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Farmers face economic barriers in fighting climate change



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Farmer Mitchell Hora holds a handful of seed taken from a planter on Oct. 11. Hora utilizes cover crops and no-till farming practices to be more sustainable.

SEE CROPS, 4

In light of current political discourse and scientific reports about climate change, the agriculture sector has been under public scrutiny for its role in contributing to warming temperatures, but not all farmers can afford to fix it.

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Mitchell Hora grows corn and soybeans in Washington County on a farm his family has owned for 115 years. He started planting cover crops four years ago and just recently started seeing economic progress after losing \$100 an acre in his first year.

"In order to survive and play in this game, you have to be maximizing yield and minimize your influx," Hora said. "And that's how you survive in the world of ag right now, which is not good."

Iowa farmers are under public scrutiny for their role in contributing to the changing climate because of recent political discourse, but are facing economic barriers in implementing solutions such as cover crops to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep carbon in the soil. In light of the 2020 presidential election and recent environmental reports from the United

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Correction

On Tuesday, *The Daily Iowan* ran a headline stating "Indigenous people call for end to decolonization." This headline incorrectly characterized the goal of the Indigenous People's Rally. *The Daily Iowan* apologizes and regrets this error.

UI recognizes Disability Awareness Month with new traditions

University of Iowa staff and students are introducing discussions about technology accessibility, service animals, and overall support for people with disabilities as Disability Awareness Month continues.

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Iowa secondary ready for Purdue passing attack

The Iowa defense has been stout in its last two games against Big Ten opponents. Purdue will present a different challenge to the unit this weekend with a heavy passing attack, but the Iowa secondary is ready.

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NATIONAL POLITICS

Iowans react to health care, jobs in Dem debates

In the sixth Democratic presidential debate, the candidates heavily focused on health-care policies and jobs, issues that are important to Iowans.



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Supporters watch the fourth Democratic debate at a watch party for Democratic candidate Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana on Tuesday at Sanctuary Pub. Buttigieg advocated for Medicare that is affordable "for all who want it."

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Because of the current privatization of Medicaid in Iowa, Eric Donat said he can't afford maintenance on his wheelchair. Although he is an undecided caucusgoer, he said he strongly

favors California Sen. Kamala Harris' health-care plan because she focuses on the needs of disabled individuals.

"Kamala Harris actually directly talks about disability issues in her stump speeches," Do-

SEE DEBATE, 2

City Council sets public hearing for intersection project

The Iowa City City Council scheduled a public hearing on Nov. 4 to hear from the community about intersection improvements at Burlington and Madison Streets.

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At their meeting on Tuesday night, the Iowa City City Council passed a resolution to schedule a public hearing for discussion about improvements at the intersection of Burlington and Madison Streets.

The hearing will occur Nov. 4 and discuss the intersection improvement project and cost, which totals to an approximate \$1.4 million, according to City Council documents.

If the proposed plan passes in the hearing, construction would allow for the widening of Burlington Street, with work beginning at Madison Street. In addition, continuous buffered-bike lanes would be installed at the intersection, and improvements would be made to crosswalks to improve the safety of pedestrians, the documents read.

These bike lanes would stretch from the intersection at Madison and Burlington to Riverside Drive in an effort to create a safer experience for bikers trying to cross the river, according to the project outline.

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Signs are seen in the window supporting Democratic candidate Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana during a watch party on Tuesday at Sanctuary Pub.

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nat said in a phone interview from the Black Hawk County Democratic headquarters, where he was attending a watch party for the October Democratic debates Tuesday night. "I think she does a pretty good job with having a consistent performance (in the presidential debates)."

Health-care coverage and jobs were two of many issues the 12 candidates sparred over in the sixth Democratic presidential debates and are two policy areas Iowa Democrats say are most important when making a decision for president.

Candidates debate health-care policies

Health care has been a contentious topic among the Democratic candidates, with some supporting Medicare for All and other candidates wanting Medicare, the government-run health insurance system for those over the age of 65, to function as a public option.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has said Medicare for All will raise middle-class taxes, and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar insisted the public-option plan will better cover Americans without disrupting people's private insurance.

Tom Courtney, the current Democratic County Chair of Des Moines County and 2020 candidate for a state Senate seat

he previously represented, said he thought the candidates were getting "way-laid" with arguments over different health-care systems.

"The way I see it in Iowa, Iowans are concerned with Medicare, and if a Democrat is elected, we are going to get some help with our Medicare bills," he said. "I think they're getting way into the weeds — into the minutia."

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— Tom Courtney, Democratic chair of Des Moines County

The percentage of Iowans without health-care coverage has gradually decreased since 2008, from 11.9 percent to 6.4 percent in 2019. Black and hispanic communities have the largest number of Iowans who are uninsured, with 13.9 percent of blacks and 25 percent of hispanics without health care.

Steve Drahozal, Dem-

'Candidates were definitely on the offense against Sen. Warren, since she's the new frontrunner.'

— Steve Drahozal, Democratic chair of Dubuque County

ocratic County Chair of Dubuque County, said he appreciates Democrats' efforts to provide health care for all citizens but would like to see more detailed plans, especially from Joe Biden.

"Candidates were definitely on the offense against Senator Warren, since she's the new frontrunner," Drahozal said. "I like the fact that Mayor Pete and Vice President Biden debated Warren and Sanders about the best

way to cover this." A recent *The Des Moines Register/CNN/Mediacom* poll shows Warren polling at 22 percent in Iowa, with Biden closely behind at 20 percent in a statistical dead heat.

Candidates talk jobs and economic issues

Warren and Sanders have often touted a wealth-tax plan that would

increase taxes for the top 1 percent in order to invest in social programs such as student-loan forgiveness and free child care. Others such as Harris support a tax credit for middle-class families.

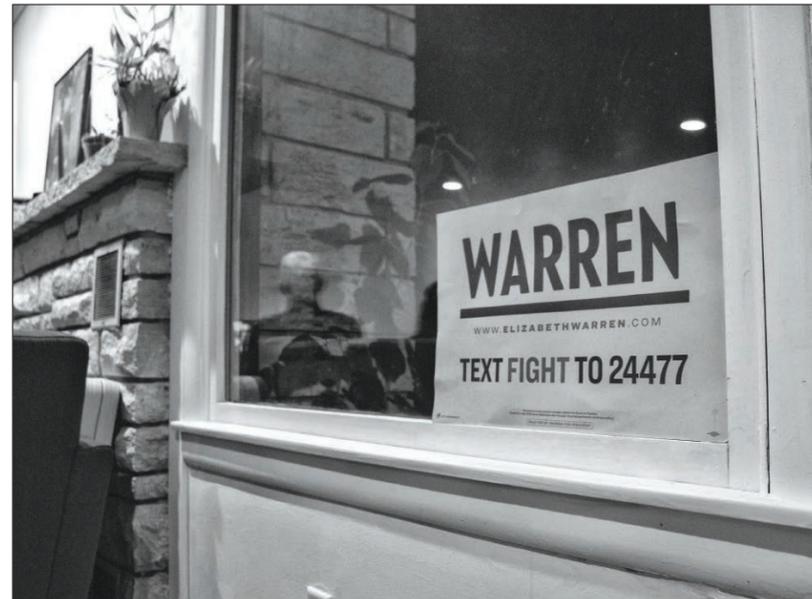
In Iowa, the minimum wage has stayed at \$7.25 an hour since it was last raised in January 2008. Iowa's unemployment rate reached 2.7 percent in August, the lowest since 2000. In Iowa City, the unemployment rate as of August is 2.1 percent, similar to the statewide percentage.

The candidates talked about the threat of automation on American jobs, a signature talking point of entrepreneur Andrew Yang, who proposed a \$1,000-a-month universal basic income for American adults.

Sanders suggested that a federal jobs guarantee with proposals such as the Green New Deal would protect American workers from automation.

Other candidates said the threat of automation is overblown, and the outsourcing of labor by major corporations is what is hurting American work-

ers. Kurt Meyer, the chair of the Tri-County Democrats, said automation may have taken away some jobs, but he said he agreed



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

A sign supporting democratic candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is seen in the window on Tuesday. Warren said her plan for healthcare would be that costs for the wealthy and large corporations would go up while the middle class would have lower costs.

with Warren that it is not the driving factor in economic unrest. "The key issue seems to be that jobs aren't paying

a living wage," Meyer said. "That's a much greater issue than technology moving people out of employment."

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Sidewalk improvements that comply with the American Disabilities Act and public utility improvements would also be installed at Burlington and Madison Streets, project documents said.

Anderson-Bogert Engineers, the Cedar Rapids-based surveying company, began the improvement designs in 2010. Initial plans included street lighting improvement and landscaping, but those ideas were put on hold due to unforeseen factors, city council documents said.

Iowa City brought Anderson-Bogert Engineers back in 2017 to revisit the project and submitted the full design to the Iowa Department of Transportation by last month. If the resolution is passed after the public hearing next month, bid letting would begin Dec. 17.

"The project will be bid through the [Iowa Department of Transportation], but construction administration and inspection will be performed by the city," the project document read.

Iowa City City Clerk Kellie Fruehling said more details of the project have been filed awaiting the public hearing, and there's little to say about the proj-

ect before it is passed in the public hearing.

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the construction for the new, \$50 million Stanley Museum of Art lies parallel to Burlington and Madison Streets. University of Iowa Senior Vice President of Finance Rod Lehnertz previously told *The Daily Iowan* this location makes the museum more central to the library.

Construction for both the Stanley Museum of Art and Burlington and Madison Streets improvements would overlap. The intersection, if approved, is projected for completion by fall 2020, and Stanley is expected to be finished by spring 2022.

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Opinions

COLUMN

Endorsements are not a good measure of primary progress

Horse-race coverage doesn't account for nuances and shortcomings of the metric.



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2020 candidates have taken to announcing their endorsements in huge batches, sometimes a hundred names at a time, and political news coverage is eating this trend up. Endorsement counts have become a "horse race," where number counts and the sheer volume of names in favor of this candidate or that is the nexus of attention.

Lots of media attention (even from *The Daily Iowan*) is given to these endorsements. While this trend might be interesting, it doesn't generate the most accurate picture of the candidates' ground games.

Endorsements don't work like other political stats

For one, endorsements make for a bad horse race because they are more useful as qualitative than quantitative data. For example, the endorsement of popular and like-minded interest groups such as the NAACP to a Democrat would carry a lot of sway among that group's members but wouldn't persuade other party members or moderates. In comparison, the endorsements of some 30 Democratic city council seats in the U.S. would hardly make the evening news.

Empirically, endorsements only seem to matter as much as the endorser works to make them matter. A public official might make calls to their constituents to get out the vote and help organize grassroots mo-



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Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., speaks during the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines Aug. 10. Booker has received the most Democratic presidential-nomination endorsements from current Iowa legislators, but has little support in polling.

mentum for their candidate of choice once their endorsement goes public. They also might do literally nothing.

Such disparities make endorsement tallies almost meaningless. It doesn't matter if a candidate is winning 30:1; it matters which of those candidates are actually working to support their nominee.

Endorsers don't fluctuate like other indicators because once they're made, they can't really be taken back. Endorsements tend to stick with a candidate for the duration of their campaign. The best political data show which measure of candidate support fluctuates telling observers not only how support has grown and fallen over time.

Public opinion polls and press coverage are two such indicators. They go up and down based on candidate popularity, and thus paint a more telling picture of how well a candidate is doing. The inability of campaign backers to change their

mind like the public does means endorsement horse-races struggle to accurately convey actual voter support.

Endorsements have a weak effect on voters

Even when a high-brow endorsement comes along, the people associated with it don't necessarily follow their leaders. Labor unions can back whoever they please; it won't change the minds of die-hard, candidate-specific voters such as "Bernie Bros."

A fundamental problem with endorsements is that the only people who notice the details are those already highly engaged in the political process. These people tend to already have opinions that would resist change regardless of which candidates have which endorsements.

The problem is that recommendations, whoever they come from, aren't reasons in

and of themselves to vote for a candidate. People vote for policies and for personalities, neither of which are conveyed by endorsement counts. Americans in particular have a sense of independence that prioritizes what they think is right over what those around them think.

Research reveals one instance in which endorsements consistently matter to potential voters: those of their peers. According to Morning Consult, Independents, Democrats, and Republicans are more influenced by the opinions of their spouses than any one public official.

People, by and large, engage with politics on a scale smaller than endorsement totals can perceive, and by failing to account for this, the horse-race mentality of these counts is ultimately meaningless. This approach fails to answer a fundamental question of politics, and that question is "who cares?"

COLUMN

Autism bill a good start, not end goal

Societal awareness is needed to improve lives of people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and their families.



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About 1 in 59 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. President Trump recently signed the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act, which contains \$1.8 billion in funding to help those with autism and their caregivers.

The research this is funding can answer many scientific inquiries about the disorder. Why, unlike other neurodevelopmental disorders, is autism a spectrum? How is it possible for people who have different personalities and levels of development to have it? These are just some of the questions funding for autism research might help answer.

This funding bill has the potential to better the lives of Americans on the spectrum by giving them more opportunities to meet others with autism, learn more about the neurodevelopmental disorder, and how to access services and resources. Autism-related support groups have support across the aisle. It can also provide services and resources to people on the spectrum and their family members.

People with disabilities are often overlooked in the political discussions about diversity and inclusion. No 2020 presidential candidate is proposing to make it illegal to pay someone with a disability below the minimum wage.

Even with the many controversies and political division surrounding the president, it is nice to see how people in politics do care about people

living with disabilities. We need that for more bills like this, not just for autism but all types of disabilities.

This isn't just a big deal in Washington; this bill is important to the University of Iowa campus and Iowa City.

Health professionals in Iowa City and on campus who work with people on the spectrum can learn more about the disorder they work with through new research. The findings the bill will fund can also lead departments at the UI that research and work with autism-psychiatry, psychology, and neuroscience to develop other research questions they might not have otherwise.

With the number of people diagnosed with autism, society needs to be aware of how to interact with someone on the spectrum. Autism is something that affects social skills, and since we have such a high chance of interacting with someone on the spectrum at least once in our lifetime, we should understand how it affects social interaction. (This is another research question the funds can answer).

People being more aware of autism can reduce situations like what happened in September in Tennessee. As reported by WTVC, a kindergarten with autism hugged a classmate. His teacher called his mom and said her child didn't properly respect personal space. If the classmate did not like the hug, the teacher should have nicely explained that to the student with autism. If the classmate was fine with it, I don't see why the teacher wasn't. If the teacher knew more about autism, she might have come up with a better reaction in this situation than punishing just for hugging.

Being aware of autism is an important part of being a more empathetic community member. It can open up your heart and mind if you know just one person with autism.

COLUMN

Follow dreams more, plan the future less

Life after school shouldn't include the stress and pressure many college students feel.



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In *The Big Lebowski*, Maude Lebowski asked The Dude what he does for a living. He replied, "Oh, the usual. I bowl. Drive around. The occasional acid flashback." It's simple, carefree, and easy to remember.

Like many college students, when I'm asked a similar question about what I plan to do for the rest of my existence, people expect a little more. Honestly, so do I. But after coming back from an internship that changed my life (just months before my senior year) I realized that we can plan our entire lives and never know who we want to be. And you know what, that's OK.

I don't say this to be alarming or to suggest that the man crushing his philosophy class doesn't know exactly where he'll be in five years, or that the woman who's president of seven clubs won't one day be running our country. I'm only suggesting that the pressure on undergraduates to know their sole purpose in life is not only ludicrous and detrimental, but a stigma we bestow onto ourselves until the day we simply say, "screw it."

That particular epiphany was more of a dramatic, summer-long movie montage for me, but it was the best thing that could have ever happened. I'm a planner. I'm an overachiever. I'm an annoyingly profound thinker who's always 68 years ahead of the game.

But I could only anticipate so much before I had to let the so-called "real world" take its toll. And you know what? I learned that I didn't want to live in a big city. I didn't want to be a professional journal-

ist. And, as heartbreaking as it was, I didn't want to be Oprah Winfrey.

Is it slightly overwhelming and frustrating to be carving a new path during my final stretch of undergrad? Absolutely. But once I let go of all of the societal expectations, strangers' opinions, and subconscious barriers I built for myself, I was finally able to breathe and figure out what exactly I wanted to spend my life doing. More importantly, I allowed myself to pursue what would bring me the most joy.

Some people are fortunate enough to pick a major as a senior in high school and graduate college on the same track with job in hand. Others such as myself will graduate with their fifth declared major and then go on for more schooling. There is no right way to live your life, but there most certainly is a wrong way: pursuing a path that doesn't ignite your passion, or at the very least make you a little giddy.



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

The American flag flies above the Old Capitol Building on Jan. 24.

We live in a society where it's a faux pas if you even begin to question your ambitions or who you want to be in this great, big world. But is it worse to change course now or to finish a major that you

absolutely hate in hopes that the money will be enough incentive to wake up each day? Our purpose as humans is not to live for a paycheck. We are meant to capitalize on our soul-burning interests, ex-

ceptional talents, and unique experiences. There is nothing else more important.

Keep looking up and out for yourself. As The Dude said, "This is a very complicated case. A lot of ins, a lot of outs."

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CROPS
FROM FRONT

Nations and U.S. Department of Agriculture, climate change has consumed political conversations.

Hora said he does his best to farm sustainably and understands his responsibility to be a steward of the land. He said the term “climate change” comes with a lot of political baggage that also turns off farmers because of partisan controversy, but said most in agriculture still understand their role in the environment.

Many Democratic presidential hopefuls, such as Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, have announced policies that would invest substantially more money in helping farmers implement regenerative systems in addition to existing subsidy programs. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren does not plan to add additional subsidies and instead would reduce overproduction and change cost-share programs to benefit the farmers doing environmental conservation.

Former Vice President Joe Biden’s plan would expand existing programs with full federal funding, such as the Conservation Stewardship program, which would make payments to farmers who are sequestering carbon. California Sen. Kamala Harris’ plan would publicly invest more in assistance programs and would work with the USDA to integrate more sustainable farming practices. Harris’ plan does not give a dollar amount.

Hora said he doesn’t think investing more money is the answer; rather, there should be policies that would educate farmers on how to farm more sustainably, because he said many just simply don’t know how.

“So I want to stress that climate has become politicized like crazy ... and it’s going to wreck this whole system,” Hora said. “It’s going to completely undo any kind of [environmental] progress if it continues to go down the path of being politicized.”

The purpose of cover crops is to prevent soil erosion, reduce the usage of pesticides and herbicides, and conserve soil moisture to protect overall water quality. It also helps to improve the resiliency of the soil. Planting cover crops helps to keep carbon in the soil, therefore reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions into the air, a major factor to the changing climate.

According to a 2017 study from Iowa State University, a

‘The farmers realize the impact that they’re having on the environment. They realize, like, “OK, I need to continue to do things better.”’

— Mitchell Hora, Iowa farmer

mere 4 percent of farmers in Iowa use cover crops. There are government cost-share programs, but the return on investment even with government assistance will most likely still edge into the red, according to the study.

Nationally, about one in seven Americans think global warming is happening and more than half of Americans think global warming is mostly human-caused, according to studies from Yale University and George Mason University. In Iowa, seven in 10 Iowa voters support government action that would address climate change, and nearly three-quarters of Iowans think climate change is having an effect on agriculture.

The state of Iowa has tried to take action to reduce agricultural runoff. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, a Republican, has carried on Iowa’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy implemented in 2013 in an effort to reduce nitrate runoff, and part of that strategy includes increasing the acres of cover crops to 12.5 million acres. In 2017, the acres of cover crops had an approximate 22 percent increase, amounting to 760,000 acres — much low-



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

Jamie Bierman describes changes her family has made on their farm outside Tipton, Iowa, on Oct. 6. The Biermans explained that, although there is no way they can be perfect, they can implement sustainable strategies to maintain healthy land and livestock, which provides consumers with better products.

er than Reynolds’ goal.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a lengthy and detailed report in August on how land management is a leading contributor to climate change. Part of the report states that the agriculture and land use sectors have accounted for 23 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the last decade. According to the report, measures such as cover cropping and adopting a variety of livestock and agroforestry practices could drastically reduce carbon emissions and reduce land degradation.

The report also says that climate change has created extreme weather events globally, such as droughts, floods, and heavy rainfall, which makes producing food difficult. It says the most vulnerable communities such as coastal regions in developing countries will be the most affected if the climate continues to get warmer.

ISU Associate Professor Alejandro Plastina, an expert in agricultural and natural resource economics, said government cost-share programs are effective incentives for farmers to begin trying cover crops, but unless that farmer also

invests in something such as livestock to improve soil health, farmers will almost always lose money on an annual basis.

According to NASA, since the late 19th Century, the Earth’s surface temperature has increased by about

1.62° F



0.36° F

Per decade, this number is going up by

soil, but rather acreage.

Hora said he thinks the current national and state governments are moving in the right direction in terms of helping farmers farm more sustainably, but did not comment on who he voted for in 2016 or who he plans to vote for in 2020. He said it’s crucial that the issue of environmental reform becomes more of a nonpartisan issue.

“The farmers realize the impact that they’re having on the environment. They realize, like, ‘OK, I need to continue to do things better,’” Hora said. “But what they’re using on

their farm is what they believe to be the best system to farm [with] the way that economic systems are set up.”

The USDA released a report this summer that outlined the dangers climate change will continue to have on food production. The report says if carbon emissions and rainfall continue to increase, all production systems will be affected to some degree. It also says that agriculture is dependent on the ecosystem to support productivity, and the changes in climate will compromise that support. Climate change will also hurt pollinator life cycles, which will ultimately reduce yields.

Steve Berger, a farmer in Washington County, does

trends over the last century are extremely likely due to human activity.

Berger said farmers are more likely to farm sustainably because of economic incentives than the changing climate.

“From the standpoint of climate change, I don’t think anybody really agrees that there’s a problem,” Berger said. “You know, I mean, I’m sure you can find somebody who thinks it is a problem, but you have to scientifically prove that and so far, they haven’t really scientifically proven that.”

Berger cited a report from U.S. House Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Alabama, that stated a panel of scientists said humans did not cause the past 20,000 years of global warming. Brooks’ summary of the hearing mischaracterized the scientists’ statements by leaving out points in which the panel did say humans are responsible for the last 100 years of the changing climate.

“So, I would agree that when it began 20,000 years ago when we were coming out of the last glacial, that was not caused by humans,” said research scientist Twila A. Moon, according to the transcript. “The warming of the last 100

double the amount of animals per acre, which increases their profitability. She also said chickens eat the larvae in cow manure.

Another benefit of keeping cattle on large plots of healthy grass, she said, is that it reduces the risk for water runoff. They don’t keep their cows in concentrated, dry-lot areas, so rainfall helps in capturing carbon from the air because the rain is able to pull manure into the ground. Keeping cows on large pastures also helps to reduce soil erosion and allows beneficial organisms to live in the soil. This is also true for pigs, because they help to turn manure into dirt.

“I’m not a climate expert,” Jamie said. “I do believe that we probably do have more carbon in the air now than we did even 100 years ago.” She later added that she does think a part of the climate crisis is manmade, but said there’s a possibility the Earth would have followed these weather patterns anyway, so she can’t be sure exactly how or why climate change is happening.

According to NASA, the Earth’s surface temperature has increased about 1.62 degrees Fahrenheit since

‘... Every animal has that ability to [regenerate], but it usually has to work with another animal.’

— Jamie Bierman, farmer

years, most certainly was.”

Berger said he thinks the government is currently doing an adequate job of making sure farmers are able to farm sustainably. He said the bottom line in planting cover crops is to ensure soil health and to lessen nitrate pollution in surrounding rivers that feed into the Gulf of Mexico.

Jamie and Cory Bierman have run a completely regenerative farm in southwest Johnson County for about six years. They have

the late 19th Century. This change was driven by an increase in carbon dioxide and other human-caused gas emissions in the atmosphere.

The Biermans partner with their neighbors who farm corn and soybeans. The Biermans sell them manure to fertilize their fields, and in return their neighbors allow their livestock and cattle to graze their fields, which helps save the Biermans money on feed. When cattle and livestock graze on grassland plants, those plants release more energy into the ground in order to regrow, which greatly helps increase the soil health of that field. This also helps to ensure successful crop rotations.

The Biermans said there is a stigma around changing traditional farming habits to becoming more organic and regenerative. When generations of farmers have farmed a certain way, Cory said, it can be difficult for people to change what their family has been doing for years. He added that the current political climate also makes it difficult to navigate conversations about sustainability with farmers.

Cory said education about why sustainable farming is so important, and education on how it can be done, will be the only way to push other people to change their practices.

“We’d be happy if one person changed one thing,” Cory said. “It’s like dragging a freight train up a hill.”



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Farmer and Agricultural Consultant Mitchell Hora holds a tillage radish near his field on Oct. 11. Radishes are one of several cover crops planted to promote soil health in Hora’s fields.



Farmers face economic barriers in fighting climate change



Clockwise from top left: Farmer and Agricultural Consultant Mitchell Hora examines a cover crop near one of his fields on Oct. 11. Hora has been using cover crop practices for four years in his fields. (Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan) A shovel used to check the soil sits upright in the cover crop that covers the ground between rows of corn in a field owned by Mitchell Hora on Oct. 11. Some of the rows are planted wider than normal to devote more space to cover crops. (Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan) Corn stalks line the rows of a field near Ainsworth, Iowa, on Oct. 11. The field is owned by Farmer Mitchell Hora, who uses cover crop and no-till practices. (Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan) Jamie Bierman moves one of two chicken coops on her family's farm outside Tipton, Iowa on Oct. 6. Bierman said each coop holds about 100 chickens, and moving them around helps maintain the quality of the grass they eat. (Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan) One of the Biermans' pigs walks around land they share with neighbors outside Tipton, Iowa on Oct. 6. Jamie Bierman said it's hard not to smile when the pigs come out to greet her. (Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan) Farmer Mitchell Hora opens the door to a shed on the family farm as his father Bryan Hora walks toward the grain silos on Oct. 11. The Hora farm has been in the family for almost 150 years. (Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan) Chickens wait to be moved inside their coop on the Bierman family's farm outside Tipton, Iowa on Oct. 6. The Biermans explained that, although there is no way they can be perfect, they can implement sustainable strategies to maintain healthy land and livestock, which provides consumers with better products. (Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan)

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Fran and Margaret McCaffery talk philanthropy

Following an approximate \$100,000 donation by Fran and Margaret McCaffery to the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer program, the pair spoke about their experience with cancer and philanthropy.

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As University of Iowa head basketball coach Fran McCaffery and his wife Margaret McCaffery addressed a large crowd at the Iowa Memorial Union Tuesday night, images of the pair embracing cancer survivors and standing among cancer treatment physicians flashed across the screens behind them.

The McCafferys' son, Patrick, was diagnosed with thyroid cancer at age 13, and the family treated him at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Treatment Center at UI Hospitals and Clinics, where he has since undergone surgery and various treatments. Now, Patrick is a couple of months into his first year at the UI — and plays on his father's basketball team.

Fran and Margaret McCaffery gave a lecture on the subject of philanthropy Tuesday following their recent donation to UI Health Care's Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program, which totaled \$100,022.

"The idea behind [Adolescent and Young Adult] is that patients in those age ranges have, for whatever reason, despite all the advances in cancer care, not been faring

as well," Margaret said. "The important thing we've tried to help figure out is, and I think Iowa's done the best job, is a very comprehensive approach to this."

UI Hospitals and Clinics medical oncologist William Terry highlighted the Adolescent and Young Adult's cancer treatment plan.

"The [Adolescent and Young Adult] cancer program is a special program that focuses on the unique needs of cancer patients 13 to 31 here at the university," Terry said.

The couple described how UIHC helped the family process the diagnosis and treatment of Patrick's cancer.

"When we had to wake [our child] up and tell him he had cancer ... it's hard to know what to do. We count our blessings every day that we were living here [when Patrick got cancer]," Fran McCaffery said. "The treatment that we received at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics was the best in the world."

Terry said the effects of the McCafferys' philanthropic work in the field of cancer treatment are far reaching.

"When I came to start the [Adolescent and Young Adult] program, [the McCafferys] were some of the first



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Fran and Margret McCaffery discuss philanthropy at the IMU on Tuesday. After their son Patrick McCaffery was diagnosed with cancer, they began philanthropic work with the American Cancer Society and Coaches vs. Cancer.

people that had the financial support to go ahead and start the program," Terry said. "Since I came here four years ago, I've been working with them pretty closely to develop the program. We started it from scratch. They were really the impetus to get the program going."

The McCafferys also support a variety of other UI organizations that support cancer patients including Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, and the Hope Lodge.

Fran also sits on the Coaches Versus Cancer national council, a subsidiary of the American Cancer So-

ciety that aligns the organization with sports coaches and fans in the fight against cancer. Margaret serves on the national board for the American Cancer Society as well.

"When you get that diagnosis, it's scary," Fran said. "You want to know what the

plan is. What are we going to do? What are the protocols? How am I going to be treated? How am I going to feel? These are all legitimate questions and now, because of the [Adolescent and Young Adult] cancer program and other institutions we have more answers."

UISG debates new composting bins

University of Iowa Student Government debated purchasing new waste bins for the IMU on Tuesday night, with hopes that the initiative will decrease the contamination of compost on campus.

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In alignment with the "reduce, reuse, recycle," motto of the UISG discussed the addition of composting on campus after the development of the UI Office of Sustainability.

UISG debated a resolution Tuesday night to replace the compost, recycling, and landfill receptacles currently housed in the Iowa Memorial Union. The IMU has agreed to partner in the potential project, which was tabled for further discussion until Oct. 29.

The initiative would cost UISG and the IMU each a total of \$4,442. The UISG Green Initiative Fund, a grant for student projects that promotes sustainable practices and outcomes, will fund the initiative with an additional \$4,500, as well.

Julia Krist, a project lead intern at the UI Office of Sustainability, presented the new bins to UISG before the debate began. This project is necessary so compost cannot be contaminated by misinformation among students, Krist said.

"When we look at the university's 2020 sustainability

goals, two of the seven actually support composting," she said. "Contamination rates are way too high. We need to increase the opportunities for students to learn about composting and sustainability. This is a great opportunity to do that."

Krist added that new bins would be consistent with the colors typically associated with the recycling, composting, and landfill waste — blue, green, and black, respectively.

The current bins in the IMU's River and Hawkeye Rooms are all one color, Krist said, and the graphics and signage of the bins are confusing to students who don't know much about composting.

UISG bought the current bins five to 10 years ago, the organization's Vice President Sarah Henry said.

"The last time we bought these bins ... it was a senator project, and I'm unsure that the Office of Sustainability was consulted at all in that process," Henry said.

UISG Parliamentarian Jacob Heid sponsored the new piece of legislation and said the research and assistance of the Office of Sustainability was important in preparing

the project proposal. "[The Sustainability Committee and the Office of Sustainability] have researched these bins and their standards," Heid said. "We've conducted waste audits. We have consulted a behavioral psychiatrist on the increased signage and the standard colors or bins. Sustainability is becoming bigger on campus. It's time to encourage the university to fund these bins by trying these bins."

Heid said the bins would be implemented through a trial run in just the River Room and Hawkeye Room, where the most food is consumed in the IMU.

UISG Sustainability Director Emily Manders, said this project originated several years ago and that it would take four or five months to fully enact if passed.

"The IMU has lots of food dumping locations in comparison to other buildings on campus," she said. "In order to compost, it must be less than 1 percent contaminated by noncompostable waste, which isn't currently happening."

The purpose of the new bins is to allow people who want to compost the chance

to succeed in improving the environment, UISG Sustainability Committee Chair Joseph Haggerty said.

"Waste management is essential in order for change," he said. "These bins can have massive effects going for-

ward. We can change the institution as a whole by increasing signage and having better bins."

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Presidential candidate John Delaney has announced the upcoming Heartland StartUp Tour through Iowa focusing on jobs, innovation, entrepreneurship, trade and access to capital, with a particular focus on rural and struggling communities.

The Heartland StartUp Tour starts Friday, October 18th at Moxie Solar in North Liberty, Iowa. Delaney will meet with small business and community leaders and lead discussions on bringing jobs and opportunities to communities that are struggling economically and help them craft and refine their business. He will also discuss the enormous economic opportunity that exists in America's heartland.

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John Delaney's first stop on the tour will be October 18, in North Liberty at MOXIE, 230 Sugar Creek Lane at 11am.

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'UISG for U': Student Government publishes newsletter

University of Iowa Student Government's new monthly newsletter is another step toward its goal to create more transparency within the organization.

BY ELEANOR HILDEBRANDT
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University of Iowa students have officially begun receiving student-leader correspondence each month.

UI Student Government launched its newsletter in September in an effort to inform students about what happens at the organization's weekly meetings.

UISG External Relations Director Nicholas Currant controls the newsletter's content. He explained the initiative was important for UISG because it will increase communication between the organization and the population it serves.

"The whole goal behind the newsletter is to increase transparency of what UISG is doing towards the rest of the student body," he said. "Because that's been an issue that we've recognized in the past that we want to help aid and fix throughout this upcoming school year."

The newsletter received its title, "UISG for U," from a popular theme of the same name that originated in the organization two years ago, UISG President Noel Mills said.

"We are for students," Mills said. "We wanted the spirit of that to be kept alive. We are on social media, and

we have a website, so why not have a newsletter? For the students who are invested in student life, they will read the email, and they can have a better understanding of UISG. If even one person feels that way, that's enough for me."

Currant said this email has been adapted to be the best option for students seeking information. The newsletter is just one more form of outreach, Currant said.

The newsletter's goal is to increase communication overall, he said, and the email will include multiple sections that allow for students to access any and all necessary information.

UISG Vice President Sarah Henry said in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that she's excited about the Past and Upcoming Legislation section of the email, which she believes will be a great way to make students more aware of and invested in the Student Senate.

"One of the things I realized when I first joined UISG as a senator was that we had the power to make big statements and changes with our legislation, and I'm excited for students that are not in the organization to know more about it," Henry said.

Currant said his favorite part of the newsletter is the Spotlight Section.



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UI Student Government President Noel Mills addresses a joint session of UISG and Graduate and Professional Student Government on Sept. 24. UISG has recently launched a newsletter called "UISG for U."

"I think the Resource Spotlight definitely helps invite all the students to read the email," Currant said. "... In September, [the spotlight] was on ITS and their assistance to students on phish-

ing emails, this month it was Hawk Ideas, a platform built to hear every student's voice."

The newsletter was created based on feedback from students during UISG elec-

tion season, Henry said.

"UISG for U" means that our organization exists solely to help students," Henry said. "When we work on projects, make decisions, and talk with legislators, we're

doing it for 'U,' the students. It's also a reminder that everything we do should be to benefit Iowa students by making their lives easier, safer, and happier, never more complicated or difficult."

UI celebrates Disability Awareness Month

Faculty and student organizations are hosting events emphasizing inclusivity for people with disabilities during October.

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The University of Iowa is spending October celebrating its community members with disabilities through a series of events for Disability Awareness Month.

The UI Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hosted a state Board of Regents Institutions Disability Summit earlier this month — a day-long program focused on educating the community about disabilities.

American Disability Association Coordinator Tiffini Stevenson Earl began organizing the summit in 2008,

intending for the event to be exclusive to Iowa City. However, the summit has now become a statewide initiative hosted by one of the three public universities, Stevenson Earl said.

This year's summit drew 80 school administrators, faculty, and community members to Iowa City, Stevenson Earl added.

"If there are ways to get involved, I highly recommend it," Stevenson Earl said. "...I think that's a great way to connect, to hear about concerns and to highlight some of the things the university is doing well. [We] partner with those groups to ensure our

university is welcoming and inclusive to all individuals whether you have a disability or not."

This year, the UI educated schools across the state about inclusivity on campus. Among others, this year's topics included more accessible course materials and technologies, service and emotional-support animal laws, and appropriate rhetoric. Iowa State University will host next year's summit.

The Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion operates a Disability Advocacy and Awareness Committee that assists the campus in raising awareness of disabilities by

awarding scholarships and an Above and Beyond award to outstanding leaders in disability awareness, Stevenson Earl said.

UI junior Shalini Jasti received this year's Above and Beyond honor for her work as an Iowa Youth Writing Project intern. Jasti worked with fellow intern Monica Juan to develop an individualized, physically accessible workshop for a project attendee.

"It's really cool to be a part of a tradition that allows students to have a space to show they are just like everyone else and they can be creative just like everybody else," Jasti said.

UI Students for Disability Awareness and Advocacy Marketing Director Austen Baird said the awareness events this month will educate students about ways to help their classmates with different abilities.

"It's really cool to dive in and learn more about a community that needs support, needs advocacy, but also just needs to be heard," Baird said. "There's a bunch of different ways to get involved. You don't have to jump in and start a protest."

The organization will also host a service and emotional support animal information session Oct. 28 and a lan-

guage event Nov. 3.

In partnership with ASK Resource Center, UI Realizing Education and Career Hopes organized an all-inclusive, free screening of "Intelligent Lives," a film that challenges stereotypical beliefs about people with intellectual disabilities, at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in Van Allen Hall.

"In high school, you had a parent advocating for your accommodations," Stevenson Earl said. "In college, you're responsible as a student and an adult to advocate for what accommodations you might need. We're raising awareness for students and preparing them for the workforce."

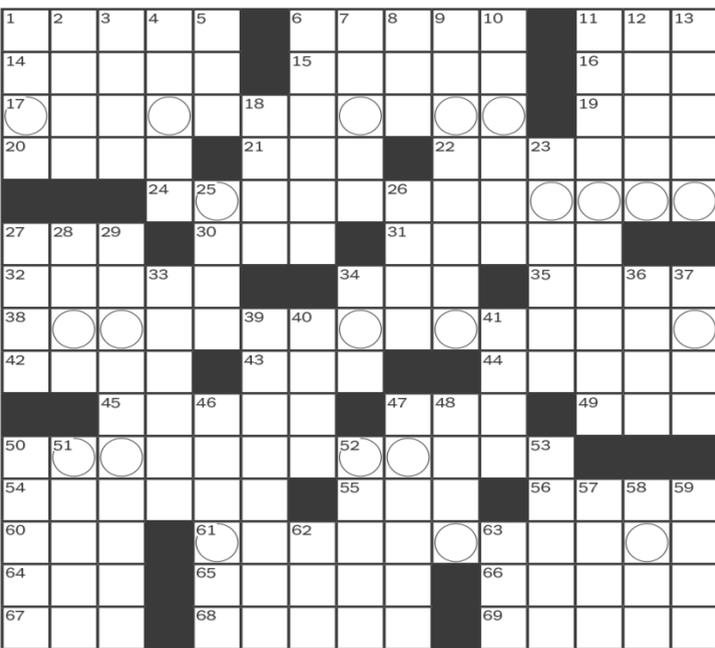
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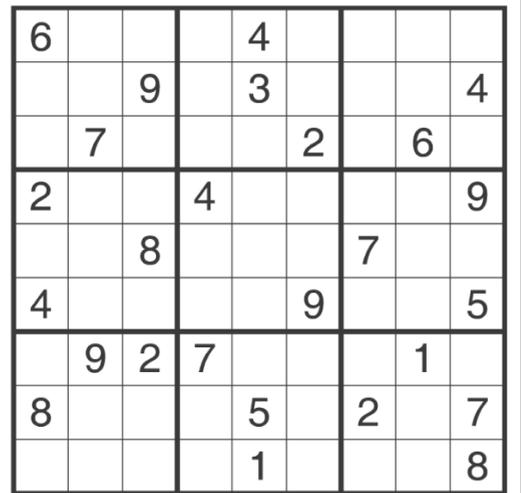
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setting the standard from the beginning.”
On the attack, Iowa must be wary of Jenaisya Moore and Mia Grunze, both averaging over three kills per set. Kylie Murr will be an impact player on the defensive side of the ball, averaging

5.11 digs per set.
If the Hawkeyes can continue their good defensive play from the Michigan State match, there is a real chance the Hawkeyes can win the match in three sets.
The match will go underway at 7 p.m. today in Columbus, Ohio, and can be seen on the Big Ten Network.

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er side of its second bye week: a matchup with No. 6 Wisconsin.
“[It’s] the same thing that we’ve been talking about all along, which is all you’re worried about is this game right here, and we all know what happens if you start to lose focus, and we cannot do that,” Buckeye head coach Ryan Day said. “So this week, we’ve talked about having a white-belt mentality, which is a mentality that you’re starting right from

scratch and that you don’t take anything for granted.”

New tone for Rutgers, football program ‘not a morgue’

Rutgers fired head coach Chris Ash on Sept. 28 following a blowout loss to Michigan.

Though the program is reportedly hunting after big-time coaches like Greg Schiano to take over,

interim head coach Nunzio Campanile asserted that the season is not over for the Scarlet Knights.

“One of the biggest things I said to them yesterday, came in, said, ‘I’m not going to turn this place into a morgue,’” he said. “I mean, we have an opportunity to go out and play football. We are not going to hang our heads every day. We are going to try to find a way better and try to wipe the slate clean and try to get to 1-0 every week.”

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play, there’s plenty of firepower on the Boilermaker offense.

“They are still a really good receiving corps even without Rondale,” Stone said. “Without him, I think their best receiver is probably the freshman [David Bell]. He’s really good. He does a lot for himself, creates space for himself.”

tight ends in the Big Ten in [Brycen Hopkins]. He’s a Noah Fant-type of player, a really tall guy who is fast. They’ve got a lot of talented guys over there.”

Offensive line looks to improve

Quarterback Nate Stanley has been sacked 10 times in the past two games against Michigan and Penn State.

ductive when its signal-caller is getting picked up off the turf after almost every play. The offensive line is emphasizing keeping Stanley safe in the pocket against Purdue.

“I love Nate a lot and felt really bad because it’s on the offensive line to keep him clean,” offensive tackle Alaric Jackson said. “We didn’t do it for him, so that’s on us.”

been pretty in this two-game stretch either. Iowa only rushed for 71 in two games against the Wolverines and Nittany Lions. Part of that inability to establish a rushing attack stems from a revolving door of players getting time at offensive guard due to injuries.

“I’ve been out for a few weeks, so chemistry is not as tight,” Jackson said. “But it’s getting back to that way now that I’ve been back the past two weeks. We’re

communicating better. Now, it’s just focusing on doing the little things right.”

Big Ten West hopes still alive

After dropping consecutive games, Iowa sits at 4-2 overall with a 1-2 mark in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes currently sit in fifth place in the Big Ten West, although they will have plenty of chances to improve upon that ranking.

Iowa’s remaining six games are against Big Ten West opponents, which means conference title hopes are still alive.

“Obviously, we can’t go undefeated; we knew that two weeks ago,” Stanley said. “But fortunately, all of our goals as far as the Big Ten West are still attainable. We know that goal is still out on the table. To be able to accomplish it starts this week. We have to be ready to play. No game in the Big Ten West is easy.”

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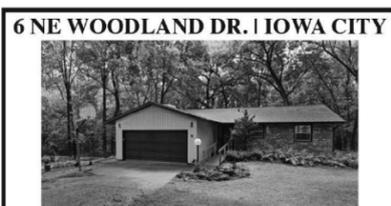


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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Women's golf finishes ninth at Magnolia Invitational

The Iowa women's golf team finished in ninth place out of 11 teams over the weekend at the Magnolia Invitational in Starkville, Mississippi. Louisiana State finished first at the event, with Mississippi State and Auburn coming in second and third, respectively.



Freshman Jacquie Galloway, native of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, led the Hawkeyes with a three-round carded score of 217 (+1) over the three-day tournament. The score put Galloway in eighth place overall.

Freshman Lea Zeitler shot 223 (+7) over the weekend, finishing in 22nd place. Zeitler's best play came during the final round, scoring a three-under-par with a 69 on Tuesday.

Other Iowa contenders included sophomore Manuela Lizarazu carding a 232 (+16) with a tournament-best 74 during the second round. Sophomore Dana Lerner shot a 236 (+20) over three rounds, and freshman Morgan Goldstein carded a 247 (+31) in her collegiate debut.



Iowa City native Sarah Overton competed independently in Starkville, finishing 53rd and shooting a 240 (+24).

The Hawkeyes placed sixth in pars (16), tenth in birdies (25), and was one of four teams to record an eagle through the weekend.

Iowa completes its fall season on Nov. 1, where it will travel to San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico, to compete in the Battle at the Beach Tournament, hosted by Texas Christian University.



Michigan, Rutgers earn weekly women's soccer honors



Michigan's Raleigh Loughman and Rutgers' Amanda Visco both earned weekly Big Ten honors, the conference announced on Tuesday.

Loughman was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after registering six points in Michigan's two games last week. She scored two goals and two assists to help the Wolverines to road wins at Illinois and Northwestern. Against Illinois, she scored two goals and added an assist for a career-high five points.

Visco was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week after playing in every minute in Rutgers' two games last week. The Scarlet Knights secured a road win at Iowa and a tie with Nebraska during the stretch.

This is the first Big Ten weekly honor for both players.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Head coaches don't do anything in practice. We just walk around."



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz joking about his role in practice

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa football is **5th** in the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 10.2 points per game

Volleyball looks to recover in Columbus

The Hawkeyes are currently on a five-game losing streak, which they will look to stop against Ohio State.



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Iowa setter Courtney Buzzerio goes for a kill during a volleyball match between Iowa and Iowa State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 21.

BY BEN PALYA

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It was another difficult weekend for Iowa volleyball. Iowa's losing streak extended to five games after four and five set losses to Michigan and Michigan State, respectively.

Despite the losses, there are still some positives to take away from a weekend full of changes in the rotation and younger players getting minutes.

"We found our rhythm," head coach Vicki Brown said. "I was happy that we did it in the second set rather than waiting."

With the young team gaining more experience by the week, today's road match at Ohio State is a great chance to put everything together and get a much-needed victory.

"It's a really good match for us to win on the road and take a good team that has a real-

ly good environment and create our own energy in that," sophomore Courtney Buzzerio said.

The Buckeyes have struggled in Big Ten play as well, currently sitting with a 2-4 in conference play. Ohio State did not put up much of a fight against Iowa's most recent opponents, being swept by Michigan twice and again by Michigan State.

The Buckeyes have produced a very average season of volleyball so far, currently sitting at 9-9 and boasting few notable wins. The lone standout win so far is a road win against the Maryland Terrapins earlier this season.

With that in mind, this is the perfect match for Iowa to get back to winning ways and resurrect its Big Ten season.

Both Iowa and Ohio State play similar styles of play, with the Buckeyes boasting a high number of kills per set and a low hitting percentage

as a result. The Buckeyes boast a hitting percentage of just .200 compared to Iowa's .249, while the two boast similar kills per set with Ohio State averaging .2 more than Iowa's 13.4.

The similar sets of stats continue, with the two sides averaging very similar aces per set, blocks per set, and assists per set. With that in mind, the game will most likely be won by the team that attacks with more proficiency.

Another factor in Wednesday's match will be the raucous crowd at the Covelli Center, a small but intimate arena that just sold out its last match against Michigan. A hot start from the Hawkeyes could quiet the crowd and get momentum going.

"I think it's about working hard at the very beginning," Brown said. "Because on the road, especially within our conference, it's about

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Purdue presents passing threat

Iowa's defense is coming off of two strong performances against Big Ten teams. The unit will be tested differently against Purdue this weekend.



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Iowa defensive back Geno Stone goes for a tackle during a football game between Iowa and Rutgers at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 7.

BY ROBERT READ

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The Iowa defense has looked stout the past two games against Michigan and Penn State despite the team walking away with losses in both games. The unit will see a different type of challenge against Purdue this weekend.

The Boilermakers are a very one-dimensional offense, airing it out in the passing game. Purdue averages just under 42 pass attempts per game, and quarterback Jack Plummer is expected to test the Iowa secondary this weekend.

"You know they're going to throw the ball a lot," defensive back Geno Stone said. "They're going to take a lot of shots. So as a defensive player — especially in the secondary — you know you're going to have a bunch of opportunities to get takeaways, and we haven't been

able to do that the past couple weeks."

Iowa has been the best defensive teams in the country in recent years as far as compiling takeaways, particularly snagging interceptions.

Through the first half of this season, the takeaways have come often.

"Takeaways are kind of like big plays on offense," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "You can try to scheme big plays, obviously. For the most part, they're just a result of playing well, good execution, aggressive play. I think everybody does certain takeaway drills. The bottom line is it's usually a matter of good preparation, good reaction on the field, playing well. Sometimes being aggressive."

Purdue's biggest standout player on offense — All-American receiver Rondale Moore — is questionable for this weekend's matchup. Even if Moore doesn't

Rutgers hunts for a win, Ohio State stays focused

Rutgers struggles continue, while Ohio State packs a punch. Catch up on the biggest news around the Big Ten.

BY PETE MILLS

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With last week's results cooling off and the preparation for this week's games heating up, Big Ten coaches had a lot to say after a full week of football.

On the east coast, it's no surprise Rutgers is still struggling, but the coaching staff remains positive. Meanwhile, the Ohio State coaching staff seeks to keep its players focused on current games, despite matchups with No. 6 Wisconsin, No. 7 Penn State, and No. 16 Michigan looming.

2018 Big Ten Championship rematch this week

A rematch of last season's Big Ten Championship game comes Friday night, as No. 4 Ohio State travels to Evanston to take on Northwestern. The Buckeyes took down Northwestern at Lucas Oil Stadium, 45-24, a year ago.

Something else lingering in the heads of Northwestern fans, though, is what could have been. Wildcat head coach Pat Fitzgerald recruited Ohio State phenom Justin Fields early in his high school career, but Fitzgerald now finds himself on the receiving end of Fields' stellar 2019. Fitzgerald joked at the media on Monday about its attentive, favorable coverage of Fields on the recruiting trail.

"He's a rock-star person," Fitzgerald said. "We were blown away with him out of high school. And then all of a sudden, you guys gave him too many stars. It would have been great if you kept him where he was when we recruited him."

Northwestern's offense could use a player like Fields this season. The Wildcats are No. 125 in the country this year in yards per game, only six spots from the bottom. It might be a rematch of the 2018 Big Ten Championship, but these are different teams competing this time around.

On the other side, Ohio State is having no trou-

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