

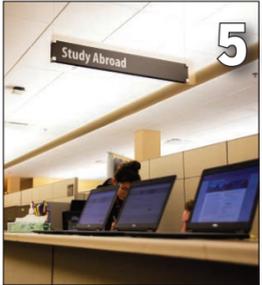
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**Local cyclists say it's too soon to decide between RAGBRAI and Iowa's Ride**  
As controversies surrounding RAGBRAI are making headlines, some Iowa City cyclists say there is a sense of disappointment and confusion regarding RAGBRAI's future. Cyclists are now faced with a choice: RAGBRAI or the new Iowa's Ride.



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Bakari Evelyn might be new to the Iowa basketball program, but he brings a lot of experience with him. That veteran leadership plays a key role for newcomers Patrick McCaffery and Joe Toussaint.



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# JoEllen Browning's husband charged with her murder

A little more than six months after the death of UI Health Care budget official JoEllen Browning, her husband Roy Browning was charged with her murder Monday.



Roman Slabach/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City police respond to the scene of JoEllen Browning's death April 7 at her residence, 114 Green Mountain Drive. Her husband, Roy C. Browning Jr., was charged with her first-degree murder Monday evening.

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The husband of University of Iowa Health Care budget official JoEllen Browning, Roy C. Browning Jr., 67, was charged Monday with first-degree murder of his wife a little more than six months after her death, according to Johnson County Sheriff's Office booking information.

JoEllen Browning, 65, died April 5 in her home at 114 Green Mountain Drive. Authorities said Iowa City police responded to a call for a welfare check at 6:59 a.m. that day and found her unresponsive.

Final autopsy results released April 10 showed Jo-



**Roy Browning**

Ellen Browning died of sharp-force injuries, though her death was determined to be homicide early in the investigation, Iowa City public-information officer Sgt. Derek Frank previously told *The Daily Iowan*.

Investigators have not named any suspects in her murder until now. The Iowa Division of Criminal

Investigation, Iowa City police, Johnson County County Attorney's Office, and the Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office all worked on the case. The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation later took over.

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

Iowa City police couldn't be immediately reached for comment Monday night.

Iowa City attorney Leon Spies is representing Roy C. Browning Jr. Spies has previously represented John Bloomfield and UI lecturer Jeffrey Nock, who were accused of first-degree murder and sexual assault, respectively.

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## CITY COUNCIL RACE

# Iowa City native Laura Bergus vies for council

Life-long Iowa City resident Laura Bergus promotes fighting climate change and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

City Council candidate Laura Bergus sits down for an interview with *The Daily Iowan* in the Adler Journalism Building on Oct. 21.

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Iowa City native Laura Bergus is throwing her hat into the ring for one of the two Iowa City City Council at-large seats up for grabs Nov. 5.

In high school, Bergus worked as a City Council intern and taped the group's meetings. She went on to become the telecommunications director for the City of North Liberty. Now, Bergus serves as an attorney in her hometown of Iowa City.

"I am running due to previous experiences with municipal governance throughout Iowa City and North Liberty," Bergus told *The Daily Iowan*. "These reasons are why I am returning [from law school] to run as an elected official."

Bergus attributed her interest in running for an elected position to her background in local government and explained how that weaves into the issues she cares about most.

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# House Dems weigh higher-ed overhaul bill

The U.S. House will markup a Democratic proposal to rewrite the Higher Education Act.

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The U.S. House Education and Labor Committee will markup a bill today that Democrats say is aimed at removing barriers to accessing an affordable higher education, encouraging states to invest in their public institutions amid a trend of dwindling funding and skyrocketing costs.

Committee Democrats' College Affordability Act is the latest in a string of proposals to amend the Higher Education Act, which has not been reauthorized since 2008, as lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in the U.S. House and Senate fail to see eye to eye on efforts to overhaul the federal higher-education law. The law governs federal programs including student loans, accreditation, and Title IX regulations affecting institutions' handling of sexual assault.

The Democrats' legislation emphasizes lowering the cost of college, improving quality, and expanding opportunity to students from under-represented backgrounds. It places a particular emphasis on increasing funding for the federal Pell grant, a form of financial aid provided to those who demonstrate the highest financial need on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The bill also looks to make it easier for students who have incurred debt to finance their degree to

**SEE HIGHER ED, 2**



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PAMPHLETS ON THE PENTACREST



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Hazel Rosenblum-Sellers hands out flyers on the Pentacrest to remind people passing by that local elections are coming up on Monday. Rosenblum-Sellers was handing out flyers as part of California Sen. Kamala Harris' bid to secure the Democratic presidential nomination. Other groups were also present for entrepreneur Andrew Yang's election campaign and to bring awareness to an upcoming fitness screening.

BERGUS FROM FRONT

"My top issues are substantive, as in the majority of the council already agrees upon these issues — those [issues] being affordable housing, regional transportation, and climate change and the climate crisis that the city recently adopted," Bergus said.

Bergus said she would stay focused on implementing the city's strategic plan and policy level issues if elected.

"I hope to build consensus on the council and taking the strength of this to act more decisively and quickly on these issues I care about," Bergus said.

Bergus said she would use her position as a city councilor to fight climate change and ensure the city's Climate Action Plan is implemented in all aspects. This issue shouldn't be singled out, Bergus said, because it requires expediency.



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City Council candidate Laura Bergus sits down for an interview with *The Daily Iowan* in the Adler Journalism Building on Oct. 21.

"It needs to be across the board — if there is a policy or proposal, there should be some type of analysis as to how it can affect the environment," Bergus said.

Public education and public communication are integral to Iowa City's climate crisis, Bergus added, and so is delivering information about it to every person who lives or

interacts in the city. "We should be [providing] this information so citizens know how they can make an impact in the fight against climate change," Bergus said.

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Bergus' campaign promises to honor "diversity, equity and inclusion," according to its website.

"[Diversity, equity, and inclusion] has to lay into every single thing the city considers and decisions the city makes," Bergus said.

She referenced the existing Social Justice and Racial Equity Toolkit in Iowa City — toolkits that help city staff in different departments to effectively collect data, amplify community voices, and prioritize racial equity in decision-making.

"It has been applied in every department [the city has] one at a time, but we need to make sure this continues," Bergus said.

Bergus added that the city needs to better explain the toolkit's role to the community and emphasized the need

for more communication with citizens on this pressing issue.

Bergus also addressed concerns about off-campus housing for university students and the current development of luxury student housing, which she said is not affordable.

"[Considering] the density with the city core and the compliance with the Affordable Housing Action Plan, this should be lowering rents in outer areas," Bergus said.

If vacancy rates go up, there will be a downward pressure on rents, Bergus said. The Iowa City Tenants Union is working to advocate for tenants and can help in the arena of affordable housing, she added.

Bergus emphasized that she ultimately would like to see voters turn out at the polls on Election Day Nov. 5.

HIGHER ED FROM FRONT

repay their loans.

"The rising cost of college has put an affordable, quality degree out of reach for too many Americans, and as a result, a growing number of students are regrettably questioning the value of higher education," Committee Chairman Bobby Scott, a Virginia Democrat, said in a press call with student journalists from around the U.S. "The research makes it clear that a college education remains the surest path to financial security and awarding in a rewarding career."

Committee member Rep. Jahanah Hayes, D-Conn., told reporters during the call that given her experiences as a former educator, many of the provisions included in this bill are things she's experienced firsthand herself or through working with students.

"This bill will open access to opportunity for so many people who seek college or secondary education as a pathway to that," she said. "It will help ... our first-generation college-educated students to navigate their pathway through college and not be burdened with debt that they can't understand or unable to get out of."

Scott said his committee is working with the Ways and Means Committee to find \$400 billion to fund the bill

without cutting other education programs.

"Taxes are always going up and down, but we would want them to find at least \$400 billion to pay for this ... so it would be within the revenue stream and not cutting up other education programs," he said, adding that Congress ought to be able to fund this bill if members could fund the GOP tax-cut package, which the Congressional Budget Office projects would cost \$1.9 trillion over the next 10 years.

The Republican-backed re-

write of the Higher Education Act — the Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform Act, introduced in 2017 — emphasizes streamlining student-loan programs and would eliminate the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Iowa's Republicans in the upper chamber Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst in March introduced bills focused on boosting transparency surrounding student loans and the cost of pursuing higher education rather than trim-

ming the costs associated with earning a degree.

Representatives for Iowa House Democrats Abby Finkenauer and Cindy Axne did not respond to requests for comment by the time of publication.

Finkenauer has previously shared her experiences as a recent college graduate saddled with student-loan debt in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*, which she said has informed her perspective when considering legislation that addresses college affordability.

Axne supported passage of a fiscal 2020 House appropriations package that included funding for federal student-aid programs and would have increased the maximum Pell grant award to keep pace with inflation. Additionally, Axne voted to secure funding for more workforce development opportunities and apprenticeship programs.

Joe Hand, communications director for Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said in a state-

ment that Loebsack will monitor the process as the House Education and Labor Committee marks up the bill before deciding what he thinks of the legislation.

"Congressman Loebsack is in the process of reviewing the legislation and meeting with stakeholders to discuss the implications for Iowa's colleges and universities," Hand said. "He is encouraged that the bill does include an increase in funding for year-round Pell grants."



Alex Edelman/CNP/Zuma Press/TNS

The U.S. Capitol Building is seen at dusk on Jan. 20, 2018, in Washington.

BROWNING FROM FRONT

According to an obituary published by the Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service, Browning grew up in Iowa City. She graduated from



JoEllen Browning

West Branch High School in 1972 and the UI in 1976.

The director of operating budgets at UI Health Care for 42 years, a neighbor de-

scribed JoEllen Browning as "the nicest person you could ever know," *The Daily Iowan* previously reported. She was planning on retiring in February 2020. She was also a Eucharistic minister at the Newman Catholic Student Center.

"[She was] an outstanding

senior-level finance leader," UI spokesman Tom Moore said in an April statement. "We are deeply saddened by this loss."

Browning is survived by her two children and four siblings.

Kayli Reese and Brooklyn Draisey contributed to this article.

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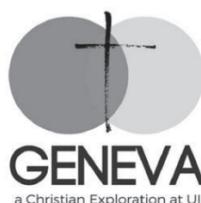
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# Stanley Museum program brings art to local seniors

While the Stanley Museum of Art lacks a permanent building, the museum's Senior Living Communities Program Coordinator Amanda Lensing has brought art activities directly to senior centers and senior groups through outreach.

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When the Stanley Museum of Art lost its building in the 2008 Iowa flood, the community raised concern over the loss of art and space for exhibits. However, the loss of a university connection to the greater artistic community slipped the minds of many.

The lack of a building necessitated the creation of various outreach programs, said UI Stanley Museum of Art Senior Living Communities Program Coordinator Amanda Lensing. This initiative ultimately led the museum to develop its Senior Living Community Outreach Program in 2011.

Over the last eight years, the program has undergone a series of changes, Lensing said. It has expanded its reach significantly since Lensing took her position as coordinator in 2017, she added.

Lensing assembles art programs to present to senior-living communities and senior groups. Because of the variety of abilities and experiences the event participants possess, Lensing said, her activities take on a variety of forms. For example, a range of PowerPoints and open discussions to hands-on activities and interactions with art pieces from Stanley's school

collection are available for people to partake in.

Lensing said her program has succeeded when people who showcase every level of ability get something out of it, even if she must adjust her activities to suit specific needs.

"When I'm doing a hands-on activity for some residents, they may not be able to create the origami or whatever I'm doing, but I can sit in front of them and show them the colors and tell them the history," Lensing said.

Despite a lack of marketing, Lensing said the program has successfully expanded through word of mouth. In 2017, only seven programs were offered in three different counties. Now, Lensing runs 23 different programs for seven communities within four counties. This expansion has allowed Lensing to present to her grandfather in Marion.

Expansion was funded in part through grant money awarded by the Community Foundation of Johnson County, Lensing said.

Thanks to the resources provided for her program, Lensing said she has been able to experiment with new events — including the Art of Show and Tell, where activity participants gather in a circle and share the stories behind their own per-



Stanley Museum of Art Senior Living Communities Program Coordinator Amanda Lensing discusses Francis R. White's Cedar Rapids Murals with senior citizens at Melrose Meadows Retirement Community on Oct. 24.

sonal art. "I saw a need, especially in senior-living communities, for them to share what they have and what they've brought into the community," Lensing said. By listening to the stories that residents have to tell, Lensing said she learns more from her events than the participants themselves likely do.

Melrose Meadows Retirement Community Wellness Coordinator April Marvin said there's a reason she's helped coordinate events with Lensing for as long as she can remember. "A lot of times, if residents are only around the other residents here, everyone's in the same boat," Marvin said. "They've all got aches and pains and

things that go along with aging. I think these programs help [residents] stay young." Melrose Meadows resident Marilyn Wilson has a minor in art and said she finds great value in what the program has to offer. "I think art is a wonderful form of the fine things in life," Wilson said. "The more we're exposed to it, the more we ap-

preciate it." Through social engagement in art-movement discussions to activities she can reflect on over a cup of coffee, Wilson said she deeply appreciates what Lensing and her program bring to Melrose Meadows every month. "It makes me feel like a child waiting for Christmas," Wilson said.

# Local cyclists weigh RAGBRAI controversy effects

Following the resignation of the entire RAGBRAI staff, some longtime riders in the Iowa City community say there is concern about the future of the traditional bike ride across the state of Iowa.

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As cyclists are faced with a choice between participating in long-standing Iowa tradition RAGBRAI and the new Iowa's Ride, some Iowa City residents said the event is creating divisions within the cycling community.

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the entire RAGBRAI staff announced its resignation earlier this month. The organization attributed its decision to leave to a disagreement with *The Des Moines Register's* response to concern about a racist tweet from Altoona man Carson King that resurfaced.

The former RAGBRAI staff recently announced in a social-media statement that it will host "Iowa's Ride," which is a ride across the state of Iowa taking place the same week as RAGBRAI.

The Iowa Bicycle Coalition, the largest biking advocacy group in the state, endorsed Iowa's Ride. However, other

members of the cycling community said they will wait to see which ride to support.

Ryan Baker, owner of World of Bikes in Iowa City, does not participate in RAGBRAI but said there is a sense of confusion as to which ride local cyclists should support. Baker said he wants to see a ride like RAGBRAI continue.

"We found it to be an extremely surprising ... turn of events," Baker said. "For us, we're waiting for more of the storyline to develop to see what the direction of the future of both rides is going to be."

"Think Bicycles of Johnson County" President Elizabeth Hubing said most cyclists she's heard from are disappointed over the divisions the two rides created.

"I think that's a common theme for most people, especially in the Iowa City community," Hubing said. "RAGBRAI is the biggest cycling event in the U.S., so trying to compete against that is sort of petty, in my opinion."

Geoff's Bike & Ski owner

Geoff Perrell began riding in RAGBRAI 30 years ago. He said the recent controversy around the ride has polarized a ride that aims to bring cyclists of all abilities together.

"People tie a lot of emotions to RAGBRAI and the experiences they have riding across the state," he said. "People feel it's hanging in the balance, and it weighs on a lot of people's minds."

Perrell added that a ride with only two or 3,000 riders may not be sustainable — small towns paying the expense of hosting a ride such as RAGBRAI will want to see full ridership numbers.

Hubing also raised the concern that two rides instead of one will hurt ridership numbers.

"RAGBRAI has been such a big economic driver for our state, seeing that go would be really sad," she said. "I feel like having two rides will only hurt both of them."

RAGBRAI is limited to around 8,500 weekly riders that officially register, although

many cyclists complete the ride without paying the official registration fee.

In a statement published Oct. 15, former RAGBRAI Director T.J. Juskiwicz said he could "no longer be an effective leader when

[his] principles are compromised by the leadership of Gannett and the *Des Moines Register*."

Hubing said she is hopeful that Juskiwicz and his team can come to some kind of reconciliation with the *Register*.

"RAGBRAI, in my opinion, has never been about the organizers; it's been about the people who do the ride," she said. "Seeing the team make it about themselves has been a little bit disappointing."



Emily Wangen/The Daily Iowan

Cyclists ride during the Big Rove bicycle event on June 29. The route, which is part of the RAGBRAI training series, was 36 miles long starting in Iowa City with stops in North Liberty and Solon.

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

# Facebook needs to be a bastion of free speech

Mark Zuckerberg is moving in the right direction with his company's decisions regarding the First Amendment freedom.



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Facebook is probably the most ubiquitous space for sharing information in modern society.

Fortunately, Zuckerberg's recent speech at Georgetown University seems to indicate that he generally understands the importance of providing everyone a fair shake at making their views heard.

"More people across the spectrum believe that achieving the political outcomes they think matter is more important than every person having a voice," Zuckerberg said. "I think that's dangerous."

He's exactly right. It is always better to have too much free expression than not enough. Social-media platforms should be just that — platforms. Cell-phone companies do not regulate texts

or group-texts for fake news, conspiracies, or so-called hate speech. This should be the same with Facebook. The authority and power that Facebook currently bestows upon its fact checkers is morally illegitimate.

Even the most prominent news sources in America are not immune to error. Newspapers from *The Daily Iowan* to the *Wall Street Journal* issue corrections and retractions to their own mistakes when

**'No group of fact checkers possesses the collective omniscience to objectively determine the accuracy of claims in every single Facebook advertisement.'**

necessary. No group of fact checkers possesses the collective omniscience to objectively determine the accuracy of claims in every single Facebook advertisement.

There is a spontaneous order on social media. People fact check each other. It's almost impossible to fairly distinguish between satire, hate speech, and authentic news.

About a week before the 2018 midterm election I posted a Facebook status encouraging Republicans to vote on Tuesday and Democrats to vote on Wednesday. It was

a joke and my friends knew that. But someone reported the post, then Facebook deleted it and sent a notification scolding me for spreading disinformation.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., grilled Zuckerberg during a hearing last week. During the hearing, the indignant congresswoman smeared *The Daily Caller*, a right-leaning news site co-founded by Tucker Carlson, calling the

site "white supremacist." The angry 29-year old is not qualified to dictate how an extremely complex mul-

tinational tech corporation should conduct its business.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., is on a populist crusade to break up Facebook and prevent it from owning subsidiaries such as Instagram or Whatsapp. Such despotic regulation runs anathema to American values. Earlier this month, leaked audio revealed that Zuckerberg justifiably labeled her as an existential threat to his company.

Senators such as Josh Hawley, R-Mo., and Ted Cruz, R-Tex., seem eager to regulate supposed viewpoint discrimination against conservatives



Olivier Douliery/Abaca Press/TNS

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before the Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committees on Capitol Hill over a social-media data breach on April 10, 2018, in Washington.

by social-media companies, which is equally wrong. They seem short-sighted to the potential of their new regulatory structures being abused when Democrats are in power. Facebook is a private corporation and should be legally free to regulate content as it sees fit.

That said, I believe the platform was wrong to ban Alex Jones, Milo Yiannopoulos, and Louis Farakhan among other provocative individu-

als from the site last spring. It creates the potential for a slippery slope. Their speech may be abhorrent, but as a general matter it was not directly harming anyone.

That's not to say Facebook should be a jungle where anything goes. If someone explicitly incites violence, then platforms would be justified to censor or ban that person. The problem with the bans against Jones and others like him is that Facebook failed to

provide clear standards as to what policies were violated and how other users could avoid similar penalties. Lifetime bans are unforgiving and wrong because people are capable of change.

Protecting free speech is paramount for a free society. If Facebook is truly committed to fostering freedom of expression, then its policies should reflect the sentiments of Zuckerberg's Georgetown speech.

## GUEST OPINION

# Janice Weiner best for our community

An Iowa City resident writes on why he thinks Weiner best addresses key issues.

Local governance works best when local governments work together.

The Iowa City Community School District serves students who reside under the jurisdiction of many local-government entities. The Iowa

issues important to both the city and the schools. Her focus and passion for promoting and supporting mental health provides one example of her commitment to the families who are a part of the school-district community.

**'Janice Weiner has demonstrated a commitment to serving our communities in a number of capacities.'**

City City Council is an important government partner.

Since moving back to the area after a distinguished career in service to our country working with the State Department, Janice Weiner has demonstrated a commitment to serving our communities in a number of capacities. I believe that as a member of the Iowa City City Council, she will work with the school district on

Issues such as mental health do not exist in any particular governmental silo, and require cooperation and collaboration in order to make the most positive impact. I support and encourage people to vote for Weiner for an at-large seat on the Iowa City City Council on Nov. 5.

— J.P. Claussen  
Iowa City resident

## COLUMN

# Don't overlook disabilities on Halloween

There are many issues to consider regarding the holiday for those with disabilities.



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Would you ever dress up as a fictional character with a disability? Back in 2016, a popular costume was Hazel Grace from *The Fault in Our Stars*. Teenagers dressed up as the character by wearing a nasal cannula attached to nothing. Similar to racist costumes that come around every Halloween, dressing up with a disability is also offensive.

If people living with such conditions do not want disabilities to be used as Halloween costumes, we should respect that to avoid hurting and offending anyone. Disabilities and equipment are more than just a costume for people living with certain conditions.

Also, using a disability as a Halloween costume contributes to the stigma by making disabilities seem to be scary or something to be feared. It can make people who are already worried about others being afraid of them even more self-conscious. Imagine being labeled as a "monster" because of a facial deformity or mental illness. How would you feel if some-

candy, but they don't do so with the intention of being rude. They may not be able to communicate verbally, be too nervous around strangers to do so, or not be able to understand they should thank the person handing out candy.

Children who have a hard time paying attention to you as you hand them candy also may not be doing it to be rude. They might have

Think before laughing at someone who is afraid of your costume. What if that fear is caused by post-traumatic stress disorder or a serious psychological phobia? A fear of spiders may seem funny to you, but not for someone who has PTSD from being abused by the creatures in the past.

Someone who is "taking forever" to open the door might have a physical disability, and that is why they need some time to get the basket of candy and answer the door. Remember someone who answers the door and doesn't follow social norms may do so because of a disability.

Of course, I'm not saying that in all the situations mentioned above, the person is doing something because of a disability. I'm saying it is possible so be open-hearted and open-minded. Don't make conclusions about people before learning their stories.

It's up to all of us to make Halloween a fun and festive time for everyone.

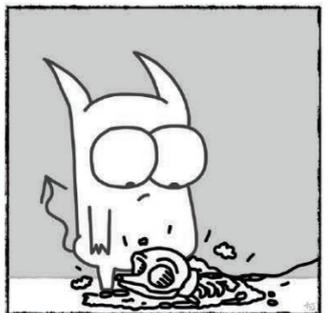
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one decided to dress up as a person with your disability for Halloween?

Besides not using disabilities as Halloween costumes, we can also show respect for people with disabilities by being culturally aware of them. For example, kids with communication disorders, cognitive impairments, and social anxiety might not say "thank you" after receiving

ADHD or some other condition that makes social interactions difficult.

Also, some kids with disabilities may need help with getting the candy. If someone has a hard time grabbing a piece of candy, he or she might have a disability that affects motor function. Sometimes it can make all the difference by just giving a kid a piece of candy.



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## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

# All-inclusive duo Cowpoke starts musical career

With songs that experiment with different genres, members Elli Bandstra and Aaron Longoria perform in newly formed band Cowpoke, which will next perform at The Mill on Nov. 3.



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Cowpoke performs at River City Housing Collective on Sunday. As part of a Halloween celebration, River City Collective Housing hosted various local bands along with a costume contest.

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Cowboys and cowgirls are a thing of the past — a band whose namesake is the gender-neutral term “Cowpoke” is making strides in Iowa City’s music scene.

Consisting of vocalist and instrumentalist Elli Bandstra and guitarist Aaron Longoria, the former internet friends teamed up in the spring after Longoria picked up Bandstra’s guitar during a mutual friend’s wine night.

Once the two began to harmonize together with Longoria’s guitar and Bandstra’s

voice, Cowpoke jumped into existence with five simple words from Bandstra: “We should start a band.”

Despite this, starting a band came with its challenges. During their very first jam session, the duo did not have any guitar picks, so the two used their University of Iowa student IDs. By the end of the session, Bandstra and Longoria had written four songs.

Now, donning their cowboy hats during their sets, the duo plays at house shows and small venues around Iowa City. Bandstra, a UI senior majoring in cinematic

arts, stunts her brown hat over her cascading brunette locks, while Longoria, who graduated from the UI in May, wears his black hat over his long, dark hair.

Before forming Cowpoke, Bandstra played piano and guitar throughout her childhood. Although she had quit playing for a while, she brought her guitar to college and began picking the instrument back up. She also plays the ukulele and is trying to teach herself how to play the banjo. Longoria, on the other hand, only plays his guitar in the band.

The majority of Cowpoke’s

songs are originals, although the two have not yet recorded any songs together. With hopes to release their first recorded set by the end of November, the only place to hear Cowpoke’s music is at live performances, which they often play alongside bigger names around Iowa City.

Though they started out small, only playing gigs landed through mutual friends, Cowpoke’s most recent performance was with Dog Dave and Lazy Twitch at the River City Housing Collective’s Halloween Party on Oct. 26. Their next performance will be Nov. 3 at The

Mill for the “Songs for SILT” event, alongside Truffle Pig, Not Jupiter, and Scamper.

At these events, a crowd member is likely to hear some of Cowpoke’s original songs, written by both Bandstra and Longoria, such as “Space Cowboy,” “Chardonnay,” and “Bloom Jam.”

“Aaron will have a chord progression, and I’ll just kind of throw some words on there,” Bandstra said. “Our process is very open-ended.”

The band’s tendency to perform varying styles is just as unique as its songwriting process. Including selections from country,

western, indie, alternative, and grungy sounds, Longoria describes Cowpoke’s overall sound as “cowboy crunch.” Its various styles play into the group’s goal to move away from genre labels, as well.

“What is genre? What is genre outside of how people are going to label our music?” Longoria said. “We go more for an energy or a vibe.”

The male-female duo also named its band Cowpoke to eliminate the gendered terms “cowboy” and “cowgirl.”

As Longoria said, “Anyone can be a cowpoke.”

# Study Abroad launches honors trip to Greece

A new University of Iowa opportunity to study abroad is available exclusively to honors students. The trip to Greece is a summer program, and the first honors study-abroad trip the UI has offered.

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Through a new study-abroad program titled “Ancient Perspectives, Modern Eyes,” Honors students can now travel to Greece for the summer in the University of Iowa’s first opportunity of this kind.

Based in Athens, Greece, the new UI Honors study-abroad program allows students to travel to various ancient sites in Greece. The first trip will take place from early to mid-June in summer 2020, and students in attendance are required to take an honors course in which they gain knowledge to prepare them for the trip.

Limited to 25 students, the estimated costs for each individual on the trip is between \$7,000 and \$8,000 to cover all fees and purchases.

To apply for the program, the trip was set apart from others because interested students were required to answer questions explaining how the trip would affect them, as well as their previous academic experience with Greece, according to honors documents.

UI Honors Program Director Art Spisak said the first few spots on the trip are offered to students in the honors program, and the remainder are offered to students studying classical languages, ancient civilizations, history, art history, religion, or anthropology.

“This is not the first trip to Greece through the university, but this is the first honors study-abroad course,” Spisak



The University of Iowa Study Abroad office is seen on Oct. 21. The study abroad office is offering its first honors trip to Greece this summer.

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said. “This trip will have a completely new itinerary and curriculum [compared with] any of the previous trips.”

Spisak said it is important for students to travel and get in touch with ancient civilization, because it makes them more culturally literate.

UI Study Abroad Programs Senior Associate Director Elizabeth Wildenberg de Hernandez said students on the trip can learn about

things that textbooks cannot teach them. Students can get real-world experiences in places they would otherwise only see in textbooks, she said.

“Students can actually look at and walk around ancient sites that they are reading about in texts,” Wildenberg de Hernandez said. “They will observe and touch ancient artifacts and talk to scholars based in the

location, using a more holistic learning format.”

Students also learn a lot about themselves while studying overseas, Wildenberg de Hernandez added.

“They learn how to work with people that are different from themselves and how to slow down and appreciate different aspects of life that they may not have noticed before,” she said.

UI Classics Department

Undergraduate Studies Director Debra Trusty created the new study-abroad course. She said traveling has always been an important part of her life and has benefited her so much that it motivated her to create the course with students in mind.

While most of the tour is structured, the students will have a few free days in Athens throughout the trip. This will allow the group to safely

explore the city at their leisure, Trusty said.

“I think it’s impossible to learn who you are as a person if you don’t travel. I want my students to feel the self-sufficiency and independence that a study-abroad experience brought to me,” Trusty said. “Traveling in any foreign country is an amazing experience because a student learns their limits and abilities.”

# Nonconference schedule poses challenge for Hawkeyes

Iowa will have a new identity this season after losing key players from last season's squad. The team will look to find that identity through a tough nonconference schedule.

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A preseason tradition regardless of the sport is looking ahead at the upcoming season's schedule. The same applies to the Iowa women's basketball team, who has a challenging slate of opponents in front of it this season.

After Iowa's Elite Eight run last season, the Hawkeyes will be a target for opponents this season, regardless of the players the team lost from that team. Iowa faces a solid nonconference schedule again this season, paired with an always difficult Big Ten schedule.

Iowa begins the season with multiple home games, including an exhibition against Winona State on Nov. 3. That matchup will be a much-needed warm-up heading into the regular season.

"Every team has to have a couple of games to learn from," sophomore forward Monika Czinano said. "We go against our grey squad in practice, but that's not exactly the same as going against other basketball players."

The team will be eased into the season with some winnable matches before traveling to Cedar Falls to take on in-state rival Northern Iowa. The Panthers return several starters, including guard Karli Rucker, who lead the team



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Iowa guard Kathleen Doyle dribbles the ball by Baylor guard Didi Richards during the NCAA Elite 8 game against Baylor at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex on April 1.

in scoring with 15 points per game.

A trip to Puerto Rico will be a nice break from the Iowa winter, with three winnable games against Cincinnati, Towson, and Washington. Cincinnati will be the most difficult opponent for Iowa on the trip, but the Hawkeyes should shoot for a reason-

able 7-0 start to the season. After the Puerto Rico classic is where the competition begins to heat up. This stretch of nonconference play will be important in setting expectations for the season.

After Thanksgiving break, the Hawkeyes will welcome a hungry Clemson team that made its

first NCAA tournament appearance in 17 years last season. Although the Tigers lost two starters, the team's leading scorer Keli Thornton returned and will be a difficult game for Iowa.

Another wrinkle in the game is now graduated Tania Davis's return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena, after Davis joined the Tigers'

coaching staff during the offseason.

After the game against the Tigers, the Hawkeyes will travel to Ames for the annual Cy-Hawk rivalry game against Iowa State. The Cyclones will be a tough out as the team finished 17th in the final coaches poll. The team returns two starters and will

look to replicate an offense that finished ranked 13th in the nation in points scored per game.

After the big game against the Cyclones, the Hawkeyes finish up the nonconference slate at home against North Carolina Central and Drake, the latter of which head coach Lisa Bluder had high praise.

"Drake's expected to have one of their best teams in a long time, so we're excited to bring them in and we're glad we don't have to play them in Des Moines," she said.

The Bulldogs will be another difficult opponent to round out nonconference play, with the team returning many impact players of a team that made it to the NCAA Tournament and dominated the Missouri Valley Conference. Seniors Becca Hittner and Sara Rhine return, averaging a combined 38 points per game.

The Bulldogs averaged 80.5 points per game last season, good for 10th, the team also finished with a top-10 field goal percentage in the country.

The Hawkeyes will receive their fair share of challenges during nonconference play. Games against Iowa State, Drake, Clemson, and Princeton will be particularly testing, but Iowa can use the balanced schedule to figure out its new team identity.

## BASKETBALL

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situations, how to get through things in practice — I think definitely makes us have a real good relationship."

Evelyn's previous experience speaks for itself.

In his best season with the Crusaders in 2017-18, Evelyn averaged 12.6 points per game

on 38.3 percent shooting from deep to go along with 3.1 rebounds, 2.9 assists, and 1.4 steals per game.

McCaffery and Toussaint; however, don't have any college experience.

McCaffery is Iowa City West High's all-time leading scorer and was the 60th-best prospect in the nation, according to ESPN. Toussaint was a finalist for Mr. Basketball in the state of New York and the

fifth-best recruit in the state, according to 247Sports.

Now, all three of them are beginning a new journey in Iowa City.

"[Evelyn] adds a lot of collegiate experience, more so than me and Joe," McCaffery said. "We've kind of bonded together just because we're all newcomers. We're always with Bakari. He's just somebody that everybody obviously really enjoys to be around.

Just somebody who's fit in pretty seamlessly with the rest of our group."

As someone who's been through the grind of college basketball before, Evelyn can help McCaffery and Toussaint in many ways, whether it's showing them how to get through a three-hour practice or providing an example of how to act when things aren't going well in practice.

Sharing the unique bond of being newcomers with an experienced college player is rare in the Hawkeye program, but Toussaint and McCaffery have already benefited from it.

"We talk a lot about this upcoming season," Toussaint said. "He's a veteran. He's just a grad transfer; I'm a freshman. So, I just tell him like, 'Can you teach me some points of how to score, how to

pass the ball, how to get into the lane?"

And when McCaffery and Toussaint miss the bus as they adjust to the campus and transit system in Iowa City, they know they can count on Evelyn to pick them up.

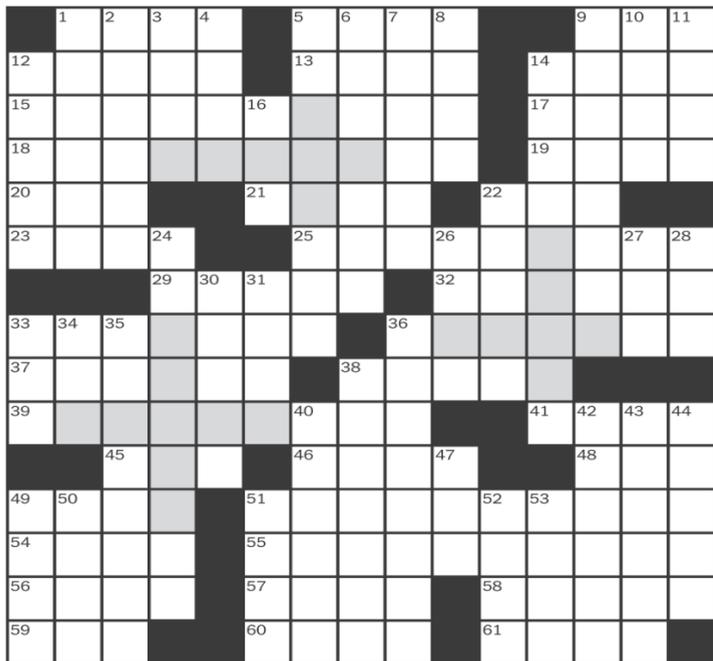
"I've been their little Uber driver a little bit," Evelyn said. "If the bus isn't open, I definitely get a call from Pat. That's my guy. I can get them anytime."

# The Daily Break

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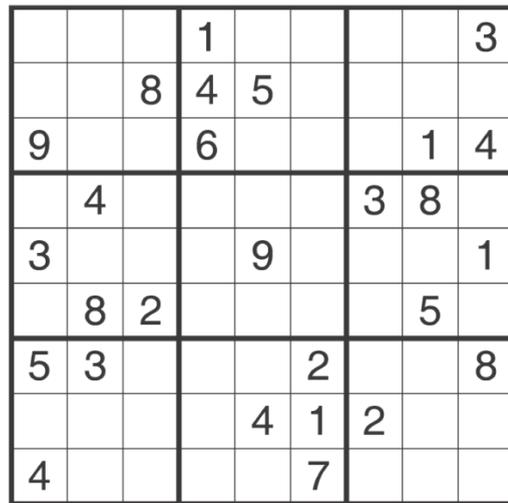
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  - 15 Protective garments worn for dental X-rays
  - 17 Let the host know
  - 18 Project's windup
  - 19 90° on a compass
  - 20 India
  - 21 Not stereo
  - 22 Hefty lexical ref.
  - 23 Competitor of Petro-Canada
  - 25 Grated food flavorer used in baking
  - 29 "Not on your life!"
  - 32 Holder of a collateral loan
  - 33 Aromatic shrubs yielding an essential oil
  - 36 It's "read" during a reprimand
  - 37 Fowl with a showy mate
  - 38 Temporary tattoo dye
  - 39 About half of a regular-season schedule
  - 41 Gold-coated
  - 45 Snorters' quarters
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  - 54 "That makes sense now"
  - 55 Set in direct opposition to
  - 56 It's fixed when it's flat
  - 57 Spanish liqueur
  - 58 Hollows between hills

- 59 Thor, to Odin
- 60 Cabinet position: Abbr.
- 61 Kirk \_\_, first actor to play Superman on the big screen

**DOWN**

- 1 Balls of yarn
- 2 April 1 activities
- 3 End of a concerto
- 4 Fussy to excess
- 5 What jars with fireflies need
- 6 "I started a boat-building business in my attic ... Now sails are going through the roof," e.g.
- 7 Price of freedom
- 8 Addie's husband in "As I Lay Dying"
- 9 Annual parade locale since 1890
- 10 Rugged four-wheelers, for short
- 11 Openly mourned
- 12 Title role for Michael Caine or Jude Law
- 14 Playground game with teams
- 16 Pollutant concentration meas.
- 22 Burger topper
- 24 Accepting bribes
- 26 Lena of "Havana"
- 27 Jiffy
- 28 Vietnamese holiday
- 30 Mournful poem
- 31 With 52-Down, passage to the heart
- 33 Letters on a speedometer
- 34 Naval petty officer: Abbr.
- 35 What a shofar is typically made from
- 36 Be worry-free
- 38 One at risk of ex- communication
- 40 Leatherneck
- 42 "Wouldn't that be nice!"
- 43 Mitigate
- 44 Trials and tribulations
- 47 Heart chart, briefly
- 49 They might be connected by children ... or detectives
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- 51 College application figs.
- 52 See 31-Down
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**FOOTBALL**  
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of the season.

"I was like, 'Mmm, golden opportunity,'" Golston said. "Get the offense on the field right now."

Epenesa also posted a solid performance on Saturday, recording five tackles with 0.5 sacks, combining with red-shirt freshman Joe Evans.

Through eight games last season, Epenesa had already registered eight sacks on his way to leading the Big Ten with 10.5.

While his production has dwindled this season, Epenesa's still finding ways to get to the quarterback while facing double teams, and his teammates are getting in on the action, as well.

"I guess if they're going to double or triple-team me, we're going to have multiple one-on-ones on the field," Epenesa said. "No matter who it is, we got guys that can win one-one situations, and we got guys that should win... If they're

going to do that, if they think that's necessary, then we're going to take advantage of it with the other guys."

Iowa has been on both sides of close games this season.

It fell to Michigan 10-3 and lost to Penn State 17-12 in a two-week stretch earlier in the month before picking up a 26-20 win over Purdue on Oct. 19, as the Boilermakers made it a game late.

In all of those games, Iowa's defense — which hasn't allowed more than 20 points in a game this season — kept the Hawkeyes within striking distance.

The defense will need to keep up that level of play as the Hawkeyes look to get back to Indianapolis for the Big Ten Championship with Wisconsin and Minnesota standing in the way.

"[On Saturday] our defense did a great job, and they've been playing pretty darn good," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "In any sport, if you can play defense, you've got a chance to win games, so I'm OK with that. And I'm OK if we score points, too."



Iowa defensive end A.J. Epenesa pursues the quarterback during a football game between Iowa and Rutgers at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 7. Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

**TENNIS**  
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Sixteen. Five of eight total Hawkeyes competing in the singles round of 64 also managed to advance.

"Clutch doubles play from both of our teams today to pull out tiebreakers," Iowa head coach Ross Wilson said. "It was the best doubles I've seen from Nikita and Matt this season. I really liked the way Matt competed today. He was able

to win two very close sets after losing the first set. He showed a lot of mental toughness to be down a set to come back and win, 7-5, 7-6."

On Oct. 26 it became evident that nothing was going to slow Iowa down.

Both Hawkeye doubles pairs qualified for the quarterfinals. In addition, two Hawkeyes navigated their way into the singles round of 16. Iowa's Kareem Allaf even managed to move on to the singles round of eight.

"The competition will get

a lot tougher for Kareem tomorrow," Wilson said. "He will need everything in the tank for his matches on Sunday."

Allaf did an admirable job on Sunday. He came up just shy of defending the championship title he won at last year's ITA Regional Tournament. Allaf defeated Oklahoma's Mark Mandlik in straight sets in the round of eight. Shortly after his victory, Allaf was dispatched in the semifinals by Kody Pearson of Tulsa.

"Kareem had a great tournament," Wilson said. "I thought

he played at a high level but ran into a tough match against his opponent from Tulsa."

Iowa's double tandems also had a strong showing. The duo of freshman Matt Clegg and junior Nikita Snezhko was extinguished in straight sets in the semifinals. However, the dyad of sophomore Oliver Okonkwo and junior Will Davies waltzed into the doubles championship. Unfortunately for Davies and Okonkwo, Oklahoma State's Luke Hammond and Emile Hudd came to play on Sunday. Hammond and Hudd

handled Davies and Okonkwo in straight sets.

"Nice win in the semifinals for Will and Oliver coming back from a set down," Wilson said. "They played at a high level to finish the match in the tiebreaker. Unfortunately, in the finals, they could not hold onto their 4-1 lead in the first set and the momentum changed and they were unable to recover."

The Hawkeyes did not take home any championship hardware last weekend. Nonetheless, the Hawkeyes were

impressive on all four days of tournament play, going 19-14 across 33 matches. The weekend will likely provide Iowa with a viable source of momentum going forward this fall.

"Hopefully our results are good enough from this past week to earn a couple at-large spots in singles and doubles at fall nationals in California," Wilson said.

Iowa's next chance to improve its resumé for fall nationals will come at the Big Ten Indoor Championships on Nov. 1.

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Ohio State, Penn State earn weekly football honors

Ohio State's J.K. Dobbins and Chase Young and Penn State's Blake Gillikin earned weekly Big Ten Football honors, the conference announced on Monday.



Dobbins

Dobbins was named Offensive Player of the Week after totaling 221 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns in Ohio State's victory against Wisconsin. Dobbins rushed for 163 yards, averaging 8.1 yards per carry. He is the first Buckeye to top 1,000 yards rushing as a freshman, sophomore, and junior.



Young

Young also contributed to Ohio State's victory over the Badgers and was named conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance. Young tied school records with four sacks and five tackles for loss against Wisconsin. He also forced two fumbles and tallied a personal best six solo tackles.

Young became the second Buckeye ever to record at least 10 sacks in two seasons and the first since Mike Vrabel in 1994 and 1995.



Gillikin

Gillikin earned Special Teams Player of the Week after punting eight times for 354 yards in Penn State's victory over Michigan State. He landed five yards inside the 20-yard line, including three punts inside the 10. Gillikin booted a 58-yard punt in the first quarter, his 50th career punt over 50 yards.

This was the second weekly conference honor of each player's career.

### Purdue's Cleveland earns Volleyball Player of the Week

Purdue sophomore Grace Cleveland was named Big Ten Player of the Week, the conference announced on Monday.



Cleveland

She posted 31 kills over the weekend, averaging 3.44 kills per set and a team-best .431 hitting percentage in No. 20 Purdue's victories against Iowa and No. 5 Nebraska. Cleveland averaged 4.5 points per set, 1.22 blocks per set, and a career-best four aces in the Boiler-makers' upset over No. 5 Nebraska. She also tallied a team-best 18 kills with only one error for a .680 hitting percentage in Purdue's win over Iowa.

This is the second Player of the Week honor of Cleveland's career.

## BIG TEN WEST STANDINGS

MINNESOTA (8-0, 5-0 BIG TEN)  
WISCONSIN (6-2, 3-2)  
IOWA (6-2, 3-2)  
NEBRASKA (4-4, 2-3)  
ILLINOIS (4-4, 2-3)  
PURDUE (2-6, 1-4)  
NORTHWESTERN (1-6, 0-5)

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I've been their little Uber driver a little bit. If the bus isn't open, I definitely get a call from Pat. That's my guy. I can get them anytime."**



— Bakari Evelyn on driving around the freshman basketball players

## STAT OF THE DAY

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Big Ten schools have clinched bowl berths by reaching six victories on the season

# More snaps, fewer problems

Golston and Epenesa are seeing an increase in snaps this season, and they're taking advantage of it.



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Iowa defensive end Chauncey Golston tackles Northwestern quarterback Aidan Smith during a game against Northwestern at Ryan Field on Oct. 26.

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In 2018, A.J. Epenesa and Chauncey Golston weren't starters on what was possibly Iowa's single strongest position group.

Instead, Golston saw around 25 snaps per game on the defensive line, and Epenesa was mainly thrust into action on passing downs. Parker Hesse and Anthony Nelson held down the fort for the majority of the game.

That's hard to believe when looking at their production this season. Although the stats — especially Epenesa's — aren't as eye-popping as they were

last season, each defensive end still finds ways to impact the game.

Now, Golston and Epenesa are playing upwards of 60 snaps a game, and they're taking advantage of the extra time on the field.

"Coming from last year, I was at like 25 snaps a game. Now I'm like 60-plus," Golston said. "The first game, it was kind of shocking, because I've seen Anthony do it and Parker, but to be out there and experience it yourself, it takes a second to get used to."

Epenesa and Golston rank first and third on the Hawkeyes in sacks, respectively, with Epenesa racking up 3.5 so far and Golston taking opposing

quarterbacks down 2.5 times.

They've both made impacts in the passing game as well.

Epenesa has batted down three passes this season, and Golston intercepted a pass against Northwestern on Oct. 26.

The pass from Wildcat quarterback Aidan Smith was tipped by Hawkeye defensive tackle Brady Reiff. From there, it fell into Golston's arms.

Although the turnover only yielded a missed field goal, it set the tone for Iowa defensively, as the Hawkeyes recorded their second Big Ten shutout

SEE FOOTBALL, 7

# Men's hoops sees three new amigos

Valparaiso transfer Bakari Evelyn's previous college basketball experience helps gives guidance to the freshmen Hawkeyes.



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Iowa guard Bakari Evelyn poses for a portrait during Basketball Media Day at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 9. The Hawkeyes will open their season Nov. 4 against Lindsey Wilson College in their exhibition game.

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Drive around Iowa City at any time, and three new but familiar faces might cruise right by.

Those three faces would belong to new Hawkeye basketball players Bakari Evelyn, Patrick McCaffery, and Joe Toussaint.

The three teammates are entering the Iowa program at the same time — McCaffery and Toussaint as true freshmen and Evelyn as a graduate transfer from Valparaiso.

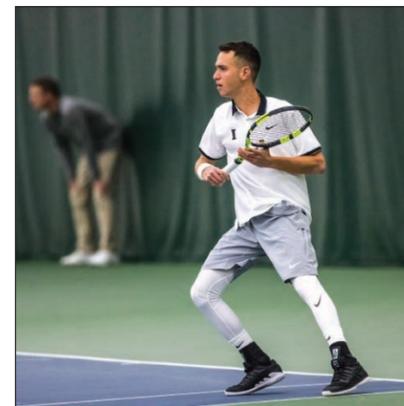
Because of Evelyn's previous college basketball experience — he previously played a season at Nebraska before heading to Valpo — he has served as a leader for the other two entering the college-basketball world for the first time.

"I feel like I'm one of them, like I'm [Toussaint] or Patrick sometimes, like I'm a freshman as well," Evelyn said. "Both coming in and both having to adjust to a lot of things and me being around before — being able to tell them how to work through

SEE BASKETBALL, 6

# Hawkeyes impress at tourney

Hawkeyes found success at the ITAs including Kareem Allaf who advanced to the semifinals.



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Iowa's Kareem Allaf plays a point during a men's tennis match between Iowa and Western Michigan on Jan. 19.

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Last season, the Iowa men's tennis team missed the NCAA tournament by one spot. In 2019-20, the Hawkeyes have proven that they are one of the nation's elite tennis programs.

Iowa competed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Regional Tennis Tournament last weekend. The outing in Norman, Oklahoma, was extremely telling in regard to the quality of this Hawkeye team.

The Hawkeyes immediately asserted their dominance on the tournament's first day. Iowa went 5-2 on the day, posting a 3-0 record in singles play.

The Hawkeyes' success continued the second day of play. Both of Iowa's doubles pairs reigned victorious in the tournament's Sweet

SEE TENNIS, 7