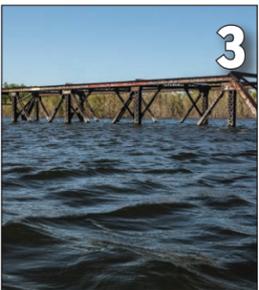


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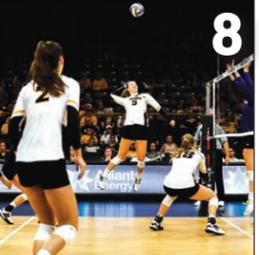
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Work from UI researchers shows that children learn about biking from their parents, but these rules don't always translate to the road. The research looks into whether college students and adults use what they've learned about bicycle safety.



Iowa volleyball steps forward with Buzzerios
Iowa volleyball took a step in re-recruiting with Courtney Buzzerio last year. This year her sister, Meghan Buzzerio, moves into her senior year as a Hawkeye. They're taking on this season as sisters and athletes.



By the numbers: Iowa football before bye week
The Hawkeye football team is undefeated through three weeks of the season, and *The Daily Iowan* took a look at where the team is thriving and where the numbers need to improve before the first bye week.



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Faculty vote to expand catastrophic-leave donation policy

The UI Faculty Senate proposal would expand its catastrophic-leave donation policy to include nonvacation-accruing faculty and staff members.

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The University of Iowa Faculty Senate unanimously passed a proposal on Tuesday to change the state Board of Regents policy for certain faculty and staff to take leave in cases of catastrophic illnesses.

This change to the UI's catastrophic-leave policy would allow nonvacation-accruing faculty and staff with a 50 percent time or greater appointment to receive donated vacation time from vacation-accruing faculty members. This faculty or staff member can then convert the donated vacation time to sick time and excuse the period they will be absent from work due

to catastrophic illness or injury. Defined as a medical condition for which a physician has certified a likely loss of 30 or more workdays, a catastrophic illness impedes employees from functioning in a work environment. "It's a situation where there is clearly a need," Faculty Senate Past President Russell Ganim said. "The university has shown good faith in trying to meet this need. We are just trying to come up with mechanisms to ensure that the people who need coverage can get it, and yet we still need to work with the existing system."

Current policy does not allow nonvacation-accruing staff and faculty members who contract catastrophic illness or injury to accept donated vacation time for sick leave. Faculty who do not accrue vacation time and are not eligi-



Daack-Hirsch

SEE SENATE, 2

UI discontinues Fine Arts Council

After more than 50 years of highlighting community artists, the UI has discontinued the student-run Fine Arts Council, which hosts the annual Holiday Thieves' Market and Spring Art Exposé.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

A family looks at jewelry during the Spring Art Exposé in the IMU Main Lounge on April 21, 2018. Put on by the UI Fine Arts Council, the Spring Art Exposé celebrates local artists.

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After more than half a century offering fine arts showcases such as the Holiday Thieves' Market and Riverbank Art Fair/Spring Art Exposé, the University of Iowa has discontinued the student-run Fine Arts Council.

The council became part of the university in the '70s, hosting the annual Holiday Thieves' Market in the IMU in December and the Riverbank Art Fair in the spring. Recently, the council canceled both up-

coming events, and organizers told prospective art vendors their application fees would be refunded entirely.

"We are deeply saddened by the news and apologize for any inconvenience due to this abrupt change," the council wrote in a mass email to nearly 200 artists. "... Your art has enriched the community surrounding the shows and we could not have done them without you. On behalf of all the many students who have worked for this organization, we thank you for sticking with us for over 50 years of arts and community."

Nellie Link, associate director of the Office of Student Engagement & Campus Programs, said the decision to discontinue the organization came after an external-program review conducted by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, which has provided administrative support to the Fine Arts Council for more than 30 years.

That center is undergoing its own restructuring, *The Daily Iowan* previously reported, and is now functioning as three separate offices — the Office of

SEE FINE ARTS, 2

Native American student advocate leaves university

College of Engineering Diversity and Outreach Programs Director Tracy Peterson, a lead advocate for Native American students on campus, left the UI this month for a position at Pennsylvania State University.



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Tracy Peterson poses for a portrait with a student's STEM project in his office at the Seamen Center on Sept. 12. Peterson will be leaving his job as Diversity Director for the College of Engineering to move to Penn State.

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A prominent voice for Native American faculty, staff, and students alike has left the University of Iowa for another campus, leaving behind a legacy of advocacy for the underrepresented community.

The UI College of Engineering's Diversity and Outreach Programs Director Tracy Peterson, the Engi-

neering Student Success Team director, completed his time with the UI Sept. 13. He will officially begin at Penn State University on Sept. 30 as the director of Student Transitions and Pre-College Outreach in the Center for Engineering Outreach and Inclusion.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of a new journey," Peterson said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

SEE DIRECTOR, 2

Busch, Venmo to match donations 'to the kids'

Altoona man Carson King has raised more than \$14,500 for the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital, and Venmo and Busch Beer agreed to match donations when the fundraiser closes.

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Anything for the kids? Busch Beer and Venmo agree.

Thousands of dollars were raised for the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital after an answered plea for Venmo donations to replenish Altoona resident Carson King's Busch Light supply. Two days later, Venmo and Busch Beer announced they will match the rising total.

It all started with a sign reading "Busch Light Supply Needs Replenishing." King displayed this white poster board proudly in the background of ESPN College GameDay at the annual Cy-Hawk game in Ames last weekend. He plastered his Venmo username on the poster as well in hopes of earning some extra beer money.

As a result, hundreds of people donated

SEE DONATION, 2

SUNNY DAYS SPENT IN THE SHADE



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

University of Iowa students Haley Norcross and Juan Bartling enjoy an afternoon on the Pentacrest on Tuesday. "The trees provide the perfect amount of shade," Bartling said. "You're absolutely right, I could take a nap right now," Norcross said in response.

SENATE FROM FRONT

ble to participate are generally faculty with academic-year appointments, meaning they are not required to work over the summer or winter breaks. To receive donations, the faculty or staff member needs to have exhausted paid leave and not be receiving long-term disability. Most faculty on campus are not vacation-accruing employees, but instead accrue sick time, Faculty Senate President Sandy Daack-Hirsch said. The people

who are not covered under the catastrophic-leave policy before Tuesday's vote are those who do not accrue vacation. Because the UI lacks a sick-leave bank, an individual must request and receive donations directly. The initiative to make catastrophic-leave policy more inclusive than just vacation-accruing faculty and staff began in April with the support of many faculty members. "We eventually came to the conclusion that we needed a two-tiered approach," Daack-Hirsch said. "The first tier of this approach is to expand who can actually receive the dona-

tion, so we ask that nonvacation-accruing faculty and staff can also receive donations." This is something that could be implemented by January, Daack-Hirsch said. Daack-Hirsch said the second part of the faculty plan, which includes the exploration of potential sick-leave donations instead of exclusively donated vacation time, will take longer to implement. "[This] would take a change in the Iowa Code as well, so it's not something that the [university] president or the Board of Regents could decide to do," Daack-Hirsch said. "It's bigger than us."

She said faculty will work with UI Human Resources on implementing the policy to determine how employees will ask for donations, how to manage the donations, and how to work with the different colleges and their respective cultures to encourage donations. "We are supportive of the proposal and look forward to working with members of the Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and the Board of Regents to consider this change to board policy," UI Chief Human Resources Officer and Associate Vice President Cheryl Reardon said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

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Leadership, Service, and Civic Engagement; Office of Student Engagement & Campus Programs; and the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life Programs. Link said the review resulted in a redirection of resources to support initiatives that directly affect the education of larger quantities of UI students, a goal that aligns with the UI Strategic Plan. As the two primary shows the Fine Arts Council hosts annually are for the benefit of professional artists from both in and out of state, Link said the council's efforts no longer fit the revised guidelines. "While the Fine Arts Council's two main shows, Holidays at IMU and Spring Art Exposé, have historically attracted many community artists and patrons, students have not been the primary participants or target audience for these programs," Link said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Link said the expenses of the Fine Arts Council in fiscal 2019 totaled \$22,848.12, with revenue of \$21,875.50 from annual shows. Jan Alan, who has resided in Iowa City since 2001, said she went to the Thieves' Market every year. "It's a shame that it was discontinued," Alan said. "It was a very good show; it was an excellent show... I will miss it very much." Alan said she met many artists that she wouldn't have met otherwise, adding that she would love to see them again so she could get to know them better. She wondered if somebody else could pick up the council's activities if the UI will no longer support it. "It's something we want," she said. "I don't want to say we need Thieves' and arts festivals, but it's something we want." Grant Dyle, a stained-glass artist who has shown his work at the Holiday Thieves' market for the last 27 years, said receiving the email from the Fine Arts Council came as an abrupt surprise to him and many others. "It was [a] shock. It was,

"What? Say what?" he said. "It was always a really good show for me. I've sold very well, and there's been a good response from people. It's a shame — I was just totally shocked by that email." Dyle said he and many artists rely on markets such as Thieves'

as a final way to make money before the holiday season. "As an artist, you rely on that one last good show of the year for a fairly good amount of money," he said. *Kayli Reese contributed to this report.*



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A customer browses through artwork during the Spring Art Expose in the IMU Main Lounge on April 21, 2018. Put on by the UI Fine Arts Council, the Spring Art Expose celebrates local artists. The UI is discontinuing the student-run council that hosts the event.

DIRECTOR FROM FRONT

"Bringing innovative ideas and developing the best practices to a new position is rewarding because you are building programs that never existed before or revitalizing current ones." Peterson is a citizen of the Diné (Navajo) Nation and began his stint at the UI in 2014 at the engineering school. While a UI faculty member, Peterson participated and served on many committees and organizations to make the campus better for students including the Native American Council and the Talent@Iowa Diversity, Equi-

ty and Inclusion Committee, and he advised several multicultural and campus clubs. UI graduate student Guadalupe Munoz Rocha said Peterson advocated for diversity, equity, and inclusion in student life through his work at the Latino Native American Cultural Center. "He really wanted to encourage younger students to pursue STEM, especially members of minority groups," Munoz Rocha said. "He made sure I was moving forward as a minority student... He didn't want me to feel like that was something that would limit me." She added that Peterson pushed for communication between the multicultural organizations on campus and

mentored individual students like herself. "He was part of my support system. Whenever I needed anything, whether it be a reference or who to talk to about something, he was always there," she said. "He made sure that I kept moving forward." Not only was Peterson a great resource for students, but for faculty as well, History and American Studies Associate Professor Stephen Warren said. Peterson was instrumental in assisting the Native American community on campus as a professor and a colleague, he said. "Tracy's role at this university is expansive," Warren said. "He works with all the Native American and indige-

nous students on campus." Warren said Peterson is the most important liaison between the UI and the Native American Meskwaki tribe. He added that the UI Powwow, a Native American cultural celebration on campus, wouldn't be possible without Peterson. As the College of Public Health's associate dean for diversity and a Native American faculty member, Joe Coulter worked closely with Peterson. In an email to *The Daily Iowan*, Coulter said the two first met when Peterson was a 15-year-old high-school student visiting a UI summer program. "I remain hopeful that Peterson and family will return here to the [UI], as this has over the years become their home," Coulter said.

Warren said Peterson will be duly missed by students and faculty on campus at the UI, and added that he positively affected every person who worked with him. "He's really a part of the campus community," Warren said. "According to many students, Tracy is a de facto parent on campus and a father figure, as well as a mentor. He really is irreplaceable."

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DONATION FROM FRONT

and thousands of dollars were raised. King said he decided he wanted to do something worthwhile with the donations, and give it to the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital. King and his family took to social media to speak out about the effort, which is now going viral. "I've learned how great people can be. People are

chipping in any amount they can from 25 cents to \$300," King said. "It's humbling for sure." Josh King, Carson's brother, works for deWit Construction in Clive, Iowa. The company agreed to donate \$300 for every roof they build until the end of the month, which is when Carson's fundraiser closes. After two days of news interviews and Twitter buzz, King was approached by Busch Beer on Twitter Tuesday morning. The company ex-

pressed their wish to match donations and "throw in some of that Busch Light" he was looking for. Since the donations began rolling in, King said he was trying to get Busch Beer's attention. He said he was speechless when they finally agreed to match the donation. "I didn't know what to do really. I screenshot [the tweet] and sent it to my family. It was just overwhelming," King said. Just a few hours later, Ven-

mo entered the conversation. The official Twitter of Venmo, a popular app used to send and receive money, told King they wanted to match his donations, as well. Before Busch Beer and Venmo chimed in, the total amounted to \$14,500 in just three days. It currently stands at approximately \$20,000. King will keep donations open until the end of the month before handing over the complete check to the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital in person.

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The proposed change to the regents' policy would allow faculty with half-time or greater appointments to receive donated time. Daack-Hirsch said the goal is for this to be on the docket for the regents' November meeting. "I think it's an important first step," Daack-Hirsch said. "I look forward to working in the next year or two of now can we look at what's donated and not just who can receive it, and the process piece of it."

To mitigate effects of climate change, report indicates need for policy change

A new report from the Iowa Policy Project emphasizes the need for policy change in order to mitigate the effects of climate change both in the state and nationwide.

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A new report from the Iowa Policy Project details the record amount of precipitation in the Midwest, specifically in Iowa, from May of 2018 until April of 2019. The report also serves as a call to action for policy change that will address the mitigation of climate change.

James Boulter, professor in the Watershed Institute for Collaborative Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, is the primary author and researcher in the report and said the findings illustrate a need for action.

"There's no question of whether or not we will craft some sort of policy responses to climate change," Boulter said. "The question is, 'when do we do it?'"

The findings indicate a temperature increase in both rural and urban areas and an annual increase in the average amounts of rainfall in Iowa communities, he said. It also details the damage that these weather patterns create, he added.

According to the data, Boulter said, the atmosphere above Iowa has been warming at a rate of 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit per decade since the 1970s.

"That's a pretty significant increase, and there's really no sign of it stopping," he said.

In addition to the temperature increases, the average amount of rainfall on an annual basis in Iowa is also increasing, he said. As the temperature increases, rain events become more extreme and cause more damage, Boulter said.

Since the mid-70s, there has been a 30 to 40 percent increase



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An iron bridge on Greencastle Road south of Swisher, Iowa, sits in the waters of Coralville Reservoir on June 10. The reservoir water level peaked at almost 705 feet on June 5.

in the amount of water that falls in extreme weather events in Iowa and, based on predictive models, it is likely that the state will see another 30 percent increase sometime around the 2030s, Boulter said.

"That signal of climate change is more clear in Iowa than it is for the country as a whole," he said.

Boulter said that damage caused by these disasters amount to billions of dollars of infrastructure and crop loss, effects on human and agricultur-

al health, and food insecurity.

"One of the biggest impacts of extreme rainfall and flooding is contamination of water supplies," he said. "That might be because fertilizer and other nutrients applied to the soil are now not going into the soil, but they're being washed off into rivers and streams."

UI Associate Professor in the Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences Eric Tate looks specifically at floods and their vulnerability to society, as a hazards geogra-

pher.

Similar to Boulter, Tate emphasized the importance of being proactive in mitigation against natural disasters like floods. He said that, as the hydrological cycle is intensified by climate change, there needs to be an emphasis on acting early.

"I think we're going to have to put more focus on mitigation. We put a lot of emphasis on response and recovery for floods ... mitigation is looking forward," he said.

According to the National

Institute of Building Sciences, Tate said, every dollar spent on mitigation saves \$7 spent on flood recovery.

Co-president of the Environmental Coalition Emily Manders said that reports like this are important, but it really comes down to policy change.

"We can continue to write report after report and encourage each other to make sustainable lifestyle choices, but without a response from the policy makers ... no change will happen and impacts will worsen," she said.

Boulter said that, among all these statistics and facts on economic and agricultural damage, what really matters is the lives that are affected. After Iowa's last extreme flood, the damage to family businesses, farms, and homes was devastating, he said.

"That's where this all becomes much more meaningful," he said. "It's easy to talk in statistics and probabilities, and even in costs, but at the end of the day, it's really lives ... and people's futures."

Iowa City raises concern over bike plans, child safety

Iowa City has implemented many new plans for bike safety. Recent studies at the UI are testing the effectiveness of such guidelines.

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Although wearing a helmet while riding a bike is one of the first "street-smart" tactics children learn about road safety, a University of Iowa researcher is now studying whether or not students in college or adults in the city actually apply golden rules such as this one to their everyday lives.

UI Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Public Health Cara Hamann specializes in global road safety and recently published a study to see if the rules communicated by parents to kids and adolescents translates to their experiences on the road.

"We learn that a lot of kids are getting mixed messages about bike safety," Hamann said.

She also said it's not recommended that children should ride on the sidewalk after age nine, but parents still tell kids to ride on the sidewalk because it is typically considered "safer."

This biking culture in Iowa City is on an upward trend, however, after a motion was passed 7-0 in Tuesday night's Iowa City Council meeting that will allow electric bikes and scooters in local parks.

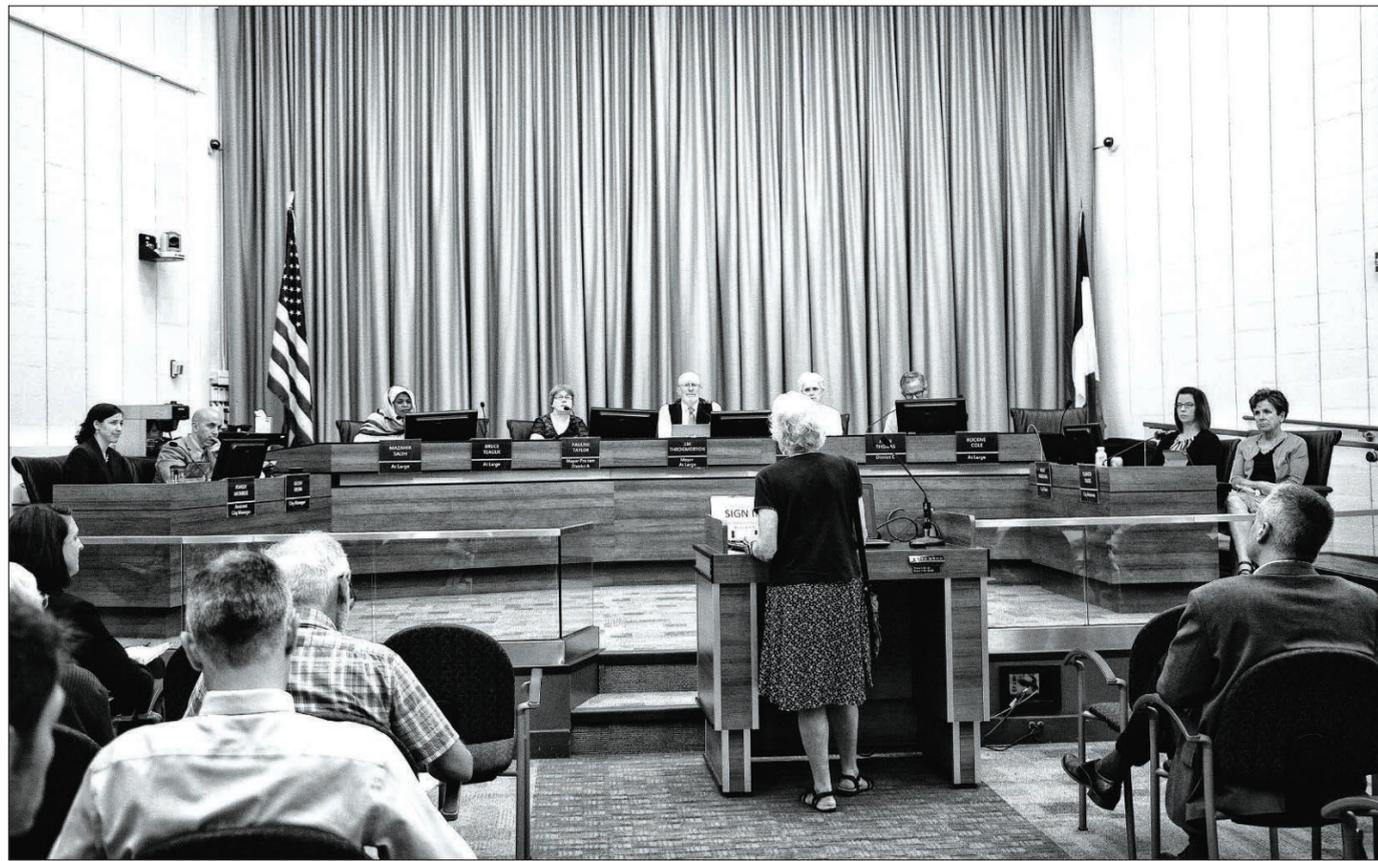
The resolution follows another measure passed last month to take steps to establish an electric bike-sharing program throughout the city.

Despite the new bike lanes Iowa City recently implemented on Clinton Street, some college students admit to not following the recommended safety guidelines and ride on the sidewalk instead.

UI senior Marissa Vander Linden said she frequently rides her bike on campus, traveling from her home on the east side to classes on the west.

"I preferably ride my bike on the sidewalk solely due to the fact I don't wear a helmet — another rule I should be following," Vander Linden said with a laugh.

Hamann said there is little agreement between what par-



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City council members discuss zoning issues at City Hall on Tuesday. The council also voted 7-0 at the meeting to allow electric bikes and scooters in local parks.

ents and adolescents report about biking instructions and what parents tell kids to do to stay safe on their bikes that doesn't translate to what they do on the daily.

Sarah Walz, the assistant transportation planner for Iowa City, said people are safer riding on the street than the sidewalk. There is a clear discrepancy between safety recommendations and bike laws in comparison to what students do when biking on campus.

Hamann suggested that students interested in biking on campus visit the Iowa City Bicycle Coalition website.

The coalition aims to educate the public about the

rules of the road, Walz said, and Iowa City also has videos on their website for biking education. The videos

cover everything from hand-turn-signals to how to lock one's bike.

The Clinton Street bike lanes

are a major aspect of Iowa City's Master Bike Plan, Walz said, and she believes cycling on the road is safe in Iowa City.

"People have always biked on Clinton Street, but now there is a designated bike lane to provide a space for bikes on the roadway," Walz said. "The goal is to make bicyclists feel safer and make riding safer. The bike lane reserves a space on the road and also calls attention to motorists that there will be bikes on the road — if they didn't notice already."

As Hamann's study reveals that what children are taught about bike safety doesn't translate to when they hit the road, Iowa City is working to reduce the risk of any safety hazard.

"Always wear a helmet," Hamann said.

'We learn that a lot of kids are getting mixed messages about bike safety.'

—Cara Hamann, UI Clinical Assistant Professor

Opinions

GUEST OPINION

Why I'm caucusing for Beto O'Rourke

With his vision and policies, he is the best candidate to be the next president.

I first met former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, when he came to Iowa's campus last spring. Since being a part of a political organization at the University of Iowa, I have learned how to tell a good candidate from a bad candidate when it comes to how enthusiastic that said candidate is to meet young people.

checks and a mandatory buy-back plan for assault weapons. His leadership on gun policy shows that he leads with courage and stands for what he thinks is right. It's why he called out credit card companies and banks to stop providing services for the sale of assault weapons — because he is only held ac-

'He seemed less like a politician and more like a genuine person, ready to listen to us, understand our concerns, and was on our side.'

O'Rourke was, and still is, one of the best candidates I have met. He seemed less like a politician and more like a genuine person, ready to listen to us, understand our concerns, and was on our side. I believe that O'Rourke wants what is best for all Americans.

As a college student, there are so many issues that are important to me, but the biggest is gun safety. No student, child, or parent should be afraid to go to school. I am really impressed with O'Rourke's plan to tackle gun violence, which includes red-flag laws, universal background

countable to everyday people, instead of special interests or corporations.

That's what we need right now — leaders that are focused on tackling the issues we face, working for the people, and ensuring that everyone feels like they belong.

I am caucusing for O'Rourke and volunteering with his team because he is the leader that can unify this country and end the epidemic of gun violence. Join me in the fight for a better future for every American.

— Megan McEvoy
UI Democrats Vice President



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Former Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, sits down for an interview with *Daily Iowan* staff in the IMU on April 7.

EDITORIAL

Iowa can't abandon its students

Insufficient financial aid for in-state students threatens the future of the Hawkeye State.

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The next legislative session is months away, so Iowa lawmakers have until January 2020 to put something critical on their policy agendas: supporting student success for those enrolled in any of Iowa's three public institutions of higher education.

The regents' fiscal 2021 funding request displays a concerning departure from that goal. After two years of state-appropriations requests including language asking Iowa lawmakers to support financial aid for the regent universities' resident undergraduates, the proposal for an \$18 boost to the universities' general funds casts that stipulation aside.

As the regents have consistently voted to hike tuition rates in recent years, shifting the burden of funding higher-education expenses to students and families, they have also emphasized to Iowa lawmakers the need to increase financial aid to offset that cost.

Without adequate support for financial aid, the students with the highest need will only struggle more to afford higher education — an opportunity that opens doors to lifelong success. Furthermore, higher education paves the way for Iowans to become skilled contributors to the state's workforce, which also happens to be a GOP legislative priority.

Although the regents have requested more support for financial aid in the last two years, the state in fiscal 2019 defunded the universities instead, and for fiscal 2020 opted to restore some of that funding but not toward financial aid specifically.

When the regents convened the tuition task force in 2017 to contemplate solutions to the issue of dwindling state funding and



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The Iowa State Capitol building is seen in Des Moines on April 9.

rising tuition, they pointed to Iowa's ranking as last of the 50 states in the U.S. for state-awarded financial aid. The regents had hoped that, among taking other steps, the financial-aid language in the appropriations requests would achieve their goal of improving that ranking.

ities to improve outcomes for Iowa's regent-university students, seeming to pitch its funding request more broadly in search of something lawmakers will support.

Iowa lawmakers have been predictable in displaying a disregard for the citizens of this state — espe-

a populace that has the resources to lead our state for the rest of the 21st Century. When Iowa cuts back on higher education in any form, the whole state suffers the consequences.

Our communities, especially rural areas experiencing declining populations, cannot sustain themselves without retaining their brightest students. If young Iowans can't find affordable, high-quality education within the borders of the Hawkeye State, they'll be forced to go elsewhere. Our future leaders of business and government do not have any incentive to stay here if it is fiscally irresponsible for them to do so.

State politicians must rely on bold assumptions that taxpaying parents will continue to cast ballots for them each election cycle despite refusing to subsidize their children's education. It's up to the people of Iowa to demand adequate funding for the scholars who will build our state's future.

'Iowa thrives on nurturing a populace that has the resources to lead our state for the rest of the 21st Century. When Iowa cuts back on higher education in any form, the whole state suffers the consequences.'

On its face, it sounds logical — surely Iowa's GOP-dominated Legislature can't defund the universities when they know they're directly denying contributions to financial support for Iowa taxpayers' children, right?

The regents are now asking for appropriations to support "student-success initiatives," which includes financial aid and other prior-

cially its youngest residents who are the state's future. It's time those in power at the Statehouse back that same priority of ensuring student success.

Public education does not solely exist for the benefit of the student. Its primary purpose of educating young people is to improve the communities they inhabit. Iowa thrives on nurturing

COLUMN

Female directors are best suited for female-empowerment films

Brittany Runs a Marathon is a recent example of male director missing the mark to meaningfully depict independent women.



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As I sat down in the dead center of the theater, approximately 30 minutes before showtime, I had no big expectations for *Brittany Runs a Marathon*. I intended to leave somewhat empowered by the narrative that was so beautifully articulated in the trailer.

The inspiring true story of a woman who takes control of her life and defies society had me pumped up. Upon further reflection, many of the film's issues come from the director, Paul Downs Colaizzo, a man who decid-

ed he was capable of making a film about celebrating women.

Between the horrific female friendships, constant focus on the leading lady's weight, and the failed attempt to convey a complex woman by spreading her too thin — leaving a hollow and shallow shell — I threw my popcorn away, questioning the fate of cinematic feminism.

We absolutely need men to be a part of the conversation, but no matter how empathetic or cultured, they can never truly understand the life and mind of a woman, and vice versa.

This is apparent with a classic cliché of the female protagonist staring in deep thought in the presence of makeup only to transition into the next scene where she looks stunning in her pink lip. Then naturally, due to her "elevated" and slimmer

appearance, the man on the subway train finally holds the door open for her.

As someone who rocks various shades of lipstick, I truly understand the internal power of makeup. But the film's portrayal of makeup is not the only problem. The

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problem is how this intelligent and hilarious character is portrayed to feel as though she can't own a red lip before shedding the pounds.

The trouble with this is how the woman just stands in agitated silence as men make implicit, sexist comments about her because how can a woman of a cer-

tain size be confident or have self-respect, right? Wrong.

On the surface, Colaizzo does a great job of making sure this film is different. Utilizing the incredibly interesting side characters — whose only purpose is to further the main storyline

— their dialogue consists of things like, "we had a long talk about gender stereotypes," or "changing your weight." Which are all explicitly fine and dandy, but as a woman, are not enough to smooth over just how much the story itself misses the mark.

In fact, the scene that made me most upset was when the main character, who is now significantly more in shape, verbally attacks another woman because she is happy, yet overweight. Although a climactic scene demonstrating the internal dilemma of the main character, it is one of many instances in which the character's intricacy comes across as bitter and hostile, a common theme overlooked by the director.

Nevertheless, there are exceptional examples of female empowerment in contemporary cinema.

This is demonstrated in 2017's *Wonder Woman*, the highest-grossing superhero origin film of all time. Directed by a woman, Patty Jenkins, it, serves as an example of independent women succeeding on their own terms. Another example is the summer film *Booksmart*. The film immediately ab-

sorbs its audience into a world in which the struggles of the female life are on unapologetic display. It stars a predominantly female cast and storyline by director Olivia Wilde, but it is never consumed by superficial conversations revolving around our weight, makeup, or cute boys.

Having women lead the production on these films isn't necessarily what makes them better than *Brittany Runs a Marathon*, but it's definitely a heavy contributor.

It's not that men are bad directors, or even bad feminists. But when it comes to telling the story of a woman, with all of our unique layers and dimensions, women should be at the center of the narrative. Otherwise, we are left with "empowering" films that merely perpetuate a false idea of an entire population due to implicit biases and stereotypes.

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ETHICS & POLITICS

What does Medicare for All mean for jobs in Iowa?

21%

of likely Iowa caucusgoers favor eliminating private insurance for a single-payer plan

4.7%

of Iowans are uninsured

56%

of likely Iowa caucusgoers support allowing people to opt-in to Medicare

16

Health and medical insurers are based in Iowa



Illustration by Katina Zentz

SOURCE: The Monmouth University Poll (left) U.S. Census Bureau (top-right), and Iowa Insurance Division

As presidential hopefuls solidify their policy proposals on health-insurance coverage in the runup to the Iowa caucuses, advocates for replacing private health insurance have said eliminating administrative work — including jobs — is key to how a single-payer system would save overall costs.

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Bri Moss was buying cat food at Hy-Vee when she answered her phone for an interview with *The Daily Iowan*. A part-time waitress and secretary, she runs an advocacy campaign in support of Medicare for All out of Dubuque. She partners with National Nurses United, a 150,000-member organization that has endorsed two bills in Congress that would replace private insurance with a single-payer health-insurance plan.

When knocking on doors and speaking with Democrats in the Dubuque area, she frequently answers logistical questions from those skeptical of the cost of Medicare for All. She references some talking points prepared by the nurses' union to anticipate what kind of questions people may pose.

One question those she talks with sometimes ask is what would happen to a friend or family member employed by the insurance industry or health-care administration if private insurance no longer existed.

"A lot of people that will lose their jobs will have the opportunity for a reassignment within the field," she says, because some services such as providing health care, billing, data-tracking, and management still need to happen under an expanded Medicare system. Medicare is a government-run insurance coverage for Americans over the age of 65.

She then directs them to a section included in the House and Senate versions of the Medicare for All bill, which dedicates funds to retraining employees whose jobs would be affected by condensing private insurance into one government-run program.

Depending on which congressional chamber's bill you look at, retraining employees, replacing wages, and subsidizing education for workers affected by Medicare for All would either make up at least 1 percent of the federal Medicare for All budget (House version) or up to 1 percent (Senate version).

While not frequently discussed in the three Democratic debates (where health-insurance coverage took up more than an hour of national television time), some research organizations have written that a critical challenge to implementing a Medicare for All plan will be the economic transition for those employed by the private health-care and in-

urance industry.

Health-based companies comprise 16 out of 225 insurers in Iowa — small potatoes compared with Iowa's looming life- and property-insurance businesses. Private health- and medical-insurance carriers employ 2,607 people in the state, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages database. The largest health insurer in Iowa is Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

"Remember, we're not talking about your insurance agent downtown," Iowa State University economics Associate Scientist Dave Swenson said of the jobs data. "We're talking about insur-

direct health-care provision," Swenson said.

According to an analysis done on the 2017 Medicare for All Act by Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts — Amherst, up to 65 percent of jobs in health-insurance administration nationwide would be eliminated, meaning the jobs wouldn't exist in either the public or private sector.

While the census doesn't put out numbers of all administrative employees in the private-insurance industry, the institute used data from the 2017 U.S. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages to estimate that the private health-insurance industry employs around 800,000

or around 1.3 percent of total expenditures. Various research findings estimate administrative costs comprise between 12.3 percent and 17 percent of private-insurance spending, according to a 2017 Politifact analysis.

While the private sector's share of administrative costs looks significantly higher than those of Medicare, critics have argued that Medicare's spending look artificially low because Medicare uses the Social Security administration to track payments and patients.

Ahead of the Iowa caucuses, health care is the No. 1 issue on likely Iowa Democratic caucusgoers' minds, according to an August Monmouth University poll. But, according to that same poll (which receives an A+ rating from FiveThirtyEight), likely caucusgoers offer lukewarm support for a Medicare for All system with no private insurance — 21 percent are in favor of eliminating private insurance for a single-payer plan and 56 percent support allowing people to opt-in to Medicare.



Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., introduced the Medicare for All Act first in 2017, and has been a vocal opponent of private insurance in 2020.

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, cosponsors a similar Medicare for All Act in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., has cosponsored Sanders' Medicare for All Act each year, but has stopped endorsing eliminating private insurance.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is a cosponsor on the Senate Medicare for All Act and has said she would eliminate private insurance.

Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., cosponsors Sanders' bill, but has introduced her own plan with a role for private health insurance.

ance carriers, big companies that offer insurance plans."

Without a detailed transition plan in place, it's impossible to be completely certain what would happen to those jobs. For advocates of a single-payer, streamlined insurance system, reducing administrative bureaucracy in the insurance industry and health-care administration is core to their message of lowering overall costs for patients.

In other words, supporters of Medicare for All say that fewer employees doing administrative work means fewer costs for people seeking medical care, Swenson said.

"We're eliminating jobs that don't have anything to do with

people nationwide. The nurses union Moss works with funded the study.

Some researchers have predicted a Medicare for All system would cause job losses in hospitals as well. A Navigant study that was funded by an anti-public-option group found that if 85 percent of Iowa's health-insurance market moved from commercial, employer-based options to the public option, then 52 rural hospitals in Iowa would be at risk of closing.

During the Sept. 12 Democratic presidential-nomination debates, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., responded to a critique from Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., to defend the cost-savings claim of independent Ver-

D-Hawaii, cosponsors a similar Medicare for All proposal. While all support a single-payer plan, each except Warren and Sanders have said they'd be open to a role for private insurers.

One key question when considering Medicare for All is whether reducing administration would indeed lower costs for health-care consumers.

Sanders claims that the administrative costs for Medicare — a program which he hopes to expand to cover everyone — are much below that of the private health-care industry. Total expenditures in calendar year 2018 for Medicare were \$741 billion. Of that, \$9.9 billion was considered "administrative expenses,"

UI doctoral students receive fellowship from association that supports women

Two University of Iowa doctoral students have received fellowships from the American Association of University Women for their work and support of women in their fields.

BY KELSEY HARRELL
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An American Association of University Women fellowship aims to advance the academic work of women who struggle to complete their dissertation because of family issues and funding.

Two University of Iowa doctoral students have received fellowships from the association. UI doctoral students Ana-Monica Racila and Serena Gumusoglu are pursuing Ph.D.s in medical anthropology and neuroscience, respectively, and both received recognition for their work.

The fellowship will fund both students' research and allow them to focus on finishing their dissertations while wrapping up their final year of study, said Shana Sabbath, the association's senior program officer for Fellowships

and Programs.

Gumusoglu said she studies the processes that regulate neurodevelopment during pregnancy, specifically maternal perturbation such as stress, infections, and inflammatory injuries.

Her research is conducted through testing and observing reactions in mice, Gumusoglu said. The testing allows researchers to ask specific questions involving the molecular and biological factors that are changed, she added.

"I think things like this award are really going to help to even out the playing field so that many of those imbalances are being addressed in really concrete ways," Gumusoglu said.

Applicants for the American Fellowship must be full-time students with financial need, as well as be in their final year of study, Sabbath said. The award specific-

ally provides recipients with \$20,000 for the completion of their dissertation, she said.

The selection panels for the fellowship consider an applicant's commitment to women and girls in their community and profession, Sabbath said. They also take the applicant's project plan and the feasibility of its completion into account when selecting recipients, she added.

"Women have to overcome additional barriers when they're trying to fund their academic work, whether it's pre-doctoral or postdoctoral, including oftentimes spending more of their own funds and trying to support their families," Sabbath said.

Gumusoglu said she is interested in observing pre-eclampsia, a common and sometimes harmful gestational condition that occurs during pregnancy, in mice.

Researchers are looking at the offspring of the mice because the human condition can affect a child's brain and their developmental trajectory, Gumusoglu said. It's unclear why that happens, so the mice allow them to take a closer look at the findings, she said.

There is a large gap in the knowledge professionals

have on what causes neurological disorders and how they can be prevented, Gumusoglu's UI Faculty Mentor Hanna Stevens said.

Gumusoglu's work focuses on how to reduce the possibility of the disorders occurring, Stevens said, because researchers are figuring out how mechanisms not previously studied affect the brain.

Stevens sees the fellowship as an acknowledgement of what Gumusoglu has accomplished so far and her potential as a scientist, she said.

"[Gumusoglu] has been very dedicated in supporting other women in science, trainees who are at earlier stages of their career, and peers, other women scientists," Stevens said.



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Doctoral student Serena Gumusoglu poses for a portrait. Gumusoglu is in her final year of study at the UI.

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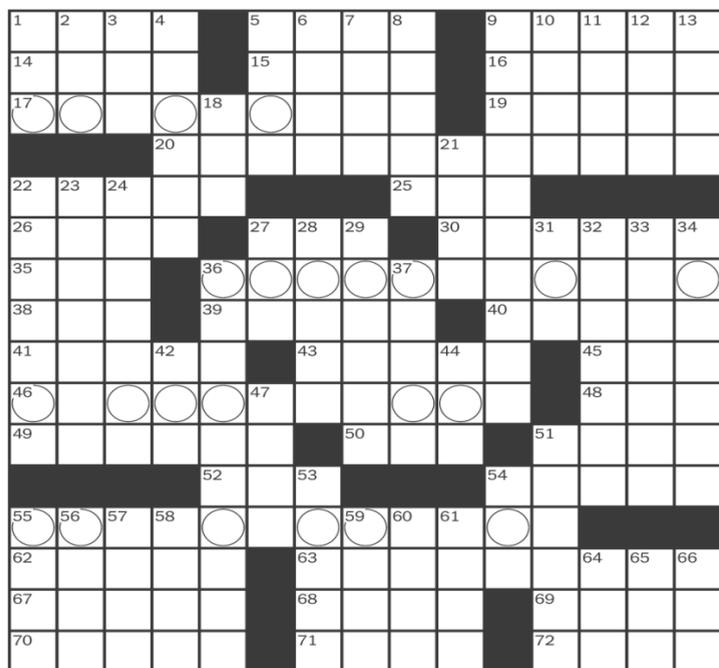
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The Daily Break

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 2

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0814



- ACROSS**
- Not much
 - Mulligan, in golf
 - Spice added to apple cider
 - Cameo, for one
 - Sheik ... or his mount
 - Be overly protective
 - Casserole dish in a trattoria
 - Broadcaster's alert
 - Upstate New York area where 63-Across was held
 - Boy soprano in a Menotti opera
 - "__ sells seashells ..."
 - Cause of shore erosion
 - A few lines on one's Twitter profile, say
 - Repeated cry from Richard III, in Shakespeare
 - Singing syllable
 - West Coast city with a popular pier

- "__ God" (2013 Eminem hit)
- J.F.K. or L.B.J.: Abbr.
- Burton of "Roots"
- Be a cast member of
- Looked shocked, maybe
- See 31-Down
- Structures in some old town squares
- Showy neckwear
- Mother __
- TV pundit Navarro
- Tiny inheritance?
- "What __ the odds?"
- Less mannerly
- Interviewee, maybe
- Formal (and maybe overly dramatic) goodbye
- Iconic August 1969 music festival, four of whose performers appear in the answers to 17-, 36-, 46- and 55-Across

- Intolerant sort
- Comprehensive
- Comprehensive, in ed-speak
- Meager
- School with the motto "Lux et veritas"
- Symbol of control

DOWN

- Wall St. pro
- Showy neckwear
- Sort
- Get a bite?
- Demolish
- Michael __ Dyson, author on race, politics and culture
- Contents of spreadsheets
- Closing statements?
- Some mixed martial arts grips
- Actress Anderson
- __ Office
- Bridal wear
- Goes amiss
- FedEx alternative
- Fake
- What opposites may do
- One-in-a-million save, say
- Item that might be packed for a foreign trip
- Proscription
- Architect Jones
- Capital whose name derives from the Ojibwa word for "traders"
- With 45-Across, low draw in soccer
- Competed with
- Like a triangle with unequal sides
- In the past
- Holes out on the green
- Poplar variety
- Finish, as a cake
- Hoover has one named for him
- Infield shield
- Idiomatic setting for a dirty mind
- QB-turned-football exec John
- Hosp. staffers
- Biting comments
- Keatsian, e.g.
- Nickname for Angel Stadium, with "the"
- Very long time
- Smidge
- Hunky-dory
- Wood shaper
- Yell with an accent
- Greek X
- Many wedding guests

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VOLLEYBALL
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With the final year of the siblings taking part on the same team, Courtney Buzzerio has time to further her career.

"I've heard of Dana as a volleyball player at UC Irvine, so I'm pretty sure that's a genetic thing," Brown said. "She'll keep progressing. She does have that competitive side in her and that will continue to drive her forward."

Sibling rivalry seems to be no problem for these Iowa athletes, but teamwork is taken to the next level.

"It's a lot of fun. We can communicate differently on the court because we are sisters and we have that extra level of communication," Buzzerio said. "Since we're in different positions, it makes it kind of easy. It's fun in practice when we're on opposite sides of the net. We get a fun, competitive edge there."

On or off the court, the siblings are making a move for their volleyball careers.

The Buzzerio sisters will make their next appearance this weekend at Carver-Hawkeye Arena against Lipscomb, Coastal Carolina, and Iowa State for the Cy-Hawk Series.

FOOTBALL
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46.4 - yards per punt

The Hawkeyes have finally found their punter in grad transfer Michael Sleep-Dalton.

The Aussie punter has booted 12 punts for a total of 557 yards — including a 57 yard boot — in Iowa's first three games, forcing opposing offenses into unfavorable field position after nearly every punt.

The 46.4-yard average is tied for the best mark in the Big Ten along with another punter Iowa is quite familiar with: Rutgers'

46.4 yards per punt
1 turnover by Iowa defense

Adam Korsak.

Sleep-Dalton is not the only Hawkeye having a stellar season on special teams. Kicker Keith Duncan has been perfect through three weeks with every one of his kicks sailing through the uprights.

Duncan is 8-for-8 on both field goal attempts and extra points this season, one of 32 kickers in the FBS who has yet to miss a kick. He is also the

third-leading scorer in the Big Ten this season, accounting for a team-best 32 points.

1 - turnovers by the Iowa offense

Iowa has done a remarkable job of taking care of the ball so far.

Quarterback Nate Stanley hasn't thrown an interception or lost a fumble this season.

Key ball carriers for the Iowa offense — Mekhi Sargent, Toren Young, and Tyler Goodson — have yet to lose a fumble while leading the Iowa rushing attack.

The only turnover for Iowa this season came in the opening game against Miami. Full-back Brady Ross took a handoff on a short-yardage play against the RedHawks and appeared to toss the ball back to Stanley, resulting in a fumble.

The ball landed on the Kinnick turf, and Miami defensive tackle Doug Costin picked it up.

Keeping the ball out of the hands of opposing defenses continues to be a key for offenses, and Iowa has done an exemplary job of that.

FIELD HOCKEY
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whole. Despite the different positions, Murphy and Birch go hand-in-hand on the field.

"[Birch] is a leader and great teammate to have," Murphy said. "She's strong physically, and that's what you need to play field hockey."

Field hockey is both a

physical and mental sport, and Murphy and Birch both bring their own levels of physical and mental strength in different ways to perform at their highest level.

Following last weekend's game against No. 2 Duke, the physical toughness and mental strength was shown in Birch. After taking a hit to the face, she continued to play during the entire over-

'I love field hockey. It's my passion, and I see it as an important part of my life.'

— Katie Birch, Iowa field hockey forward

time period.

"It's field hockey. The game is physical, so you have to take it and keep going. That will only make you better," Birch said. "I love field hockey. It's my passion, and I see it as an important part in my life."

Birch and Murphy can be identified as a working duo, as they not only assist one another but the team as a whole to have both group

and individual success. Through their energy, attitude, and skill level, Murphy and Birch are two individuals to keep an eye on during the rest of the season.

The Hawkeyes are currently 4-2, with a home record of 3-0. With Birch and Murphy at the helm, they are looking to bring home another win Saturday against Kent State in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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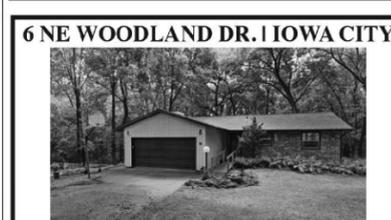
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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Hawkeye ranked in ITA national preseason poll

Senior Elise van Heuvelen Treadwell, a native of Seaford, England, is ranked No. 111 in the Oracle Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division I Preseason National singles rankings, as released Tuesday.

Last season, van Heuvelen Treadwell went 15-10 at the top of Iowa's lineup after entering the year ranked No. 117. She will open the season alongside Samantha Mannix at the ITA Women's All-American Championships on Oct. 5-12.



Treadwell

Iowa soccer defender earns Big Ten weekly honor

Hannah Drkulec was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week on Tuesday following her game-winning goal against Notre Dame on Sunday for the 3-2 Iowa victory.



Drkulec

She had two goals in the contest after helping the Hawkeyes shutout Northern Colorado on Sept. 13, which earned her a spot on TopDrawerSoccer's National Team of the Week.

Drkulec has earned three weekly Big Ten honors so far this season, her first two coming as Big Ten Defender of the Week. She is Iowa's first Offensive Player of the Week since 2017.

No. 19 Hawkeye soccer earns highest ranking in school history

It was announced on Tuesday that Iowa soccer is now ranked No. 19 in the United Soccer Coaches poll after beginning the season 8-0 against nonconference opponents.

This is the highest ranking in program history for the poll and joined Iowa's No. 21 ranking by TopDrawerSoccer.com, also the highest in school history. The Hawkeyes haven't been ranked in either poll since 2014 when they opened the season 5-2 against nonconference opponents.

Iowa went 4-5-2 in the Big Ten last season for an 8-7-3 overall record and only won one game on the road. So far, three of its wins have been on an opposing field.

The Hawkeyes open up Big Ten play on Friday as they travel to Indiana for the weekend, first facing off against the Hoosiers before going to Purdue on Saturday.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They're great hosts and we had a lot of Hawkeye fans up here, so we're extremely grateful to have this opportunity to host and showcase one of the great, classic golf courses across the country."



Men's golf head coach Tyler Stith on playing at The Cedar Rapids Country Club

STAT OF THE DAY

8-0

Iowa soccer's 8-0 start is its best start since 2013.

Buzzerio sisters take control

Meghan and Courtney Buzzerio take sibling rivalry to the next step with not so much rivalry on the Iowa volleyball team.



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Iowa outside hitter Meghan Buzzerio goes for a kill during a volleyball match between Iowa and Washington at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 7.

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Sophomore Courtney Buzzerio followed up her time as an athlete in Chino Hills, California, by joining her sister, senior Meghan Buzzerio, on the Iowa volleyball team. The siblings have quickly become a key asset to the team while also growing their own connections with each other.

The sisters are two of four girls under the parental guidance of Troy and Dana Buzzerio, who both played a role in their respective collegiate sports. Water polo at Cal State University-Los Angeles took up the time of Troy, while Dana played volleyball at the University of

California Irvine, making it no surprise that the Buzzerio sisters are a force to be reckoned with on the court.

With more than a handful of high school achievement awards, including first team All-Trinity two years in a row and CIF Division 2 Player of the Year, Courtney Buzzerio was ready to continue her volleyball career, especially as a setter for her sister.

"It wasn't [planned]," Buzzerio said. "It was always a thing that intrigued me when Iowa came into the picture recruiting-wise. She was a helpful factor in deciding about Iowa."

With Meghan Buzzerio's impressive high school record, forward was the only way to go. Last season, she began the year with a career high of 16 kills and end-

ed with a total of 23 kills in a game to set a new career high. She also holds a position as a team captain for the 2019 season, which marked the senior season for the starting outside hitter, and having a sibling by her side couldn't make it any more interesting.

"It's a very interesting dynamic, because you always have that big sister/little sister communication style and accountability," head coach Vicki Brown said. "It also allows our team to kind of relax a little bit more. It's just a nice combination having Meghan's senior leadership and also Courtney growing into her own identity as one of our top players."

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Hawkeye football: By the numbers before bye week

Through three games, the Iowa football team has put up a variety of impressive numbers on its way to a 3-0 start.



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Iowa's offense huddles during a football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 14.

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After a Cy-Hawk win for the ages in Week 3, Iowa football enters Week 4 of the college football season on a bye week.

The Hawkeyes boast a 3-0 record going into the week off with blowout wins against Miami (Ohio) and Rutgers, as well as the tightly-contested, bad-weather showdown against Iowa State on Sept. 14.

Iowa will take on Middle Tennessee State after the bye week before entering the gauntlet that is a Big Ten Schedule after that. But before then, here are the numbers that stick out for Iowa after its first three games.

3 - sacks by the Iowa defense

Iowa has only allowed 31 points over the

course of its three games. The Hawkeyes gave up 14 points to Miami and 17 points to Iowa State, while also shutting out Rutgers.

The Hawkeyes are tied with Ohio State with the 10th-best scoring defense in the FBS, allowing only 10.3 points per game.

Still, Phil Parker's defense has not found the success rushing the passer that was expected coming into the season. Kristian Welch, A.J. Epenesa, and Amani Jones each have one take-down of the quarterback.

In comparison, the Iowa defense posted 12 sacks through three weeks last year.

With all the attention Epenesa is getting from opposing offenses, other Iowa pass rushers need to step up and take advantage of favorable matchups to get to the quarterback.

Murphy and Birch go hand-in-hand

Maddy Murphy and Katie Birch bring their talents to the Iowa field hockey team.

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Since the field hockey season has begun, senior midfielder and defender Katie Birch and junior forward Maddy Murphy have emerged as significant, focused, and competitive leaders.

Birch, originally from York, England, brings a different take of field hockey and applies that to her performance not only on the field, but also in the classroom.

Birch was first introduced to field hockey at age five by her father. Now she is to be the leader in assists, shots, and points for the 2019 season. Last year, she was named a second team All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Murphy, originally from Riana, Tasmania, was also named a second team All-American following her performance in 2018. She led the team in goals in 2018 with 13.

Last season, both Birch and Murphy started in all 21 games and managed to assist the team and each other with different leadership and individual accomplishments. Murphy and Birch share not only an interpersonal connection, but their team connectivity goes a long way when it comes to bringing home a victory.

"[Murphy] is a phenomenal competitor," head coach Lisa Cellucci said. "She brings so many opportunities to the team."

Those opportunities include physical and mental strength to lead the team as a



Murphy



Birch

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