

A SECOND CHANCE

UI student Chase Thurman's recovery from a nearly fatal car accident two years ago can't keep him from achieving his goals. On Oct. 4 Chase ran a 24-mile race through the Grand Canyon, despite 11 pieces of metal in his body holding him together.

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There is a certain chaos at the University of Iowa Campus Recreation & Wellness Center climbing wall on Monday nights. Ropes hang down like vines and climbers ascend, fall, and ascend again while belayers — those who hold the ropes at the bottom and let out slack for the climbers — chatter below. In the middle of this cluster of activity, UI student Chase Thurman is focused on certifying two top-rope climbers.

Friends call out to Chase and he greets them by name before quickly returning to the two climbers. He goes over knots, belaying form, and other tips with friendly expertise. At one point, a siren goes off somewhere in the Rec. While most heads swivel to look for the source, Chase does not flinch.

It's clear the wall is a special place for the 22-year-old. Surrounded by friends and rock climbing, Chase looks happy and healthy here. One wouldn't even realize he has 11 pieces of metal in his body holding him together.

The two climbers Chase is certifying belay for each other, and Chase takes a small break. He shakes out and massages his knee. It feels wobbly, he tells me that Monday. He asks if I want to feel it. I decline.

I ask what his plan is if his knee doesn't feel better by tomorrow, when he gets on a plane to run the Rim2Rim on Oct. 4.

Let's hope it's better by then, he jokes.

The Rim2Rim is a 24-mile run through the Grand Canyon. Chase is running the route, climbing a total of 7,260 feet, with his doctor and another runner with a knee injury.

Fellow climbers wish Chase luck as they pass by, and one teases him that it might be too dangerous. Chase laughs and says he wouldn't do it if it wasn't dangerous.

Chase does have limits. He rubs his leg and thinks about what it would take for him not to run the Rim2Rim.

"If I can't move my knee the morning of the run, then I won't do it," he says. "But there's not a lot that would keep me from running it."

That Thursday, despite a wobbly knee, Chase completed the Rim2Rim in 10 hours, beating the support vehicle. He posted on his Instagram a simple piece of advice:

"Get out. Get lost. And be found."

"Click."

"That's the last thing I can remember, is hearing the distinct 'click' of the seat belt. And then I woke up three days later in the hospital."

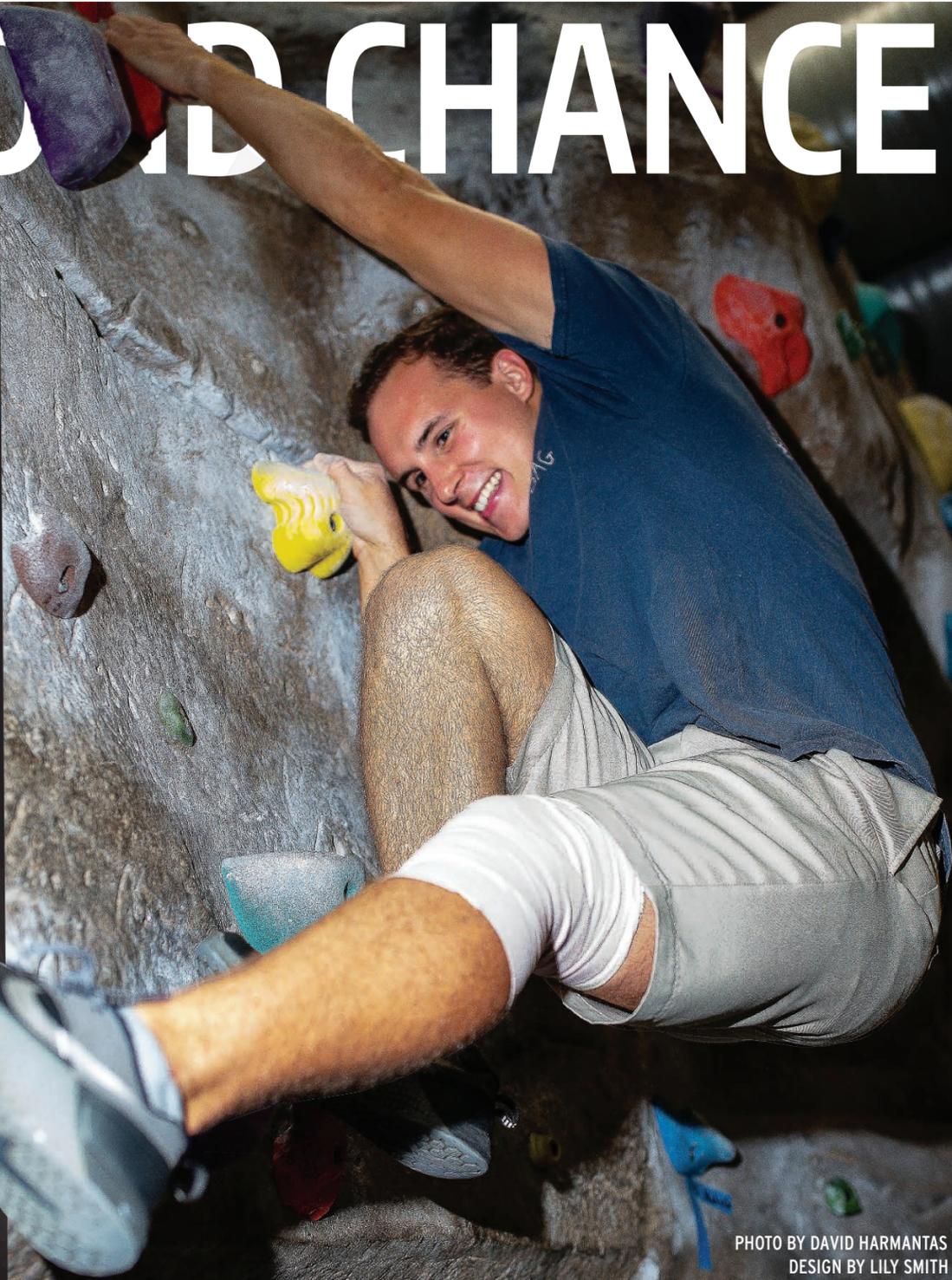


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On Jan. 13, 2017, Chase was driving from his paternal grandparents' house to his maternal grandparents' house in Macomb, Illinois. He needed to return his grandma's car before heading back to the UI.

His paternal grandma leaned her head out the door and told the then-20-year-old to be safe and buckle up. "Click."

Chase remembers nothing of the following events, but he has pieced together recollections from first responders, doctors, and loved ones. He was driving along the familiar roads of his hometown when, while crossing an intersection, a gray SUV T-boned his grandma's yellow Volkswagen Beetle at 90 mph.

Upon impact, Chase broke a rib, a foot, and a hand. More seriously, he punctured both lungs, suffered a traumatic brain injury, and a compound fracture of his femur. He also had contusions on his heart and spleen.

His injuries were so severe, a helicopter had to fly him to the nearest hospital. Chase's grandpa was at the scene of the crash after getting a phone call about a crushed bug that Chase later described as a "metal coffin." The grandparents called Chase's mom, Meg Thurman, and said he probably wouldn't make it.

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INSIDE



Iowa smacks Indiana on the road

The Hawkeyes' 42-16 dismantling of Indiana was a lot of things. It showcased how powerful Iowa's offense can be when performing at its best, and it moved Iowa to No. 19 in the AP Poll. After a successful road trip, the Hawkeyes seek to make Homecoming memorable with a win over Maryland.

Hawkeye air attack proves powerful

Led by Nate Stanley and his 6 touchdowns against Indiana, Iowa's offense showed that it has turned a corner since the game against Iowa State. The offense has averaged 462 yards over the past four games, and Stanley has thrown 10 touchdowns in the last two.

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Stanley

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Pate runs for re-election to refine initiatives

Secretary of State Paul Pate is running for re-election to continue work on the voter ID laws.



Contributed

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Secretary of State Paul Pate is running for re-election because he believes it's important to have continuity in the work he has begun.

The 60-year-old Republican candidate is running for a third term against Democratic challenger Deidre DeJear. If re-elected, Pate

hopes to continue his work on Iowa's new voter-ID law, an address-confidentiality program for survivors of violence, and voter engagement.

"The mission's not done," he said. "There are so many things that we're in the middle of that need to have continuity."

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Public unions face state-mandated vote

Several UI bargaining units face a round of recertification votes today through Oct. 29 after a state law change.

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Several University of Iowa bargaining units face elections in the next two weeks to be recertified as the bargaining units for their respective employees — the first such elections these units have faced since a 2017 law changed the collective-bargaining rights of Iowa's public employees.

The vote will be held today through Oct. 29. In order to be recertified, units need a 50 percent plus one vote; every eligible employee who does not vote is considered a no vote.

The Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, the bargaining unit for graduate students, is one of the units up for recertification. Other such units include four American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees units: Blue Collar, Clerical, Security, and Technical.

The elections started when Iowa's collective-bargaining law changed in 2017 under then-Gov. Terry Branstad, making it mandatory for all public-sector unions to recertify when their contracts expire.

The Iowa Public Employment Relations Board, which oversees the recertification elections, promotes cooperation between the government and its employees, said Amber DeSmet, an administrative



Szech

SEE UNIONS, 2



SMOKIN' THE HOOSIERS



Iowa fan Dave Mehl grills food before Iowa's game at Indiana in Bloomington on Oct. 13. The Iowa tailgaters had a happy day as the Hawkeyes smothered the Hoosiers, 42-16. **Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan**

PATE
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Pate, a Kirkwood Community College graduate, also owns a small asphalt paving company in Marion. He and his wife, Jane, live in Cedar Rapids and have three children and five grandchildren. Pate served as a state senator, representing Linn, Delaware, and Buchanan Counties, for six years beginning in 1989. He was first elected as Iowa's secretary of state in 1994 and then served as mayor of Cedar Rapids in 2001. In 2015, Pate returned to the Secretary of State's Of-

fice 20 years after he was first elected to the position. One of the largest initiatives Pate has championed is the voter-ID law. The new law requires voters to bring identification to the polls beginning in 2019 in an effort to secure elections against suspected fraud. The Secretary of State's Office provides free state IDs for registered voters in case Iowans don't have valid ones. Pate implemented a soft rollout of the law for the November midterm elections. At the polls this year, voters will be asked to show IDs before they vote, but they aren't legally required to do so until 2019 and can sign an oath

stating they are who they say they are. "I felt that it was my role as commissioner of elections to get in front of [voter-ID legislation] and make sure that we're listening to what Iowans said," Pate said. "Polling showed about 70 percent of Iowans wanted a voter ID. My interpretation was because they felt they wanted to ensure the integrity of what their vote is." Pate cited a poll from the *Des Moines Register* that reported 69 percent of Iowans support a voter-ID law. Some — including student leaders at Iowa's regent universities — have criticized the law saying it will disenfranchise vot-

ers, but Pate said that hasn't been the case. "This year we had over 40 special elections and a primary. The primary was the highest in our history for absentees. There were no major issues at all," he said. "Did everyone bring an ID? Probably not, but that is why we did a soft rollout. I think each election cycle gets us closer to where people get it and do it." Pate's office also implemented online voter registration. Within five months of the 2015 program's launch, 10,000 Iowans had registered to vote online, according to the office's website. Pate said that under his watch, Iowa has seen a record number

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law judge for the board. The board enforces Chapter 20 of Iowa Code, which covers unions' collective-bargaining rights. She said 468 units were up for recertification last year, and of those, 31 were not recertified. COGS President Laura Szech said the union, which started in 1996, has represented students' concerns such as tuition and university pay. All graduate students with assistantships

are eligible to vote in this election, she said — anyone who is a teaching assistant or a research assistant, for example. The elections are not funded by the government, she said, so COGS pays for it out of the organization's dues money. That cost the organization almost \$2,000, she said. "It is really frustrating because we didn't ask for this election," Szech said. "No graduate students asked for us to be recertified." The 2017 law change has been detrimental to COGS' membership, she said.

"We no longer collect dues through payroll [the way] unions usually do," she said. "On July 1 [2017], the law changed so we could no longer [collect dues through payroll], which meant we had to come up with our own system of collecting and managing dues..." Szech said this was challenging because COGS is a volunteer-run organization. "Students don't realize that they are no longer dues-paying members, because it was always automatically deducted from their payroll," she said. "We

had to talk to every single member to get them to re-join. It took a lot of time to do that." Paying dues is not mandatory for members, Szech said. Although all graduate students who work on campus are members of COGS, only students who volunteer pay dues. These students then become voting members. "When we go through contracts, for example, the members get to vote on those proposals," she said. "They basically get to have a stronger voice." In this election, COGS' contract is at stake. Szech

said this contract between COGS and the UI allows guarantees graduate students certain protections from the university. COGS is worried about students not voting at in this election, Szech said. "But the way it is set up, if you don't vote, it is the same as voting no," she said. "It's not a democratic election. Our hardest problem is getting what's at stake. Most people don't understand that they are in our unit and they are expected to vote..." The UI has communicated to eligible members via email and by posting no-

tices on bulletin boards, informing them about the vote as directed by Iowa Public Employment Relations Board, UI spokesperson Jeneane Beck said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Communication with eligible voters in the COGS bargaining unit, as well as other eligible voters in different bargaining units, has been done as explicitly directed by [the board]," she said. "For the employer to communicate any additional information could be viewed as interference with the recertification election."

ETHICS & POLITICS NATIONAL POLITICS

Sanders urges voters to elect Republicans in midterms

In a visit to Iowa four days after President Trump spoke in Council Bluffs, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders says the state economy would be 'devastated' with Democrats in office.

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DES MOINES — White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders praised a slew of Iowa Republican candidates and told a crowd of approximately 1,000 attendees "good people have to stand up" in a visit to Des Moines on Oct. 13. She was the featured speaker at the second Harvest Festival, a major fundraiser for Republican incumbent Gov. Kim Reynolds. Sanders has been the press secretary in the Trump administration since July 2017. She directed the campaign of her father, Mike Huckabee, for the GOP presidential nomination in 2008 and 2016. The White House press secretary came to Iowa just four days after President Donald Trump touched down in Council Bluffs Oct. 9 for a campaign rally. There, Trump highlighted a White House decision to expand access to 15 percent ethanol fuel to year-round. He also claimed numerous times that Democrats would take away ethanol, a grain alcohol that

can be blended with gasoline and used in motor vehicles. At the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Oct. 13, Sanders praised Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who presided over the Senate Judiciary Committee consideration of now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. "Elections have consequences," she said. "In nowhere is this more apparent than in the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh. The way Democrats acted was disgraceful, and it showed that we absolutely should keep Republicans in the state and in Congress." Before Sanders spoke, Grassley ascended the stage and said, as voters go to the polls, to "remember Kavanaugh," which received a standing ovation. On Oct. 6, Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., headlined a major Iowa Democratic Party fundraiser. He gave a grave message to Democrats to take the moral high ground ahead of the midterms. Sanders ended her speech telling a story about her and her father attending a Holocaust museum. In the comments of a guest book, she wrote, "Why

didn't anyone stand up?" She said Reynolds was a candidate who is "standing up" and "putting herself on the line." Republican candidates touted a number of accomplishments, including a \$127 million budget surplus and the second-lowest unemployment rate in the nation. Reynolds' opponent, Democratic candidate Fred Hubbell, argues the surplus came at the cost of decreased funding to government services and points to a 2018 ALICE report that found 37 percent of Iowa households struggle to achieve financial stability. Reynolds, who, when asked at an Oct. 10 debate between her and Democratic opponent and Des Moines businessman Fred Hubbell, whether she would commit to weekly news conferences, replied, "I do them all the time." Reynolds takes questions at events on her public schedule, which is released every week. She hasn't hosted a YouTube streamed press conference since Sept. 5, when her and acting Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg held a conference based on early literacy.



White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders speaks at the second Harvest Festival in Des Moines on Oct. 13. Sanders was the keynote speaker. **Thomas A. Stewart/The Daily Iowan**

Her predecessor, Terry Branstad, now the U.S. ambassador to China, traditionally hosted weekly Monday news conferences with Statehouse reporters. Reynolds kept to that schedule before this summer but continues to take questions at events.

In several instances, Republicans praised Reynolds' performance in the debate on Oct. 10. "She's been on the job for eight years at this level, and she has been accessible to the media for the past eight years, so she's used to answering questions, she's used to [being] chal-

lenged on her positions and then defending them," Gregg said on Oct. 13. She hopes to keep her seat come November. The most recent Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll between the two candidates fell within the margin of error.

County report outlines revenue, progress

The Board of Supervisors' annual State of Johnson County report was released on Oct. 11, addressing changes and advancements across Johnson County's offices and departments.

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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors released the annual State of the County report in a meeting on Oct. 11, which focused on the supervisors' goals over the past year.

The report covers information on the finances of the county for fiscal 2018, running from July 1, 2017 to June 30.

Johnson County Supervisor Mike Carberry opened the meeting by outlining the four priority goals of the supervisors for the previous year: developing the Crisis Intervention Team, supporting local food, developing a plan for the Historic Poor Farm, and addressing poverty in the county.

"I'm pleased to say that we've made very good progress on all four of those priority items," Carberry said.

Carberry said the budget showed \$104,312,037 had been collected in revenue. Property taxes were the highest source at 54 percent of revenue.

County expenses totaled \$100,551,387, with the largest expense being public safety and legal services at 23 per-



Supervisors Mike Carberry, Kurt Friese, Janelle Rettig, and Lisa Green-Douglass listen to public comments during a Johnson County supervisors' meeting on Oct. 9, 2017.

cent. The report covered numerous elected officials and departments in the county and outlined any advancements the agencies had made.

Supervisor Lisa Green-Douglass, covering the county auditor, said the

Auditor's Office purchased new voting equipment that is easier and more convenient for voters and for the county. In addition, the office developed an online payroll service that will allow employees to view pay statements online, reducing the amount of pa-

per the county uses. "We're doing our part toward 'paperless-ness,'" Green-Douglass said.

Sustainability was a common theme among the departments outlined in the report. It showed a number of county departments and of-

ices conducting more business electronically, trying to cut back on paper.

The county also installed solar panels at the Ambulance Service & Medical Examiner Facility and introduced an electric-car charger at the County Administration

Building.

The Planning, Development, and Sustainability Department is another area that focused heavily on environmental concerns. The department ran the "Solarize Johnson County" program, which saw 1.16 megawatts of solar energy installed in 181 houses across the county.

"[Planning & Development] is doing a great job on climate change, and everyone can get involved," Supervisor Janelle Rettig said.

Another highlight of the report was a reduction in the daily average of inmates at the county jail, from 91.5 in 2016 to 88.5 in 2017. Rettig said most of the decrease is due to the jail-alternative program, which provides treatment for individuals with mental-health issues who would otherwise have gone to jail.

Other departments covered in the report included Public Health, Mental Health/Disability Services, Human Resources, and Social Services.

"We're always open to questions about this report or anything else," Carberry said at the close of the meeting.

UI alum named History Teacher of the Year

In the classroom, UI alumna Kimberly Meller-Angus ties the past to the present. This strategy has led Meller-Angus to be recognized as the 2018 Iowa History Teacher of the Year.

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While student-teaching in Bath, England, in 2006, Kimberly Meller-Angus was asked to teach a unit on Native Americans. The students were so enthralled with tepees, Meller-Angus decided to bring them outside during the next lesson to teach them how to build one.

UI alumna Meller-Angus is the 2018 Iowa History Teacher of the Year. The award is presented by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

According to the institute's website, teachers must have three years' experience in the classroom and plans to teach for at least one more, demonstrate dedication to teaching American history, show evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom, and effectively use primary sources such as oral histories, artifacts, and historic sites to engage students with American history.

Using students' passion

and excitement to surround her teaching practices is just the kind of teacher she is, said Nancy Langguth, the associate dean for teacher education and student services in the College of Education.

"She's brave and competent at the same time," Langguth said. "That's a real powerful combination."

Meller-Angus' heart wasn't in history at first, she said.

ment to #MeToo.

"If they don't see the connection, the class won't matter," Meller-Angus said. "I make sure that kids understand that the past isn't really the past, it's still occurring. It just takes a different form."

Meller-Angus has been teaching full-time since 2006, starting at Clear Creek/Amana School District. In 2013, she moved to Ankeny School District, where she works now. She teaches eighth-grade American history and ninth-grade Global Studies at Northview Middle School, she said.

Though she teaches history now, Meller-Angus had experience teaching many different subjects during her time in Bath, including P.E., special education, and psychology. Teaching abroad taught Meller-Angus to be prepared for anything that may be thrown her way, she said.

A 2006 UI graduate, Meller-Angus holds degrees in history, psychology, and secondary education. In addition, she has an American

Sign Language certification and Honors through the College of Education.

She didn't always know she wanted to teach, however. It was only after tutoring children at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics and taking educational psychology with UI Clinical Professor Mitchell Kelly that she found

her passion for teaching, she said.

"She is a delightful, bright, happy, and honorable person. She was great to fun in class, and I was not at all surprised to hear she had been selected as Teacher of the

Year," Kelly said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Kimberly was a superstar in every sense of the word, and I am just really happy for her and the students who have the opportunity to learn from her."

'I make sure that kids understand that the past isn't really the past, it's still occurring. It just takes a different form.'

— Kimberly Meller-Angus, history teacher

"I realized in college, especially after taking psychology classes, that I wanted to teach social studies because I think I could hook people and help them really enjoy it," she said.

In her classroom today, Meller-Angus is committed to "hook" her students in history. She is committed to tying the past to the present by, for example, comparing Rockefeller to Amazon and the women's suffrage move-

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT
12:00-5:00PM
Hubbard Park

CAN-STRUCTION
12:00-2:00PM
Hubbard Commons, IMU

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
BLOOD DRIVE
12:00-5:00PM
2nd Floor Ballroom, IMU

CULTURAL & RESOURCE CENTERS BLOCK PARTY
5:00-8:00PM
Cultural & Resource Centers

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
FACULTY & STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH
11:00AM-1:00PM
2nd Floor Ballroom, IMU

RUCKUS!
6:00-9:00PM
Campus Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
FACULTY & STAFF COFFEE BAR
10:00AM-12:00PM
Hubbard Commons, IMU

FRESH CHECK DAY: SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICE 10:00AM-4:00PM
Hubbard Park (Rain Location: Main Lounge, IMU)

BLACK & GOLD BAGS TOURNAMENT
3:00-5:00PM
Hubbard Park

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 CONT.
KINNICK'S KIDS: THE HOMEcoming EDITION
6:30-8:30PM
UI Stead Family Children's Hospital, Co-sponsored by UI Dance Marathon
Due to health and safety concerns of individuals entering the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital, this event is not open to the public.

IOWA ON DISPLAY
7:30PM
Mayflower Residence Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
IOWA SHOUT
6:00-9:00PM
Pentacrest (Rain Location: Main Lounge, IMU)

CORONATION
7:00PM
During Iowa Shout

CAB IMPROV SHOW
10:00-11:00PM
Black Box Theater, IMU Third Floor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
HOMEcoming PARADE
5:45PM
Downtown Iowa City

IMU FAMILY OPEN HOUSE
STARTING AFTER PARADE
IMU Main Lounge

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STARTING AFTER PARADE
Pentacrest (Rain Location: Main Lounge, IMU)

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University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

~ Kevin Sanders ~
Iowa City Chapter of the NAACP

~ Jennifer Sherer ~
University of Iowa Labor Center

~ Sarah Ziegenhorn ~

~ Refugee and Immigrant Association ~

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Opinions

COLUMN

Making room for reading is rewarding

Though our schedules are cramped, it's good to make time for reading because that makes us better in a number of ways.



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Midterms are grinding by with half-failed attempts in offering students much solace. Grades are heavy, and schedules heavier. With a rapid, busy season approaching, it makes sense for students to hunker down and take the brunt of a crowded schedule with diligent planning — leaving little room for leisure.

But what proves to reap benefits for students and their schedules is when they allow themselves room in their day to read leisurely. Though the idea is almost unbearable at this point in the semester — as course loads leave reading feeling like it's more of a job than a joy — studies show that the benefit of setting aside the stress of studying and picking up a novel is incredibly helpful in a wide array of areas.

Reading in our free time allows us certain skills that might seem obvious — things such as building a broader vocabulary, honing a skill in solving problems, and gaining general knowledge. Along with that, the mental stimulation that occurs when we're reading keeps our brains active and engaged for periods of time — and that active engagement is incredibly beneficial for our minds. In the act of reading, we relieve stress and develop better memory in having to recall information about the characters or people we are reading about. But what surpasses common belief is

that through reading, we are made into better, more compassionate people when we put aside ourselves and pick up the story of someone else. Whether it be indulging in a novel or opening up a memoir, reading about the experiences of another person is a gateway to discovering the depth of compassion, the complexity of culture, and the wonders of adventure. Reading allows us a particular insight into humanity, and we benefit in our relationships because of it. Although it seems like it might be a stretch, we are better people when we read.

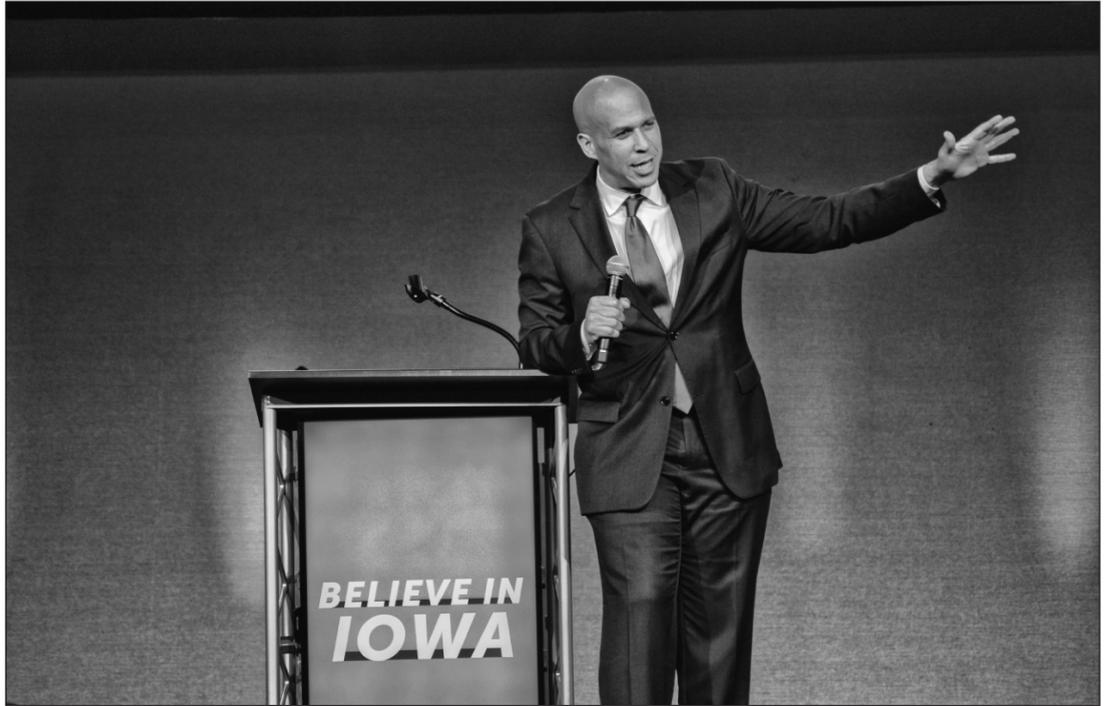
And what may come as a surprise is that more college-age students are reading than you might expect. I asked 150 students anywhere between 18 to 22 years old if they read for fun, and 133 of them said yes while 17 responded no. That is 87 percent of those whom I asked. All of them are full-time students — many of whom are involved in groups, clubs, part-time jobs, or other extracurricular activities. Of that number, 101 of them seek their leisure reading in novels and memoirs and 32 of them take to online publications and articles.

With that, scrolling through stories doesn't have to look a certain way. Especially when chaos erupts in the middle of the semester and course loads are overwhelming. But setting aside anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour to read something — anything — can grow us in ways we couldn't have otherwise imagined. And though the material of what we read is bound to differ in story, purpose, or context, the experience remains the same. It takes us outside ourselves and brings us into grounding perspective — it helps us grow and become better.

COLUMN

2020: Will Cory Booker's better angels fly him to the White House?

Among a crowded list of prospects, the New Jersey senator has hit the ground running for president.



New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker speaks to Democratic supporters in Des Moines on Oct. 6. He was the keynote speaker at this year's Democratic Fall Gala. Thomas A. Stewart/The Daily Iowan



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Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., has been running for president for quite some time. As a young, charismatic African American, he's drawn his fair share of comparisons to former President Barack Obama. Just like the then-Senate candidate, Booker's speech had a theme of unity in 2016.

"Love recognizes that we need each other, that we as a nation are better together, that when we are divided we are weak, we decline, yet when we are united we are strong," Booker proclaimed to audience members feuding over their party's nominee, not to mention their sheer disdain for the Republican candidate Donald Trump.

The junior senator from New Jersey seeks to heal the

American political psyche while simultaneously maintaining a definite progressive bend. It's a balancing act, but it's a part he's willing to play.

Is Booker going to run?

Without a doubt. He's visited our state of Iowa ("first in the nation") and South Carolina (a measly fourth), neither of which are the usual move for a former mayor of Newark, New Jersey.

Speaking of his mayoral stint, Booker has been carefully constructing his public image since taking that office in 2006. He attracted the attention of TV host Conan O'Brien in 2009 when O'Brien took a comedic shot at the Newark health program. The "feud" took off when Booker put O'Brien on the no-fly list at his city's airport. Booker hammed it up with the decree "Try JFK, buddy."

While 2009 might have been all fun and games, Booker has been trying to be JFK ever since. And if he's going to be the next Kennedy, he needs to get out of the Senate

chamber and into the Oval Office.

Is Booker going to be nominated?

As with any other candidate reviewed for 2020, the answer is maybe. But I'm going to give him an edge as one of the Democratic frontrunners for one main reason: balance.

In his public life, Booker expresses a wide range of emotions from hopefulness and zeal to disgust and anger. To whatever degree he's just politicking for the masses, he has made a point of being a key leader of the resistance.

As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee — a position he entered alongside another speculated 2020 hopeful, Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif. — he was one of the most vocal in the recent confirmation hearings of Brett Kavanaugh.

But Booker has kept a largely positive outlook in contrast to his committee diatribes. He prioritized a sense of moral high ground in his aforementioned visit to Iowa earlier this month.

He has plenty of competition both to his left and his right on policy. His road to the top of the ticket will be paved by his appeals to humanity.

Is Booker going to beat President Trump?

Assuming the Republicans stick with their incumbent, a Booker vs. Trump battle in 2020 would certainly showcase a contrast of styles. A contrast that, if executed well, has strong potential to work in Booker's favor.

Booker probably can't win in a landslide, however. It's difficult to see his Oxford degree and veganism inspiring the same coalition as someone like former Vice President Joe Biden. But Booker can strike up votes among the growing constituency of those frustrated by the current president's antics.

"Let's get back to normal" seems like a pretty solid talking point for the Democrats in 2020, pair that with Booker's empathy, and it might just be enough to turn the White House blue.

"The Grind" by AJ Boulund



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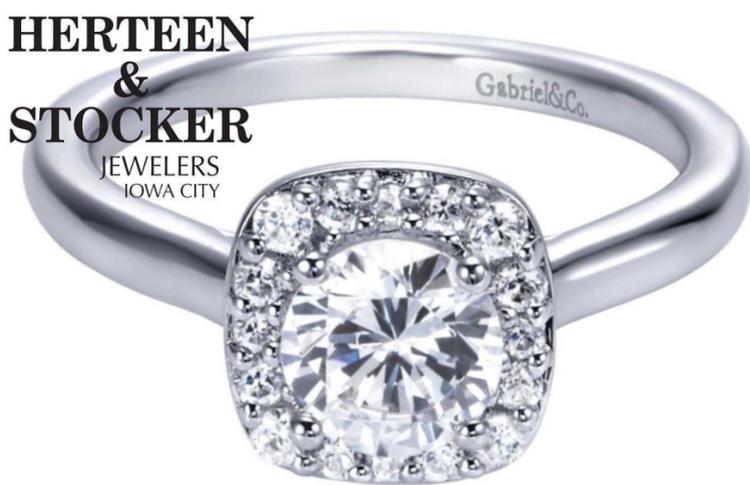
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- 53 Only three-letter zodiac sign
- 56 "Well, obviously!"
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- 61 "We're number ____!"
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- 7 Where flowers and oysters grow
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- 9 Wearer of stripes on a court, informally
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- Homecoming at Iowa, Block Party, 5-8 p.m., Cultural & Resource Centers
- The Imagined Landscape, Dana Fritz, Visiting Artist in Photography, 5 p.m., 116 Art West
- Creative Matters: Ed Boyden, neuroscientist, 5:30 p.m., Art West
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After being rushed to Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois, doctors gave Chase a 35 percent chance of survival and told the Thurmans if their son did live, he would probably lose his leg.

Several operations later, Chase not only lived, but he kept his left leg despite the severity of the compound fracture on his femur.

"The impact alone would have killed an average person," said Emily McVeer, administrative coordinator of orthopedics at Blessings Hospital.

But Chase is a clear exception.

Over the past year and a half, Chase has undergone eight surgeries and several smaller operations. He spent 22 days in the hospital and eight months moving from wheelchair to crutches to a cane.

The recovery process was more frustrating to Chase than it might be for most because he had been active all his life. He cycled, ran triathlons and marathons, wrestled, and was involved in ROTC.

He told me a story of when he was 16 years old and went scuba diving in the Cayman Islands with his mom. They were only allowed to dive down to 60 feet. Immediately, he went to 112 feet.

"The instructor was pissed," he said and laughed.

That was the kind of life Chase lived.

"We called him Chase the Lion," Meg said. "Whatever he put his mind to growing up, he was going to make it happen."

Despite a rapid physical recovery, Chase was frustrated with what he considered to be slow progress. To go from such an active lifestyle to nothing was jarring, he said.

"His recovery didn't allow for the physical life he was used to," said UI student Josie



From left to right, Randy Moore, Jeremiah Moore, and Chase Thurman pose during their 24-mile run through the Grand Canyon on Oct. 4. The run took the trio 10 hours to complete, but Chase says he could have done it in six.

Thomas, Chase's best friend. "It was tough for him to not live the life he knew."

The lowest point came 10 weeks after the crash, when Chase tried to walk his dog a little farther than usual. He

'We called him Chase the Lion. Whatever he put his mind to growing up, he was going to make it happen.'

— Meg Thurman, Chase's mom

grew tired and had to sit down on the side of the street, where he broke down, wondering if this was going to be his life.

"He had to have a tipping point where he needed to decide, am I going to let this take

over? Or am I going to take tragedy and turn it into a triumph?" Meg said.

The physical recovery clearly came more naturally to Chase than it does others. Soon after he could walk unassisted, Chase began rebuilding himself, training on his stationary bike. McVeer said Chase was unusually motivated.

"When most people are recovering from the same [injuries] that he did, we need to ask them to push more. With Chase, it was the opposite," McVeer said. "We had to tell him to slow down."

Only five months after the crash, Chase completed a sprint triathlon. His foot was still broken. Doctors said he shouldn't have been able to walk.

Chase's father, Dr. Lance Thurman, said Chase often fights through pain. In high school, Chase broke his leg while wrestling. Chase knew he was hurt but not knowing about the break, he tried to run sprints with his team. Only then did he begin to suspect the extent of his injury.

"It's a lot of grit and determination," the elder Thurman said.

The Englert is packed on Sept. 20, a Thursday night, for the SALT Company's weekly worship service. Even though he has only been to SALT twice this semester, Chase interacts with almost every person he sees. Thomas says this is typical behavior.

Before his accident, Chase viewed church and SALT as part of his routine, a way to stay connected with his values and religious upbringing. His faith was put to the ultimate

test after his accident. Faced with the possibility of never living the same active lifestyle as before, Chase struggled with doubt.

"I went through a lot of rough patches where I asked, 'If there is a God, why would He do this to me?'" Chase wrote down on the back of a pamphlet for my reference. "But after coming to terms with how impossible it was that I was still alive, my doubt turned into resolve."

Thurman said the accident ended up being the proof Chase was looking for.

The SALT worship band begins, but after pointing out the people he knows in the band to me, Chase is distracted by an ROTC miscommunication in a group chat and spends much of the sermon writing down his personal thoughts about religion.

"I've questioned a lot of teachings in church in a way that makes people who go [to SALT] feel weird," Chase wrote. "Through my questioning, I've learned a lot that confuses me, but more that affirms that I believe the Bible to be true."

Chase can't stand small talk anymore. He used to tolerate it but now he wonders why waste the time? Why not have real conversations?

While we get coffee, Chase asks for the barista's name and how he likes the job. Chase's All-American look of flannel, jeans, and a baseball cap doesn't exactly mesh with the barista's earrings and tattoos, but they kill two or three minutes talking.

People have always been a source of energy for Chase.

He's constantly interacting with people; if he's going somewhere for lunch, he'll grab a friend first. He'll skip a run if someone asks him to climb instead. Almost everywhere he goes, he knows someone.

While recovering, Chase discovered just how important people are in his life. He said he could have never recovered without the support system of his loved ones. Not just friends and family, but former school administrators and ex-girlfriends alike rallied to support him. He said it was inspiring how people came together.

Chase said he is now much more intentional about his relationships with those around him. He wants to make connections that count.

"He was a nice guy," Chase said about the barista and laughed. "Think I could pull off those tattoos?"

Chase has a theory: Every person inevitably thinks, "What if I ran a marathon?" or "What if I traveled the world?" Most people have this thought but think it would be crazy to actually do it.

After his accident, Chase thinks it would be crazy not to do it.

While in the hospital, some-

entirely, and even though he still couldn't walk unassisted, he decided he was going to cycle coast to coast.

"It was six months after the accident," Meg said and laughed. "He came home and said 'Mom, I think I need to take some time off school to bike across America.' Like ... what?"

On June 3, 2018, Chase left from Santa Monica Pier. He rode his bike 3,453 miles, camping along the way. He ended in Grand Central Station in New York City 54 days later. Thurman called it a pilgrimage.

"It was happy and sad and wonderful," Chase said. "I mean, I was by myself, I didn't know anyone. I had a lot of time to think about what happened to me and all the people in my life."

Chase smiles, remembering the strangers in Arizona who bought him lunch after hearing his story, his friend who unexpectedly met up with him in Washington, and his dad and dad's friend cycling along with him when he hit Illinois.

"We laughed," Thurman said. "We did a lot of laughing."

A few weeks ago, Chase showed up at the wall with a leg brace that stretched from his mid thigh to mid calf. During his bike ride across the country, his knee had filled with fluid, and he had to get it drained, he told me.

Leg brace and all, Chase was as cheery as usual while belaying and calling instructions to a climber. He might have made a quick recovery, but his body still takes more wear and tear than it used to. Not used to being held back, Chase fights through the pain.

"When you live through something no one could have lived through, you can push through [pain]," Chase said. "You just have to keep going."

While on his biking journey, the screw in his knee would sometimes dig too far and hit a nerve. He said it felt like a knife in his kneecap.

Despite the pain and long-term risks of such a high level of physical activity, he continues to push himself. His parents sometimes worry, but they said there's no stopping him.

"It was unnerving for quite some time. But when you see your child succeeding and the joy in their voice and their face ... all of that [worry] goes away," Meg said. "... None of us are guaranteed a tomorrow."

To Chase, he'd rather be in pain than stand still. When he was confined to bed rest, Chase was at the mercy of flashbacks, mood swings brought on by his head injury, and the maddening doubts that his life would ever return to normal. Chase said if he doesn't keep setting these goals and achieving them, he'll go crazy.

"I can prove to myself that I'm still one piece. That I'm still Chase."



Chase described the Volkswagen Beetle as a "metal coffin."



Chase balances on his bike on the Oklahoma border on June 23 during his 54-day ride across the country.

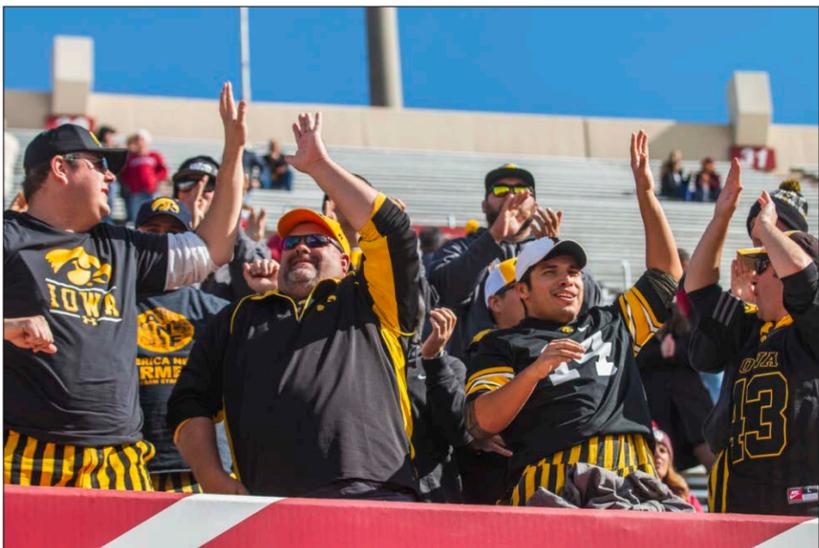
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Not your typical Hawkeyes

Iowa steamrolled Indiana, 42-16, thanks to the hot hand of quarterback Nate Stanley, who threw for 6 (yes, 6) touchdown passes. The Hawkeyes surpassed 400 yards of total offense for the fourth-straight game, and found themselves at No. 19 in the AP Poll.



42-16
HAWKEYES HOOSIERS



Clockwise from top left: Iowa running back Mekhi Sargent carries the ball during the Iowa/Indiana football game at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Indiana on Oct. 13. (Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan) Indiana wide receiver Ty Fryfogle catches a touchdown pass. (Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan) Iowa tight end Noah Fant catches a touchdown pass. (Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan) Iowa tight end T.J. Hockenson catches a touchdown pass. (Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan) Indiana quarterback Peyton Ramsey scores a touchdown after running past Iowa defensive back Jake Gervase. (Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan) Iowa fans cheer after a Hawkeye win. (Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan)



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Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley points to a defender against Indiana at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 13. The Hawkeyes waltzed, 42-16.

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Looking at the playmakers, Iowa's potential was always there, and after Iowa's 42-16 beatdown of Indiana in Bloomington, it's clear the Hawkeyes have grown up. "Year 2 of the offense, you got to look at what Brandon Smith is good at doing, what I'm good at doing, what Easley is good at doing, Noah Fant, you know they can block and go out and run routes and catch the ball," wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette said. "It's just everybody is experienced. It's Year 2 of the offense. [Offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz] knows what he's got in his hands

and what he can dial up." In its last three wins, Iowa has outscored its opponents, 128-61. There hasn't been any sign of the Hawkeyes playing down to the level of their opponents. When Iowa gets out to a big lead, it doesn't let teams crawl back in. Right now, Iowa has demonstrated its ability to keep its foot on its opponent's neck, causing problems for opposing defenses. "We're trying to be a championship-level football team," Hockenson said. "I think when you get up on a team, you step on the gas, and that's what we're trying to do. Whether or not we're doing that right now, we're trying, and we're not going to change the game plan."

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But this season, Iowa averages just 3.94 yards per carry. Technically, that mark is a step up from last season, in which the Hawkeyes averaged 3.8 yards per touch. But in the past 10 seasons, Iowa's averaged 4.1 yards per carry. During that same span, the Hawkeyes averaged 26.8 points per game. In 2018, the Hawkeyes are averaging 5 points more, coming in at 31.8 per game. That's the highest scoring Iowa team since 2002 (37.2 points

per game). Only three Iowa teams have scored more than 30 points per game in the past 15 seasons. The secret — well, it's not really a secret anymore — to Iowa's offensive success lies in the man behind the center. Really, during Iowa's last four games, the offense has flipped a switch. First, it was Northern Iowa. The passing game looked sharp for the first time all season, and honestly, the first time since Iowa hung 55 points on Ohio State on Nov. 4 last season. Then it was on to Wisconsin. Stanley threw for 256 yards, a pair of touchdowns,

and (at the time) put up his best passer rating of the season (155.3). Then the bye week happened, and questions surrounded the offense — would it be rusty or come out swinging? Stanley and Company came out with a knockout punch, putting up 48 points and 420 yards of offense against Minnesota. Now, a week later, the offense hasn't skipped a beat. Hawkeye fans haven't seen this sort of offensive strength consistently, especially under offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz's helm. But here we are. Point being, this offense

hasn't stopped moving the ball and putting up points in the past four weeks, and it starts with Stanley's play. Sure, Stanley's had a few head-scratching mistakes (his interceptions in the last two games were poor decisions), but aside from those two plays, he's been throwing the football better than ever — he did win the Walter Camp Offensive Player of the Week award after all. Running an offense that's averaged 31.5 passing attempts over the last four games isn't exactly Iowa football per se, but it works, and it gives Iowa all its momentum heading deep into conference play.

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Offense blooms in Bloomington

Iowa's offense has taken noticeable strides forward since last season and the beginning of 2018.



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Indiana linebacker Reakwon Jones takes aim at Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington on Oct. 13. It wasn't the Hoosiers' day — 42-16 not their day.

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When Iowa football has taken the field in October, one thing has been abundantly clear — its passing offense has found a new level since the early season struggles.

The Hawkeyes have put up a combined 90 points over the past two weeks and have been menaces on the road, putting up more than 40 points in each of their past three road contests dating back to last season.

The offense averaged 311.5 yards per game through the first two competitions, then raised that mark to 462 in the last four games, breaking the 400-mark in each of those games.

The increase in damage has correlated nicely with the performance of quarterback Nate Stanley.

He threw only 1 touchdown in his first two games but tossed 10 in his last two contests, 14 in his last four.

"Any good player is going to work through any challenges he has," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "It just looked like he was pressing too much, maybe trying to be too perfect ... He's a guy who is a perfectionist, so I think he's starting to relax a little bit and just enjoy the game a little bit more. We just got to encourage him a little — you're a college football player for crying out loud, enjoy it a little bit."

Stanley isn't the only one who has shown improvement.

The offense — namely the receivers — gained plenty of experience through the course of last season and halfway through this one.

Entering 2017, no wide receiver had recorded a catch for the Black and Gold other than Matt Vandenberg, who is no longer with the team. Tight end Noah Fant only had 9 receptions for 70 yards and a touchdown, and T.J. Hockenson had yet to play a snap.

Now halfway through the season, the Hawkeyes seem to be a cohesive unit capable of cooking up a big play at any moment.

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COLUMN

New era for Hawkeye football underway

Ten passing touchdowns and 90 points in the past two games — what sort of Hawkeye offense is this? One that's set up for success.



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Think back to the last time an Iowa quarterback won Walter Camp Offensive Player of the Week recognition. Still thinking?

Let's make the question broader. When was the last time any offensive player received Walter Camp Offensive Player of the Week honors?

Never.

Never in the history of Hawkeye football has an offensive player, let alone a quarterback, received the title of Walter Camp Offensive Player of the Week until Nate Stanley did on Sunday.

This right here, my friends, is a new breed of Iowa Hawkeye football — welcome to uncharted territory for a Kirk Ferentz team.

Stanley threw 6 touchdowns in Iowa's 42-16 beat-down on Oct. 13, and I can say that his per-



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Iowa running back Mekhi Sargent cuts for daylight against Indiana at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 13.

formance was the best I've seen out of a Hawkeye quarterback in a long, long time. I've seen some outstanding quarterbacks in Hawkeye uniforms, such as Brad Banks, Drew Tate, Ricky

Stanzi. But those teams thrived on a strong running game.

This Hawkeye team doesn't.

Ferentz and the rest of the team will tell you Iowa is —

still — a grind-it-out, run-first team. And that's fine in theory, because a solid running game sets up the passing game for success.

SEE COLUMN, 9

The Iowa Report Card

Offense

A

Well, 46 points is good. Six passing touchdowns is also good. Throw in 497 yards of total offense, 159 rushing yards, two runners with at least 59 yards, and you've got a rock-solid offensive performance. Oct. 13 was Iowa's best offensive outing this season, top to bottom.

Quarterback Nate Stanley spread the ball around in the passing game, sharing the love with nine receivers — a total team effort.

Defense

B

Indiana moved the ball pretty consistently against Iowa, but the Hawkeyes made plays with their backs against the wall.

A lot of the Hoosiers' output came on dink-and-dunk passes, and Iowa really only gave up one big play — a 32-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

But the defense held Indiana's run game to just 67 yards on 25 attempts (2.7 yards per carry for the math whizzes out there).

But Iowa did snag 2 interceptions. Geno Stone's tip-drill pick in the end zone was an excellent momentum killer, silencing a fluid Hoosier drive.

Special Teams

A

Ihmir Smith-Marsette letting a kickoff bounce inside the 10-yard line? Bad.

Ihmir Smith-Marsette picking up the ball, running across the field, and eventually hurdling a kicker for a gain of 60 yards? Very good.

Kyle Groenewig had a 35-yard return, Devonte Young took a kickoff 24 yards, and Miguel Recinos was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra points.

"Twas a good day for the special teams.