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Former Iowa cornerback Manny Rugamba transferred to Miami (Ohio) after the 2017 season. After sitting out the 2018 season due to NCAA transfer rules, he will play his first game for the RedHawks in his old home stadium.



Iowa volleyball aiming for turnaround
After finishing with a record under .500 last season and enduring the firing of its head coach during the summer, Hawkeye volleyball is ready to turn the page. Now with Vicki Brown leading the way, Iowa hopes to prove its doubters wrong.



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Iowa City reacts to slashed Planned Parenthood funding

Many women in Iowa say they are outraged and heartbroken over Planned Parenthood clinics no longer receiving federal funds provided by Title X.



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Iowa organizing manager of National Abortion Rights Action League pro-choice America Kate Revaux poses for a portrait at Yotopia on Tuesday.



Illustration by Kate Snyder/The Daily Iowan

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Raquel Kurth went to the local Planned Parenthood last year to get a third opinion on a mammogram. Her insurance only covered two opinions, and when a lump showed up on her breast, she wanted an opinion outside of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics network.

Planned Parenthood reaffirmed that the lump was not cancerous.

Kurth called the elimination of Title X funding "heartbreaking." Kurth worked as an unofficial advocate for the Iowa City center, providing education about the clinic to her community members who speak Spanish and don't have health insurance.

"Now, they're trying to find insurance that they cannot afford," Kurth said. "I know for sure that they will say, 'I'm not going to see a doctor anymore.'"

Planned Parenthood ended its participation in the federal Title X Family Planning program Aug. 19 after the Trump administration imposed a "gag rule," which prohibits medical facilities that use Title X funds from providing referrals to abortion services except in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergencies.

Anti-abortion advocates have long argued that no government funding should go toward Planned Parenthood, but national group Live Action criticized Planned Parenthood's move, saying they should have

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Blue Moose closure leaves hole in local music scene

After bringing live bands into its dual-stage music venue and bar for nearly a decade, Blue Moose Tap House will close by the end of September.



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Blue Moose Tap House is seen on Monday.

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Serving as a bar and dual-stage music venue for downtown Iowa City for the past decade, Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa Ave., is closing its doors for good.

The official closing date is set for Sept. 28,

and the building will be left vacant until a new tenant takes up its lease.

The popular show venue has hosted popular bands and musical artists, including 21 Savage, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, and Of Mice and Men, as well as countless local artists and DJ's.

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UI talks progress after Wilson's resignation

The UI updated community members on the implementation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan following TaJuan Wilson's resignation as the leader of the division.

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Following the resignation earlier this month of the associate vice president of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the University of Iowa on Tuesday assured the campus community that its efforts to make a more inclusive campus and strengthen the campus climate will carry on as planned.

In an internal letter sent to UI community members — signed by Provost Montse Fuentes and the three Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion unit leaders — said that while they are disappointed that TaJuan Wilson left the position of associate vice president for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the action plan will be implemented.

Also, Bria Marcelo, the director of Diversity Resources and Strategic Initiatives, will help implement the plan with a Path Forward work group.

The UI has taken the following steps already, according to the letter:



Wilson

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PIECE OF CAKE



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Arianna Beattie-Dahlin (left) and Arthur Beattie eat cupcakes in Molly's Cupcakes on Tuesday. "Arthur and I like to make cupcakes together," Beattie-Dahlin said. "We come here when we don't make our own."

WILSON

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There will be an external review of Student Disability Services, which will take place Sept. 22 to 24, and find a new place for the department's office after community members have advocated for a more accessible location, as it is currently located in the basement of Burge Hall. This review will consist of team members from the University of Indiana, University of Texas at Austin, and University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill.

As part of the strategy to increase graduation rates of underrepresented students, a Military and Veteran Students Task Force began meeting in June to provide more support to military and veteran UI students. The letter states that the task force will give recommendations on how best to give this support in October. Elizabeth Lara was hired as the Graduate College diversity, equity, and inclusion director in May to support underrepresented graduate students and help recruit students to the UI. To improve disability

accommodations across campus, the letter said, university human-resources Faculty and Staff Disability Services began helping pay for equipment, furniture, technology, and services for people with disabilities when need be through an Americans with Disabilities Act Employment Accommodation Fund two-year pilot program. The program will be reviewed every six months, with the next review on Jan. 1, and will be completed on July 1, 2021. A data specialist is also being recruited to provide data-driven information that will help the depart-

ment with diversity, equity, and inclusion decision-making. Someone is expected to start in this position this semester. This progress comes after UI officials announced the 2019-21 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan on April 4 as a way to support students, faculty, and staff of all identities. It outlines the things UI leaders plan to accomplish in the next two years to improve the campus climate at the UI. The Daily Iowan previously reported that about 70 percent of people on the UI campus said they felt somewhat or very sat-

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BLUE MOOSE

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Nick Miller, the current owner of The Blue Moose as well as DC's and The Field House in downtown Iowa City, said one of the reasons the venue decided not to renew its lease was the abundance of live music competition in the downtown area. "There are a number of venues in town that do a really good job putting on shows and bringing good music to the Iowa City area," Miller said in an email to The Daily Iowan.

With an upstairs stage that could hold more than 200 people and a downstairs stage that could host 600, Blue Moose has been one of several key venues for keeping the live-music scene alive in the downtown area, said Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Iowa City Downtown District. Although there are no intentions to re-open the venue in a different location, Bird said the closure gives the opportunity for other types of entertainment venues to rise. She noted the space offers opportunities to potentially add on a rooftop element, similar to Joe's Place and The Vue, and back up onto an alley that is currently in the process of being reimaged by the Iowa City downtown district. "The nature of downtown



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Mystic Cats perform at Blue Moose on Sept. 6, 2018.



Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan

A Blue Moose employee updates their marquee downtown early morning on April 10, 2017.

Iowa City has changed a lot in the past 10 years, and we're finding a new and increasing demand to be downtown," Bird said. "We only have a finite number of properties, so I think what we're trying to encourage property owners to do is reduce size and add commercial bays to incorporate additional tenants into their buildings that might open other opportunities." Tracey Barkalow, the property owner of Blue Moose since June, said he has already been in talks with several businesses out of Des Moines and local business owners to fill the space with some improvements on the previous business model. "I think it needs to be kind



Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan

The Cool Kids Perform at Blue Moose on April 7, 2017. The Cool Kids reunited in July 2016 after a hiatus beginning in 2012.

of a restaurant with a bar mix," Barkalow said. "Something more like the 30 Hop concept or Big Grove Brewery concept, or something to that

level with maybe some live music still involved, but it's got to be something targeted more of a craftier bar with some food to it to entice the

younger-to-middle aged people." The loss of Blue Moose also means one less performance venue for organizations such as SCOPE at The University of Iowa to use to bring entertainment to the community. SCOPE general manager Savannah Lane said the student organization often relies on venues such as Blue Moose and Gabe's to hold more intimate performances for the artists they invite, since the rooms they are provided in the Iowa Memorial Union like the second floor Ballroom are often too big for some concerts. "It definitely will take away one option of our list of places to do shows, which

is unfortunate," Lane said. "It's a really important part of the music community here. Any show that we would consider for Blue Moose, we would just have to do at Gabe's instead." As the bar and music venue enters its final month, Miller said Blue Moose will be hosting several events throughout its closing weeks, including shows by local promoters such as ESD Studios. "In addition, our resident DJ will continue to put on some EDM concerts throughout September. A concert series called Free Bass will more than likely be our last show and for that we will bring in an artist named Kage who started the concert series years ago," he said.

PARENTHOOD

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complied with the rule rather than foregone funding at a cost to tax payers. Planned Parenthood called the gag rule unethical, because it would require its clinics to withhold information from patients. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland said in a statement that these funds provide low-income women with birth control and cancer screenings, and that the federal funds are not used for abortion services. The statement also said this will be especially detrimental to women in rural areas where access to medical facilities is limited. "Go to their houses, visit them, knock [on] their doors and see how much of a struggle they're having to pay bills," Kurth said about low-income women. "And these people have children."



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

Kate Revaux, organizing manager for the Iowa chapter of National Abortion Rights Action League Pro-Choice America, said she was outraged when she heard Planned Parenthood will

no longer receive Title X funding. "The thing is everybody knows somebody who has accessed Planned Parenthood for birth control, or for abortion services

or for [sexually transmitted infection] testing or cancer screenings, for crying out loud," Revaux said. She said her organization has done a lot of work advocating

for women's reproductive rights by calling and writing to elected officials in the Iowa Legislature. Her organization has also held town halls with Iowans and with presidential hopefuls to hold them accountable for their stance on reproductive-health care, she said. Revaux highlighted the issue of accessibility for individuals who live in rural areas, and said this health care is being cut off for vulnerable populations during a time when STI-infection diagnoses are rising. From 2017 to 2018, there was a 5.8 percent increase in cases

of chlamydia and a 28.3 percent increase in cases of gonorrhea in Iowa, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health. These numbers follow national trends. In Johnson County in 2018, there were 1,021 reported cases of chlamydia and 222 reported cases of gonorrhea. "This ideological war, essentially, on reproductive-health care is misguided, and it's quite frankly dangerous," Revaux said. "We're in constant communication with our ally organizations to figure out what we can do to rally people. You know, people are pissed off, and rightfully so."

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After 5 months, no Browning murder suspect identified

Almost five months after the death of UI Health Care budget executive JoEllen Browning, Iowa City police say there are no new leads to share.

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Nearly five months after the homicide of University of Iowa Health Care budget executive JoEllen Browning, there are no new updates in the investigation of her homicide, Iowa City public-information officer Sgt. Derek Frank said.

Browning, 65, was discovered in her home when Iowa City police responded to a welfare check there on April 5. Her death was determined early on to be the result of homicide, Frank

said. He said the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation has since taken over on the case, but has not released any new leads to the public.

"We called in the DCI because our investigation division was swamped," Frank said. "We've been trying to assist them. It hasn't been put on the back burner; they are still actively investigating it."

Frank emphasized that all police cases, particularly those involving murder, are unique. In some in-

vestigations, the evidence provides a lot of viable information on a suspect and leads to a quick arrest, he said, while others such as Browning's case require more processing.

"There isn't such a thing as a typical homicide investigation," Frank said.

With more evidence to collect and process than some cases, Frank said the investigation of Browning's death has required Iowa City police to work closely with the County Attorney's office, the Division of Criminal Investiga-

tion, and others to identify who is responsible.

Contrary to public belief that the case trail has gone cold, Frank said, the investigation to locate Browning's murder suspect is ongoing and has not been suspended. Nevertheless, he said he understands why the public would want to know more.

"We're just being very careful so we don't jeopardize the integrity of the investigation," Frank said. "We're not sharing anything that doesn't need to be shared."



Roman Slabach/The Daily Iowan
Iowa City police investigate the scene of JoEllen Browning's death on April 7. Browning was found dead in her home at 114 Green Mountain Drive in Iowa City on April 5.

April 5

Emergency responders discover JoEllen Browning, an Iowa City resident and University of Iowa Health Care budget executive, dead in her home.

April 7

Iowa City police announce Browning's death is being investigated as a homicide, with no suspect in custody.

April 10

Visitation is held to pay respects and honor Browning's memory, according to an obituary.

April 11

Browning's funeral and burial take place in downtown Iowa City at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with a call from close family and friends for donations for memorials instead of flowers.

May 3

Iowa City police confirm Browning's cause of death as "sharp-force injuries," or stabbing. Twenty agents are involved in the investigation, and 100 interviews have been conducted with no arrest.

August 27

Iowa City police public-information officer Sgt. Derek Frank says the DCI is actively leading the investigation. There has been a lack of new information five months after Browning's death.

UI students still unable to vote with university ID

While Iowa State University students will be able to use their student IDs to vote, the University of Iowa does not offer that option for its students. Student leaders have said such a change could make voting more accessible to students.

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State Board of Regent universities are taking divergent paths on making student ID cards a valid form of voter identification.

Iowa State University announced recently that its students will be able to use their student IDs as voter identification at the polls during the next election, an action that University of Iowa administrators are still discussing after a state-law change affecting requirements for identification voters can bring to the polls to prove their eligibility to vote.

While the University of Iowa has worked to make voting more accessible to students, officials are still working on a solution related to card identification, UI media-relations manager Hayley Bruce said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

"We are in touch with our colleagues at Iowa State University and the Johnson County Auditor's office and plan to learn more about whether this would be a good

fit for our campus and county," Bruce said.

In 2017, the Iowa Legislature passed an Election Modernization and Integrity Act, which added a requirement for voters to bring IDs to the polls.

The Iowa Secretary of State's Office sent letters to universities and colleges across the state in 2018, making two requests of the institutions: to provide students with a form of ID that could be verified and a printable document for students to prove their address.

Last year, the UI Office of the Registrar created a voter-enrollment verification letter, and UI Housing and Dining added contract dates to room-assignment letters as proof of residency in an effort to make voting accessible to students, Bruce said.

Because the student IDs do not have an expiration date on them, they cannot be accepted as valid identification at the polls under the new law. State university officials have previously stated the addition of an expiration date

to the cards would be too expensive.

With approximately 44,000 IowaOne cards in circulation, UI officials said previously to the *DI* that the additional costs of reprinting IDs would be hundreds of thousands of dollars extra each year.

UI Student Government Director of Governmental Relations Connor Wooff said conversations with UI administrators are being revisited by UISG, University Democrats, and WRACtavists regarding the addition of expiration dates, now that ISU has done so.

Although UI College Republicans have not been involved in that conversation, the organization's president Joshua Werges said in an email to the *DI*, he added that they feel the expiration date is the only thing stopping university ID cards from being used at the polls.

He said the College Republicans support the Iowa Secretary of State's program that issues free state-sponsored voter ID cards that can be used at the polls to Iowa resi-

dents who apply for one.

The inability of UI students to use their university IDs at the polls can cause issues related to a student's residency, University Democrats member Shayna Jaskolka said, because many students come from another state but vote in Iowa.

"It can get complicated

sometimes, because you're registered to vote in one state but your license says another [state]," Jaskolka said. "And it can just be confusing, especially if it's your first time voting."

Wooff, also a University Democrats member, said the group began prioritizing efforts to register students to

vote last year and increased engagement and outreach efforts before the midterm elections when they determined the UI could not add expiration dates to IDs beforehand.

"I think [the UI] recognizes that if another state university is doing it, there's no reason that we can't commit to it as well," Wooff said.



Voters wait to cast their ballots in the Main Library on Nov. 6, 2018.

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Should ranch go on pizza?

Two *DI* editors debate whether the popular Midwestern condiment should be a regular part of pizza consumption.



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Ranch always improves pizza

There are two kinds of people in this world: those who put ranch on their pizza, and those who are wrong.

Let's take it back to the 1950s where we meet a young Steve Henson, and his wife, Gayle at their Sweetwater Ranch in California. Later naming the ranch Hidden Valley — one of the most popular ranch brands — their famous homemade dressing mix soon became a delightful treat for all to share. Ranch has a meaningful history — and it continues to prove it to everyone.

Before I tell you why I believe ranch, the beautiful, creamy, and delicious salad dressing, deserves to be in a place of honor — my slice of pepperoni pizza — I'd like everyone to understand where I'm coming from.

For the last two years, I have worked at a pizza restaurant as a waitress. I've seen pizzas with sardines, pineapples, barbeque sauce, and the list goes on. Where the game changes is in adding a dip of a buttermilk-y, everything topping to your 'za for the ultimate flavor. To those guests that I would wait on and ordered ranch with a side of a large pizza — yeah, you're all right with me.

The best thing about ranch is its versatility. Talk about a great topping on pizza — it can also be used for a sauce to dip your fries in. Or if you're feeling like a carrot, that too.

There really is only one way to eat pizza, and it is most definitely with a good ol' side of ranch.

What I don't understand is the need to dunk every slice of pie in the stuff.

The standard cheese pizza, with a regular crust and traditional tomato sauce, doesn't need the help. The extra dairy is unneeded in the face of such simple, balanced perfection. The same thing could be said about other basic one-toppings or veggie-based recipes.

Again, if you really need to add that über-creamy sauce to your pizza, this is America, you're free to do what you want (especially with food). But just because it's physically possible, that doesn't mean it's a good idea.

Instead of simply dumping ranch on absolutely everything (something the internet tells me every Midwesterner does), we should show restraint as to which dishes we add the sauce. Perhaps that a mark against my Midwesternness, but I'd rather have a good pizza than one unnecessarily ruined by being slathered in ranch.



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Not every pizza needs ranch

Let's make one thing clear: I love pizza. I eat pizza multiple times a week. I've worked in pizza kitchens for years. When I decided to go vegan last year, I let myself consume a single animal product: cheese — when it's on pizza.

Another thing to clarify is that ranch — that quintessentially Midwestern condiment — is not always wrong to have on pizza. There are some less conventional toppings and combinations that are supremely complimented by the thick, buttermilk dressing, such as chicken and bacon or spicy buffalo sauce.

COLUMN

Gabbard's candidacy has the right plan for anti-war policy

The Army veteran and 2020 hopeful has the proper experience and vision for peacemaking and statecraft, an example for both Democrats and Republicans.



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Hawaii Democratic Rep. and 2020 presidential hopeful Tulsi Gabbard will return to the campaign trail this week after serving with the Hawaii Army National Guard in Indonesia, where she participated in joint training exercises for two weeks.

She is a rare politician in the fact that gracefully promotes this libertarian perspective without masking it under disgusting rhetoric because, in the topic of war, many critics and supporters get lost in their own agenda without ever acknowledging the lives lost or ruined.

Gabbard has been deployed in the military since 2003 and has deployed to Iraq and Kuwait. As a Major in the Hawaii Army National Guard, she is one of the most staunch advocates for peace in Congress and in the 2020 Democratic Primary. Recent statements made by The Young Turks member Hasan Piker highlight the misunderstandings around the anti-war take on foreign policy.

Gabbard isn't entirely alone in her endeavors. Republicans Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan spearheaded opposition to military intervention in Congress, Gabbard joins their cause — as a soldier. Combined, these members of Congress gracefully support diplomacy through nonintervention and still show respect for the less than 1 percent of active duty Americans choosing to serve their country.

Hasan Piker, a member of the far-left media group The

Young Turks, recently aimed to criticize Republican Rep. Dan Crenshaw of Texas, a retired Navy SEAL officer and Purple Heart Recipient, by wondering what was wrong with him, because he lost his eye while fighting as a soldier abroad. He also described "some Mujahideen — a brave ... soldier" having sex in his eye socket, using several expletives.

Mujahideen — Arabic for "one engaged in jihad" — demonstrates that Piker hides behind an "anti-war" shield and instead supports those engaged in war against enemies of Islam. He applauds Crenshaw's attacker as "brave" but also insisted that American soldiers "don't deserve respect by virtue of service," when given the option to retract his statement.

His sentiment, in all of its filth, is popular and often disguised by those preaching peace. And while I cringe seeing my peers on social media in support of his remarks, I know

that there is no getting through to them — disrespect is hard to change.

But I am relieved to see that in the large pool of Democratic contenders running for the 2020 presidency. Such a vocal, powerful, well-respected woman such as Gabbard is proud of her military service while being of two veteran candidates to preach of their experience overseas and use that as their basis for anti-war policies.

While there has been speculation that Gabbard will not participate in the next round of Democratic debates, her social-media platforms and appearances around the country are flooded with information on her pro-peace message — she does this all while respecting and leading her brothers and sisters in uniform.

Her candidacy can prove that it is possible to be one of the fiercest advocates for peace and simultaneously be a part of America's fighting force.



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Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, speaks during a campaign event at the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center on Feb. 11.

GUEST OPINION

Grappling with Wilson's departure

The president of UI Students for Disability Advocacy & Awareness writes on the resignation of the associate vice president for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

I am still dazed after the Aug. 15 announcement. From the very start, TaJuan Wilson repeated over and over again that becoming the associate vice president of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Iowa was his "dream job" — and when he was selected, I was so so happy to see that dream come true for him.

While I absolutely want to leave room for Wilson to address his leaving in his own time and to the extent he sees fit, it's impossible to keep the mind from questioning just how bad the realities of this institution must have been for him to

leave his dream job within the first two months.

And who could blame him?

'I can only hope that Wilson's departure will serve as a blaring, in your face, institutional wake up call for every person employed on this campus.'

My heart goes out to all of the staff, faculty, and students doing diversity, equity, and inclusion work on this campus who are surely shaken and hurting right now — particularly

the staff, faculty, and students of color. I can only hope that Wilson's departure will serve as a blaring,

in your face, institutional wake-up call for every person employed on this campus. People who, as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, have "failed to hear that the promises of freedom

and justice have not been met. We cannot continue to sweep our failings under the rug by being more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice, equality, and humanity."

Acknowledgement, ownership, and committed action is the only way we will ever be able to successfully and sustainably move beyond the messages of "diversity" and "tolerance" of yesteryear.

— Kaydee Layne Ecker

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TaJuan Wilson speaks during the forum for the associate vice presidency of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on March 25.

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Rhetoric embedded tutors aim at student retention

In an attempt to boost retention rates, the Success in Rhetoric program connects students with tutors for academic achievement in their Rhetoric courses. The program was founded in 2017 with Academic Support and Retention.

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The embedded tutor model for the University of Iowa tutoring program, Success in Rhetoric, will officially continue with an emphasis on peer tutors working exclusively with assigned professors in an effort to boost retention rates.

Founded in 2017, Success in Rhetoric is a partnership between the UI Department of Rhetoric and Academic Support and Retention. The fall 2018 preliminary model responded to low attendance in tutoring, which program leader Dana Thomann attributed to how differently each professor teaches the course.

Thomann said a large benefit of the program is bridging the gap between nervous first-year students and instructors when it comes to initial contact.

"Faculty members find that when students do come to them with questions, they're not the questions that they get asked a million times," Thomann said.

Depending on the participating instructor, Thomann said roles of the peer tutors include teaching small lessons or hosting workshops.

"They get a flavor for what it's like in the classroom and what major assignments are being assigned," Thomann said. "Then, they hold outside office hours in the Writing Center."

Rhetoric is a required course at the UI that aims to introduce skills essential for first-year students. According to a report from the 2017-18 Academic Support



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Volunteers in the Success in Rhetoric program are seen Aug. 21. The program consists of peer mentors attending the rhetoric classes and close contact with an assigned instructor for a personalized experience in an attempt to boost retention rates.

and Retention at the UI, only 59 percent of students who received a D, F, or withdrawal in Rhetoric continued schooling at the UI for a second year.

Although many other factors contribute to a student not returning, Academic Support and Retention Director Mirra Anson said, those who fail rhetoric are less likely to return.

"Rhetoric is such a foundational course," she said. "We recognize that that's an area where we can maximize student learning

59%

of students who received a D, F, or Withdrawal in Rhetoric continued schooling at the UI for a second year.

Source: 2017-18 UI Academic Support and Retention report

and support." Despite the positive re-

sponse from students and professors, Thomann said, challenges still remain, including the need to find consistent funding. She said the program's goal is to pay returning tutors the same rate a Supplemental Instruction leader is paid at the university.

The University of Northern Iowa has provided a similar embedded program since 2010, seeing the retention rate rise to 85.6 percent for students enrolled in embedded courses compared with 79.6 percent

for nonembedded courses, according to a report by the university.

UNI executive director of undergraduate studies Dieder Bucher Heistad said the UNI program has expanded to all first-year classes, and more than 85 percent of students attend a peer embedded course in their first semester.

In the future, Thomann said, the Success in Rhetoric structure could be expanded to other gateway courses at the UI.

Thomann said Success in

Rhetoric tutors will be installed in Peterson, Stanley, Currier, and Catlett Halls, and the hope is to increase the number of hours tutors spend in the Writing Center.

"The key benefit is simply having a second pair of eyes on student work in class," said participating instructor Robert Peck in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

"Rhetoric is a course that demands personal attention to our students' work, as many are, understandably, uncomfortable with the skills we practice."

Program links art, STEM for young women

The UI Femeiners program, the first of its kind outside of California, provides opportunities in STEM fields for girls in grades 6-12. The program expands technology into the world of fashion through wearable technology training.

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A growing teacher-training program at the University of Iowa is aimed at increasing the number of engineering degrees awarded to women in the state of Iowa by providing middle and high school-aged girls access to opportunities in STEM.

The UI Femeiners program trains teachers for opportunities designed to expose young women to STEM. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, only 18 percent of engineering degrees in Iowa are awarded to women. Data from the Society of Women Engineers also show that 13 percent of engineers in the workforce are women.

The Femeiners program was developed at California State Polytechnic Institute, Pomona in 2013 and provided training and curriculum to teachers, hoping to spark an interest in engineering and technology in their female students from grades 6-12.

The UI program is the first Femeiners affiliate located outside of California. It began with two Iowa high schools in 2017 and is expanding to five affiliated high schools for the 2019-20 school year.

Currently, the program is expanding its scope by adding wearable technology modules and combining arts and engineering through fashion.

Chelle Lehman, the affiliate director of the Femeiners program at the UI, said the program brings together arts and science through its teaching.

"The Femeiners program really is a focus on not just STEM, but STEAM, so it



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The Seamans Center for the Engineering Arts and Sciences is seen on Jan. 29. UI Femeiners, a new organization on campus, focuses on involving young women in STEM.

really brings the arts into technology and engineering," Lehman said. "It really does a great job of engaging students in technology who originally wouldn't have been interested."

Chris Patterson, who teaches engineering at Linn-Marr High School in Marion, Iowa, recently attended training in the wearable technology module in Pomona. Patterson plans to implement the program with students this year and serve as a master teacher for the Femeiner program.

Patterson said the wearable technology program will have more flair than the previous creative robotics module.

"Creative robotics is fun, but the things we created weren't flashy, weren't eye catching. Wearable [technology], it's LEDs, it's flashing lights, changing colors, so it really grabs your attention," Patterson said. "There are more designers out there in the world that are starting to put technology into their clothing—so I think when girls see that it's going to make them ex-

cited about this new module we're adding."

The full wearable technology training program will be available to teachers in Iowa starting in the summer of 2020.

Patterson hosts the Femeiners program as an after-school club, which has around 10 members. He said the club is a tight-knit group.

"It's really neat. We have a small family now," he said. "It's built our own little female engineering community at our school."

Katelyn Murhammer,

president of the UI Society of Women Engineers, volunteers with the Femeiners program. She said she was impressed by the enthusiasm of the students who presented their work.

"It was so wonderful to see all of the projects that the students had made," Murhammer wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "I was truly amazed to see how creative the students were and how passionate they were when sharing details about their projects."

Lehman hopes Femi-

neers exposes girls to opportunities in STEM fields they may not have otherwise considered.

"We know that women are underrepresented in engineering and technology—specifically if we look at computer and electrical engineering and mechanical engineering, those numbers are even less represented," she said. "Ultimately, our aim is to expose young women to opportunities in those fields, and maybe do it in a way that they wouldn't have considered."

Iowa tops the Wild West

Pregame editor Pete Ruden studied the Big Ten West and found the Hawkeyes top the division standings.

Wisconsin

2018 record: 8-5 (5-4)
Predicted 2019 record: 8-4 (5-4)
Head coach: Paul Chryst (fifth season, 42-12)
Quick fact: Wisconsin's worst finish in the Big Ten West under Paul Chryst is tied for second.
Season outlook: Alex Hornibrook is gone, but Jack Coan -- recently named the Badgers' starting quarterback -- has experience starting. Wisconsin faces a wringer of a crossover schedule with Michigan, Ohio State, and Michigan State, but with Jonathan Taylor in the backfield, anything is possible.

Northwestern

2018 record: 9-5 (8-1)
Predicted 2019 record: 7-5 (5-4)
Head coach: Pat Fitzgerald (14th season, 96-70)
Quick fact: The top two Big Ten tackle leaders in 2018 were both Wildcats: Blake Gallagher (127) and Paddy Fisher (116).
Season outlook: Northwestern starts the season with a tough matchup against No. 25 Stanford. If former five-star prospect and Clemson transfer Hunter Johnson takes over completely, however, this ranking could change very quickly.

Minnesota

2018 record: 7-6 (3-6)
Predicted 2019 record: 6-6 (3-6)
Head coach: P.J. Fleck (third season, 12-13)
Quick fact: Minnesota quarterback Zack Annexstad posted two career-highs against Iowa last season: passing touchdowns (3) and interceptions (3).
Season outlook: Zack Annexstad's foot injury doesn't help Minnesota's case this season, especially when the Gophers close the season with Penn State, Iowa, Northwestern, and Wisconsin.

Illinois

2018 record: 4-8 (2-7)
Predicted 2019 record: 2-10 (0-9)
Head coach: Lovie Smith (fourth season, 9-27)
Quick fact: Illinois finished last in the Big Ten West last season despite ranking second in the conference with 2,916 rushing yards.
Season outlook: Lovie Smith and Company may need to prepare for their third last-place finish in the Big Ten West in a row. After Illinois' nonconference schedule, things could go downhill fast.

Iowa

2018 record: 9-4 (5-4)
Predicted 2019 record: 9-3 (6-3)
Head coach: Kirk Ferentz (21st season, 152-101)
Quick fact: Nate Stanley ranked second in the Big Ten with 26 passing touchdowns last season, trailing only Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins' 50.
Season outlook: The Hawkeyes aren't playing the easiest schedule, but a third-year starter under center paired with two early draft picks on the offensive line helps. Oh, and they boast a potential top-five draftee in A.J. Epenesa on the defensive line as well. He led the Big Ten with 11 sacks in 2018 despite not starting.

Nebraska

2018 record: 4-8 (3-6)
Predicted 2019 record: 8-4 (5-4)
Head coach: Scott Frost (second season, 4-8)
Quick fact: Nebraska was outscored by 56 in its first three games last season, but outscored opponents by 9 in its last three.
Season outlook: Improving quickly from 4-8 isn't easy, but Adrian Martinez isn't a freshman anymore, and the same injuries aren't likely to strike twice. Expect a turnaround from the Huskers, even if it doesn't get them to Indianapolis.

Purdue

2018 record: 6-7 (5-4)
Predicted 2019 record: 7-5 (5-4)
Head coach: Jeff Brohm
Quick fact: Rondale Moore led the conference in receptions (114), receiving yards (1,258), and tied for the lead in receiving touchdowns (12).
Season outlook: The Boilermakers are entering the season without a quarterback controversy and with an explosive offense. Purdue is simply too talented on that side of the ball to be worse than last season.



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 - 16 Dwelling
 - 17 Like Stevie Wonder's "Isn't She Lovely"
 - 18 Like pond scum
 - 19 Mario's world
 - 20 Task for new parents of twins?
 - 23 Elevator innovator Elisha
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 - 25 Like straight bourbon, for a minimum of two years
 - 28 "La Dolce Vita" director
 - 31 Dad on "Black-ish"
 - 33 "This texter thinks ..."
 - 34 Long-armed zoo animal, informally
 - 36 Protection rackets?
 - 38 Task for a Thai chef cooking for typical Americans?
 - 41 Like the most protective hazmat suits
 - 42 Las Vegas was built around one
 - 43 What "bist" means in the 1930s hit "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen"
 - 44 The "e" of i.e.
 - 46 Words of referral
 - 50 Lean and tough
 - 52 High, in Versailles

- 54 Getaway car cargo
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- 59 Christensen of "Parenthood"
- 61 Tank-topped, ponytailed "Futurama" character
- 62 Aid in counting to 20?
- 63 Much ESPN programming
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- 66 Some German autos
- 67 Coasters, e.g.
- 68 Non-majority?

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 - 10 Virus first discovered in 1976
 - 11 Gillian Flynn thriller novel made into a hit 2014 film
 - 12 Interject
 - 13 Person born in late July
 - 21 Slanted
 - 22 Heighten
 - 26 Award for a soap, maybe
 - 27 Afros, e.g.
 - 29 Cry with a fist pump
 - 30 "Sesame Street" baby Muppet
 - 32 Actress/comic Kemper
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 - 40 It names names in a newspaper
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Hawkeyes with a breakout game in Iowa's upset victory over Michigan in 2016, earning Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week honors.

He ended up starting three games during the season, racking up 2 interceptions, 4 pass breakups, and a forced fumble. His performance earned him Iowa's Next Man In award on the defensive side of the ball.

Now wearing red instead of Iowa's black and gold, Rugamba could be the subject of some trash talk come Saturday — even if the Hawkeyes are usually quiet.

"It all depends on what happens on the field — you can't dictate it right now," Smith-Marsette said. "But probably some words will be exchanged. It's football."

Working receivers

This is the week the current Hawkeye wide receivers officially take over from the pass-catching corps Io-

wa boasted last season. Gone are the days of T.J. Hockenson, Noah Fant, and Nick Easley. Now, it's time for Smith-Marsette, Brandon Smith, and Nate Wieting.

"As talented as they are, their work ethic is right up there with their talent," quarterback Nate Stanley said. "There's no lack of work ethic from them. They do a great job at expressing what they see out on the field and there's a great connection back and forth between us."

With a whole crew set for an expanded role, the receivers and quarterback need to be on the same page. Although Smith-Marsette and Smith have plenty of experience playing with Stanley, the extra work doesn't hurt.

"Like every year, you never know what's going to happen," Smith-Marsette said. "Just to come in during the offseason, get some throwing in with Nate — and it's not just me and Brandon. You got Nico [Ragaini], Tyrone [Tracy]. You got other players that can step in."

"Just getting chemistry all around has been pretty

good in the offseason coming and working with Nate. We're letting him know how we feel and he's letting us know how to run certain routes and everything like that, how he wants it."

Depth chart, injury, and Oliver Martin update

Offensive guard Cole Banwart is doubtful for Iowa's season-opener, Hawkeye head coach Kirk Ferentz said on Tuesday.

Banwart had been competing with Levi Paulsen for the starting slot at right guard, so Paulsen should see an increased role.

Ferentz also announced that redshirt freshman Spencer Petras has won the backup quarterback position over sophomore Peyton Mansell.

On the Oliver Martin front, Ferentz said Iowa is still awaiting the NCAA's decision regarding Martin's waiver.

"He's definitely in our plans to play him, and he'd be on the travel team if we were traveling," Ferentz said. "If we get the green light, we'll play him at some point."

BIG TEN
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Indiana names starting quarterback, other schools to follow

When there's hardly anything to talk about in the summer months, college football fans cling to pending position battles. With only mere days until the season, Big Ten programs are announcing who the starters will be in marquee positions come opening day.

Indiana head coach Tom Allen announced Monday that Mike Penix Jr. — a redshirt freshman from Florida — will be the team's starting quarterback this weekend. Penix effectively replaces last year's starting quarterback Peyton Ramsey with the move.

"[The decision] was more of what I believe Mike can be," Allen said. "And so we just let these guys compete, and it was very, as we said all along, it was very close...Peyton understands his role, and the way he handles that and responds to that is critical, and he and I have had a good heart to heart about that."

Ramsey passed for 2,875

yards and 19 touchdowns a year ago but will not make the start for the Hoosiers against Ball State this weekend.

"I'm telling you, it was not some easy decision," Allen said. "It was a lot of discussions and going back and forth. But you got to follow your gut, follow your heart, and don't look back."

Indiana isn't the last team to figure out its quarterback situation. Maryland, Northwestern, and Rutgers all still need to make starting quarterback decisions in the coming days.

Northwestern geared up for No. 25 Stanford

Most of this weekend's Big Ten games come with Group of 5 opponents, but Northwestern has a whole different beast on its docket. The Wildcats travel to Stanford to take on the No. 25 Cardinal in an afternoon game on Saturday.

The defending Big Ten West Champion has yet to name its starting quarterback, but the hype surrounding Clemson transfer Hunter Johnson continues to grow. Johnson — a former five-star recruit out of Brownsburg, Indiana — was the No. 1-ranked recruit out of his state, according to

247Sports. Overshadowed by the Clemson quarterback duo Trevor Lawrence and Kelly Bryant, Johnson transferred to Northwestern for a fresh start.

For most of the conference, this weekend's games will not be a good scope for the rest of the season. The same cannot be said for Northwestern, which has a big immediate challenge and will learn much about itself come Saturday.

"To go on the road, to play a great Stanford team is going to be a daunting task," Wildcat head coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "It's nothing new. Last year I stood up here and we had to go on the road and play at Purdue. It's nothing new for us to have a challenge in the opener."

Although Stanford lost its 2018 Heisman-contending running back Bryce Love to the NFL Draft, it returns its starting quarterback, K.J. Costello, a dark horse Heisman candidate for many. He amassed 3,540 yards and 29 touchdowns through the air a year ago.

Northwestern will have its hands full this weekend, but the early-season challenge can only help the team come conference play.

VOLLEYBALL
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"Our grit of being able to work through points, even if we don't get the first kill on the first ball," Orr said. "We work so hard to not let the other team score. Get every ball out and put the ball down when we know we have the opportunity to."

Meghan Buzzerio, a fifth-

year senior, shares that gritty mentality with Orr. That mindset has been an important key for the Hawkeyes in recent weeks.

"A big thing is courage," Buzzerio said. "You've got to be uncomfortable to get to the point you're at. You have to push yourself to get better in ways that you never thought you could before."

The official start of volleyball season approaches for the

Hawkeyes. Iowa will head to the James Madison Tournament in Harrisburg, Virginia, this weekend. Once there, Iowa will almost immediately be put to the test. The second opponent the Hawkeyes will face in Virginia is Washington State. The Cougars rank 22nd in the nation according to the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) poll.

The competition does not get any easier for the

Hawkeyes after they leave Virginia either. Iowa will welcome 13th ranked Washington to Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 7 as part of the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge.

Conference play will not yield any relief for the Hawkeyes either, the Big Ten offers the most AVCA ranked teams of any conference in the nation. Seven Big Ten teams have cracked the AVCA top 25,

and five of those teams rank inside the top 10. The Nebraska Cornhuskers rank No. 2 overall, right behind Stanford. Other ranked teams include Minnesota (3), Wisconsin (5), Illinois (6), Penn State (8), Michigan (15), and Purdue (17).

The Hawkeyes' 2019 schedule will undoubtedly be daunting and extremely challenging. However, facing the gauntlet of ranked teams that Iowa will face does have

its perks. For instance, Iowa will certainly have its share of opportunities for big wins against ranked programs and wins against ranked teams can put a team on the national radar.

Regardless of wins, losses, and the attention on the team, one thing is certain: Brown's gritty Iowa Hawkeyes are hungry and ready for whatever 2019 may bring.

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Iowa soccer senior defender Hannah Drkulec earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors, the conference announced Tuesday.



Drkulec

Drkulec helped the Hawkeyes to two wins over Western Michigan and Northern Iowa to start the season. The Windsor, Ontario, Native played a key role on the back line that only gave up one goal and limited opponents to four shots. Iowa outshot its opponents, 43-4.

Drkulec also played a role offensively, assisting on Iowa's first goal of the season against Western Michigan. She also scored her second-career goal against the Panthers on Sunday.

Iowa will be back in action on Thursday at 7 p.m. as it hosts Iowa State.

Three Iowa field hockey student-athletes earn Big Ten recognition

Iowa field hockey's Maddy Murphy, Katie Birch, and Sophie Sunderland have picked up preseason All-Big Ten recognition, the conference announced Tuesday.

Murphy posted 13 goals including 4 game-winners – and 33 points last season en route to earning first-team All-Big Ten honors. She was also named to the NFCA Division-1 National Academic Squad as and earned NFCA All-West Region honors.

Birch finished last season as an NFCA second-team All-American after leading the team with 10 assists, a mark that also ranked fourth in the conference.

Sunderland earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2018 after recording career-highs in goals (7), assists (5), and points (19).

Iowa opens its season in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge in Ann Arbor, where it faces Wake Forest on Friday and will defend national champion North Carolina on Sept. 1.

Return of Rugamba



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Iowa's Ben Niemann, Manny Rugamba, and A.J. Epenesa walk off the field during the game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Nov. 11, 2017. The Hawkeyes fell to the Badgers, 38-14.

Former Iowa cornerback Manny Rugamba will play his first game for Miami (Ohio) against Iowa on Saturday.

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Manny Rugamba will be back in Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. But this time, he's a visitor.

The former Hawkeye cornerback transferred to Miami (Ohio) following

the 2017 season and sat out in 2018 due to NCAA transfer rules. That means on Saturday, Rugamba will be back in his old home stadium against his old teammates in his first game for the Red-Hawks.

"Early on, I knew what school he went to, and then that's our season opener,"

Iowa wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette said. "Once the schedule dropped, I was like 'Oh yeah, Manny goes there.' That's when I knew I have the potential to go against him."

Rugamba burst onto the scene for the

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HAWK HISTORY 101

Aug. 28, 2010

On this day in 2010, Iowa volleyball rallied from a 2-0 deficit to topple Southern Illinois in five sets, 3-2.

Junior Paige Stevens finished with 52 assists to tie her career-high, and freshman Bethany Yeager led the way with a career-high 23 digs.

After falling behind in the first two sets, the Hawkeyes won 31-29 in the third and 25-19 in the fourth. Iowa then scored three of the final four points in the fifth set to take the match.

The victory helped the Hawkeyes secure a 3-0 start in their first tournament.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When I'm in there, I can guarantee Nate [Stanley] doesn't have nothing to worry about."



— Iowa running back Mekhi Sargent on blocking

STAT OF THE DAY



Junior setter Brie Orr ranks eighth in Iowa history with **2,443 assists**.

New quarterbacks, fresh starts in Big Ten

It's finally Week 1, which means coaches across the Big Ten are putting the finishing touches on Saturday's lineups.



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Indiana head coach, Tom Allen, addresses the media during the Big Ten Football Media Day in Chicago, Ill., on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

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The countdown to college football has flipped from the metric of weeks to the metric of hours.

It's game week in the Big Ten, and teams are responding accordingly. Coaches are making their final adjustments and completing their

depth charts, players are in game mode, and the hype from fans has no end.

There's a lot going on in the football world right now, and consequently, it's hard to keep track of the news around the conference. *The Daily Iowan* has the biggest news around the Big Ten covered.

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Volleyball aiming high despite rocky offseason

Iowa volleyball ended the season with a record under .500 and faces a tough schedule.

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After a 2018 season that ended with a 15-16 record followed by an offseason that yielded a coaching change, low expectations for Hawkeye volleyball in 2019 seem inevitable.

Despite coming off a disappointing season and a roller-coaster of an offseason, the Hawkeyes remain confident heading into 2019.

"We're definitely at a point with the program where we're proving that we can get wins," newly appointed head coach Vicki Brown said.

Brown's voice has been both steadying and motivating for the Hawkeyes this off-season. Iowa has embraced the scrappy underdog mentality and seems poised to make a shocking move into the Big Ten spotlight in 2019.

"We're growing our belief and courage to always go out and keep swinging," said Brown. "When I asked the captains how they would describe this team, grit was the common word."

Brie Orr, a junior setter, wants to use that grit the team has so much of as an advantage come game time.

"In the past we've always been so close to winning a lot of big games," Orr said. "This year we really want to capitalize instead of being so close. We want to take those games and get a big win out of them."

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