be riots from women, and we are going to vote them out of office."

Community member Candice Kleppe said it is important to stand in solidarity with sexual-assault survivors.

"I think this is not just a gender problem, but a problem for our society,"

she said. "It is happening everywhere. Especially for people who are going to [be] in high offices and high courts, they need to be held accountable."

Johnson County Supervisor Janelle Rettig, who spoke at the protest, encouraged attendees to vote in the Nov. 6 midterm elec-

tions.

"I have watched ... every minute of the Anita Hill hearing, and I believe Anita Hill," she said. "I believed her then, and I believe her now. All I can say is let's get our s**t together, and march to the polls, and make sure this never happens again."



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Community members gather on the steps of the Old Capitol on Thursday to protest the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. Protesters spoke in support of victims of sexual violence and shared personal stories about coming forward as victims of sexual violence.

'Especially for people who are going to [be] in high offices and high courts, they need to be held accountable'

- Candice Kleppe, community member

UI student Nicholas Schnerre, who said he is a survivor of sexual assault, voiced support for Anita Hill and Ford for what they have done for women.

Hill testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1991 after accusing then-nominee

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Iowans waiting on Congress to fund state conservation efforts as deadline approaches

With a Sept. 30 deadline for the farm bill closing in, U.S. Senators try to merge two versions of the agriculture spending package.

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In 2017, Iowa farmers received more than \$3 million in assistance from a conservation program that could potentially be repealed as Congress works to renew a five-year budget that provides funding assistance and development for the agricultural sector.

The current version of what is commonly known as the farm bill is set to expire on Sept. 30.

The Senate and the House have both passed separate pieces of legislation, but Congress must merge the two and pass a unified document to renew funding.

The biggest sticking points are in the House version of the new bill including proposals to cut funding from the Conservation Stewardship Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps.

The House approved a version of this bill that aims to repeal the Conservation Stewardship Program, which provides financial and technical help to farmers to enhance and conserve soil, water, air, and other natural resources on their land.

In 2017, Iowa received \$3.7 million in farming assistance from the Conservation Stewardship Program. Farmers receive money based on the number of acres of land they have and how resource concerns can be addressed.

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, was named to the committee tasked with merging the two versions of the bills. In a prepared statement in September, Ernst called the passage of the bill a "must-do" and a "must-pass."

Ernst's office did not respond to emails or calls from *The Daily Iowan* by the time of publication.

Top ranking Democrats told Politico that agriculture lawmakers admit that the farm bill may not be completed until after the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Some Iowa farmers and Iowa politicians in rural counties await the decision on conservation funding.

Sen. Rich Taylor, D-Mount Pleasant, a member of the state Agriculture Committee, said repealing the Conservation Stewardship Program is the opposite of what policymakers are trying to do in Iowa to protect conservation efforts.

Iowa implemented the Nutrient Reduction Strategy that encourages farmers to use more sustainable farming practices, such as planting cover crops, but it does not require farmers to do so.

"Rather than regulate, we need to work with farmers and the EPA to actually help fix the problem," Taylor said. "Right now, we are working against each other."

Taylor said it is a common misconception for people to think the EPA is an enforcement agency. Lawmakers need to come together with the Agriculture Department to help fix the problem, Taylor said.

Conservation programs face the largest cutbacks on the House bill, with a potential \$5 billion decrease over time for working lands programs, according to Politico.

Brett Barker, the Republican chair in Story County, said his county, and the city of Nevada specifically, have faced a lot of challenges regarding water conservation.

"That's the primary hurdle we have for development," he said.

Barker said that he has been working with Ernst to help his county move forward in water-conservation efforts.

The House bill also outlines work requirements in order to qualify for SNAP,

supported by President Trump. Taylor said the requirements would add another layer of bureaucracy to judge how much someone is capable of working.

Taylor also said that by implementing work requirements, the government would spend money to fix an issue that does not exist.

"There would need to be investigators to study cases in question — whether someone really needs food stamps," Taylor said. "How could [the federal government] possibly afford that kind of oversight?"

SNAP helps assist an average of 40 million Americans and typically accounts for a large portion of the farm-bill budget. In Iowa, 339,878 people were getting some kind of SNAP benefits in June 2018.

Larry Hodgden, the vice chair of the Cedar County Democrats and a part-time farmer, said he believed if SNAP benefits are going to be cut, the minimum wage should be raised so that people who are working are able to make a livable amount.

"Take a look at what the cost for childcare — by the time you pay childcare, you have to be working well over minimum wage to support yourself," Hodgden said.



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Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, speaks during a town hall in Cedar Rapids on March 17, 2017. Ernst was completing her 99-county tour; she will speak again at 5 p.m. at Drake University.

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Alternative schooling outgrows stigma, reaps success

As curricula is more catered to students' unique needs, alternative schooling enables success instead of squandering potential.



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Excelling in various subjects and grasping concepts beyond the walls of a classroom is eagerly encouraged for students navigating the average school system. But advancing in education with confidence and perseverance is something many children miss out on because of the setup in the school systems.

One in 5 children grapple with a learning disability — whether that be something as common as Attention Deficit Disorder and dyslexia or as rare as dysgraphia, in which a child's fine-motor skills and writing ability are affected. Learning disabilities set children at a disadvantage in the common classroom — in which their disabilities are often overlooked or underestimated by both their parents and educators.

According to the National Center for Disabilities, nearly half of all parents incorrectly believe that their children will outgrow these brain-based difficulties and neglect in getting them the help they need. Around 33 percent of educators say

they often see people brush off learning disabilities as nothing more than laziness.

The point is: A large portion of the classroom population wrestles with learning hindrances, and when an average school day is catered solely to students who process information rapidly, easily, and without much in the way of setbacks, many children are left out. And no child deserves to be left out of a successful schooling setup.

Catering to a specific type of thinking method throughout primary and secondary school can be detrimental to students who ache for a more hands-on experience or who need the material described in different yet detailed ways

— or who, mostly, have trouble comprehending information splayed out in the manner set before them in an ordinary classroom setting.

When alternative schooling began springing up across the country, a certain stigma formed surrounding the system. Ideas flung around about the students who attended such schools, held they should be considered lesser, unable, unequipped, or even unteachable.

Suddenly, it was impossible to send a child to an alternative school without them feeling insecure about their abilities. Just because children process information differently, or even handle material in uncommon ways, doesn't

mean they are inadequate or should be pushed into a position of feeling like a failure.

Alternative schooling deserves to be celebrated, and so do its students. Finally, a place in which the youth can go to grow and discover education in a way accessible and helpful to them. It's a space in which there's more room to ask questions in which there are alternative curricula based on students' specific needs.

Branching out to cover certain areas of subjects, circumstances, and specialties, alternative schooling paves a way for its population of students to thrive in whatever atmosphere best suits them. By bringing in certified teachers and bril-

liant staff, children are offered the side-by-side help that often ensures a more than successful future.

It's more than a good thing for students to be guided throughout their education in the ways most beneficial to them. Helpfulness and understanding cultivated in the classroom can steward academics into a place of personal growth — and even encourage positive social skills.

"In Iowa, alternative education is a perspective, not a procedure or a program. It is based upon a belief that there are many ways to become educated, as well as many types of environments and structures within which this may occur," says the Iowa Department of Education.

COLUMN

Questionably quick return for Louis C.K.

C.K.'s apparant lack of awareness shows there should be a higher standard of accountability for celebrities who have done wrong.



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In light of the #MeToo Movement, it has become increasingly harder to reach common ground on how long those who commit heinous acts must be punished before they can begin their path to redemption.

Comedian Louis C.K. was one of many celebrities outed during the move-

ment, and less than a year after the initial exposure, he is back to doing standup comedy. This has been met with backlash from both comedians and the public and has sparked conversation around the timeline for redemption and getting back to one's job.

I think that the biggest problem with C.K.'s quick return to comedy is that it shows a lack of compassion, as well as a pure lack of respect for not only his followers but the women that he has affected and the movement that resulted in his exposure.

I have always been a fan of comedy and specifically believe that C.K. is a

brilliant comedian. While I enjoy his work, I think that accountability is particularly important in sexual-assault cases, and I don't think that returning to comedy so quickly is a move based on compassion. It is a move based on carelessness.

While I understand that people cannot be punished forever if they show a willingness to change, the move to return so quickly is completely detached. C.K.'s return to comedy should have been less about when he was ready and more about when people were ready to listen to him again. That time is not now.

There are various steps that C.K. could have taken before returning to the stage that likely would've warranted a warmer welcome back into stardom and the community of entertainers.

Perhaps donating some of his impressive fortune to a charity or organization centered on sexual-assault victims or even issuing an apology on stage would have shown a sense of accountability. Instead, C.K. took a rather brief hiatus and popped back up as if nothing had ever happened.

Of course, people will go to see C.K. perform, because he is still a talented

comedian, but I think that it was a decision of greed. That he has decided he's paid his dues without allowing even a year to pass is not only a bad career move for C.K., but the action makes me think that he might be as much of a schmuck as his poor actions frame him to be.

I think that it's rather difficult to establish a line on what is and isn't OK for someone to do after making such terrible decisions.

For one, accountability does not expire, and at no point should C.K.'s actions be forgotten or dismissed. I do believe in a path to redemption, though, and I think that there should

always be a chance for rehabilitation and growth. I don't think that C.K. should be banned altogether from performing comedy, though I'm sure specific theaters and platforms will refuse to work with him.

I do think that it was inappropriate for C.K. to assume that enough time had passed that he would be welcomed back or that he even deserved to work in such a privileged and celebrated position at this time. As a celebrity, there is an even greater need for accountability, and respect, two areas in which that I think C.K. showed a clear lack of understanding.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Are online classes worth it for students?

Are online classes more efficient or do they take away from in-person class time?



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Online classes allow students to have flexible schedules

I am a huge fan of online classes. Online classes allow me to have a more flexible schedule. I have more time to work, go to the gym, and have a social life. My study time is planned around the rest of my

day rather than my day being planned around my classes. Another perk of online classes is that I can listen to online lectures at any time during the week when I have greater concentration.

Lectures can be inefficient for me. I find myself spacing out or feeling too small in a large class. With online classes, I can choose a work space where I am most comfortable. A more pleasant learning environment increases my focus while listening to online lectures. When I am focused in a comfortable environment, I retain a lot more knowledge from an online lecture rather than commuting to a class

and sitting among many students.

In a tech-driven world, I am improving my technical skills with an online class. It is clear that the future will have a lot of technology, so I will need computer skills, such as knowing how to navigate a management system, to help me as I continue pursuing a profession.

All in all, I see online classes becoming more prevalent in the future. I feel that people are looking to be more efficient and manage their own time. Online classes allow me to do just that — have a flexible schedule. I manage my own study time, and the best part is I can study wherever I am as long as there is internet.



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Online classes leave students paying the same for less

A lot of classes at the UI have online options. Actually, the university has entire majors that can be taken completely online. Students can register in the UI's distance and online education program; those who choose this route get

a small break in tuition — they do not have to pay the full amount of student fees that their in-class counterparts do. And though the cost difference is miniscule, some students decide that taking online classes is more convenient for them — for a whole slew of different reasons.

Choosing to take a course online does not actually seem to be best for students. Everyone knows that online classes mean that students have little to no face-to-face interactions between themselves and their fellow classmates or professors. For some students, a lack of interaction can hinder learning.

Many online classes have components that allow students to go at their own pace, which can, on its face, seem

appealing. However, it also leaves a large door open for students to procrastinate and do the bare minimum at the end of the semester. With procrastination comes a lack of learning and overall long-term retention of material.

Online classes make sense for students who know that independent learning is their strong suit. But online classes have little benefit for typical first- and second-year students who may not fully understand how they learn best. Sure, it could save time, but students at the UI pay the same amount for a class regardless of if the course is online or in a classroom. This leaves students shelling out the same amount of cash despite the obvious difference in the amount of resources between the two.

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Iowa swimmers ready to hit the water

Hawkeye swimming & diving starts its season this weekend, traveling to Michigan State before coming back home.

BY TANNER DESPLANQUE
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The Iowa swimming and diving teams will start their seasons today in East Lansing against Michigan State before returning to the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center for the annual Intrasquad meet on Saturday.

Both the men's and women's squads hope to see what their returning swimmers can show them tonight. Both teams also have some newcomers this season and cannot wait to see them.

Here is a look at the Hawkeyes' men's and women's swimming and diving teams by the numbers.

41 — Returning letter winners

Both teams have many returning letter winners; the Hawkeye men alone have 22. Among those, the Hawkeyes have four NCAA qualifiers returning: Matt Kamin, Joe

Myhre, Will Scott, and Jack Smith. Another key returner for the men's team is sophomore Daniel Swanepoel, who sits third in Iowa's record books with a time of 53.74 in the 100-meter breaststroke.

Though the season hasn't started yet, Swanepoel has been impressed with how the squad looks.

"We're looking pretty good as a team this year," he said. "We got some great guys in as freshmen, and we kept a lot of key people like our strong freestylers, backstrokers, and breaststrokers. It should be interesting to see how we all perform."

The Iowa women bring back 19 letter winners this season. The women's team has two NCAA qualifiers in junior Hannah Burvill, who has qualified for the NCAA Championships the past two years, and diver Thelma Strandberg, who placed at NCAAs last year. Sophomore Kelsey Drake also ranks among the school records in three events and has the second-best

time in the 100-meter fly.

13 — Newcomers

The Iowa swimming and diving teams both have quite a few freshmen this year, and the squads are ready to see what talent they have. The women's program welcomed five freshmen this year, four from Iowa: Jolynn Harris, Taylor Hartley, Kelsey Maher, Sam Tamborski, and Alleyna Thomas.

The men's team brought in seven newcomers this year from just about everywhere. Jackson Allmon, Mateusz Arndt, Caleb Babb, Dolan Craine, Anze Fers Erzen, Andrew Fierke, and Matjaz Rozman make up the Hawkeye newbies.

16 — Best finish at NCAAs

The Hawkeyes may have a lot of returners, but some of them are also the best they have to offer. The 200-free relay team of Myhre, Scott, Smith, and Kamin placed No. 16 at the



Iowa's Will Scott stretches before the men's 50-meter freestyle during the Senior Day meet between Iowa and Minnesota at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Oct. 27, 2017. The Iowa men's swimming team beat the No. 21 Gophers, 168-132.

NCAAs with a time of 1:17.50, earning All-American honors in the process.

The same group also finished No. 23 in the 400-free relay in 2:51.58.

With some experience at the

top level of college swimming heading into the 2018-19 season, Iowa certainly has potential to improve in the postseason. Getting the swimmers in action early in the season should help them ease into things.

While it will be important for the returners to shake the rust off, the meet at Michigan State and the Intrasquad will help the newcomers, because they will get their first tastes of college swimming at Iowa.

Field hockey seeks rebound on the road

The No. 13 Iowa field-hockey team will take on Michigan State and No. 23 Ohio State this weekend.

BY SARAH ALTEMEIER
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The Iowa field hockey team will test the condition of the Big Ten road this weekend with games against Michigan State and No. 23 Ohio State.

The Hawkeyes will play the Spartans in East Lansing today at 3 p.m. before traveling to Columbus to take on the Buckeyes at noon Sept. 30.

There is room for improvement for the Hawkeyes; they have a 4-2 record away from Grant Field.

"[Traveling is] just part of being in the Big Ten," head coach

Lisa Cellucci said. "We're travel warriors for sure. I think that it actually helps us when we get into the postseason because [traveling] doesn't faze our team. We talk a lot about rest, recovery, and sleep, and we're ready to perform either way."

Michigan State is 0-3 in the Big Ten, 4-7 overall, and Iowa has topped Michigan State in the last three matches between the squads. In last season's game, the Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans, 7-1.

Ohio State is 5-5 overall, 1-2 in conference play, but the Buckeyes have defeated three ranked teams: Louisville, BU,

and Rutgers. Last year, Maddy Murphy scored the only goal of the game, leading Iowa to a 1-0 victory. The Hawkeyes have a 47-14 all-time record against the Buckeyes.

"We were all pretty disappointed with our loss [last week] against Northwestern," junior Sophie Sunderland said. "We're taking it one game at a time. We just got to stick to the game plan both games, play a full 70 minutes, and really execute in the circle."

Iowa was on a long hot-streak heading into last weekend, but No. 14 Northwestern broke the Hawkeyes' six-game

winning streak.

"The away game was definitely pretty disappointing for us as a team because we have been doing so well, but I think we learned our lesson," sophomore Maddy Murphy said. "We weren't really prepared with everything going on in school, and we were feeling a bit fatigued. But we realized this weekend when we work as a team, and have that mindset, that we are such a better team, and we are capable of pretty much anything."

Goalkeeper Leslie Speight continues to play an integral role for the Hawkeyes. She

leads the Big Ten in shutouts (5), save percentage (.833), and average goals against (0.69).

"She's of the utmost importance to our team right now, only having one goalkeeper with the injury to Grace McGuire," Cellucci said. "She's had to have a lot of composure, poise, and every day be able to bring her 'A' game. That's a lot of pressure, but she's handled it really well, and she's really done a good job of communicating and organizing the defense. I couldn't be happier with where she is right now."

The Hawkeyes are now 8-2 and have only lost to ranked

opponents North Carolina and Northwestern. Following the weekend, Iowa will have four-consecutive matches at Grant Field, where it is undefeated.

"Sitting at 8-2, we couldn't be any happier; we would've liked to get the game against Northwestern, but we feel really good right now," Cellucci said. "We have one game left against an unranked team, and every other game is going to be big-time. Even Friday will be, too. We feel good where we are, and we've been getting better, progressing, so that's the best part about it."



Iowa's Sophie Sunderland chases down the ball during a game against Ball State on Sept. 2. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cardinals, 7-1.



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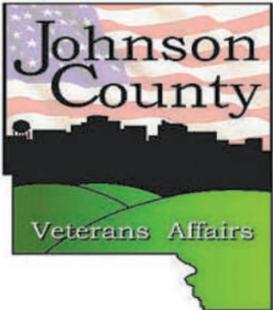
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1.54. The Hawkeyes will have to be aggressive at the net to meet the toughness of the Illini experience in the middle.

The Hawkeye squad will continue the trip in Evanston against the Wildcats on Sept. 30.

The Wildcats sport a record of 10-4. They are winless in Big Ten play, having lost their first matches to Indiana and No. 16 Purdue.

Statistically, Northwestern is largely in the middle of the Big Ten in all facets of play. Sophomore outside hit-

ter Nia Robinson will pose a threat to the Hawkeyes; she has posted 4.14 kills per set thus far in the season, good enough to put her at fourth in the conference.

Tough, aggressive play from Iowa's talented hitters will be important to head coach Bond Shymansky.

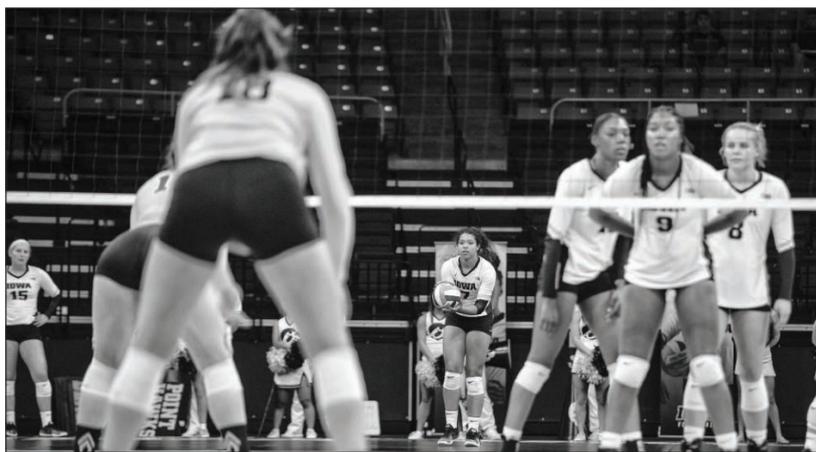
"Cali Hoye [has done] a great job. Taylor Louis seems to be a little more terminal for us," Shymansky said. "We have to find a way to get a little bit tougher as we get ready to go on the road against Illinois and Northwestern."

Road play has been fairly strong for the Hawkeyes this season. The squad is 7-3 on courts that are not named

Carver-Hawkeye, and the traits they have shown on road games will prove valuable as the season goes on.

"We all just love to fight and get rowdy together," junior Cali Hoye said. "It's fun being at home and having home court advantage but also being away and having people yelling at us. I think it really fires us up and gets us going."

While it experienced a tough loss last weekend to Michigan, Iowa also saw glimpses of greatness in its win over Michigan State. The Hawkeyes have proved they can compete with the best in the country, and they will try to demonstrate that on the road.



Iowa's Brie Orr gets ready to serve during Iowa's match against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye on Sept. 23. The Wolverines won, 3-1. Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

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did not have to make a save in the first half.

The Buckeyes scored in the 71st minute when Talani Barnett got a header on a corner from Izzy Rodriguez. Rodriguez wasn't done there; she converted a penalty kick in the 82nd minute for her second goal of the season.

This game was yet another example of Iowa's inefficiency on stopping set-piece goals and its trouble playing on the road.

The Hawkeyes have struggled with both all season, and head coach Dave DiIanni stressed it all week.

"What has hit us all year, de-

fending set pieces and giving the ball up unnecessarily in spaces that we have to run 80 yards the other way in counter situations," he said. "Also fine-tuning some finishing, we have gotten better and a little cleaner in the box. This is the healthiest we have been all year. We have nobody out this weekend, which is the first time ever."

The Buckeyes more than doubled the Hawkeyes in shots, 13-6, but only placed 3 on net. The Hawkeyes ended with 4 shots on goal out of 6 total.

After the loss, Iowa will try to turn its game around on the road against Penn State. The Nittany Lions are coming off a 1-0 loss to Nebraska to make its record 6-5-0.

The Nittany Lions beat Ohio



Iowa's Claire Graves dives for the ball against Indiana State on Aug. 26 at the Iowa Soccer Complex. The Hawkeyes defeated the Sycamores, 1-0. David Harmantas/The Daily Iowan

State earlier this year, 4-0, so the Hawkeyes are looking at a challenge. Penn State has a 4-3 home record.

Penn State will be a difficult opponent, scoring 21 goals while only giving up 8. It is known to have a strong offense, so the Iowa defense will be put to the test.

The Hawkeyes have played solid defense all year, and it showed against the Buckeyes, but they played too much defense for their efforts to show results in the final score.

After the second road trip is done, the Hawkeyes have four days to rest until they play Nebraska at home. Iowa will need this time to focus on creating more offense and continuing to work on defending set pieces.

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en and will have the chance to continue that today.

Joining Shine at the front of the pack has been Megan Schott. The senior traded in an Iowa State uniform for a

black and gold Iowa uniform and has proven to be a valuable Hawkeye. Schott has been the second finisher for Iowa women, with a fourth-place finish at the Hawkeye Invitational at 14:23 and 16th at the Woody Greeno at 22:03.

The Iowa women have faced the challenge of filling their front lineup, and Schott

offers the potential to be a consistent finisher behind Shine this season.

On the men's side, Daniel Soto has been the top finisher for Iowa so far. The senior finished ninth in 18:44 at the Hawkeye Invitational and third at the Woody Greeno at 24:45. Like Shine, Soto ran a personal-best time of 24:55

during the 2017 Joe Piane 5-mile race.

Nathan Mylenek has steadily followed Soto.

The junior led races during the 2017 season for the Hawkeye men, but he has fallen lower in the lineup this season. Mylenek placed 21st in 19:03 at the Hawkeye Invitational and sixth in 25:08

at the Woody Greeno. At the 2017 Notre Dame Invitational, Mylenek finished the men's 5-mile race in 24:32 and was Iowa's top finisher.

Unlike the women, the men have a consistent, deep lineup. Ian Eklin, Bailey Hesse-Withbroe, Brandon Cooley, Spencer Smith, Daniel Murphy, and Karson Sommer have been

interchangeable in the scoring positions for Iowa this season. Iowa has a lineup of harriers that have placed in the top 25 for the two races so far.

The Iowa harriers will have the opportunity to rise above the rankings yet again against respectable teams today, and they will continue to test their strides.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Men's basketball media day representatives named

The Big Ten announced a list of 36 student-athletes who will represent the men's basketball teams at Big Ten media day on Oct. 11.

Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery selected four members of his squad to make the trip to Chicago: senior Nicholas Baer and juniors Tyler Cook, Jordan Bohannon, and Isaiah Moss.



Cook

Three first-team All-Big Ten honorees will make the trip, along with two second-teamers.

Nebraska's James Palmer Jr., Purdue's Carsen Edwards, and Wisconsin's Ethan Happ of the first team will make the trip, while Juwan Morgan of Indiana and Jordan Murphy of Minnesota are the second-teamers.



Happ

Cook rejoins the Hawkeyes after debating keeping his name in the NBA Draft. Cook led Iowa in 2017-18 with 15.3 points per game to go along with 6.8 rebounds.

Bohannon finished second on the team with 13.5 points a game and led the team with a 43 percent mark from behind the arc and 5.4 assists per game.

Moss, a Chicago native, gets the chance to take a quick trip back to his hometown after averaging 11.1 points, 2.2 rebounds, and 1.9 assists per game, while shooting 38.6 percent from deep.

Weekend Sports Schedule

Volleyball (Urbana-Champaign and Evanston)

• Friday vs. Illinois - 7 p.m.
• Sept. 30 vs. Northwestern - 1 p.m.

Rowing (Madison)

• Friday vs. Indiana and Wisconsin (scrimmage) - all day
• Saturday vs. Indiana and Wisconsin (scrimmage) - all day

Swimming (East Lansing and Campus Recreation Center)

• Friday vs. Michigan State - 9 a.m.
• Saturday, Intrasquad Meet - 10 a.m.

Cross-Country (South Bend)

• Friday, Notre Dame Invitational - 1 p.m.

Baseball (Banks Field)

• Friday, Iowa Scout Day - 2 p.m.

Field Hockey (East Lansing and Columbus)

• Friday vs. Michigan State - 3 p.m.
• Sept. 30 vs. Ohio State - noon

Men's Tennis (Tulsa)

• Saturday - Oct. 8, All-American Championships - all day

Softball (Ames)

• Saturday vs. Northern Iowa - 9:30 a.m.
• Saturday vs. Drake - 12:30 p.m.
• Sept. 30 vs. Iowa State - 1 p.m.

Women's Golf (Finkbine)

• Saturday, Thomason Invitational - all day
• Sept. 30, Thomason Invitational - all day

Men's Golf (Erin)

• Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Marquette Intercollegiate - all day

Soccer (University Park)

• Sept. 30 vs. Penn State - noon

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It doesn't affect me at all, because I'm not going to get redshirted."



- Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker on how the new redshirt rule affects him

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa golfers Alex Schaaque, Matthew Walker, and Gonzalo Leal Montero have all shot at least 5-under par in three different rounds through two tournaments this season.

5 Under Par

Volleyball sets off on Big Ten road

Iowa will have its first taste of Big Ten road volleyball when it travels to Northwestern and Illinois.



Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Brie Orr sets the ball against Eastern Illinois on Sept. 9 in Carver-Hawkeye. The Hawkeyes won the match, 3-0.

BY PETE MILLS
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Iowa volleyball will continue Big Ten play this weekend with road matches against Northwestern and No. 7 Illinois.

Iowa will begin the road trip with a visit to Champaign today to face a squad that has proved to be very tough this season. The Illini are

coming off a strong weekend to open Big Ten play, beating No. 16 Purdue and Indiana.

The Illini are among the top squads in the Big Ten in many offensive areas, including third in assists per set and kills per set.

Because the Hawkeyes face a tough foe in the Illini and will experience a long weekend road trip, they are paying special attention to

scouting and tapes. They feel implementing scouting reports was a weak part in their Sunday loss to Michigan.

"Paying attention to our scouting report more and actually using it [will be important for us]," sophomore setter Brie Orr said. "We're going to work a lot harder to use that against our own opponents."

Aggressiveness will be import-

ant for the Hawkeyes in their tough match against the Illini. The squad has struggled against kills this season, ranking 11th in the Big Ten in digs per set. However, it has proven very gritty with its middle players.

Illini senior Ali Bastianali is among the top in the Big Ten in blocks per set, ranking third with

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 7

Iowa soccer falls to Ohio State Buckeyes

Iowa's attack fell flat in its first game against Ohio State but it will attempt to get it going against Penn State on Sept. 30.



Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan

Iowa midfielder Natalie Winters plays a pass during Iowa's game against Central Michigan on Aug. 31. The Hawkeyes defeated the Chippewas, 3-1, and Winters scored the Hawkeyes' third goal on a penalty kick in the second half.

BY MICHAEL WHALEN
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Hawkeye soccer fell to Ohio State, 2-0, on Thursday in Columbus. The Hawkeyes traveled to the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium for their first match of another two-game road trip with an 0-4 record on the road.

The game started slowly, with the Buckeyes leading, 7-1, in shots but with none on goal at halftime.

However, the lone Iowa shot was on goal. Iowa started with Cora Meyers in goal, but in the second half changed up its defensive scheme and put junior Claire Graves in goal.

The defensive change didn't work as well as the Hawkeyes had planned; Graves let in 2 goals on 3 shots. The Buckeyes had 6 shots in the second half, but only 50 percent of them were on goal. Meyers

Hawkeye cross-country heads east

Cross-country will race in Notre Dame's Joe Piane Invitational against a large field of competition that includes regionally ranked teams.

BY HANNA MALZENSKI
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Hawkeye cross-country will head to South Bend, Indiana, to race in Notre Dame's Joe Piane Invitational today. The women's 5,000 meters will begin at noon, men's five mile at 12:45 p.m., and the men's and women's open races will follow at 1:30 p.m.

Iowa will run against a large field of competition — harriers from 33 men's teams and 36 women's teams, including regionally ranked squads. From the Midwest Region, the women will face No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 5 Northwestern. The men will face No. 8 Illinois State and No. 13 Oklahoma.

The Iowa women are ranked No. 13, and the men sit at No. 9 in the Midwest Region.

But Hawkeye harriers on both sides have proven that the rankings mean little.

Andrea Shine won the first two races of the 2018 season against highly ranked teams. At the Woody Greeno Invitational, she outran racers from No. 2 Minnesota and No. 4 South Dakota, finishing the 6,000 meters in 21:15.

At the 2017 Joe Piane, she ran a personal-best time of 17:16 and finished fifth. The senior has been a consistent leader for the Hawkeye wom-



Shine

SEE SOCCER, 7

SEE X-C, 7