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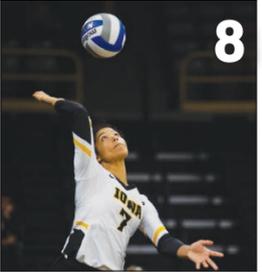
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#### Dilanni

Iowa State on Thursday for yet another in-state rivalry game.

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## A place for Hawkeyes to call home



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Students make their way to Kinnick Stadium for Kickoff at Kinnick on Sunday. Kickoff at Kinnick is a University of Iowa tradition where first-year and transfer students form an 'I' on the field.

University of Iowa first-year students celebrated their first week on campus as Hawkeyes with Convocation, Kickoff at Kinnick, group activities, and the President's Block Party.

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Thousands of University of Iowa's Class of 2023 sat on the lawn of the Pentacrest on Sunday as the OnIowa Convocation marked the beginning of their journeys at the university.

With events such as a Kickoff at Kinnick, tours around campus, and opportunities in different student groups, OnIowa is the weeklong programming introducing incoming students to campus.

"We're very excited to welcome the new class," Orientation Services Director Tina Arthur said. "My favorite part of OnIowa is just the energy on campus and in Iowa City as the students come back and the new students



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SEE IOWA, 3 Students listen during Convocation on the Pentacrest on Sunday.

## Resigned associate VP 'telecommuting' into work

TaJuan Wilson, who resigned earlier this month as associate vice president for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, may job hunt during work hours.



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TaJuan Wilson speaks during the forum for the associate vice presidency of diversity, equity, and inclusion on March 25. He resigned from the position after starting June 28.

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The University of Iowa administrator who resigned earlier this month after serving seven weeks as associate vice president for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion signed an agreement to telecommute and is permitted to job hunt during work hours while serving as special assistant to the vice president for External Relations.

The separation agreement — signed Aug. 9 by the former Associate Vice President TaJuan Wilson, UI Business Manager David Kieft, and Chief Human Resources Officer Cheryl Reardon — states that Wilson "must be available for consultation, if needed."

UI President Bruce Harreld, state Board of Regents Executive Director Mark Braun, and Kayla Burkhiser Reynolds with the Attorney General's Office signed off on the agreement Aug. 12.

In the contract Wilson signed April 11, the UI said it would provide Wilson \$25,000 for moving expenses. The contract requested by *The Daily Iowan* stated he would have to repay the amount in full if he left within the first year of employment, but the UI waived that repayment requirement as part of his separation agreement.

He also may use up to \$7,500 for professional development and conferences while

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## Expanded housing returns as residence halls overflow

The UI is again housing students in residence-hall lounges with a spike in first-year student enrollment and more returning students living in the residence halls.

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Earlier this month, University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld told the state Board of Regents, "We're very creatively looking to make sure we have adequate space for all the students that we're seeing coming in."

The UI's solution to housing the larger-than-anticipated first-year student population: Reviving expanded housing in the residence-hall lounges.

Expanded housing puts the overflow of students in residence-hall lounges temporarily until a permanent room opens up. The UI last used expanded housing for students living in residence halls in 2016.

The lounges used for expanded housing will be set up with bunk beds, dressers, and hanging racks for occupants to use, Senior Director of UI Housing & Dining Von Stange said. The students in these spaces will be charged \$10 a day for living in that space instead of the typical rate for housing, he noted.

"We'll move students from expanded housing to permanent spaces as soon as we're able, after the first couple of weeks, when we know where everyone is," Stange said. "But students will be in permanent spaces. Our hope is to have them in [a permanent space] by



#### Stange

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DANCING IN THE MOONLIGHT



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UI senior Jose Duran (left) spins graduate student Kara Kershner during "Sunset Salsa" at the Ped Mall on Sunday. "Salsa dancing has such an inclusive environment," Kershner said. "I've met people through dancing I never thought I would cross paths with otherwise."

Trial date for Tibbetts suspect set for Nov. 12

Cristhian Bahena Rivera waived his right to a speedy trial at a hearing Aug. 23.

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The trial date for the man accused of slaying University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts in 2018 will continue as scheduled after the defendant waived his right to a speedy trial at a hearing Aug. 23. The trial will begin Nov. 12. Cristhian Bahena Rivera, who has been charged with first-degree murder, was present at the hearing with his attorneys. According to court doc-

uments, the defendant on June 26 filed the waiver for a speedy trial, which allows the defense more time to prepare. Court documents filed on June 21 moved the trial to Nov. 12 from Sept. 3 after 8th District Judge Joel Yates granted a motion moving both the trial date and a hearing date in order to give defense attorneys more time to review evidence. Yates granted another motion Aug. 14 that delayed the hearing to ex-

amine whether authorities violated Rivera's rights when he was arrested last year. That hearing, now scheduled for Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, originally was slated to take place Aug. 23. The hearing that waived Rivera's right to a speedy trial took that place. The suspect's attorneys, Chad and Jennifer Frese, filed a motion Aug. 8 arguing that his rights were



Rivera

violated by law enforcement during questioning, including not being read his Miranda Rights until hours after questioning began. They contended that anything said during questioning was therefore involuntary and should not be considered as evidence in the trial, according to documents. The attorneys requested the delay because of "the complex nature of the case" and also to better prepare for the hearing, according to court documents. The

review includes a 185-page report from a defense expert received on Aug. 11 in addition to possibly gathering more witnesses to testify. The Freses also said in the Aug. 8 motion that there is no clear guarantee Rivera, an undocumented immigrant from Mexico, fully understood his rights and contended that the Spanish interpreter provided to Rivera "did not meet the requirements" to read him his rights and didn't read the rights in

their entirety. Rivera reportedly confessed to abducting and killing Tibbetts when she was out for a run on July 18, 2018, near her hometown of Brooklyn, Iowa. He was officially charged with murder after leading authorities to Tibbetts' body in a Poweshiek County cornfield on Aug. 21, 2018. Rivera has pleaded not guilty to the charge of first-degree murder. If convicted, he will be sentenced to life in prison.

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a UI employee, according to the separation agreement — half of the \$15,000 provided to him for such purposes in his initial employment offer. Per the terms of the agreement, Wilson waived his rights to take legal action against the state of Iowa, the UI, the regents, or any of their affiliates upon signing the agreement. He agreed he is not entitled to recover damages from the UI "relating to this subject matter."

His original contract stipulated that his annual merit salary increases would be set by the provost and based on an annual performance review. UI media-relations director Anne Bassett previously told the *DI* in an email that he would keep his salary of \$224,000 in his new role. When Wilson secures employment outside the UI, the agreement stipulates that he will "voluntarily resign" from his employment with the UI no later than Jan. 31, 2020, including staff and faculty appointments. If Wilson engages in any consulting work, the agreement

states it is not to be for the UI or any of its units. The agreement is not an admission of liability or wrongdoing by the UI or the regents. Wilson and the UI agreed to issue a "mutually agreeable public statement" regarding his resignation. "Coming to Iowa was a leap of faith for me personally and professionally," Wilson said in the statement released Aug. 15. "I have great respect for the university and the work being done in diversity, equity, and inclusion and believe Iowa has the potential to be on the right path. This opportunity

will be wonderful for the right person, but it is not the right fit for me at this time." Wilson started at the UI June 28 after coming from the Medical University of South Carolina and was selected in April to lead the UI Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The UI announced Aug. 15 he will work with Vice President for External Relations Pete Matthes "on initiatives that support the university's work to become a more inclusive and equitable campus" for the next five-and-one-half months. Wilson's selection for the job came after his predecessor,

Georgina Dodge, left for a similar position at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. The University of Maryland in March named Dodge the vice president of diversity and inclusion. Two people assumed the role on an interim basis after Dodge's departure in July 2017. First filling the position was Lena Hill, who left in May 2018 to serve as dean of the College at Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Then, the UI tapped UI Vice President for Student Life Melissa Shivers to temporarily fill the role. She worked in both positions

for more than a year after Hill's departure. In the search that resulted in Wilson's hire, Bassett said the UI paid \$81,999 to search firm Isaacson, Miller for search expenses and an additional \$21,593.21 to reimburse travel and advertising expenses. The three unit leaders within the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion — which encompasses the Center for Diversity and Enrichment, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, and Diversity Resources — will report through the Provost's Office.



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OnIowa volunteers help a family move items into Burge Hall during move-in on Aug. 20.

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midterms." For the 2019-20 academic year, the UI experienced an enrollment spike in the incoming first-year class after explaining enrollment declines by pointing to its enrollment-management strategy. By the end of move-in week, around 6,400 students are expected to be living in the residence halls, Stange said. In the UI's fis-

cal 2020 budget, however, the university had reported to the regents a fall residence-hall occupancy of 6,200 students. In a February report to the regents on residence systems at the three public universities, the UI projected the residence-hall occupancy to hover around 91 percent annually through fiscal 2024, meaning there would be open beds across campus. The UI then received approval from the regents in April to raise residence-hall rates by 2 percent for all but

one standard room for the upcoming academic year. The university simultaneously expected the hall occupancy to decrease as the price rose. "With Catlett opening and the university managing enrollment, we've been in a really good situation making sure we have enough space for every student who comes in," Stange said, referring to residence-hall space in past years. The UI has also spent the past few years marketing the residence halls to returning students as an alternative to moving

off-campus in order for them to save money and receive academic support. A pilot Living Learning Community in Catlett called the Second-Year Experience has sprouted, aimed at giving returning students opportunities to enhance their educational experience through building portfolios and interacting with faculty. The LLC is almost full, and the UI will look at expanding the program to second-year students not living in the LLC if this year goes well, Stange said.

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get here and start to explore their new home.”

New events for incoming students included a night of the arts at Hancher, the Being Black at Iowa dinner, a magic show at the Graduate Iowa City, and a Kinnick After-Party instead of the traditional Madness on Madison event, she said.

“It’s always been a focus of us in trying to provide different opportunities for students to connect to each other,” Arthur said. “We have our cultural kickback, which is a new twist on an old event. We’re really opening our doors on our cultural houses.”

In addition to similar diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, she said, OnIowa encouraged students to register to vote throughout the week, and a first-generation task force welcomed students whose parents did not graduate from a four-year university.

She’s excited about incoming students seeing and experiencing what the UI has to offer.

“My biggest hope for you all is that you give serious thought to what kind of mark you will leave at Iowa,” UISG President Noel Mills said. “This is not the time to stay in your comfort zone. This is not the time to settle.”

Convocation kicked off with Mills’ speech, and she emphasized the advantageous opportunities that UI students will have throughout their college careers.

“These are your years for big dreams, bold ideas, and brave decisions,” Mills said. “If there is ever a time to do something extraordinary, to be something extraordinary, this is it.”

UI freshman Grace Aldrin, the Class of 2023’s Convocation speaker, is the first in her family to attend the UI,



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Students form a block “I” at Kickoff at Kinnick on Aug. 23. Kickoff at Kinnick is a UI tradition where first-year and transfer students form an “I” on the field.

and she said she is excited to begin her first year at the university.

“Fortunately, no one here is alone,” Aldrin said. “Things are starting to feel real and very different. Sometimes a big change like this can feel isolating, but it’s important to remember we are all in the same boat right now.”

Aldrin finished her speech by addressing the importance of being an active citizen of the university.

“If you can put yourself out there, you will find your home here,” she said. “I can’t promise you that this will be easy, but I can tell you that when Hawkeyes put their mind to something, there’s

no holding us back, and I have 172 years of history to back me up on that.”

UI President Bruce Harrelld brought the week’s events to an end by inviting the freshmen and new transfer students to the annual President’s Block Party at his house, which he referred to as “the pres res.”

“This is a team truly of Hawkeyes. At the University of Iowa, you are not just a lone person pursuing an individual course of study,” Harrelld said. “You are joining many other students and scholars — in fact, a broader community here in a collaborative, educational, extracurricular, and community set of activities.”



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The UI spirit squad and marching band perform at the President’s Block Party on Sunday.

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

### Administrative bloat reinforces UI wastefulness

Excessive focus on nonessential programs has led to a needless rise in other UI costs.



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Of the numerous reasons for increasing tuition rates across the country, administrative bloat joins introduction of more federal subsidies and decreased funding from legislatures as top answers. Because universities lack control over the latter two, they have a responsibility to not spend wastefully on administrative costs — this was not the case with the recent resignation of University of Iowa Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Tajuana Wilson.

mulated \$1.4 million in consulting fees from August 2017-2018, according to an August 2018 article by *The Gazette*. The cost to fill the position of chief diversity officer rang in much less at only \$103,592. Although the consultant was not successful in finding the right fit for the position, the university will still have to pay expenses to the same consultant, plus “an additional 11 percent of the original fee to cover additional indirect expenses” should it choose to reopen a search.

The hefty price of the search is only in addition to the \$224,000 salary the UI will remain paying to Wilson, who will spend the next five and a half months on campus in a temporary position while he looks to pursue other opportunities. He resigned before the fall 2019 semester began, after only seven weeks at the UI. His offer letter, requested

‘The UI’s actions in recent months have not pointed toward the conclusion that it responsibly manages its finances despite touting low administrative overhead.’

A 2017 *Forbes* article highlights the difference in spending between instructional costs and administrative expenses at public and private universities is now almost zero. Some 40 years ago, the difference between the two expenses were noticeably different, with instructional costs bearing a majority of the expense. Instead of investing in classrooms, universities are overfunding secondary initiatives.

No individual university is solely responsible for this change. (Competition among universities and ever-changing standards set by the U.S. Department of Education add to the chaos.) The UI’s actions in recent months have not pointed toward the conclusion that it responsibly manages its finances despite touting low administrative overhead.

The UI embarked on a two-year journey to replace Georgina Dodge as the associate vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Past excursions to expand, fill, or replace administrators accu-

by *The Daily Iowan*, granted him \$25,000 in moving expenses and required him to repay those expenses if he left within a year, a requirement that the university is now waiving.

It is sad to say the university has been irresponsible on filling the position from the very beginning, but it is the truth. For years, student and taxpayer dollars have lined the pockets of consultants who took their time finding an administrator who was not the right fit for the job. The UI has ignored stipulations agreed to in contracts that it created to generously waive repayment of moving expenses and will still allow such situations as Wilson’s, with other departments compensating for his resignation.

Concerns over administrative bloat are not unique to the UI. Across the board, public universities should withhold generosity of funds they did not generate and be conscientious about the tuition dollars they have before demanding more from the state.



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The Old Capitol is seen Sept. 18.

## EDITORIAL

### Stay informed, Hawkeyes

*The Daily Iowan* reports the news, but it’s up to our community to make the news matter.

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But none of this matters if our community doesn’t pay attention. For journalism to be effective, the public must pay attention. Whether you’re a first-year student just setting foot on campus or an Iowa City resident who has lived here your entire life, the *DI* relies on our readers to make our journalism matter.

The *DI* is free and accessible to everyone, both online and in print. We publish content that is vital to the UI and Iowa City communities, and one of the best ways to start being an active citizen in your community is to learn as much as you can about it. But from there, the public has to take the information that we give and use it to effect change.

Many *DI* staffers are journalism majors. In our classes, we are taught that the mission of journalism is to report meaningful information for people in a democracy. But again, this information is useless if the public does not act upon it. Newspapers can’t vote. Newspapers can’t assemble. Newspapers can’t do the cultural, societal, and political work necessary to make our community and world a better place. Only people can do that, and our job is to give them the tools to do so.



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The *Daily Iowan* front office is seen Feb. 26.

This is especially true in the context of a local news organization such as the *DI*. We strive to be as invested and connected to the UI

ers. Our local roots give us the ability to effectively cover the news; we cover our community well because we are part of the community.

‘Newspapers can’t vote. Newspapers can’t assemble. Newspapers can’t do the cultural, societal, and political work necessary to make our community and world a better place. Only people can do that.’

and Iowa City communities as possible. This is why our reporters attend UI Student Government, Iowa City City Council, and state Board of Regents meetings. We talk to students, staff, faculty, and administrators, as well as business and political lead-

For college students, it can be easy to let civic engagement slide when there are so many things going on in their personal lives — classes, jobs, having a social life. It can be easy to only focus on these things instead of looking at the bigger picture of the com-

munity, especially for the vast majority of us who are only going to be here for four years and leave after graduation.

Students may come and go, but the challenges Hawkeyes face are the same. In a college town such as Iowa City, with young people composing a large portion of the population, we have a special place to make a difference as a group. Whether it’s tuition or housing or another student issue, the *DI* is here to keep you informed. It’s up to you to engage with your community.

The world of 2019 is much different from the world of 1868, but the mission of the *DI* and the responsibility of our public is the same. We can produce the news, but we cannot make it matter without you.

## COLUMN

### Three strategies to help ensure a healthy, successful school year

Student organizations, regular exercise, and meditation can make college more fulfilling.



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I am among the thousands of Hawkeyes who are in disbelief that classes start today. Looking back, every year seems to start off differently from the last. This will be my third “first” day of school at the University of Iowa. I have gained a great understanding of what is important at the beginning of each school year, and necessary to keep my success and health going.

Knowing how to set yourself up for success early on will be crucial helping you progress throughout the school year.

The first step crucial in your success at the UI is getting involved in organizations that will fit your goals. Joining an

organization will also help you make friends, which can be a major concern for some who enter college. Every year, the university hosts a Student Involvement Fair. This year, the fair will be held on Sept. 4 from 6-8 p.m. in Hubbard Park. The

agement, which correlates directly to your success in classes. If you have nothing other than classes going on during the day, you may feel that you should just wait until all of them are done for the day to start doing home-

‘My favorite part about being involved in an organization that relates to my major is that I found people who I can use as resources or to advance in my major.’

work. On the other hand, if you have events going on throughout the day, you will be forced to have specific time laid out for your studies or you will not leave enough time for it.

Another way to set yourself up for success for the new school year, which often gets overlooked, is taking care of your physical and mental health.

Working out is an excellent way to maintain your mental

and physical health. College is a stressful time for many. With working out a few times a week, you can take a load of anxiety and worry off and translate into something positive. Because of stress and anxiety, you may begin to eat more, and it is important to know your limits — in college, you may wind up sitting down more than ever before. And living in Iowa City, there’s many many workout facilities available such as the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, residence-hall gyms, and many other places around campus.

Something I would never consider trying before college is meditation. It has helped me with anxiety and has provided some much-needed “me time.” Meditation is also linked to making you more productive and even improving test scores.

No matter if it’s your first “first” day or your 10th, taking care of your professional and personal needs are essential to making every school year a success.

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# Event series offers alternative to drinking

The Graduate Iowa City is providing alcohol-alternative events for students in partnership with the University of Iowa.

BY MADDIE MCCARRON  
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The Graduate Iowa City hosted its first alcohol-alternative event — known as the Poindexter Coffeehouse Series — on the evening of Aug. 24 as an effort to promote activities that could help reduce high-risk drinking among the student population.

The Campus Activities Board kicked off the series with magician Eric Michaels. For the events, the organization partnered with the Graduate, which offered to facilitate the event and the remainder of alcohol-alternative programming for the academic year.

The move follows the hotel's donation of \$50,000 in funding to the University of Iowa for late-night programming in February.

"This is in collaboration with the Campus Activities Board," Graduate general manager Nikolaus Kern said. "Along with our donation, we provide the space and the atmosphere to host the events, and the board and students curate the performances."

In a recent survey, the National College Health Assessment showed 76.8 percent of college students said they drink and use drugs, and 78.2 percent recorded a blood-alcohol content of .10 or higher at some point.

Student Activities and Programming coordinator Shelley Hartman said there will be a Graduate Comedy series in addition to the Poindexter Coffeehouse Series. The CAB comedy director and its committee will oversee and plan those events, she said.

"There will be two types of events each semester," Hartman said. "Other performances will include acoustic artists



Magician Eric Michaels chains his assistant Niki's wrists for a trick at Poindexter Coffeehouse on Sunday. The show was put on by the Campus Activities Board, which will offer more show dates as part of their Coffee House Series this semester.

Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

and poetry slams, among others."

Approximately 20 UI students were in attendance at the Graduate for the CAB kickoff Aug. 25, which was advertised as an opportunity for both returning and incoming students.

"All of these events are a great opportunity to enjoy our beautiful downtown, which has opportunities for everyone to feel welcomed and included," Hartman said. "And they will feature local up-and-coming talent."

## 47.7%

of UI students say they have had five or more drinks on one occasion in the last two weeks.

Source: 2019 NCHA survey

UI freshman Kaylie MacDonald said she and a friend learned about the magic show through On Iowa! programming and went because they thought it would be a fun way to spend the evening.

"We actually flipped a coin to decide between this and something else," MacDonald said. "But this seemed like it would be interesting and a cool place to meet people."

UI freshman Paige Doyle agreed, adding that she would attend another event at the Graduate and would recom-

mend it to other students.

"My friend and I saw a poster when we were walking in our hall, and we thought it sounded interesting," Doyle said. "We both love magic, so we wanted to come see it."

The late-night programming seems like something new and different to do near and on campus, she said.

"I would definitely come back," Doyle said. "It's something fun, and it's also something different from everything else."

The late-night program-

ming aims to appeal to students just as much as drinking activities downtown, Kern said, but without any alcohol. The events will likely be a success, he said, and will set the tone for this semester and the entire academic year.

"I think the folks who planned these events have worked really hard to find exciting things for people to come to and enjoy," Kern said. "It's still on the Ped Mall but an alternative to going out at night. It's still fun and exciting and offers a good time."

# Methodist/minister clash continues

'It is a shame the leaders of the United Methodist Church repeatedly choose to inflict harm against Rev. Blaedel and their ministry,' the Wesley Center Board of Directors wrote to denounce the church trial of the Rev. Anna Blaedel for their sexual orientation.

BY BROOKLYN DRAISEY  
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The University of Iowa Wesley Center Board of Directors defended the organization's recently resigned director in a statement released Aug. 24 after the United Methodist Church's Iowa Committee on Investigation decided that the Rev. Anna Blaedel will face a sexual-orientation church trial.

"Rev. Blaedel has embodied the mission of the University of Iowa Wesley Center as a campus minister for the past five years, inviting and partnering with students to seek justice, to encounter community, and to linger in Divine truths," the Board of Directors wrote on Facebook. "It is a shame the leaders of the United Methodist Church repeatedly choose to inflict harm against Rev. Blaedel and their ministry."

John Lomperis, a lay member of the Indiana Conference and the United Methodist action director for the Institute on Religion & Democracy, filed a complaint after Blaedel came out at the 2016 Iowa Conference.

The Rev. Bob Ward, counsel for the church, referred the complaint to the investigation committee May 20. Blaedel has been charged under the Methodist Book of Discipline, which states it is against the church's teachings to be a clergyperson who is "a self-avowed practicing homosexual."

Blaedel resigned as center director, effective in July and transitioned into a role as the coordinator for the center's Tuesday Table program.

The Conference on Investigation referred the minister to trial earlier this month. According to a Rec-



Rev. Anna Blaedel listens during a Bible study at the Wesley Center on May 1. Openly queer, Rev. Blaedel faced formal complaints by the United Methodist Church.

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onciling Ministries Network statement, this is the third complaint brought against Blaedel in three years.

The Board of Directors wrote that Iowa Area Resident Bishop Laurie Haller should end the proceedings immediately. The statement said the board voted unanimously in July to sign a proclamation created by Our Movement Forward, an organization "centering people of color, queer, and transgender voices."

The proclamation created a new vision for the church, calling upon the church to affirm the identities of United Methodist

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-UI Wesley Center Board of Directors

Christians, whether they are people of color, queer, or transgender.

"This is the vision that will ensure Rev. Blaedel and the LGBTQ+ community will be treated with the love all people deserve," the

statement said.

Blaedel said in the Reconciling Ministries Network statement that they were deeply saddened by the news, and they had hoped this could become an opportunity to move in a

positive direction together.

"Investing and wasting precious resources on a trial is cause for lament. So, too, the relationships broken through this avoidable and preventable harm," the statement said. "We will only become a more just and loving church and world when we confess our complicity in evil, resist and divest from participation in it, and commit to doing it differently."

As *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported, the center's church funding is at risk after the United Methodist Church general conference's February decision to implement the

"traditionalist plan," which reinforces the church's stance against homosexuality and upholds action against LGBTQ clergy such as Blaedel.

The United Methodist Church's complaint system handles a variety of offenses by clergy, ranging from child abuse to not abiding to celibacy while single. A bishop investigates allegations against the accused clergy and decides its validity. Complaints the bishop upholds could result in clergy losing ordained status, which is the risk Blaedel faces depending on the outcome of the church trial.

# Johnson County Dems spark endorsement race

Two influential people in Iowa politics, Iowa City natives Sue and Bob Dvorsky, announced who they would endorse for president in early August ahead of a week of campaigning for more than 20 presidential hopefuls, tipping a cascade of endorsements in Iowa.

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Whatever you do, don't refer to Sue and Bob Dvorsky as a "power couple."

Sue, a longtime Iowa City schoolteacher turned two-year chair of the Iowa Democratic Party, and her husband, Bob, a recent retiree from representing Johnson County in the Iowa Senate, endorsed the U.S. senator from California, Kamala Harris, in the 22-way race for the Democratic presidential nomination ahead of the Iowa State Fair in early August.

Their point of the finger earned favorable headlines from news outlets. CNN dubbed the Dvorskys as a "power couple," and Politico wrote that Harris clinched a "key Iowa endorsement."

Sue at least, takes a more modest approach.

"Oh, good heavens, no," Sue said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan* Aug. 15 when asked if she thinks the "power couple" title is fitting. "I'm a retired school teacher, he's a retired legislator, our power — if we've got any power — it's in our relationships."

In February 2007, almost a year ahead of the 2008 caucuses, the Dvorskys publicly backed Barack Obama, and in 2016, Sue served as Hillary Clinton's Women's Engagement Director for Iowa.

"... I absolutely appreciate the sentiment, but really all we are, Bob and I, whatever kudos we get we get is because our deal — our ethic — is we show up, we do the work," she said.

As presidential hopefuls reach the final six-month stretch until the February Iowa caucuses, more and more influential Iowans are signaling which candidate they will support for the nomination.

While Iowans may not make a caucus decision based on one person's endorsement, public supporters can signal to Democratic circles which campaigns are gaining momentum and, more importantly, endorsers

can come attached with some organizing work as well.

David Yepsen, a former *Des Moines Register* political columnist and current host of Iowa Press, said endorsements are important, but they can at times be overrated if they don't come with a lot of political weight or local political guidance.

"They're important at this stage in the game because people are starting to make decisions," Yepsen said, adding that caucus-goers will likely look at the endorsement as one more piece of information needed to make their decision.

As for Sue Dvorsky's endorsement specifically, Yepsen said "she knows the nooks and crannies of Iowa politics and can make sure to get (Kamala Harris) to the right places at the right time."

Dvorsky said she and Bob wouldn't take on an official job title with the campaign, but that they would make phone calls and provide advice for the Harris team, leveraging relationships they've built in Johnson County, the county with the highest concentration of Democrats in Iowa, and beyond.

They also coordinated their endorsement with the beginning of the Iowa State Fair, where they showed Harris around the fairgrounds for 45 minutes before and after her speech at the *Des Moines Register* Political Soapbox.

Harris flipped pork chops, got one on a stick to-go, ate an apple egg roll, visited the varied industries building where the Iowa Democratic Party set up a booth, all with a swarm of campaign staffers and local and national media in tow.

Dvorsky compared the experience to being the ball in a kids' soccer game. Listen to Dvorsky describe moving around the Iowa State Fair with Harris, and relate a story about Tim Kaine visiting the fair while she chaired the Iowa Democratic Party.

Since the Dvorskys announced their decision, other influential Iowans have followed suit by announcing who they'll be supporting. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., nabbed endorsements in Iowa's agriculture community last week, including former President of the National Corn Growers Association Pam Johnson and former Iowa legislator and U.S. Ambassador Swati Dandekar. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J. received his sixth endorsement Aug. 13 from Iowa legislators, and Aug. 15, former Iowa Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal announced his endorsement of former Vice President Biden.

"The other thing we're saying is that it's okay to start getting ready to make a decision," Dvorsky said. This year the couple arrived at their decision later than normal, Dvorsky said, as Iowa has played host to nearly two-dozen Democratic hopefuls since 2017.

Though many endorsements have come earlier, in some cases much earlier, such as state Rep. Amy Nielsen, who represents the western part and southeastern corner of Johnson County, pledging her support for Booker in February.

Candidates are also courting organizations as well as individuals. Sixteen Oval Office hopefuls laid out their pitch to union workers at the Iowa Federation of Labor Conference Aug. 21, and many spoke in front of Iowa's Asian and Latino Coalition (before the organization's board announced their support for Harris Aug. 12).

Endorsements from organizations and labor unions can pack a punch, Yepsen said, as often times the decision is come to with input from a wide network of local members who are likely to caucus in line with their membership.

Whoever wins the nomination, Sue Dvorsky said, she'll vote for the Democratic Party come November 2020.



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Sue Dvorsky sits for an interview outside Java House on Aug. 15. She and her husband, former Iowa Sen. Bob Dvorsky, announced their endorsement of 2020 Democratic presidential-nomination candidate Kamala Harris on Aug. 9.

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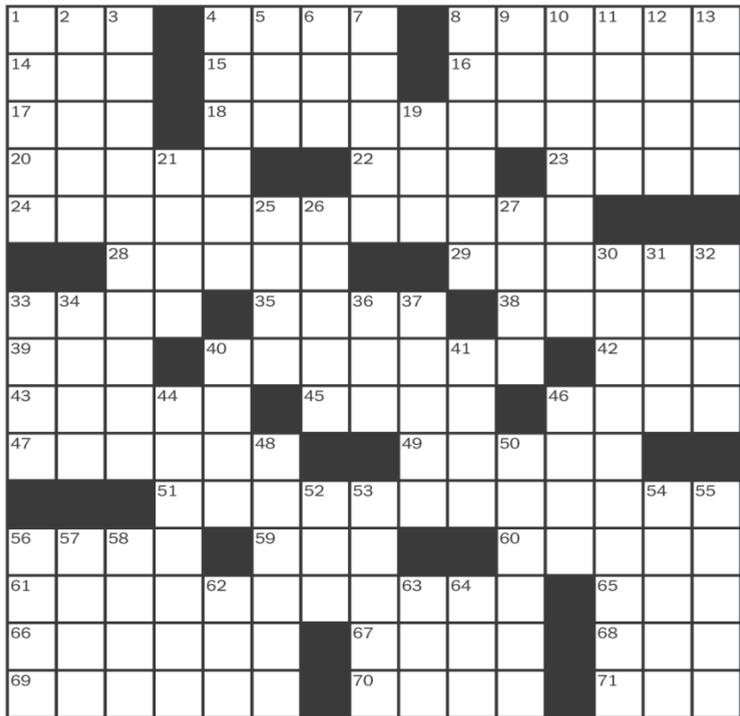
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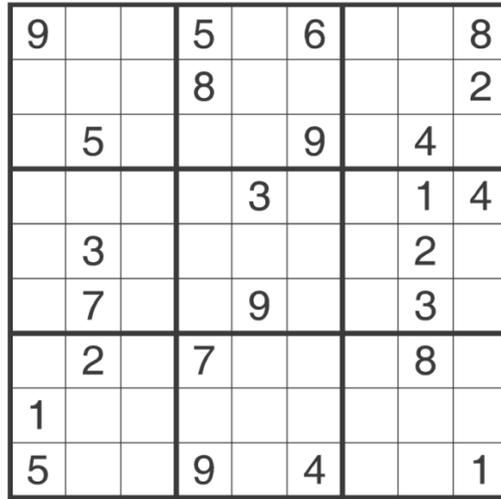
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Iowa forward Gianna Gourley runs toward the ball during a match against the University of Northern Iowa Panthers on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Panthers, 6-1.

**SOCCER**  
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When asked if rainy conditions lead to more goals, Drkulec jokingly said, "I think that's pretty fair. I would say so."

In addition to the boost from the rain, the soccer team also received an attendance boost. At halftime, all Iowa sports programs were honored, so legions of Iowa student-athletes turned out

to be honored and to support the soccer program. Honorees included wrestler Spencer Lee, football player T.J. Hockenson, and golfer Alex Schaake.

Whether it was the rain or another factor that led to Iowa's success, there was no doubt Sunday was the Hawkeyes' day.

The Hawkeyes led the game wire-to-wire, never going more than 17 minutes without scoring a goal. The victory over Northern Iowa could give

the Hawkeyes momentum when another in-state rival comes to town on Thursday, DiIanni said.

"We've got two back-to-back, we got the Panthers here [Sunday] and Iowa State on Thursday," he said. "For us, the Hawkeyes, we want to try to be the best in the state, and to do that, you have to play the in-state rivals, and you've got to beat them."

Senior midfielder Winters sees the benefit of the added intensity.

"It's an in-state rivalry, and we wanted to come out with a lot of competitiveness and put every chance away we got, so that's what we did," she said.

In the victory, the Hawkeyes kept their undefeated season going and completed the first leg of in-state rivalry week. Iowa will have a chance to take its place as the champions of the state on Thursday when Iowa State blows into town for a prime-time matchup at 7 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**  
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mism for each of those programs, and Iowa is one of them. Enjoy it.

It's the season of optimism for each individual player as well. Nate Stanley could chuck 30 touchdowns this season. Oliver Martin could receive eligibility from the NCAA (as crazy

going into overtime. Florida, a top-10 team, found a way to topple a tough Miami squad that unveiled a new role for former Ohio State quarterback Tate Martell.

Now, there's a chance for the Hawkeyes to create their own early season magic. While Miami (Ohio) isn't the most daunting opponent, it's a season-opening night game in Kinnick. The newly renovated North End Zone will be open to the public for

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as it sounds). A.J. Epenesa could out-perform his already high expectations. Geno Stone could become the next great Hawkeye defensive back. The possibilities are endless.

Injuries and players underperforming? That's not what should be on the minds of fans across the state. Of course, the worst can always happen, but why even think about it? Heartbreak doesn't have a place in August.

The excitement thinking of what could happen this season comes naturally with watching thrilling games in Week Zero of the season.

Hawaii and Arizona put on an absolute show with an avalanche of points in a game that was a yard away from

the first time. The Kinnick Wave will make its return to the college-football world.

In reality, this feeling won't be around long. The stress of the season is right around the corner, less than a week away. Wins won't be guaranteed, and the right can turn wrong extremely fast. That's why all fans need to bask in the optimism while they can.

This season only comes around once a year. After kickoff during the first week of the season, reality kicks in, and the narrative is set. Sure, anything can happen for the next 11 weeks after. But it's not the same. Enjoy this season of optimism while you can, Hawkeye fans.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
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Emily Bushman have been instrumental in leading the charge.

Orr, specifically in her playmaking role as the starting setter, has bridged the gap between the incoming freshmen and created a true team mentality through the

first two weeks of practice.

After the Iowa's offseason and the recruiting problems that could have caused, the team's meshing this early is a huge accomplishment.

"We've all come together in just that we know what our goal is as a team," Orr said. "We want to make the tournament. Just learning that we can come together after everything that's happened is awesome."

Iowa's incoming freshmen class ranks 24th in the nation, and thanks to Brown's previous role as recruiting coordinator, the team was able to retain its new players for this season as well as recruits for the coming years.

Aside from navigating the coaching change, by working as a team, the Hawkeyes have gained confidence individually knowing they could rely on each other. All 17 of

Iowa's roster spots held solid through the early months of summer, a testament to the trust in both the team's ability and the new coaching staff.

"One of the biggest things was to just know that our team didn't change," Buzzeo said. "That was huge to just be able to focus on us as a group and to know that we still had people from our program from before."

Now, in the team's evident present mentality of grittiness and moving forward, it's time to get to work.

Iowa's season will begin on Friday in the James Madison Tournament, but the Hawkeyes are aiming toward the end.

It's been 25 years since they have made an NCAA Tournament appearance, but in Brown's time as associate head coach, they've

made long strides toward that goal. Now, the challenges might not be strong enough to hold Iowa back.

"The team itself, the incoming freshmen, the returners, they have a goal set," Brown said. "They have a mindset going into this season, and we've all worked together to maintain that, and so it's just been a great opportunity and a great working environment."

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES



### Iowa set to open North End Zone

Iowa's \$89 million renovation to Kinnick Stadium, including the new North End Zone and Ted Pacha Family Club, will be open to the public for the first time this season.

The renovation includes a 146 percent increase in restrooms at Kinnick and a 90 percent increase in concession stands, going from 20 to 38. There will also be a new videoboard in the north end zone, similar to the size of the jumbotron in the south end zone. The project added 1,570 outdoor club seats to the venue as well.

To get an inside look at the renovation before Iowa's game against Miami (Ohio) on Saturday, watch DITV at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

### Field hockey opens with tough schedule

The beginning of the Iowa field hockey season will not be an easy one. The opening of the season consists of the two toughest teams in the nation: North Carolina and Northwestern (in an exhibition).



Senior Katie Birch knows the difficulties ahead. Iowa battled both teams last season, losing to North Carolina in overtime, 2-1, on Aug. 26 before falling to Northwestern, 2-0.

"[They're] a great challenge, and it's a challenge and they want to attack the challenge and a good NCAA competition," Birch said.

The offseason has been significantly successful for the Hawkeyes, as they won their scrimmage against Saint Louis on Aug. 22. When it comes to the offseason and the transitions to the upcoming season, it can be the simplicity that allows the Hawkeyes to have a more successful season and to wind down on creating inner complications with their season and plays.

Last season, the Hawkeyes did not have the ideal turnout in the Big Ten Championships, falling to Maryland in the championship. With the upcoming season, there have been several tactics that have been assessed accordingly in order to have a successful season.

## AP College Football Top 25

1. Clemson (52)
2. Alabama (10)
3. Georgia
4. Oklahoma
5. Ohio State
6. LSU
7. Michigan
8. Florida
9. Notre Dame
10. Texas
20. Iowa

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"You might hear a joke every once in a blue moon, but like, the moon actually gotta be blue."**



— Iowa football wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette on Nate Stanley

## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa soccer has outscored its opponents 8-1 this season

**8-1**  
Iowa soccer goal differential

# Hawkeye volleyball spikes the past

Following the messiness of the offseason, Iowa is pushing forward into the season and not looking back.



Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

Brie Orr serves the ball during Iowa's match against Eastern Illinois on Sept. 9, 2018 at Carver-Hawkeye. The Hawkeyes won the match, 3-0.

BY ANNA KAYSER  
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Eight incoming freshmen, a new head coach, and a season full of expectations on the heels of an NCAA-sized scandal. The Iowa volleyball program pushes ahead. On May 30, Iowa announced that it had placed then-head coach Bond Shymansky on paid administrative leave following

financial accusations by a former player, an NCAA violation. On June 19, he was fired, and Vicki Brown was officially named Iowa's head coach after having been the interim coach for the previous 21 days.

A whirlwind offseason gave Brown a choice: sink or swim. With the help of her captains and her coaching staff, she's leading the team through the water.

"I believe the benefit with our captains is that they always projected forward movement," Brown said at media day on Aug. 23. "When we came in as a staff, and me in my new role as head coach, it's always been about what we're doing next."

Captains Brie Orr, Meghan Buzzerio and

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 7

## Soccer Iowa - 6 Northern Iowa - 1

# Hawkeyes topple Panthers

Iowa scored 6 goals en route to a dominant victory over an in-state rival.



Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Natalie Winters keeps the ball away from Northern Iowa midfielder Olivia Stearns during a match against the University of Northern Iowa Panthers on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Panthers, 6-1.

BY AUSTIN HANSON  
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The combined might of the sunshine, rain, heat, cold, and Northern Iowa Panthers were unable to slow Iowa soccer on Sunday. The Hawkeyes rattled off a whopping 6 goals for a 6-1 victory over the Panthers, moving their record to 2-0-0. Iowa scored 4 goals in the first half while holding Northern Iowa to 1. The tilted scoreboard would remain that way for the rest of the contest.

Six Hawkeyes found the back of the goal: Natalie Winters, Hannah Drkulec, Devin Burns, Skylar Alward, Samantha Tawharu, and Gianna Gourley.

Winters' goal came on a penalty kick in the

14th minute.

Head coach Dave DiLanni partially attributed the plethora of goals scored to the boost the rain gave his players.

"I think they actually like playing in the rain a bit more," he said. "It cooled them off a little bit. It got a little bit humid, the ball skips a little faster. That was a nice little break there in the first half."

Drkulec agrees.

"Yeah, I love [playing in the rain], and honestly, we kind of like the skip on the ball," she said. "Sometimes, it'll catch us off guard, but we love the fast pace... It's fun to play in the rain."

## COLUMN

# The Season of Optimism is upon us

This is the one time a year fans can focus on the positives — and they should.

BY PETE RUDEN  
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The brisk fall temperatures haven't arrived in Iowa City yet, and neither has the slight breeze indicating that football is on the horizon.

But while the fall season isn't here, football season is, and it's one of the best times of the year.

This is the one time a year a football fan can be optimistic like a true football fan should be — no judgments and no naysayers. Only happiness with a sprinkle of hope of what could be.

This time of year is a chance for fans to bask in what could happen this season without worrying about the worst.

That's the opportunity Iowa fans have in front of them before the season begins on Saturday. This could be the year the Hawkeyes make the trip to Indianapolis for the Big Ten title for the first time since 2015.

After all, the Big Ten West is wide open. Wisconsin will vie for a spot in Lucas Oil Stadium. So will Nebraska and Northwestern. Minnesota could even be in the hunt.

We're in the midst of the season of opti-

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SEE FOOTBALL, 7