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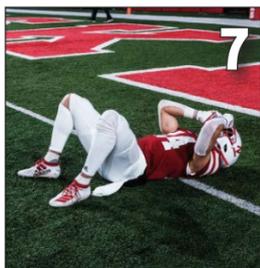


UI researcher finds Androids to be easily hacked
A study completed by the University of Iowa and Purdue University on software vulnerabilities in Android devices may raise concern for bluetooth-technology users. The researchers developed a tool to protect users' personal information.



Nextgen separated from founder Tom Steyer in 2020 cycle

Nextgen is launching its campaign to turn out voters ages 18-35 ahead of the Iowa caucuses and the 2020 election. The Iowa group, which played a prominent role on Iowa college campuses in the 2018 midterms, is taking extra care to separate itself from benefactor Tom Steyer.



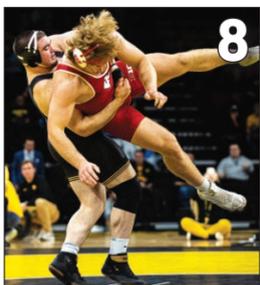
PHOTOS: Iowa runs on Duncan in Nebraska game

Iowa downed Nebraska for the fifth season in a row on Nov. 29 with a 48-yard game-winning field goal from Keith Duncan. The Hawkeyes' combination of big plays and stellar special teams work put them on top.



Epenesa balls out in win over Nebraska

A.J. Epenesa was relatively quiet in Iowa's first few games of 2019, facing a lot of attention and double-teams. But the junior balled out against Nebraska, as he recorded more tackles than his first five games combined.



No. 1 Iowa sweeps Wisconsin

Heavyweight Tony Cassioppi put the final hammer down on No. 6 Wisconsin, finishing off Iowa's sweep of five ranked wrestlers on Sunday night. This was Iowa's first top-10 matchup of the season.



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Iowa City's jewelry in good 'hands'

For five generations, the Nusser family has lived and breathed the jewelry business. Over 100 years after opening, Hands has seen jewelry fads come and go.



Bill Nusser Jr. and Charlie Nusser test the quality of a jewelry collection at Hands Jewelers in Iowa City on Nov. 15. Hands Jewelers has been family-owned and located in Iowa City since 1895.

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John Hands left England in 1881, deciding that the United States was the key to his future in the jewelry business. Like thousands of other immigrants who traveled to the U.S. during this time, Hands passed through Ellis Island.

If the Hands name sounds familiar, you would be correct — the namesake store located at 109 E. Washington St. is currently operated by John's great-grandson Bill Nusser.

On a rather dismal Friday afternoon, Nusser sat comfortably in a leather-clad mahogany chair in his office at Hands Jewelers. Donning a pristine white dress shirt and massive diamond ring, Nusser recalled — with great fondness — the beginnings of his chapter of the Hands legacy.

"I remember my grandpa taking a nap every day at 1:30," Nusser said. "There was a little room that we used for our gift wrapping, and he laid on a little beat-up leather couch. Everyone in the store had to be quiet, and it was a nice break in the day. I'm sure he told everyone that he was doing paperwork, but

we all knew he was sleeping."

Like his grandfather, Nusser had worked in the store since he was a teenager. Although one may assume that his employment at the family business was a given, this was *not* the case. As Nusser recalled, he had to fill out an application and interview "just like everyone else."

"Even though I didn't get any special treatment, I still remember that time so well," Nusser said. "My grandpa was a skilled engraver — I mean he could do things to a

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NATIONAL POLITICS

Low-polling candidates tout 2020 visions

Author and spiritual teacher Marianne Williamson said she is the presidential candidate to bring a transformation to American politics in her Iowa City campaign stop.

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Democratic presidential hopeful Marianne Williamson pitched herself as a political outsider at Heartland Yoga in Iowa City on Sunday, saying she is uniquely positioned to address fundamental problems she identifies in American politics.

Around 30 people were in the compact yoga studio, some seated on pillows on the ground to hear Williamson speak. Williamson criticized the political landscape, advocating for a return to moral leadership in the presidency.

She brought up her lack of previous political experience, framing it as a strength that will allow her to change a system she sees as corrupt.

"We're supposed to think that only people whose careers have been entrenched for decades in the limitations of the mindset that led us into this ditch are qualified to lead us out of this ditch," Williamson said.

An author and spiritual leader, Williamson previously ran unsuccessfully as an independent to represent California's 33rd Congressional District in 2014.

When asked why she was seeking the presidency as her first foray into political office, Williamson said she isn't cut out for the technical management of a governor or mayor.

Williamson said she is suited to be president because of her ability to address conceptual and abstract problems facing the country and consider things on a deeper level. She said the job of the presidency is less about administrative work and more about moral leadership.

"I believe the role of the presidency is someone who can see not just about the trees, but what's happening in this forest," she said.

Heartland Yoga owner Betsy Rippentrop said the Williamson campaign reached out to her to host the event at her studio. She said she's been a fan of Williamson's spiritual teachings for 20 years and plans to caucus for her in February.

SEE WILLIAMSON, 2



Left: Presidential hopeful Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., speaks at Carpenters Union Local on Sunday. Right: Democratic presidential-nomination candidate Marianne Williamson speaks at Heartland Yoga on Sunday.

Presidential hopeful Sen. Michael Bennet answered questions from caucusgoers on topics ranging from dyslexia to halting a ballooning deficit at an Iowa City union event.

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The Democratic presidential hopeful sought to differentiate himself from fellow nomination contender Joe Biden at a meet and greet at a carpenter's union in Iowa City Sunday night.

"So when (former Vice President) Joe Biden says, 'This will all go back to normal after we get rid of [Senate Majority Leader] Mitch McConnell,' I say, 'That's not right,'" Bennet told the group. "Because the last six years of Barack Obama being there, it wasn't normal."

Bennet, like Biden, touts his ability to garner support from and work with Republi-

cans and independents. Bennet was elected to Congress in Colorado alongside Republican U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner. He has hesitated to endorse a government-run health insurance program, dubbed Medicare for All, releasing instead his support for a public-option program.

His answer was a response to a question at the event, where an attendee asked Bennet to defend his stance as a moderate candidate, adding that she thought people were attracted to further-left proposals because she didn't believe moderate Democrats made enough change.

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COLLECTING CANS



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

Brad Kuester collects cans from tailgate spots before the Iowa football game against Illinois on Nov. 23. Kuester has been collecting cans on game day since he moved to Iowa City about 30 years ago.

WILLIAMSON FROM FRONT

Rippentrop said Williamson envisions things on a macro level and works to find the source of problems, and she's excited that Williamson is bringing this thinking to the presidential race.

"You have to think about these bigger, philosophical ideas and what's really underneath all of the corruption in our government," Rippentrop said. "I love how she really digs

underneath and looks at the root of things, and I do feel like that's what our country needs."

Williamson has struggled to gain support in Iowa and nationally. In a November *Des Moines Register*/CNN/Media.com Iowa Poll, none of the 500 likely democratic caucusgoers polled indicated Williamson as their first choice for the Democratic nomination, and she hasn't qualified for a Democratic debate since July.

Margareta Arvidsson, 72, is a former actress and model who won the Miss Universe pageant in 1966. Now, she resides in

Fairfield, Iowa, and volunteers for Williamson's campaign, driving the candidate to events around the state in an RV covered in campaign merchandise.

Despite Williamson's poor standing in polls, Arvidsson said she has seen momentum growing in Iowa. She said Williamson could generate interest in her campaign even if she doesn't win the Iowa caucuses.

"She doesn't have to win Iowa. She doesn't even have to be second or third," Arvidsson said. "But if she has a strong turnout in Iowa, then people would have to take her seriously. They will

have to take a second look."

Williamson also spoke briefly at an event for World Aids Day on Sunday in the IMU. University of Iowa members of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, IC Red, and Positive Iowans Taking Charge hosted the event.

Williamson spoke about her experience working with HIV/AIDS relief in the 1980s. Williamson started the Center for Living in Los Angeles, an outreach organization that provided support for people with life-threatening illnesses, particularly those with HIV/AIDS.

HANDS FROM FRONT

plain gold band that would make your jaw drop. I also remember him taking my sister and I fishing. He would make his own lures. He knew where the fish were."

These positive memories, however, are paired with private turmoil — like his father, Nusser is a recovering alcoholic. Growing up, Nusser said addiction was rarely discussed. This, he said, is partially due to the stigma surrounding alcoholism, but also because mental illness is more stigmatized amongst men.

"When I was in first grade, our teacher had us write down what we wanted to do in life," Nusser said. "My No. 1 choice was to smoke, and my second choice was to drink... I certainly lived up to those goals."

After Nusser began to raise a family and shift into an ownership role at the store, he decided that "enough was enough," and he sought treatment. Today, he is involved with Prelude, a non-profit that focuses on educating and destigmatizing people about alcoholism.

"I'm thankful that society has become open to the idea that alcoholism isn't a personal weakness," Nusser said.

In addition to the changing nature of mental-health stigma, Nusser said the jewelry

business has gone through a few transitions of its own. In addition to a shift in proclivity from mechanical watches to quartz movements, Nusser said jewelry preferences have shifted as well.

"Of course, watches weave in and out of popularity," he said. "Right now, we are experiencing a resurgence in popularity of mechanical, or non-battery-powered, pieces. But that is only a small portion of what we do. I think a lot of [jewelry stores] choose merchandise that is trendy, and that is a mistake."

Charlie Nusser, Bill's son and ninth-generation jeweler, said that there have been some merchandise-related foibles during his time at Hands thus far. At one point in time, he said, the store sold charm bracelets that Charlie thought would "sell like hotcakes." This was far from accurate, and the bracelets sat in storage for months.

"It's about trial and error," the younger Nusser said. "Of course we do know what a majority of our customers like, there is a real sense of sophistication there. Where we have ran into trouble is trying to pick up on jewelry fads that are more short-lived than we'd like. Even though it stings in that moment, we joke about it afterwards."

This sophistication, Charlie added, doesn't come from a position of snobbery — far from it, in fact. Both Nussers agreed that many people view jewelers

in a less-than-savory light, adding that many "expect to get ripped off right when they walk through the door."

Hands attempts to counteract this, Charlie said, by hosting jewelry makers' work in pop-up shops within the store in addition to other community-oriented events. Even if a store has been in a family for multiple generations, he added, its continued existence isn't guaranteed.

"Of course we could say that we don't have to try, that just like the business has been in our family for generations the customers have been as well, but that isn't the case," Charlie said. "As generations of Iowa City residents get to know us, we have to prove ourselves every single day. That may sound

cliché but it's true."

On a recent Saturday afternoon, this community engagement was in full-swing, as Hands hosted Santa Fe-based designer Denise Betesh. The jeweler's 22-karat gold hand-crafted rings and \$3,000 diamond necklaces were at home amongst Hands' assortment of dazzling gems.

More salient than the glamor and glitz of a brand-new heirloom, however, was the sight of Bill and Charlie Nusser working side-by-side along with Betesh. Standing on the sales floor of 109 E. Washington St., one cannot help but feel the presence of nine generations of jewelers mingling with customers among a sea of mahogany and glass cabinets.



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Charlie Nusser holds a vintage piece of jewelry that is rumored to have belonged to John Hands at Hands Jewelers in Iowa City on Nov. 15.



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Bill Nusser Jr. and Charlie Nusser pose for a portrait at Hands Jewelers in Iowa City on Nov. 15.

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COLUMN

Buttigieg is a moderate in progressive's clothing

The South Bend, Indiana mayor preaches innovation, but his policies display the sort of centrism that failed in the previous century.



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Pete Buttigieg is an interesting character. The South Bend, Indiana mayor is a gay veteran who served in Afghanistan, graduated from Harvard University, is a Rhodes scholar, and now finds himself running for the Democratic nomination for president.

Buttigieg is someone who understands how to draw conclusions from data and has planted himself as a progressive candidate. He declared on Twitter, "Neoliberalism is the political-economic consensus that has governed the last forty years of policy in the U.S. and U.K. Its failure helped to produce the Trump moment. Now we have to replace it with something better."

He is also a neoliberal masquerading as a progressive to compete with the other candidates, such as centrist former

Vice President Joe Biden and leftist Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

Biden is running on the idea of returning everything back to normal before Donald Trump was elected president — the restoration of Obama-era liberalism. Sanders is running on the idea of finally making the billionaire class pay what is owed to the American people — a truly radical transformation of America.

Buttigieg is running on something — though it is hard to tell what when he vaguely jumbles around policy and tries to please everyone.

Health-care policy is a phenomenal example of this. Back in 2018, Buttigieg said he was for Medicare for All. Now, he's running attack ads on progressives such as Sanders about the damage that the universal health-care plan would do to people who like their insurance and the American economy.

This isn't surprising, given the fact that Buttigieg is essentially tied with Biden for most campaign donations from the pharmaceutical industry in the Democratic field.

Why bother eliminating for-profit insurance companies that donate to you when

you can make a "public option" that doesn't address core issues but still garners you support?

Another area in which Buttigieg fails to achieve any mark of the term progressive is in his stances on education. His new plan would make public universities tuition free for anyone from a household income of \$100,000, with some support provided between \$100,001 to \$150,000.

This is not changing the system. By arbitrarily setting it at \$100,000, Buttigieg's plan would leave out hundreds of thousands of Americans who may also be living paycheck to paycheck in larger cities.

Education is meant to be a public good available to everybody. His attacks on universal college plans as sending millionaires and billionaires to school is absurd. It's the exact same as saying that we shouldn't have universal health care because we could help a billionaire who twists their ankle and wants to go to a hospital on the taxpayers' dime.

Scapegoating this issue by saying that we would be funding education for millionaires' children is a gross misrepresentation of what universal college would mean.



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South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg speaks during the 2019 Liberty and Justice Celebration in Des Moines on Nov. 1.

Buttigieg also wants to send more kids off to war. He has hinted at one year's mandatory service for every American citizen who turns 18 years old in an attempt to somehow manufacture social cohesion. Bonnie Kristian from *The Week* puts it best: "We will not reinvigorate meaningful community by domesticating the draft."

The idea that anyone who attempts to court the progressive vote would suggest mandatory military service is absurd. This notion of surrendering a year of our lives to whatever the government wills of us is mind-boggling coming from a Democratic nominee.

Buttigieg has neither the experience nor the conviction

to present himself as a progressive candidate. He is not working to revolutionize the system or radically alter the structure of America. He is cashing in on the recent wave of voters demanding proper change to our government by dressing up meager and bare bones positions as radical propositions that will result in meaningful change.

GUEST OPINION

Warren has the vision necessary for 'big, structural change'

A Democratic state senator writes why he plans to caucus for Elizabeth Warren to support her bid to take on President Trump.

It is a time for choosing in America. The Iowa caucuses are nearing, the 2020 presidential election is looming, and these next several months will define the future of our state and our nation for the rest of our lives.

For Americans who believe in liberty and justice for all, defeating President Trump is not enough. The next president must dedicate herself to defeating the forces that made Trump's election possible in the first place. She must understand why Trump won, commit to ensuring it never happens again, and persist until the work is done.

I have endorsed Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., because I know she will be that president. She'll be on campus from 3:45-5:30 p.m.

Monday for a town hall at the IMU, and I hope you'll join me in hearing her vision for the future of our country at this crucial time.

We must choose a president who understands Trump intentionally inflames racism and xenophobia to divide Americans against each other — and to distract from his obscene tax giveaways to millionaires and billionaires, his relentless attacks on Obamacare, and his deeply unpopular actions worsening climate change.

We must choose a president who understands that Republican economic policy is hollowing out the middle class. The costs of housing, health care, and education have exploded while wages are mostly flat — and the on-

ly substantial gains in wealth and income have accrued to those who can afford to rewrite the rules in their favor.

Watching the Iowa caucus campaign unfold for the past year, I've been impressed by

'Warren understands Trump is a symptom of a broken system, not the cause of it.'

many of the candidates in the race. Warren rises above the field, however, because she understands the scale of the challenges facing our nation and she knows how to fix them.

Warren understands Trump is a symptom of a broken system, not the cause of it. To prevent another dema-

agogue like Trump from being elected, we must repair our broken democracy, end the corruption of Washington, and rebuild America's middle class bigger and more inclusive than ever before.

These are not small challenges. They are big challenges requiring, in her words, "Big, structural change." And Warren knows better than anybody else in this race that talking about change isn't enough. She took on Wall Street's lobbyists in Washington and beat them when she led the creation of the Con-

sumer Financial Protection Bureau. The bureau protects everyday people like you and me from predatory loans. Her fight was tough. Nevertheless, she persisted. And that's why Warren scares the bejesus out of the lobbyists, billionaires, and big banks.

She knows that healing our democracy and rebuilding our economic foundation starts by cleaning up Washington. Her first legislative priority will be the largest anti-corruption legislation since Watergate. President Warren will end lobbying as we know it, get corporate money out of politics, and end the systematic use of voter suppression that disenfranchises people of color.

Our challenges didn't start with Trump, and they won't

end after he leaves office. It will take a generation to heal the division he has sewn among neighbors, restore the middle class, and to repair Trump's damage to our global leadership and confidence in our government.

There have always been moments in American history that demanded big, structural change. This is one of them. Once again, America needs a president with broad vision and deep conviction. Warren is that leader, and I hope you'll join me in committing to caucus for her. You can learn more about her vision, take a selfie, and get involved at today's 3:45 p.m. IMU town hall.

— State Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville

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Nextgen begins 2020 cycle separated from founder

Ahead of the Iowa caucuses, the liberal voter-turnout group launches into 2020 cycle separated from former head Tom Steyer, a 2020 Democratic presidential-nomination candidate.

BY SARAH WATSON

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Organizer Anthony Zarzucki sometimes has to correct people on whether the organization he's with — Nextgen America — coordinates with its founder, presidential hopeful Tom Steyer.

"When any comments are brought up — and it's usually brought up in passing — sometimes people have heard about Nextgen through, I'm guessing, some of his (Steyer's) ads, but we tell them that legally we are completely separated," Zarzucki said. "... You know, all the candidates are the same or treat them exactly equally in the sense that we are trying to get young people to vote."

Nextgen, formerly headed by Steyer, is a Democrat-leaning organization that works to turn out people ages 18-35 to vote and caucus. It was a prominent force on Iowa college campuses during the midterm elections in 2018 as one of 11 states targeted by Nextgen.

According to Nextgen numbers, organizers embedded on more than 40 college campuses in Iowa and gathered 13,000 voter-registration forms ahead of the 2018 elections. The group is looking to do the same work in 2020, and the organization has pledged to spend as much as \$45 million in the 2020 cycle.

Formerly known as Nextgen Climate, former hedge-fund manager and billionaire Steyer founded the 501c3 in 2013 to do climate change-related advocacy. In 2017, the group changed its name to better reflect the group's expanded mission to turn out young people to vote.

In July, Steyer announced he would step down from his

role as president of the organization and run for the Democratic presidential nomination. New Nextgen Executive Director Ben Wessel said at the time the group has no plans to endorse.

Steyer has repeatedly touted Nextgen's organizing efforts as a key experience plank in his run for the nomination — including in the last round of Democratic presidential debates.

"I've also built one of the largest grassroots organizations in the United States," he said in the November Democratic debates in Atlanta. "Last year, NextGen America did the largest youth voter mobilization in American history."

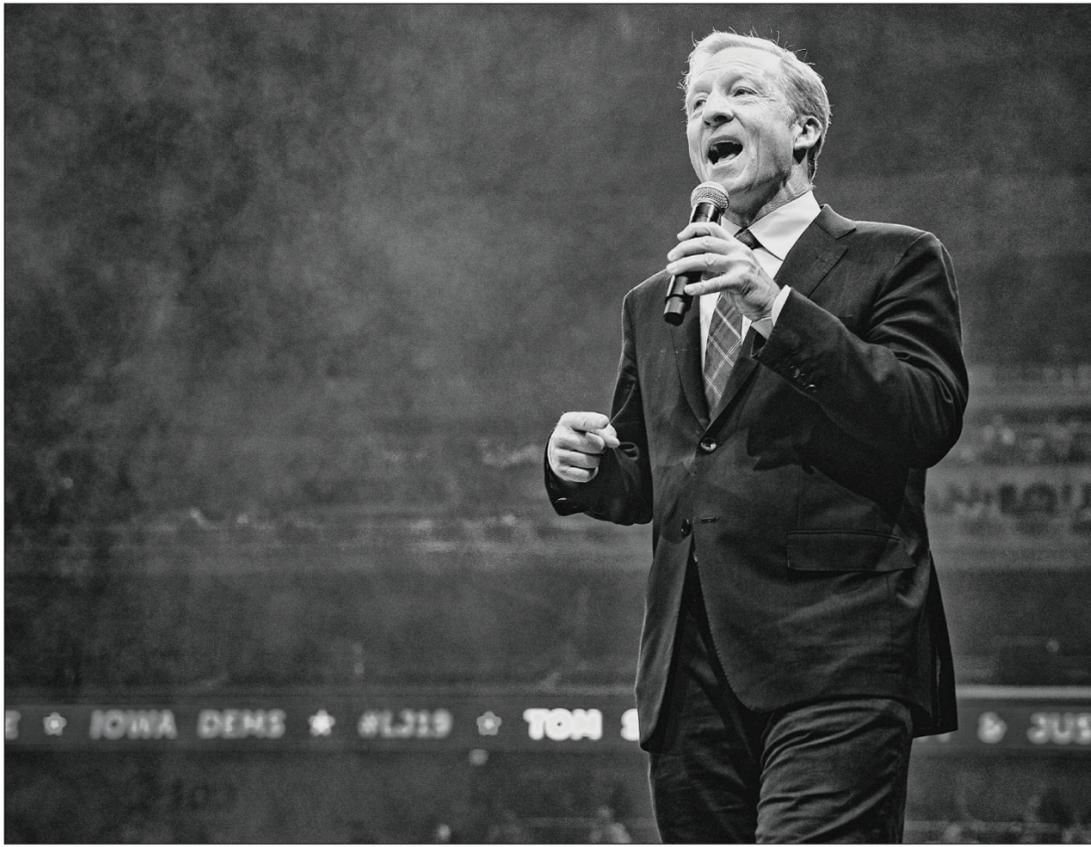
He continues to fund the effort, offering \$50 million total for the 2019-20 election cycle divided between Nextgen and his Need to Impeach campaign, which advocated for President Trump's removal from office through advertisements.

In 2018, Steyer visited several universities in Iowa through his Need to Impeach campaign including the University of Iowa in September 2018.

Steyer's national campaign director Heather Hargreaves was a former executive at Nextgen and said both her and Steyer were proud of the work Nextgen had done and continues to do, but the campaign work separated itself from the advocacy work of Nextgen.

"Something that he will continue to talk about is the importance of young people voting, and not just young people but all people being more engaged in our democracy," Hargreaves said.

For Nextgen organizers in 2020, the change in leadership



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Tom Steyer speaks during the 2019 Liberty and Justice Celebration at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Nov. 1.

doesn't change the organization's core mission.

In Iowa City, Nextgen recently hosted a debate watch party. It's one of several efforts ramping up ahead of the caucuses to get young people informed about the candidates and registered to vote since people are more likely to continue voting after they participate in their first election.

"We know that that (young

people caucusing) will turn into young people voting in the general November 2020," Nextgen Iowa press secretary Murphy Burke said.

In the Iowa City area, the organization also played a role in distributing Iowa One Cards, voter-identification cards that students could use at the polls for the 2019 municipal elections to comply with voter-ID requirements.

Voter turnout increased by 16 percent from 2014 to 2018 on the UI campus, according to a fall report by student-run group Hawk the Vote.

So far, Nextgen has at least one organizer at each of Iowa's three public universities, Drake University, Grinnell College, and an organizer who hops around multiple campuses in the Cedar Rapids area.

Zarzucki said he'll likely cau-

cus in Iowa, though he hasn't committed to a certain candidate and doesn't like to talk about it with people whom he's registering to vote.

"Our field organizers, when they're having conversations with young people, really do try and avoid talking about any specific candidate," Zarzucki said. "The way we see it any young person voting is, you know, a good vote."

Researchers aim to protect Android user data

The University of Iowa teamed up with Purdue University to research Android technology for potential hacking loopholes and develop a tool to protect users' information.

BY ELEANOR HILDEBRANDT

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The University of Iowa recently partnered with Purdue University to research how Androids can be hacked and potentially exploit a user's information, and developed a tool that safeguards users' personal data.

UI Computer Science Assistant Professor Omar Chowdhury was the lead UI contributor to the project. The research concluded that Android technology, specifically in phones, can be tampered with in order to snoop on the personal data of its owner, he said.

This type of research has been a long time coming, Chowdhury said. He added it is important to focus on Android specifically, because it is the most popular operating system and an open source that enables researchers to do things systematically.

"It started off as a hunch," Chowdhury said. "This problem seemed very complicated, since the technology sphere is pretty humongous. It's hard to get this research right. Once we started looking into [Androids], some of the results really did surprise us."

Chowdhury said the impact of this study is important for all technology users, not just those who use Androids.

"If you have a headset or a Bluetooth device from any vendor, it

can leak private, device-specific information from anyone to anyone," Chowdhury said. "The general public doesn't understand what kind of protection or robustness they provide in terms of security, and it's a risk."

The UI and Purdue developed a tool as a response to their study, which anyone can use to improve the safety of their information, Chowdhury said. He added that the fully automated tool finds problematic commands on Android devices specifically. It doesn't change a user's experience, he said — it just keeps their private information safer.

Purdue University graduate student Intiaz Karim, the lead researcher on the project, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that developing this tool was always the end goal for this research.

"AT interface is an access point to the baseband processor, its correctness is crucial and any flaws in the interface can give an easy pathway to attackers," he said. "From this intuition, we started the research and [since] we have developed a new testing tool dubbed ATFuzzer to analyze the correctness of an entry point for accessing the cellular modem of a device."

Karim said any vulnerability in Android smartphones could have a catastrophic impact on the daily lives of people across the country, because of the number of citizens



Photo illustration by Hannah Kinson

who use the technology.

"Our research is vital to protect the privacy and security of these devices," he said. "Our tool can help vendors detect these vulnerabilities and can make the smartphone more reliable and secure."

This research is important to

both UI students and the general public, UI first-year student Kaitlyn Ryan said.

"I use an Android phone," she said. "I think this research is important, and I'm glad someone looked into the bigger consequences of technology use and the specific conditions when

hacking occurs."

Their research doesn't end here, Chowdhury said, because it opened many doors for future research projects that he intends to participate in.

"We would like to pursue other possible, efficient ways to test Android technology better

and extend this tool to other operating systems," Chowdhury said. "As technology users, we tend to ignore important warnings from apps on our phones. I want to continue drawing attention to this and helping people keep an eye out when they use technology."

BENNET

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"His (Vice President Joe Biden's) idea that if you just get rid of Trump it will all go back to normal," Bennet said to reporters after the event. "I don't think contends with the real structural issues that we're facing as a country."

He said he would introduce a constitutional amendment to overturn U.S. Supreme Court case *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* to limit corporations' spending power in

elections.

Bennet polled at 1 percent in the most recent *Des Moines Register*/Mediacom/CNN Iowa Poll, while Biden came in with 15 percent of likely Democratic caucusgoers saying he was their first choice for the nomination. The Bennet campaign has two Iowa offices — one in Iowa City and another in Des Moines — and 18 paid staff members in Iowa.

"I would say we're of very different generations," Bennet said to reporters, referring to differences between himself and Biden. "And I think this is a moment in time when the American people want a new generation of

leadership."

He also made a minor jab at South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg, saying that, as the superintendent of Denver public schools, Bennet operated a budget three times that of Buttigieg's municipality in Indiana.

"That (Denver) is a school district with 95,000 children, most of whom are kids living in poverty, most kids of color, and it has a budget that's three times the size of a certain town in Indiana," Bennet said to chuckles from the audience.

Former Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney, 77, said he was deciding between supporting

Bennet and former U.S. Representative from Maryland John Delaney in the Democratic caucuses. He called himself "more conservative than most," and said Bennet had the right attitude when it came to public schools and lifting kids out of poverty.

Bennet rattled off answers to nearly a dozen questions at the event, from his stance on Palestinians' right to return (he supports a U.S.-led, two-state solution, and doesn't support boycotting American businesses that do business with Israel) to how public schools can help kids with dyslexia (Bennet help kids with dyslexia and had to repeat the second grade).

One attendee, Linda Levey, 78, exchanged grievances with Bennet about the process of Iowa's caucuses.

She said she plans to caucus still, but remains undecided, keeping Bennet in her top considerations.

Bennet said he would leave Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus status up to Iowa Democrats. Critics of the state's role in the nomination contest such as fellow Democratic-nomination hopeful Julián Castro say the state's demographics aren't representative of the rest of the nation.

"I've got to play the hand that I've been dealt," he said, adding

that on a national level he was very concerned with voting rights.

About 50 people turned out to see Bennet just before snow started to fall outside. Included in the bunch were several undecided caucusgoers and some public officials who are uncommitted so far — City Councilor-elect Janice Weiner introduced Bennet, and former and current supervisors attended to see the senator speak.

He visited the Carpenters Union Local 1260 after stopping in Cedar Rapids for a meet and greet with the Linn Phoenix Club. He'll continue his tour today in eastern Iowa.

Epenesa balls out in win over Nebraska

A.J. Epenesa recorded more sacks than the entire Husker defense on Nov. 29, and he matched the Huskers in tackles for loss.

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The curse of being a dominant football player is the attention that comes with it.

A.J. Epenesa is a dominant football player, and the Hawkeye defensive end had a lot of attention at the beginning of the season. Opposing teams responded to the threat of the 6-foot-6, 280-pound Epenesa, often with double-teams and adjusted blocking schemes.

Even though it wasn't necessarily bad for Epenesa to steal attention and bodies from opposing offenses, it made for frustration on the stat sheet — that is, until Iowa's game with Nebraska on Nov. 29.

Epenesa recorded a team-high 14 total tackles and two sacks against the Cornhuskers in Lincoln, and his five tackles for loss matched the number of tackles for loss recorded by the entire Nebraska defense.

"I was having some success, and I was just around the ball all the time, and that's just

something I've been wanting to do all season long," Epenesa said.

Epenesa didn't even record 14 total tackles through his first five games of the season combined. Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz attributed this massive script change to maturity and experience. Epenesa didn't start a single game in his sophomore season despite leading the Big Ten in sacks; an expanded role in 2019 gives him even more time to grow.

"As they gain more experience, [good players] play faster, play harder, and play more efficiently," Ferentz said. "I know everybody wanted to make him an All-American back in the offseason. I'm all for that, but he's got some steps to take. I don't know if he is or isn't, but we wouldn't want to trade him, that's for sure."

Even more importantly, Epenesa exploded at the right moments in Lincoln. Both of his sacks in the game came in the second half, right in the

middle of Nebraska's 14-point comeback bid. With less than four minutes left in the fourth quarter and the game tied, Epenesa came up with a big sack on Adrian Martinez, ending the Husker drive and crushing the momentum of their offense.

"It's about wanting to get to the ball," Epenesa said. "And if you really want to make plays, then it's hard to keep you from the ball."

Epenesa has 24 tackles (9.5 for loss), 5.5 sacks, and three forced fumbles in his team's last four games. The relatively quiet games at the beginning of the season seem to be a distant memory for the junior now.

"He continued to fight," defensive tackle Cedrick Lattimore said. "He continued to fight through double teams, and he just kept playing and keeping his head forward."

Epenesa led a stunning defensive effort in the win over Nebraska. The Iowa defense



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Iowa defensive end A.J. Epenesa tackles Nebraska quarterback Adrian Martinez during the football game against Nebraska at Memorial Stadium on Nov. 29. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers, 27-24. Epenesa had two sacks throughout the game.

doubled Nebraska in tackles for loss, and it recorded 29 more tackles than the Husker defense.

Epenesa's stretch is serving

some other purposes, as well. With a year of college eligibility remaining, the junior intuitively is catching the eyes of NFL scouts over his domi-

nant end to the season. Recent mock drafts from football analysts pit Epenesa going early in the first round, and his stock is only rising.

COLUMN

Hawkeyes topple Huskers in every way

With its win Nov. 29, Iowa proved Nebraska isn't worthy of a bowl game, and it could happen again next season.

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Iowa's 27-24 win over Nebraska on Nov. 29 ended just how it should have.

After hitting his game-winning kick from 48 yards out, Keith Duncan gave the Dikembe Mutombo finger wag to Nebraska's bowl hopes and blew a kiss to Scott Frost and the rest of the Husker sideline.

The Hawkeyes' win over Nebraska exposed the Huskers for what they are: imposters who don't deserve to take part in a bowl game yet.

They showed that by celebrating a field goal by letting their red balloons fly in the sky. But much like the Huskers on the field, some balloons fell to the turf, unable to accomplish what they set out to do.

When the season began, many, for some reason, took Nebraska to win the Big Ten

West. That couldn't have been a bolder prediction, and Nebraska proved that when it lost to Colorado in Week 2 after a slight scare from South Alabama in its first game.

Despite the early setback, Huskers entered the Black Friday matchup with a chance to reach their first bowl game since 2016. That's not the same as a Big Ten Championship appearance, but it would've been a step in the right direction.

But Iowa proved its currently a better program than the Huskers in nearly every aspect by ending that opportunity after Nebraska charged back from a 14-point deficit in the second half.

Frost said after the loss that he will continue to tell recruits that "it's coming." But there have been no signs of future success, and it won't get any easier next season.

The Huskers open the season with potential challenges in Purdue, Cincinnati, and Illinois before closing the season with a gauntlet that includes Ohio State, Penn State, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota in the final five weeks of the season.

If Nebraska fails to make a bowl game again in 2020, it'll be their longest stretch without a bowl game since the 1950s. The kids would call that an incredibly tough scene.

Iowa's currently on its longest streak of success against the Huskers, yet it seems as if Nebraska feels it still runs the rivalry. The Huskers certainly had dominant runs of success, including five wins in a row in 1982, 1999, 2000, and 2011-12. But with the way Nebraska has played in recent seasons, it seems longer than that.

The Hawkeyes had their share of disappointments this season as well. Iowa dropped



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Iowa kicker Keith Duncan prepares to kick a field goal during the football game against Nebraska at Memorial Stadium on Nov. 29. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers, 27-24.

back-to-back games against Michigan and Penn State, lost to Wisconsin, and couldn't pick up a big win until it knocked off Minnesota to end the Gophers' perfect season.

But the Hawkeyes are trending up and heading to a bowl game in a location that will likely have nice weather, while Nebraska can't seem to figure things out, waiting for

next season in the snow. Iowa's not Nebraska, and because it's the week after Thanksgiving, that's something Hawkeye fans can be thankful for.

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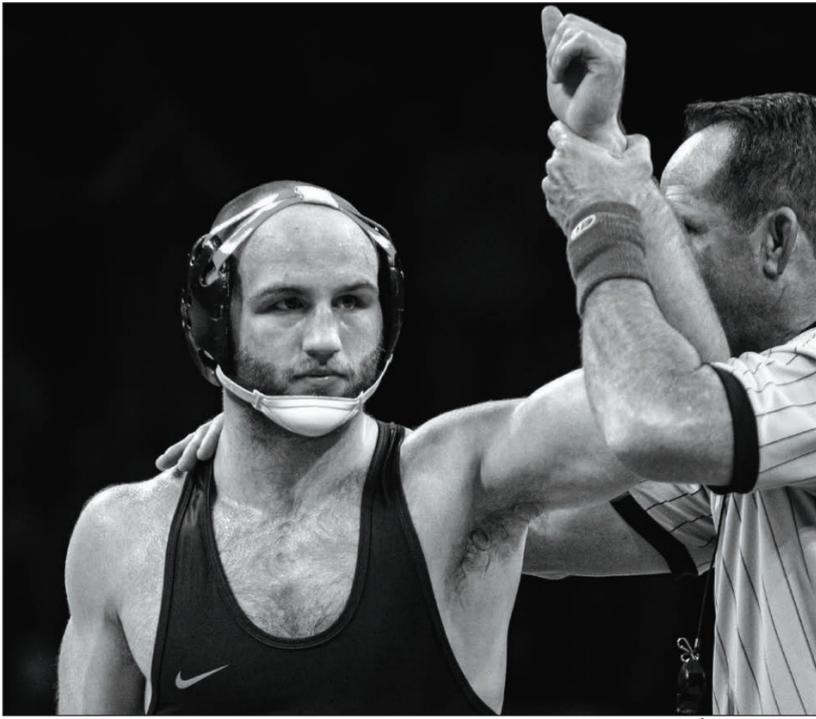
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Iowa's 165-pound Alex Marinelli defeats Wisconsin's Evan Wick during a wrestling match between No. 1 Iowa and No. 6 Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Marinelli won by decision, 4-2.

MARINELLI
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Stickley was a wrestler for Wisconsin and was killed in a car crash in the summer of 2018. He was on his way to Iowa City to be there when Marinelli proposed to his twin sister, Moriah.

Marinelli went on to win the Big Ten Championship with a run that was dedicated to Stickley and the bond they formed over wrestling, but it wasn't just a one-time thing. It's something that he lives with, day in and day out.

"You honor him every day with your actions, and when something tragic like that happens, you can do nothing to change it except keep the... good times, the memories alive, and honor with high level mentality, doing the right thing," head coach Tom

Brands said.

As part of a Wisconsin wrestling family now after Marinelli married Moriah earlier this year, this season's dual meet was a joint Thanksgiving affair.

"They cooked me a good Thanksgiving meal and got me ready," Marinelli said. "Them being a part of the Wisconsin family, it does make it a little different, obviously, but it's something that's special and I'm going to remember for the rest of my life."

As for the wrestling, Marinelli beat Wick 4-2, with a takedown in the final 30 seconds of the match. He's been known to get up for big-time matches, and he did just that with his extended family in the stands.

"Success, marching the right way, being a good leader, that's how you honor the people that have left you that mean a lot to you, and Alex did that tonight, and he has to do

that every day," Brands said. "I remind him of that [from] time-to-time. This isn't just when there's a TV show coming out or when we go to Madison. For me, Eli every day."

Now, whenever Iowa faces Wisconsin, they're a house-divided but bonded together.

This season, it was an event that people could focus on and link together with something that was greater than wrestling.

"That family will celebrate Eli Stickley for the rest of their lives every day, and Alex Marinelli will do that as well, he's part of that family," Brands said. "So, I'm all for it. As far as making it every time we wrestle Wisconsin, hey, whatever gets us ready to go and whatever gets [Marinelli] ready to go."

Marinelli continues his bid for a repeat Big Ten Championship next week as the Hawkeyes travel to face No. 12 Princeton.

RANKED
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to get started.

"[DeSanto] stayed on his attack, and that's what I thought I needed to do, too," Alex Marinelli said. "You feed off of great energy, and it's better to move on with success, but these guys are my brothers, and when they win like that, you want to do the same thing."

In his dual-meet debut for the season after beginning it in tournament play, Max Murin held out for a 3-2 win in a tight match against No. 10 Tristan Moran. At 149-pounds, No. 3 Pat Lugo won, 5-3, over No. 17 Cole Martin.

Then, yet another high-lighted match: No. 2 Marinelli vs. No. 3 Evan Wick at

165-pounds. The two faced each other three times last season — with Marinelli taking them all.

"I just think that it's another guy in my face, another guy on the mat. I've got to get my hand raised," Marinelli said. "I honestly love competing against the guy, because it's a fun competition ... All those top guys in the country, you love that, you've got to love it, and if you don't love it, then I don't know why you're out on my mat."

Marinelli opened up the scoring with a takedown in the first period. Wick took an escape just 18 seconds later, and through the second period that 2-1 score held. To open up the final frame, a Wick escape tied the match up at 2-2.

With just 26 seconds to go until a first sudden victory, Marinelli took down Wick to

continue his winning streak against him, winning the match 4-2.

"Marinelli's been a wall to that guy's career," Brands said. "And I'm not trying to put gasoline on the fire there. I have a lot of respect for Wick ... Marinelli weathered that storm and weathered it well."

The Hawkeyes as a team outscored the Badgers, 78-28, with a 22-2 advantage in take-downs.

Wisconsin was Iowa's first top-10 foe in a schedule stacked with the best competition in the country. In 2020, Iowa will face more current top-10 opponents in Nebraska, Penn State, Ohio State, and Oklahoma State.

But first, the Hawkeyes travel to No. 12 Princeton on Dec. 8 for their final dual meet of 2019.

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As the second period began, DeSanto crafted another quick takedown. Gross again whirled into a fast escape following the takedown.

With 50 seconds remaining in the second period, DeSanto took him down again to solidify the 6-2 win.

The decision gave Iowa three points and an 8-0 lead in the dual. The Hawkeyes went on to win, 32-3.

"We know Seth Gross," head coach Tom Brands said. "He's on the national landscape very prominently, so we've got to move our feet. When that guy gets free shots at your ankles, that's where he likes to make a living. We did a good job making an adjustment after those first one or two times he was in on us. One time we stood there and looked at him and kind of kicked out. Another time we stood there and looked at him and draped over. After that, he didn't really sniff us. We got to get off the bottom there, too."



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Iowa's 133-pound Austin DeSanto wrestles Wisconsin's Seth Gross during a wrestling match between No. 1 Iowa and No. 6 Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. DeSanto won by decision, 6-2.

DeSanto is always focused on what's next. Iowa travels to No. 12 Princeton for its final dual meet of the season.

Multiple undefeated 133 pounders trail DeSanto in the rankings. Penn State's Roman Bravo-Young is 5-0 and ranked fourth at 133. Northwestern's Sebastian Rivera is 2-0 and ranked 3rd.

"It's a long season," DeSanto said. "What're we in, December? We've got Midlands; I'll see [Gross] again at Midlands. We'll see a lot of those

other guys, too, during the season. I'm not looking ahead, just the next best thing. I don't really look at rankings. I could care less."

Should DeSanto move into the No. 1 slot, Iowa may house the first-ranked wrestlers at both 125 pounds and 133 pounds. No. 1 Spencer Lee won via technical fall on Sunday, defeating Wisconsin's Michael Cullen.

Currently, the Hawkeyes are slated to have top-10 wrestlers at nine of their 10 weight classes.

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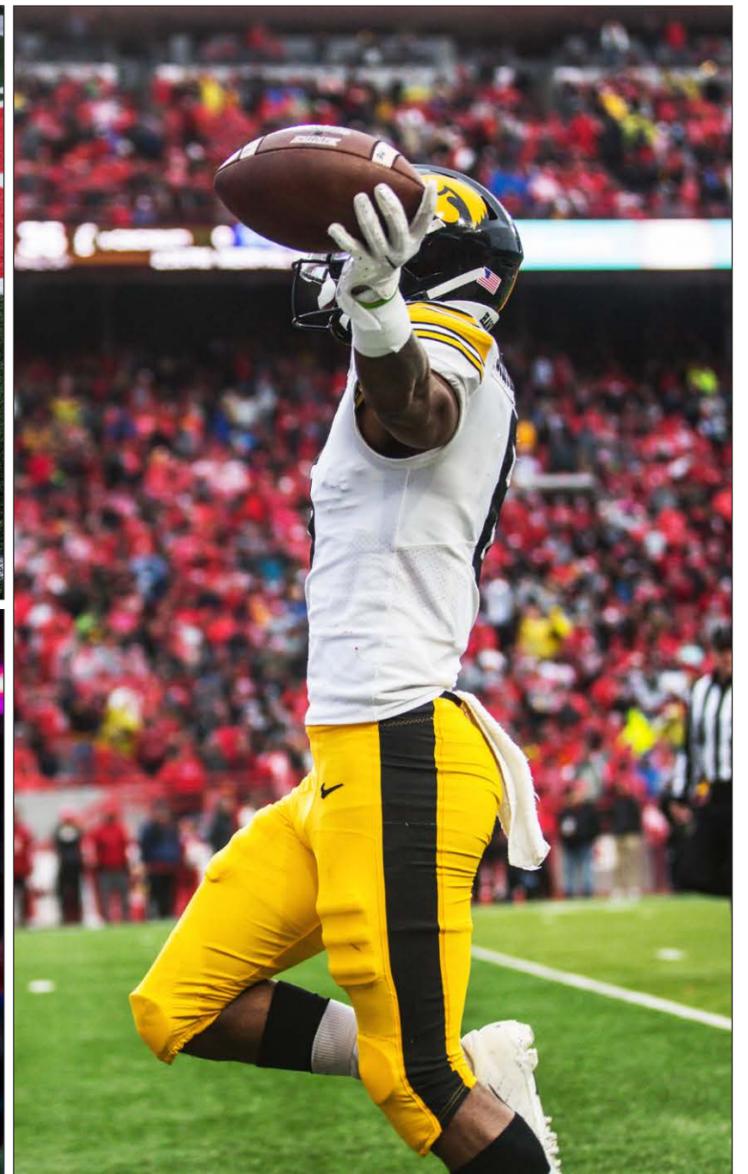
Iowa runs on Duncan



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HAWKEYES CORNHUSKERS

Iowa downed Nebraska for the fifth season in a row on Nov. 29 with a 48-yard, game-winning field goal from Keith Duncan. The Hawkeyes' combination of big plays and stellar special teams work put them on top.



Clockwise from top left: Iowa defensive end A.J. Epenesa celebrates during the football game against Nebraska on Nov. 29. (Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan) Iowa kicker Keith Duncan kicks a field goal. (Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan) Iowa wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette carries the ball into the end zone. (Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan) Iowa defensive lineman Chauncey Golston carries the Heroes Trophy. (Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan) Nebraska cornerback Jeremiah Stovall lays on the ground. (Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan)

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HAWKEYE UPDATES



Volleyball concludes 2019 season

November's final weekend appropriately punctuated the latest chapter in Iowa volleyball's history.

The Hawkeyes wrapped up their 2019 campaign with matchups against Ohio State and Maryland at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa fell to the Buckeyes in four sets on Friday night. The Hawkeyes managed to take the first set from Ohio State. From then on, the Buckeyes had laser focus, winning 25-19, 25-11, and 25-19 in the second, third, and fourth sets, respectively.

Despite having four athletes scratched due to injury, Iowa's luck changed on Saturday evening. After Maryland won the first set 25-17, the Hawkeyes kicked their play up a notch. Iowa won the final three sets 25-20, 25-22, and 25-19, snapping a nine-game losing streak.

With the aura inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena so vibrant on Nov. 30, it seemed that Hawkeye victory was inevitable. Seniors Meghan Buzzerio and Emily Bushman were both honored before the game.

Buzzerio's senior season was cut short by an ACL injury. She played her final collegiate volleyball match against South Dakota on Sept. 14.

Emily Bushman participated in 54 matches during her time at Iowa. Bushman was a three-time team captain.

Iowa head coach Vicki Brown also spoke glowingly of the two Hawkeye seniors.

"Loyalty, that's the one word I keep coming across to describe those two," Brown said.

"They just really added a lot of value as far as leadership and understanding how this league works."

"They'll be missed, because it helps a lot when you can hear a senior tell a freshman or sophomore, 'So it's not as bad as it seems.' Sometimes that speaks a little bit more than a coach telling them. Meghan and Emily have done a tremendous job in their roles as captains. We've got some big shoes to fill."

Barring something unforeseen, the Hawkeyes' matchup with the Terrapins will go down as the last match Iowa volleyball played at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Starting in 2020, the Hawkeyes will play their home games inside Xstream Arena at the Coralville River Landing in Coralville, Iowa.

"I told the team in the huddle at the end of the match, 'You will always go down as the last [volleyball] team to win at Carver,'" Brown said.

WEEK 15 AP POLL

1. Ohio State
2. LSU
3. Clemson
4. Georgia
5. Utah
6. Oklahoma
7. Florida
8. Baylor
9. Alabama
10. Wisconsin
18. Iowa

QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Iowa's."

— Iowa defensive end A.J. Epenesa on which state's corn is better

STAT OF THE DAY

12-0

Iowa's football seniors went 12-0 combined against Iowa State, Minnesota, and Nebraska

Brands earns Big Ten dual win No. 100

Iowa's 32-3 win over Wisconsin on Sunday was the program's 21st consecutive conference-opening win.

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Brands

In his 13 seasons as head coach for the Iowa wrestling program, Tom Brands has now won 100 Big Ten duals.

The 32-3 dominating win over

No. 6 Wisconsin on Sunday continued his streak of winning the conference opener every year as head coach. As a program, the last time Iowa lost a conference

opener was the 1997-98 season with a 25-17 loss to Penn State.

In his tenure at the helm for the Hawkeyes, Brands has notched eight undefeated conference seasons and has seen at least half of the Big Ten regular season championships in 10 years.

The win also cements Iowa's place

atop the National Wrestling Coaches Association Coaches Poll. It was named No. 1 on Nov. 26 after Penn State — which held the spot for 36 straight polls — lost to then-No. 10 Arizona State.

This is the first time Iowa has been ranked No. 1 since Feb. 17, 2015.

Hawks take care of ranked business

In its five ranked matchups, No. 1 Iowa took home five wins for a dominant win over No. 6 Wisconsin.



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Iowa's 285-pound Tony Cassioppi wrestles Wisconsin's Trent Hillger during a wrestling match between No. 1 Iowa and No. 6 Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Cassioppi won by decision, 3-2, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 32-3.

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When the final buzzer went off on No. 1 Iowa's dual meet against No. 6 Wisconsin, the crowd at Carver-Hawkeye Arena drowned it out.

No. 12 Tony Cassioppi had just upset the reigning Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, No. 2 Trent Hill-

ger, to finish off Iowa's sweep of ranked matchups against the Badgers.

Cassioppi opened with a takedown and allowed none against himself to earn the win. The match tacked an exclamation point onto the end of the meet and gave Iowa a 32-3 win to open Big Ten competition.

"[Cassioppi] gets ready to wrestle these match-

es," head coach Tom Brands said. "He goes out there and performs, and then it's not a big deal anymore... He knows there's more fish to fry."

No. 2 Austin DeSanto started it off with a 6-2 win over No. 1 Seth Gross. But it didn't stop there. In fact, it was exactly what the Hawkeyes needed

SEE RANKED, 6

Family highlights Marinelli's weekend

Iowa's meet with Wisconsin meant more to Alex Marinelli than just wrestling — it was a chance to honor his friend and family.



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Iowa's 165-pound Alex Marinelli wrestles Wisconsin's Evan Wick during a wrestling match between No. 1 Iowa and No. 6 Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Marinelli won by decision, 4-2, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 32-3.

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For No. 2 Alex Marinelli, Iowa's dual meet against No. 6 Wisconsin was about more than getting up for his match with No. 3 Evan Wick.

Following the win, a documentary titled *Alex and Eli* aired on Big Ten Network. It showcases the friendship between Marinelli and his friend and would-be brother-in-law, Eli Stickley.

SEE MARINELLI, 6

DeSanto emerges a winner

Iowa wrestling's No. 2 Austin DeSanto won his matchup with Wisconsin's No. 1 Seth Gross that he entered an underdog.

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No. 1 Iowa's dual meet against No. 6 Wisconsin featured two of the nation's best 133-pounders.

No. 2 Austin DeSanto, who placed fifth at the NCAA Championships last season and took home the title of the 2018 Midlands Championships, faced off against No. 1 Seth Gross, who entered Carver-Hawkeye Arena 6-0.

He left 6-1. Early on in the match, it appeared as if Gross was in control. For nearly the entire first minute, Gross and DeSanto were draped all over each other.

The savvy DeSanto did not give up any points and earned a hard-fought stalemate at the two-minute mark. Swiftly following the stalemate, DeSanto took him down to put the first two points on the board.

During the closing seconds of the first period, Gross found his first point of the match with an escape. The match sat at 2-1 at the end of the first.



DeSanto

SEE DESANTO, 6