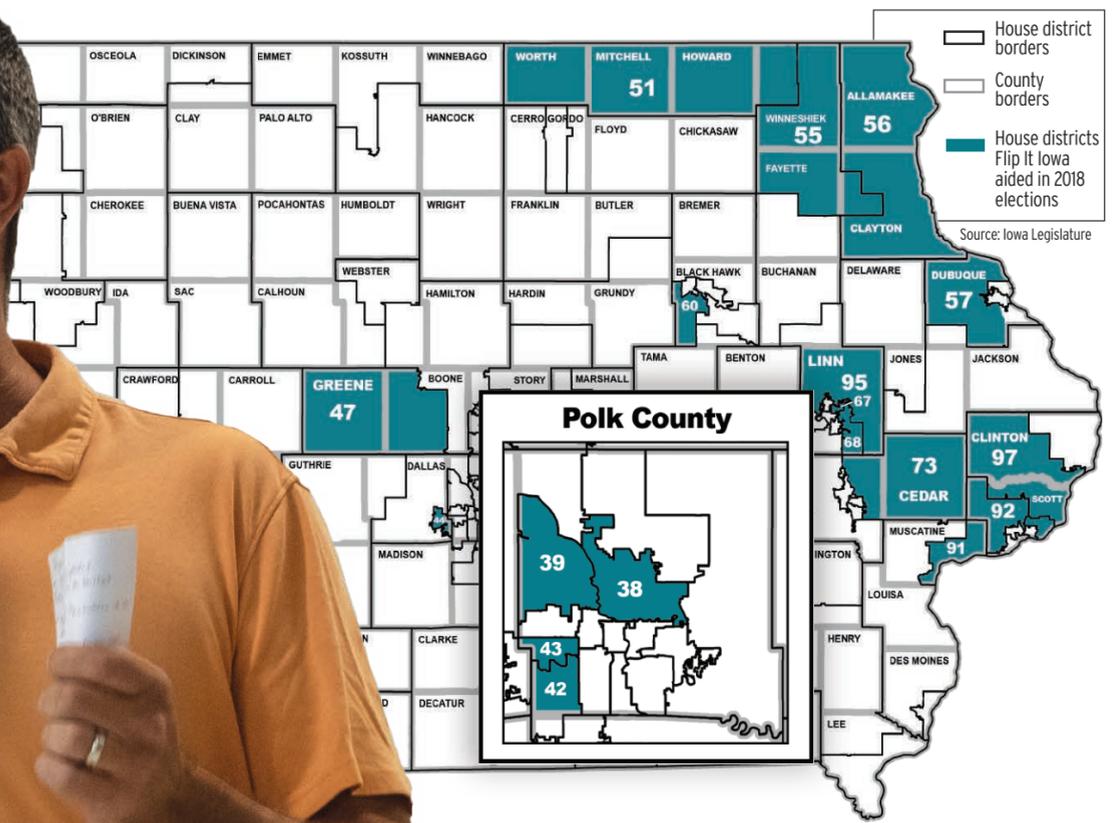


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CHASING A FLIPPED HOUSE

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A Johnson County-based group called Flip It Iowa is spreading resources from deep blue districts to more competitive races in an effort to flip the Iowa House in 2020.

BY SARAH WATSON
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On a rainy afternoon in early September, Temple Hiatt — a volunteer organizer, military veteran, and Iowa City native — launched into a fundraising pitch to a group composed mostly of Johnson County Democrats. Her pitch? Help elect an Iowa House candidate whose district lies outside the borders of Iowa's bluest county.

"We know that our elected officials here in Johnson County will get reelected," she told the 100-or-so people gathered in Iowa City, referencing the two state representatives from Iowa City — Vicki Lensing and Mary Mascher — who haven't faced a Republican opponent for their seats in more than a decade (though primary challenger Christina Bohannon has since announced a 2020 bid against Lensing). "But in order for them to do the job we elected

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Arraignment date set for Roy Browning

The arraignment date for Roy Browning, the man charged with the first-degree murder of his wife, former University of Iowa Health Care budget official JoEllen Browning, has been set for 2 p.m. Nov. 22.

At the arraignment, Browning will be read the charges against him and enter a plea.

Court documents also show that Roy's daughter, Elizabeth Browning Adrianse, may be a witness in the case.

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Wrestling ready to reclaim title

Nine seasons without a national title would be expected from a typical wrestling program, but Iowa is not that type of program. This season, the Hawkeyes are ready to snap that championship drought and return the NCAA title to Iowa City.



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UISG funds prairie restoration project

At the University of Iowa Student Government's centennial meeting Tuesday, the UI Prairie Restoration Project received funding to complete the final steps before planting the prairie.



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University of Iowa Student Government Senators listen to a presentation during a meeting in the IMU on Tuesday.

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University of Iowa Student Government secured funding for a new UI campus prairie restoration — a project that's been nearly two years in the making.

UISG passed a resolution Tuesday to allocate \$1,300 to the UI Prairie Restoration Project. The money will be used to buy seeds that will diversify the prairie on the campus cross country course.

Megan Lenss, a third-year UI student, has

been at the forefront of this project since its beginning. She said the Prairie Restoration Act is a multifaceted initiative that many UI departments have assisted and funded.

"We approached Hawkeye Athletics and were given permission to use land on the cross-country course," she said. "It is an area that is currently not being used. Another major partner in this project is the Earth and Environmental Science department. Many of their classes could use this

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Iowa City Area Transit Study aims to improve public transit options

The Iowa City Area Transit study aims to improve the existing bus system and find ways to increase the number of residents utilizing public transit.

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The Iowa City Climate Action Plan stresses the importance of getting cars off the road and encourages residents to make use of more sustainable forms of transportation, including public transit.

The new Iowa City Area Transit Study aims to provide recommendations to the city on how to improve service for residents and eventually increase ridership levels.

Coralville Transit and University of Iowa Campus are also participating in the study.

The Iowa City City Council's 2018-2019 Strategic Plan calls for a comprehensive assessment of the city's transit system.

The recently adopted Climate Action Plan also calls for a 55-percent reduction in vehicular trips. Darian Nagle-Gamm, director of transportation for Iowa City, said the city plans to double ridership of public transit within the next 10 years.

"What we're really trying to do at the end of the day is determine how we can make our transit system work better for the people that rely on it every day, but we're also looking at

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OVER THE RIVER



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A student walks across the pedestrian bridge behind the IMU Tuesday evening. The bridge was constructed in 1935 under the purview of Former UI President Walter Jessup with funding from the New Deal.

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how we can improve the system so that it serves the needs of a greater number of Iowa Citizens," she said.

Nagle-Gamm said Iowa City has the 17th highest public transit ridership per capita in the U.S., but drawing in new riders is still a goal of the transit study.

"We're really aiming to make those daily trips better for people who currently rely on our system, but [also] how do we get more people to leave their car at home, or choose not to have a car, and can we make a system that people can rely on every day for transit?" Nagle-Gamm said.

At community meetings hosted on the UI campus and in Iowa City and Coralville this week, local citizens have the opportunity to provide input on what services they would like to see in Iowa City transit.

The study is being conducted by transit consulting firm Nelson\Nygaard.

The improved integration of the three local transit systems — Iowa City, Coralville, and UI Cambus — is a primary goal of the study.

Vicky Robrock, director of Parking and Transportation for Coralville, said that integrating bus passes between Iowa City and Coralville is



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The new Cambus is seen at the Cambus Maintenance Facility on Oct. 11.

hopefully on the horizon.

"Although a lot of our passes are accepted by either agency, we still do have some that are exclusive to one another, and that's where some of the challenges seem to be," she said.

Mia Brunelli, operations director for Cambus, said student input on the transit study is important to determine how to restructure transit services.

"We highly encourage students to come to meetings, take the surveys, and provide feedback on the proposals," Brunelli said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Student input about city transit services is also important if students would like to see changes in access via transit from off-campus housing locations."

While Cambus does not

have a specific set of proposed changes in place, Director Brian McClatchey said his team is approaching the survey with an open mind.

"We are looking forward to exploring the opportunities identified that could improve reliability, be more responsible to demand, and better coordinate with city public transit services," McClatchey said in an email to the *DI*.

Brunelli added that restructuring existing routes could be a consideration of the Cambus, depending on the results of the study.

"The campus has changed a lot in the last 10 years. Student travel patterns, as well as their expectations, have changed," Brunelli said. "We want to make sure we understand those elements when considering service changes."

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land as a volunteer space for students."

The department has been working in tandem with students, Adjunct Professor Mike Fallon, and the UI Athletic Department on this project, said UI Office of Sustainability Program Manager Blake Rupe in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

"The prairie plot will be located on the Ashton Cross Country Course, which is a unique location and showcases native Iowa prairie," Rupe said. "We're hoping to continue working with Mike, Athletics, students, academic units on campus, and the Iowa City community in the spring and summer to continue successfully cultivating a prairie plot. The Prairie Restoration Act is an integral part of this process."

Leness said that receiving this funding is just phase one of several phases in the prairie project. They hope to plant seeds sometime this fall so the prairie will start growing in the spring, she added.

Fallon attended the UISG meeting Tuesday to elaborate upon why prairies like this are important to the university as a whole.

"We are continually bombarded with bad news about climate change," he said.

"Instead of wallowing in what we should or can do, this is a way to act vocally ... and begin something that can grow and flourish for years to come. The way forward is with ecological restoration."

This resolution was proposed by UISG at-large Senator Lindsey Meyer and Colleen Kepner. The pair called the funding for this legislation crucial.

The project will hopefully lead to a student intern position for maintenance of the prairie, said Leness. This opportunity would be found in the Office of Sustainability, she said, and will hopefully see the greater Iowa City community interacting with the land.

"I've been speaking with Recreation Services and discussing 'School of the Wild' which is a program where sixth graders in Iowa City have to do a week of environmental education," Leness said. "This goes on in the fall and spring. We are hoping to involve those sixth graders and preschool camps in the summers with the prairie."

Leness has been working on this project and was excited

to attain funding for the project. After not receiving funding from UISG last year, she said it was exciting to see the project finally reach fruition.

"There's so much energy around the project," she said. "It's important; it's valuable. It stands with so many of the things the student government and the university has said they want to do. This is a big physical, tangible change. This is a way of showing that the university cares about the environment by showing it to our visitors and creating this future community piece."

Fallon said the members and contributors of the project team have high hopes for its remaining phases after receiving this funding.

"The seeds will come from a local site, and we hope to augment seeds with this funding to raise the diversity of plants to 50 different species," Fallon said. "In prairie restoration, the more plant species you have, the more ecological diverse and healthy the prairie is. We are going for gold-standard prairie. The University of Iowa deserves it."

GPSG restructures committee process

The University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government restructured its internal committee process to make participation easier for students.

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University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government has introduced a new structure to its committee process to allow more students to participate in the areas they are interested in.

The restructure aims to encourage any graduate or professional student to take part in committees that peak their interest.

At their meeting on Tuesday, GPSG allowed each committee the opportunity to share what projects they are currently working on.

Committees include Governmental Relations; Health and Safety; Interprofessional; Sustainability; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The previous structure was more formalized and closed to everyone except the committee chairs and assigned delegates, GPSG President Dexter Golinghorst said. The new model has already doubled the number of students

involved, he added.

This new structure will allow students to self-identify with a group and participate without any barriers, Golinghorst said.

"[Committees] weren't as participatory as I wanted," he said. "There wasn't as much exchange of ideas. There weren't as many new ideas being tossed around."

With the restructure, more people can do the work required of each committee, allowing for more to get done, Golinghorst said. The structure also gives committee chairs the opportunity to delegate tasks and create subcommittees, he added.

By opening the invitation to be on GPSG committees to all students in the graduate and professional colleges, the Health and Safety Committee has gone from four members to 15, said committee chair Casey Inman.

"We got some really great interest from all kinds of different graduate programs and different professional programs," Inman said. "So

that kind of expanded our representation within the Health and Safety Committee, so we get to see more of the concerns from different areas of campus."

The restructure and inclusion of more students will lead to the recognition of more raised concerns from more areas around campus, Inman said. It will give GPSG a broader look at what the status of safety is, she added.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee has grown to include 22 students within the colleges, committee chair Moala Bannavi said. The group works with similar committees outside of GPSG to advance diversity efforts across campus and will be involved with the next campus climate survey, she said.

"It was important to me to have people from the east and west side [of campus], so definitely graduate students, but also professional students," Bannavi said.

Bannavi said she also



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Graduate and Professional Student Government President Dexter Golinghorst brings up announcement during a meeting in the IMU on Tuesday.

likes to focus on the departments within each college, as well. The College of Liberal Arts has a lot of students involved, but since there are many departments, there's still a wide array of viewpoints available to come forward, she said.

Having students among different colleges involved with GPSG discussions allows ideas, viewpoints, and conversations to happen that may not have otherwise, Bannavi said.

"I think that the committee process that we have now really sets us up for success in that way to make sure that we're focusing on issues that are important to our population and that those students feel like they have a seat at the table if they wanted it," Golinghorst said.

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Studies show changes in breast cancer incidence

Recent research shows that the number of women in their 20s with early-stage breast cancer is increasing, and their survival rate is decreasing more significantly than other age groups.

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Recent research led by the University of Iowa shows that breast cancer diagnoses are increasing among women in their 20s, while the survival rate of that same illness and age group and is decreasing.

Using data acquired over approximately 15 years from women of varying ages with stage I to III breast cancer, the research focused on the incidence and survival rate for early-stage breast cancer and aimed to increase awareness of the risk among premenopausal women, guiding them towards prevention measures.

According to numbers from the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program

at the National Cancer Institute, 52 percent of women in their 20s, 49 percent of women in their 30s, and 42 percent of women in their 40s who have breast cancer are Stage II.

Only 24 percent of women with breast cancer ages 20 to 29 are Stage I, and the rest are already in Stages II or III. Comparatively, a greater number of women in their 30s and 40s are in Stage I of those with breast cancer.

Of 149,821 sampled, 2.31 percent were in their 20s.

"To look at what's the experiences of these women who are in their reproductive years and may have cancer, or have cancer close to their pregnancy, was the idea [in order to see] how often this occurs," said University of Iowa College of Public Health Epidemiology

Professor Paul Romitti.

Romitti and a team of researchers are studying exposure among reproductive-age women and diseases among that same age group. Their research on breast cancer is one example and an extension of greater research activity, he said.

There have been research and reports about incidence and survival of stage IV breast cancer among women, Romitti said.

"But there is really not contemporary data on women who have stage I to stage III breast cancer," he added.

As the most serious type of breast cancer, Stage IV has received much scrutiny. However, using the most recent data to look at stage I to III breast

cancer is helpful, because there are varying levels of risk and treatments for stages I through IV and stage IV, Romitti said.

"In the clinic and when I talked with colleagues, certainly we felt we are seeing more and more young women with breast cancer, and these women are often in their reproductive years," said Alexandra Thomas, co-author on the research.

Thomas said the team wants to see if breast cancer is indeed increasing among young women. In the research, Thomas said she mainly contributed her clinical perspective about what concerns she's seen when dealing with breast cancer patients.

Romitti said the data he compiled was collected

through several cancer registries throughout the United States.

"My major contribution to this paper is critical review and my understanding of the data that we submit this year, and how that data is put out for public use for researcher," said Charles Lynch, UI College of Public Health professor and medical director and principal investigator of the State Health Registry of Iowa and Iowa Cancer Registry.

The Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results 18 Registries database was primarily used to produce the report of the research, Lynch said. The researchers needed to fill out a form and apply to access the database for use, he added.

"We have a staff that every

single day is out there, trying to identify Iowa-diagnosed cancer and then collecting that data to a record," Lynch said.

The cancer registries are updated every year, but the most recent data will always have a two-year gap from the present, Lynch said, because of the time it takes to collect that data — even just in Iowa. Lynch said his team is working on the data from 2017 and will release it soon.

With their report posted online, the research team's focus on breast cancer will come to an end, Romitti said, but they will keep tracking the data every once in a while.

"[This research] will help guide a prevention, hopefully, and help guide treatments," Romitti said.

UISG adjusts student athlete position

The permanent position is being changed to a representative position to improve the capabilities of student-athlete members.

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University of Iowa Student Government unanimously voted to install a permanent student-athlete liaison position last academic year. On the 100th anniversary of UISG on Tuesday, the student organization modified bylaws for the representative position.

The student-athlete position will now be referred to as a representative instead of liaison. According to UISG documents, the representative will not hold any voting powers but will have the ability to speak on the Senate floor.

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the lack of voting ability is established to prevent any potential conflicts of interest

between the university administration and UISG.

"As defined currently, the liaison position serves as speaking member of the Senate but not having formal voting privileges," said UISG Speaker Pro Tempore Noah Wick. "With student-athletes in particular, it's to make sure they aren't getting into conflict-of-interest territory."

Current student-athlete representative Marissa Mueller initially brought UISG's attention to the necessary changes, Wick said.

At its meeting Tuesday, UISG unanimously passed changes to the student-athlete position bylaws. Changes included the new title and expanding language to protect representatives from necessary absences due to NCAA rules, as well as potential violations of team rules.

The language was also adapted to protect athletes' ability to participate in UISG who are unable to play due to medical issues.

A final change will allow representatives in this position to hold their office hours at Gerdin Athletic Learning Center.

UISG initially created the position in March to increase collaboration between their organization and student athletes. As previously reported by the *DI*, the position was designed to give the student-athlete community an opportunity to communicate its unique interests.

"It seems like student-athletes are really in a bubble on the West Side," said then co-chair of the Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee Ben Collins in March. "We're trying to integrate them back into [the campus]."

UI plants new tree on Pentacrest

After a nearly 50-year-old Pentacrest tree was struck by lightning earlier this fall, the University of Iowa will plant a new tree on Thursday morning.

BY ELEANOR HILDEBRANDT
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The University of Iowa will plant a new tree on the Pentacrest on Thursday at 10 a.m. to replace the previous tree — which was around for an estimated half-century and lost to a thunderstorm in early September.

At the UI Student Government meeting Tuesday night, UI President Bruce Harreld said the replacement tree is currently being shipped in from the Chicago suburbs. If the weather permits, he said, it will be planted later this week.

"There is a 15-year-old, large tree that is being

shipped down to campus on Wednesday," Harreld said. "On Thursday morning, there will be a ceremony where the old tree once was. It won't be the same size as the old tree yet, but we have time."

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, Pentacrest Museums Communications Coordinator Jessica Smith said the university values its tree population — and the Pentacrest tree was certainly important and included in that.

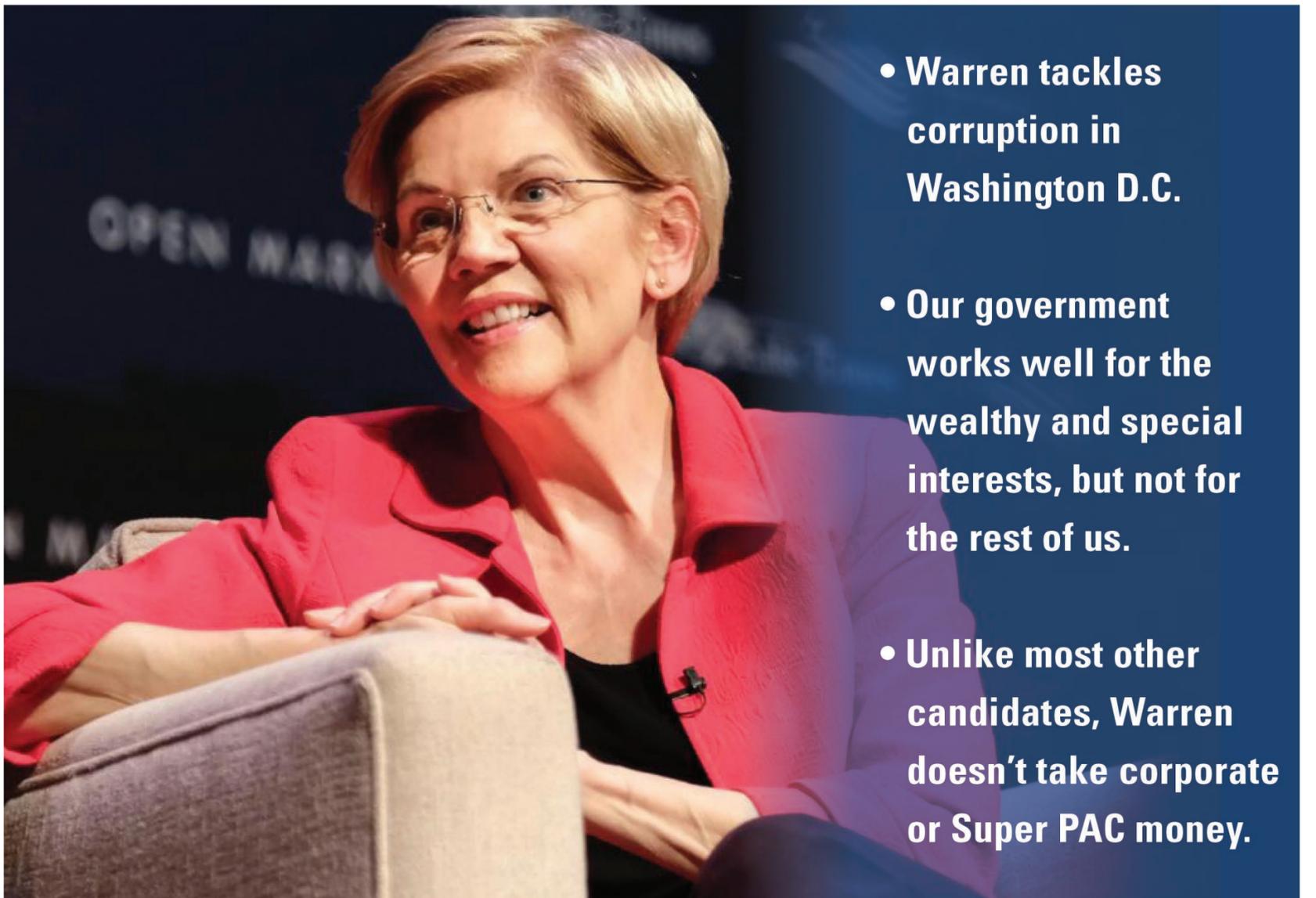
"The trees themselves create an atmosphere here that invites nature up to our front door and provides shade and comfort and a home for the animals,"

Smith said in September when the original tree fell. "The Old Capitol Museum is such an iconic building ... people come to take photos there and the trees are a part of that experience."

Harreld said Tuesday that the new tree will be planted in the same spot as its predecessor. However, the replacement will be stronger than the old tree and he hopes it will last at least as long as that. The present tree has similar, important features to the past, he added.

"It has a limb that is closer to the ground, like the old tree," he said. "It will still be photogenic, and you can climb on it."

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Server's perspective on dining

From tipping your waiter to general etiquette, there's lots to consider when eating out.



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During the last seven years, I have worked as a server at four different restaurants in two cities. During that time, I have encountered so many angry customers that I could write a book about it, but instead I'm writing this article.

I am continually stunned by the arrogance of customers who request their food come out faster because they're in a hurry, as if no one else around them has anywhere they need to be. Sometimes a cook doesn't show up for work, a server gets triple sat, or a botched order must be remade. Keep in mind these things are bound to happen occasionally and slow down the process.

When it's time for the check, tipping food servers appropriately is not an act of generosity or kindness. It is payment for an experience not available at a fast-food restaurant (nothing against McDonald's workers; be nice to them, too). So, please don't as if you are Mother Theresa when handing a tip to a server, especially if it's under 20 percent. Generous tips are sincerely appreciated — but they are not charitable donations.

Last Friday morning, I wasted six minutes listening to some Christian rocker dude drone on about his sick band and how they were playing downtown Iowa City the following night. He wrote, "God Bless!" on the credit card slip with a \$5 tip for a bill that was \$51.26.



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Hamburg Inn waitress and UI student Isabelle Teduits refills a customer's coffee at the Hamburg on April 23, 2017.

Those kind words are sure to prove valuable when my rent is due at the end of the month.

If you are obnoxiously loud or smell like you rode in on the Pineapple Express, that ruins the ambience and

up for that — most of the time. Raising the server minimum wage would only disincentivize appropriate tipping, and mandatory gratuities would remove the incentive for servers to work hard.

utes, they are keeping servers from turning tables and getting more tips or forcing them to stay late when all their other tables have already left.

When you go downtown, tip bartenders and baristas, too — \$1 per drink or 20 percent, whichever is highest. Shortly after turning 21, I didn't do this and wondered why bartenders and cocktail waitresses avoided me after serving my first drink.

Managing seven tables at once is often much more demanding than it might seem to an outside eye. I don't mean for any of this to sound smug or self-righteous; dozens of other professions are just as difficult.

The majority of guests I've served over the years were decent people who made my work rewarding, enjoyable experiences. It's just the rude, entitled jerks who often stand out. Don't be one of them.

'If you are obnoxiously loud or smell like you rode in on the Pineapple Express, that ruins the ambience and creates an uncomfortable situation.'

creates an uncomfortable situation for staff forced to confront such childish antics. Last year at Cheddar's, a close friend of mine had a group start pounding the table as she walked by and chanted, "We want food!" If these were 7-year-old boys it might've been cute, but they were college frat bros.

The tipped minimum wage in Iowa is \$4.35 per hour, which is fine because decent tips more than make

Tipping 20 percent should be the norm, more if the service was exceptional, and 15 percent if service was insufficient. I think the only time it's justified to tip 10 percent or below is if the server had an exceptionally bad attitude, and I can only recall doing that once as a customer.

Most restaurants limit servers to a few table sections, especially during peak hours. When customers stay for more than 45 min-

GUEST OPINION

Sanders values working people

An Iowa City Councilor cites the Vermont senator's commitment to labor issues in his presidential-nomination endorsement.

Work is a core value that Iowans share. We like people who get their boots dirty, bale hay from sun-up till sundown — work that last cornrow until every seed is planted. There is nothing more satisfying than a good night's rest following a hard day's work creating abundance from our rich Iowa soil.

We work hard to get things done and support our families. One of our earliest lessons is that if you work hard, follow the rules, you will get ahead, and the American Dream will be yours. But for the last 40 years, politicians and their elite influencers have elevated shortcuts and gambling as a way to get ahead, while devaluing the everyday heroes who work as cashiers, sweep the floors, work our fields, or clean our barns.

But not Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

Sanders values the everyday heroes that produce the wealth of this country. He believes that no one works a 40-hour job should ever be in poverty, struggling to put a roof over their head or feed their family. Yet, these heroes, in many cases working two and three jobs seven days a week, are insulted by politicians claiming that their poverty is their fault. They are to blame. They need to work even more. And they are. They in many cases are literally working themselves to death while barely making enough to meet their basic needs.

The National Low Income Housing Coalition's report on Iowa found the "housing wage" for a one-bedroom apartment to be affordable is \$12.10. Yet, nearly half of retail workers, cooks, wait-staff, fast-food workers, and

home-care aides make less than that and cannot afford a one apartment while working full-time. Their children are faced with crippling debt to finance their education or getting a job to support their loved ones. Aggravating this situation, the Trump administration further punishes working families trying to improve their standard of living by kicking them off of food stamps as their take home pay rises.

No one should lower their standard of living after getting a job. That just isn't right.

On day one of his administration, Sanders will help us return to the timeliness principles that made our country a beacon of hope and freedom. He will restore the dignity to all working people. They will begin to enjoy what President Franklin Roosevelt called "some measure of security." They will rest easier knowing that they will not be bankrupted by one major health-care crisis. He will make it easier to join a union, allowing better pay and safer working conditions. For those outside of unions, he will demand that employers pay a living wage for a 40-hour job.

In short, he will return us to our roots that made our country truly great — where we the people that produce the actual wealth are honored rather than the idlers who live off of the labor of others. As President Lincoln once said, "Those that make the corn, should eat the corn." Let's return to that foundational American principle and elect Bernie Sanders president.

— **Rockne Cole**
Iowa City Councilor

COLUMN

The work of student baristas is the heartbeat of the UI and Iowa City

Coffee shops are ubiquitous here, and the students who work in them should be valued.



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I live in coffee shops. They're the setting for most of my day-to-day life. Iowa City is filled with them. You'll find within two blocks of one another. Even so, each business, whether it be a chain or local, thrives on its own. Each café has its own character and taste. Each also has its own team of baristas, most of whom are students attending the University of Iowa.

As I write this, I am sipping on a latte made by a

friend and former classmate. There is a quality to student baristas that make them the heart of Iowa City. Coffee drinker or not, there's still nearly a dozen cafés that exist within several blocks of each other that host students. They work hard to support themselves, but also to support an essential economy within a college town.

UI students and Iowa City residents alike gather in these niches to study, go on dates, have job interviews, or simply enjoy something to drink or eat in a comfortable space. These spaces are largely run by students who brew, cook, and keep them comfortable.

Anna Kain is one of these baristas. She's a fourth-year UI student and has been working at the High Ground Café for almost two years. She also has experience working

in other coffee shops. Anna described to me the encounters she's had while working at High Ground.

"I really enjoy getting to talk to people that I otherwise would never speak to or even meet. It's genuine," Kain said.

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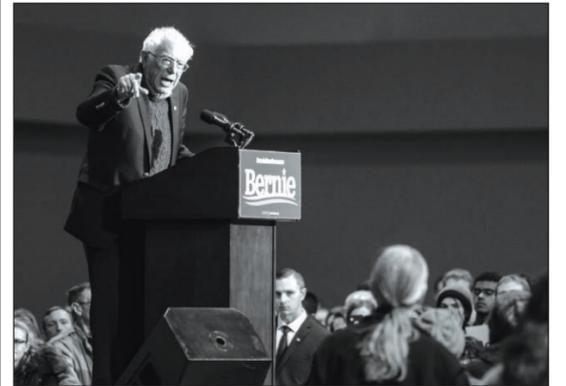
Coffee shops such as High Ground are also places to network — especially for the writing and creative groups within the UI. Many host monthly poetry slams, stand-up comedy shows, and live music performances. Several of these are organized or promoted

by student baristas such as Kain.

"So many people are involved in different events and local businesses," she said. "People often come in and tell me about what they're doing, what's happening around town. I do

feel more involved in the community, and I don't think I'd feel the same way if I wasn't a barista."

Baristas attending the UI are able to connect with other community members in ways that benefit UI programs as well as local creators. They use their job to



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks at a campaign rally in Coralville on Nov. 9.

support their community. In turn, the community befriends them and is more linked to the social culture of Iowa City.

There's a particular spirit of friendship had between baristas and customers that helps give Iowa City a sense of home for students and locals alike. Speaking for myself, I have several barista friends who've helped provide spaces to share my writing and photography — with a wink and a free drink here and there.

This value of genuine connection and network given by our student baristas should be appreciated as often as possible. We should give them the recognition they deserve every day we enjoy the product they craft for us.

Savor the conversations, and the artisanal work coffee and tea can have. Remind yourself of the efforts they put in that benefit our UI and Iowa City communities. Say "thank you." Feed that tip jar until it's full.

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FLIP IT

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them to do, they need allies in the Statehouse.”

Hiatt helps organize for a Johnson County-originated effort called Flip It Iowa, which offers a template for activists in Democrat-heavy districts to host fundraising events for candidates in close House district races elsewhere in Iowa. The most competitive districts are areas surrounding Iowa's largest cities, such as the suburbs of Des Moines.

The effort, a brainchild of a dozen or so former passive Iowa City Democrats who waded into political party activism for the first time after the 2016 election, is a small-dollar effort to flip the Iowa House by engaging Democrats in Iowa's least competitive districts to dispatch resources, such as money and volunteer hours, to aid candidates in highly contested races.

Iowa Democrats are focusing their attention on the Iowa House as the most attainable to flip blue in 2020, which would meet their end goal of breaking Republicans' four-year grip on state governing bodies. Separately from Flip It Iowa, former Democratic gubernatorial nominee Fred Hubbell is starting a fundraising PAC to support Democratic Iowa House candidates, which raised \$230,000 before the July reporting deadline.

Iowa Democrats would need to oust four Republicans in order to win a majority in the 100-member House chamber for the 2021 legislative session. Democrats missed their target of a net 10 seats to flip during the 2018 election cycle, the first even-year election Flip It geared up for.

Heightening Iowa Democrats' urgency to flip a part of state government blue is the redrawing of political districts in 2021. Every 10 years, the state reassesses how its population has changed after the census is conducted, and redraws legislative and Congressional district borders based on shifts in population. Although Iowa's process is lauded as a nonpartisan example, using political data to draw districts is banned in Iowa; rather, districts are drawn by a nonpartisan legislative services agency. Some Democrats remain uneasy that the process could change under one party's control.

“Iowa has a really strong system for fair and nonpartisan map drawing, and it's going to be really important that we have divided government and shared control so that we can make sure that those maps are as fair as possible and that that system maintains its integrity,” said first-term Rep. Jennifer Konfrst, D-Windsor Heights. She

was one beneficiary of Flip It Iowa's fundraisers and ended up winning her district in 2018, which covers a suburb of Des Moines.

At the group's September event, the first of the 2020 cycle, Hiatt was introducing Eric Gjerde, Flip It Iowa's first experiment in 2017.

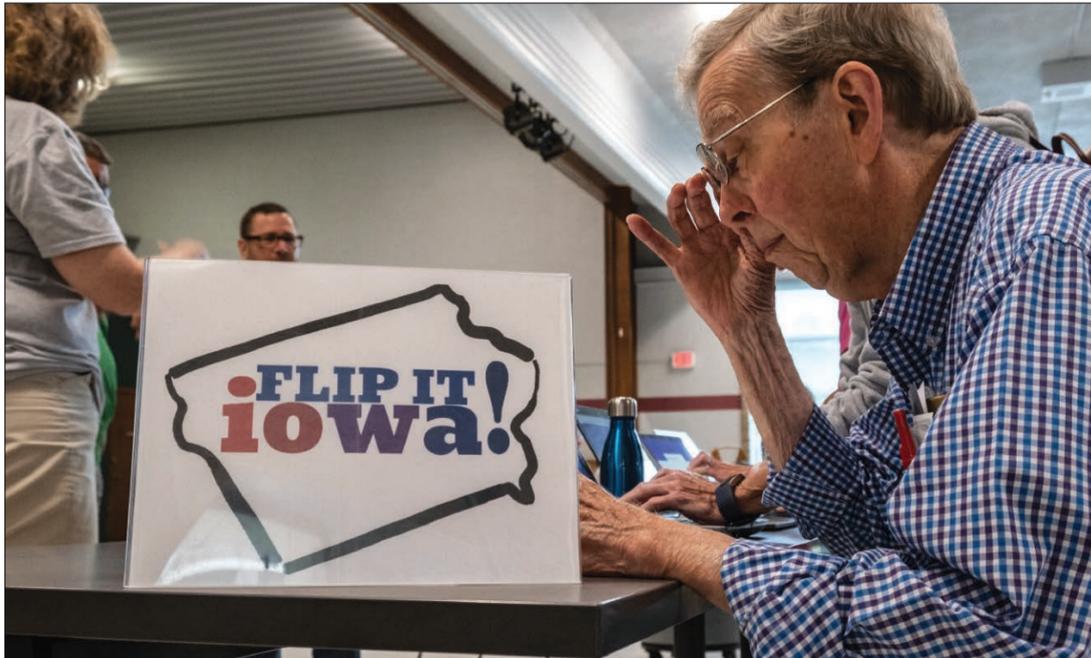
Gjerde, a special-education teacher, is running as a second-time candidate for House District 67, which encompasses Northern Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, Robins and part of Marion.

He hosted a sparsely attended event in Iowa City after launching his campaign in 2017, which sparked an idea for one couple who went — Jim and Christine Lewers of Iowa City.

“Christine thought, ‘We could do better,’” Hiatt said at Flip It Iowa's September event, referring to the number of people the couple knew in the Johnson County area who would turn out for and donate to a candidate like Gjerde.

The Lewers and a group of their friends who had been meeting informally since the 2016 election to talk about politics tapped into their networks to invite anyone they thought may be interested in supporting Gjerde. At the event, they encouraged everyone to donate directly to the Gjerde campaign if they felt compelled to after hearing him speak. In mid-December of 2017, the group raised its goal of \$2,500 for Gjerde's House campaign out of its Iowa City event.

Flip It Iowa went on to host 50 events across the state for 19 candidates, which altogether raised about \$100,000 throughout the 2018 midterm



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An attendee signs in during the Flip It Iowa Fundraiser for Iowa House District 67 candidate Eric Gjerde at the Robert A. Lee Community Center in Iowa City on Sept. 8.

of which surrounded Des Moines. That means many districts Flip It Iowa aided will be targets again in 2020.

In Iowa, a majority of votes for statewide Democratic candidates come from racking up high-percentage wins in urban counties such as Polk and Johnson. In 2018, Republican gubernatorial candidate Kim Reynolds carried 88 out of 99 counties, yet won the governorship by just 3 percentage points over Democrat Fred Hubbell, who won Iowa's most populous counties: Johnson, Polk, Black Hawk, Scott, Linn, and Story. Democratic U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne ousted her Republican challenger in Iowa's 16-county 3rd District representing southwest Iowa while winning a majority in just one county — Polk.

The last two elections — 2016 and 2018 — revealed a sharpening divide in Iowa between Republican and Democratic voters geographically — urban blue areas such as Iowa City got bluer and rural areas became redder, says University of Northern Iowa political-science Professor Christopher Larimer.

“You see very few blue dots in the more rural areas or more rural districts, whether it's an Iowa House district or an Iowa Senate district,” Larimer said, but he added that it would take more extensive research to figure out the underlying reason.

“What's going to take, you know, 10-20 years to kind of work itself out is, is how does that fit with the demographic changes?” he explained. “Where are people moving from and where are they moving to and how does that fall along party lines?”

Larimer said it's hard to predict, especially a year before the 2020 general elections, which districts are going to be compet-



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Eric Gjerde speaks to attendees during the Flip It Iowa Fundraiser for Iowa House District 67 candidate Eric Gjerde at the Robert A. Lee Community Center in Iowa City on Sept. 8.

itive because some don't have a candidate running yet. He added that local legislative races are often much more personal than statewide races, as people tend to know their legislators.

Flip It Iowa modeled itself after the Sister District Project, a nationwide organization that targets key state legislative districts that could contribute to turning chambers over to Democrats. That group is a 527-tax exempt political organization and PAC. However, Flip It doesn't share that classification, as attendees donate directly to campaigns.

As a percentage of campaign budgets, the money raised by Flip It events isn't an overwhelming amount — Gjerde raised about \$100,000 in total cash contributions throughout his campaign, according to records from the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, about the same as Flip It-sponsored events raised in the entire 2018 cycle.

There are also more traditional political organizations that help Iowa House candidates within both parties — the House Truman fund and the Eisenhower Fund to help Republican House candidates.

Party leaders will also transfer some of their own funds toward the state party's war chest.

However, events organized by Flip It relieve candidates from the grunt work needed to organize an event. As local House candidates have little, if any, staff members, time is a valuable resource, said Konfrst, the representative from Windsor Heights, who flipped her district in 2018 and had

cratic challenger 62 to 37 percent in 2016. Gjerde lost 52 to her 48 percent in 2018.

In District 67, no-party voters make up the largest registered bloc of voters, at 8,742, according to Nov. 1 data from the Iowa Secretary of State's website.

When looking at voter registration, Gjerde may have a slight advantage in the district compared to when he ran in 2018.

The number of Republican registered voters tops the Democratic bloc in the district, but the gap between the two groups has slimmed slightly since Gjerde last ran in 2018 — from a difference of 631 to 386 registered voters.

Gjerde, 40, and father of three, cites the rewrite of the collective-bargaining laws passed by the Iowa Legislature in 2017 that limited the capabilities of public employees, such as school teachers, to negotiate pay as the “straw that broke the camel's back” to convince him to run for office.

Linn County GOP Chair Laura Kamienski said Republicans in the area were taking their time to find a good candidate to run against Gjerde, but that she was confident Republicans would keep control of the seat. She said Republicans would connect with voters by talking about Republican-backed tax cuts and mental-health efforts that cleared the Legislature.

She remembered how the Iowa Republican Party similarly targeted seats before the 2016 election, when the Iowa Senate flipped red, and isn't convinced the House will flip blue in 2020.

“I understand what their (Flip It Iowa's and Democrats') motivation is. They obviously want to take back the advantage of having the majority in the Legislature — being able to set the priorities and the agenda,” she said.

In an email to *The Daily Iowan* Aaron Britt, the communications director with the Iowa Republican Party, said the party was confident it would protect and grow its House majority in 2020.

“They can't win elections on the issues, so it's no surprise Democrats have once again turned to a shady dark money group out of desperation,” Britt said in an email to the *DI*. A dark money group is determined as a political action group that doesn't disclose their donors, but people who attend Flip It events donate directly to candidates' campaigns, meaning their donations — which range from \$25-\$100 — are available in state records disclosures. “I can assure you that Republicans will have candidates in every corner of the state, so they'll certainly have their work cut out for them. We are confident we will protect and grow our House majority in 2020.”

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— Temple Hiatt, a Flip It Iowa organizer

elections, according to Flip It organizers.

“We could sit here in this blue bubble and be isolated, or we could go out and connect with people from other districts,” Hiatt said in a September interview.

The group looks at voter-registration data — targeting Republican-held districts with more registered Democrats than Republicans or ones with a large share of independent voters. They also look at margins of loss from previous House candidates and how statewide candidates performed in the districts, including districts such as Gjerde's that voted for Hubbell and districts that flipped from Obama to Trump in 2016.

Many of those districts rest in areas surrounding Des Moines, Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, and Davenport. Seven of the 20 districts in which fundraising parties were hosted ended up flipping — most



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Attendees look at the pool during the Flip It Iowa Fundraiser for Iowa House District 67 candidate Eric Gjerde at the Robert A. Lee Community Center in Iowa City on Sept. 8.

UI contributes to out-of-this-world research

University of Iowa scientists are leading the way in managing the plasma-wave instrument connected to the Voyager 2 spacecraft, which is teaching researchers more about the heliosphere.

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As the spacecraft Voyager 2 became the second human-made object to leave the solar system in 2018, two University of Iowa scientists led the way in managing an instrument to produce data that is reshaping how people understand the solar system.

The plasma wave instrument — which was constructed and managed by UI scientists — has produced discoveries that appear to affirm knowledge about the nature of the heliosphere's boundary uncovered by Voyager 1, which left the solar system in 2012.

"You can consider the heliosphere as the region dominated by the sun's atmosphere. The sun is the source of gas that blows past all the planets at supersonic speeds and continues to go out until it starts to run into the interstellar medium. The heliopause is that boundary between interstellar medium and the interplanetary medium," UI research scientist Bill Kurth said.

Kurth is a co-investigator

on the project with the principal investigator, Professor Emeritus Donald Gurnett. With a 60-year history at the UI, Gurnett said he has seen the evolution of what astronomers believe the heliopause actually was and the influence of solar winds.

"There were two ideas about what would happen to solar wind. One was that the solar wind would gradually get absorbed. The other is that the solar wind would develop a boundary which separates the solar wind from the interstellar medium," Gurnett said. "It's an incredible fact that fluids [gases and liquids] like to form boundaries."

Gurnett said that, in the beginning, there was virtually no evidence of gas actually present between stars beyond the solar system, and some astronomers even thought the heliosphere only extended until about the distance of Jupiter.

"I'm actually one of the [people] who really promoted [the idea of a sharp interstellar boundary], that there should be a big density jump going from the solar wind

going into the interstellar medium," Gurnett said.

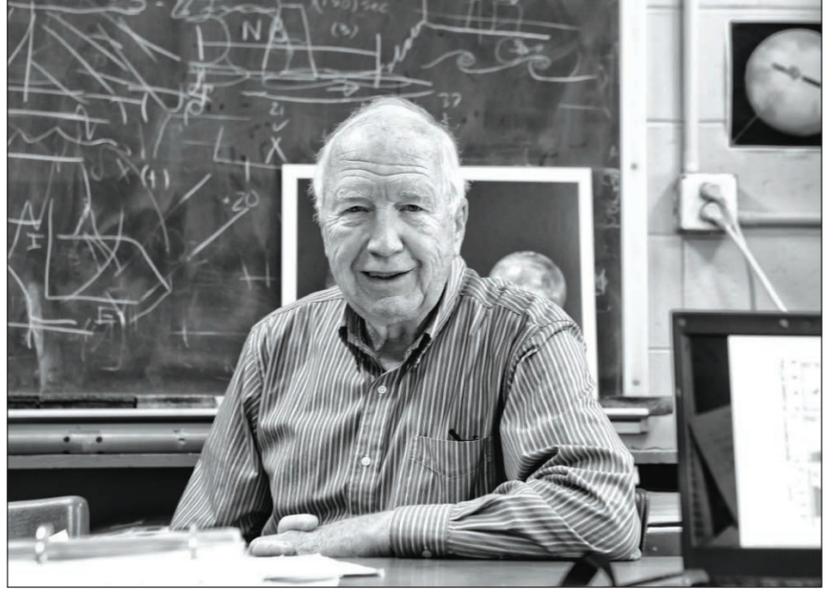
The instrument the UI team developed is specialized to detect the measurements needed to examine this boundary. Gurnett said detection by their instruments on Voyager 1 convinced NASA that the spacecraft had exited the solar system.

Voyager 2 detections, while not identical, appeared to support the prediction about density changes at the heliopause, Gurnett said.

UI Systems Architect Larry Granroth, who like Gurnett and Kurth spent decades in connection to the Voyager spacecrafts, said that these missions have provided a wealth of knowledge about the solar system.

"During the planetary flybys, textbooks were literally being rewritten to incorporate the wealth of knowledge these high-resolution (and in the cases of Uranus and Neptune, first) observations were revealing," Granroth said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Gurnett and Kurth, de-



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University of Iowa scientist Don Gurnett is photographed in his office in Van Allen Hall on Tuesday. Gurnett took part in creating the vital instrument for Voyager 2.

spite lifetimes' worth of experience, are still awed by the contributions Voyager 1 and 2 produced for humanity's grasp of the universe.

"From my perspective, the Voyager missions including

both spacecraft is — and people would argue with this statement — the greatest space mission that's ever been flown. These are the only two spacecraft that have lasted long enough to

make measurements in the interstellar medium," Kurth said. "It opened our eyes to the outer planets. They really set the stage for the exploration of the outer solar system."

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"I'm just looking forward to winning a national title," All-American Alex Marinelli said. "Not winning a national title is getting old. All the other teams placing above us are doing whatever, and it's just getting old. We don't want to

leave any stone unturned or have any regrets."

Last season, Iowa finished fourth in the NCAA Championships. Finishing fourth in the nation is a terrific finish for nearly any program. For the Hawkeyes and their fans, the impressive finish likely seems unsatisfactory.

"We're accountable to perform," Brands said. "Our guys know it. Our fans expect it.

We love it. We love it as coaches. This isn't about a paycheck for any of us. This is about waking up ready to fight every day, every corner, and not in an illegal way, in a wrestling way, in a legal, sportsman-ship, Division I collegial atmosphere way."

This season Iowa will be rested, reloaded, and ready to assert themselves at the top. Redshirt freshman To-

ny Cassioppi appears to be primed for a big first season as a Hawkeye. Cassioppi will be taking over at 285 for Iowa after the graduation of Sam Stoll last spring.

The Hawkeyes will also get a boost from the return of senior Michael Kemerer, who sat out all of 2018-19 with knee and shoulder injuries.

"Honestly, I'm really just looking forward to going out

and putting the singlet on and wrestling to score a lot of points," Kemerer said. "I really enjoy going out there and looking to dominate. I'm really excited to do that again."

For the last nine years, Iowa has lurked in the shadows of programs like Penn State, Oklahoma State, and Ohio State. All the while, the Hawkeyes have been getting stronger, faster, better, and

— most importantly — hun-grier.

The Hawkeyes have been winding up their counter-punch at the NCAA's elite programs for quite some time now. In 2019-20, Iowa will finally throw that powerful punch. After all the dust has settled, the Hawkeyes might find themselves in a familiar place atop the first-place pedestal.

SCHOTT

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ter that. In Iowa's first big game after Schott's injury, Hawkeye quarterback Nate Stanley was sacked eight times and threw three interceptions, as the Wolverines beat Iowa, 10-3.

Now that Schott's back, there's a renewed hope for an offensive line that couldn't stabilize itself all season.

But to move forward, it'll need to start cleaner than it did against the Badgers.

"We need to start faster for sure," Schott said. "That's probably what the whole offense needs to do. We all need to start faster. Later in the game, our pass protection was a lot better than it has been."

Preparing for a potent Gopher offense

Iowa has a big opportunity on Saturday when No. 7 Minnesota visits Kinnick Stadium.

The Hawkeyes find two trophy games remaining this season against the Gophers and Nebraska, and

they're fighting for a 10-win season.

It all starts against this week against one of the better offenses in the Big Ten.

The Gophers boast two key threats out wide in wide receivers Rashod Bateman and Tyler Johnson. Bateman leads the Big Ten with 847 yards on 38 receptions, and Johnson ranks fifth with 730 yards on 50 catches.

Minnesota can be just as dangerous on the ground. Running back Rodney Smith trails only Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor and Ohio State's J.K. Dobbins in conference rushing numbers this season with 940 yards and seven touchdowns.

Add in Tanner Morgan at quarterback, who's thrown for 2,100 yards, 21 scores, and only four picks, and it's clear the Gophers can attack defenses from all angles.

"They're well-rounded, I guess, is a good way to put it," Iowa linebacker Nick Niemann said. "Just making sure everyone's on the same page playing together is big for us. Their kind of offense thrives on big plays, and that's why they put up so many points a game, so stopping that's going to be important."

Injury report

Things are slowly getting better for Iowa on the injury front.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said wide receiver Brandon Smith — who went down with an ankle injury against Purdue on Oct. 19 — is making progress and running with trainers. Ferentz wants Smith to dress against Minnesota, but he doesn't expect him to play.

"He's actually out there running out the trainers," Ferentz said. "Starting to move around, change of direction, those types of things. We'll see how fast he comes along, but it's at least encouraging."

Fellow pass-catcher Nate Wieting is back in the mix at tight end after practicing the Friday before Iowa's game against Wisconsin.

On the defensive side, linebacker Kristian Welch is questionable after showing improvement, Ferentz said.

"It certainly helps to have senior players out there, and [Welch] is a leader," Ferentz said. "He's been voted captain I think weekly here, so I think that tells you the respect everybody has for him."

BIG TEN

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Fleck had a unique way of preparing Morgan and the rest of the team for facing a fourth-ranked team at home.

"All the players wrote on a piece of coal last night — which signified carbon — what pressure has taught them since January," he said after the win. "And they put it all in this bucket, and overnight, it turned into this big diamond. Well, I don't know if it turned that fast, but we said it did. That's what they are. They're diamonds."

Pressure still remains on the Gophers' schedule. Minnesota has yet to face Iowa, Northwestern, and Wisconsin before the regular season finishes up. ESPN's FPI gives Minnesota under a 40 percent chance to take down Iowa and Wisconsin, but that certainly didn't stop the underdog Gophers last week against Penn State.

No Young, no problem

Ohio State may have lost star defensive end Chase Young to suspension last week, but that didn't slow the Buckeyes down in their matchup with Maryland.



Ben Smith/The Daily Iowan
Minnesota head coach, PJ Fleck, interviews during the Big Ten Football Media Days at McCormick Place Conference Center in Chicago on July 25, 2017.

Young — thought to be a Heisman candidate by many — was mysteriously sidelined last week, leaving the Buckeye defensive line without him for the first time this season.

"They played with an edge and [with] something to prove," Ohio State head coach Ryan Day said. "And any time our guys come out with something to prove, we're dangerous. So, overall, I thought we all had that approach, but especially the D-line."

The Ohio State defense put up an impressive showing, managing seven sacks and 11 tackles for loss. The Buckeyes took down Maryland, 73-14.

Day called in the subs early, but not before the team could blank the Terrapins in the first half and score 42 points.

Quarterback Justin Fields saw limited action, but he completed 64 percent of his passes and threw three touchdowns, adding one rushing touchdown, as well. Running back J.K. Dobbins only received 12 touches but rushed for 90 yards and two scores.

FiveThirtyEight has Ohio State with a 69 percent to make the College Football Playoff right now, with only Rutgers, Penn State, and Michigan left on its schedule.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Purdue claims Wrestler of the Week honor

Purdue's Dylan Lydy earned Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, the conference announced on Tuesday. The senior from Indianapolis,



Lydy

Indiana, took down a pair of top-15 opponents on his way to a 3-0 mark at the 2019 Journeymen Northeast Duals. Lydy defeated Buffalo's Jake Lanning, No. 12

Kimball Bastian of Utah Valley, and No. 10 Anthony Valencia of Arizona State with a buzzer-beating takedown.

He collected three bonus-point wins and has not surrendered a takedown en route to a 5-0 record on the season.

This is the first Wrestler of the Week honor of Lydy's career.

Volleyball looking for improvement in rematch against Michigan

Big Ten volleyball has had a history of being chaotic in November, and Iowa is looking forward to embracing the role of spoiling other teams' seasons in the closing weeks of the regular season.

Although the Hawkeyes are no longer in the realm of consideration for an NCAA Tournament bid, the team is still trying to make the most out of this season. Iowa's rotation has many new in it at this point in the season, and that's bringing a competitive spirit to the squad.

"I've harped on the word progression," head coach Vicki Brown said. "Seeing that we're making progress every day, every match - there is something we are adding to continue to grow the program."

In the Hawkeyes' previous meeting with Michigan, the



Brown

Wolverines came to Carver-Hawkeye Arena and captured a four-set win in an extremely close game. The Wolverines were clutch when it mattered most,

winning the first set on 27 points and the fourth by two points. Statistically though, the Hawkeyes stayed tight the whole match and played some of their best volleyball of the season.

The teams were virtually even in every major statistic - including kills, assists, and blocks - but the inability to close out sets ultimately led to the loss. For Iowa to be competitive on the road, the Hawkeyes will need to play as well as they did at home.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We don't have a dog, so I can't be accused of kicking the dog. Haven't ever done that. We do have a cat - that would be a really bad deal."



- Kirk Ferentz on how he handles losses.

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa has allowed

12

touchdowns this season, the third fewest in the country.

Wrestling ready to reclaim NCAA title

It has been nine seasons since the Hawkeyes were NCAA champions. In 2019-20, Iowa wrestling looks to take back that title.



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Iowa's 197-lb Jacob Warner hugs head coach Tom Brands during the fourth session of the 2019 Big Ten Wrestling Championships in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 9.

BY AUSTIN HANSON

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Wrestling at Iowa comes with expectations. The Hawkeyes boast a championship pedigree unlike that of any program in the NCAA. Iowa has won an unprecedented 23 national championships in its history. All 23 of those titles have come in the last 45 years. "Our standards are high," head coach Tom Brands

said. "[Iowa fans] expect to win every year, year in and year out, and that's because of a guy named Dan Gable, who took over from [former Iowa head coach Gary Kurdelmeier] and then brought it to maybe unimaginable heights, but not unimaginable for him or his team."

Iowa's championship culture is deeply ingrained into the minds of many. However, Hawkeye fans under the age of eleven have never seen Iowa win a title.

The Hawkeyes have not won a national championship since 2010.

For most, nine years without a title is nothing alarming. For Iowa, it's a dreadful drought.

Iowa's nine-year championship drought is the longest the program has suffered since winning its first title in 1975.

SEE WRESTLING, 7

Iowa football gives Gophers its best Schott

Kyler Schott's foot injury hurt Iowa's offensive line, but now that he's back, the unit is looking to take a step forward against Minnesota.



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Iowa guard Kyler Schott makes a block during a football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 14. The Hawkeyes retained the Cy-Hawk Trophy for the fifth consecutive year, downing the Cyclones, 18-17.

BY PETE RUDEN

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Kyler Schott's return to the starting lineup for Iowa didn't produce eye-popping results against a stout Wisconsin defense on Nov. 9.

The Hawkeyes ran for just 87 yards and gained 295 total yards after racking up only 93 in the entire first half.

Schott's return, however, should bode well for the rest of the season. With him in the lineup, the Hawkeyes finally have some continuity up front after shuffling the starting lineup around nearly every game.

"It feels good just knowing that you come back from injury, and you got that spot there for you," Schott said. "That must mean that the coaches know you're there and doing a good job."

Schott stepped up at a critical time for the Hawkeye offensive line when offensive tackle Alaric Jackson went down in Iowa's season-opener against Miami (Ohio).

Then, Schott fell victim to a foot injury himself after Iowa downed Iowa State.

The offensive line didn't look the same af-

SEE SCHOTT, 7

Gophers, Buckeyes near Indianapolis

Ohio State and Minnesota are now the only remaining undefeated teams in the Big Ten.

BY PETE MILLS

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There are only five Power 5 teams that remain undefeated on the season, and two of them are in the Big Ten.

Minnesota and Ohio State own the top spots in their respective conference divisions, and both are nearing trips to the Big Ten Championship.

With only three weeks left, teams are gearing up for their final runs of the regular season slate.

Minnesota takes down Penn State

With only three games left, Minnesota head coach P.J. Fleck has his team off to a 9-0 start, the best start for the program since 1904.

On Nov. 11, then-No. 4 Penn State found itself down by five points with just under two minutes left on the clock. Nittany Lion quarterback Sean Clifford stepped back into the pocket, only to launch a pass right into the arms of Minnesota defensive back Jordan Howden. It was Clifford's third interception of the day.

The Golden Gophers - in front of the program's first sellout home crowd in four years - completed their first win over a top-five team in 25 years.

"This is what we can become," Gopher head coach Fleck said. "I'm sure there were some [fans] on the final drive saying, 'Oh, here we go again.' We've got to let go of all that."

On the flip side, Minnesota quarterback Tanner Morgan had a coming-out performance. He went 18-for-20 for 339 yards and three touchdowns against one of the best defenses in America.

SEE BIG TEN, 7