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Noah Fant sat out of last season's bowl game in preparation for the NFL Draft. Offensive lineman Tristan Wirfs and defensive end A.J. Epenesa are in the same situation this season as far as being draft prospects, but the pair made it clear their focus is on USC.



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Higher ed's future worries Iowa Dems

Democratic state lawmakers said the UI's pursuit of a public/private partnership for its utility system comes with long-term risks that they fear have not been thoroughly examined.

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Democratic state lawmakers who represent Johnson County said Sunday that they fear the University of Iowa's pursuit of a potential public/private partnership to operate its utility system is a gamble that seems to rely on uncertain factors to succeed.

"What it seems to me is we're borrowing money, and we're taking on the risk of managing it, because we're not doing a decent job funding this institution," Iowa Sen. Joe Bolocom, D-Iowa City, said Sunday at the forum hosted by *The Daily Iowan* at the Iowa City Public Library. Several area GOP lawmakers were invited to the forum but did not attend.

"We hope that the University of Iowa is not penalized for doing this creative financing," Bolocom told the *DI*, "but I don't think anybody really knows for sure."

The university has not identified the amount the private firm would pay in an upfront lump sum for the UI to place into a new endowment to grow over the 50-year term of the agreement, but anticipates that fund will grow to around \$3 billion by the end of the deal.

Should the State Board of Regents sign off on the partnership at a special meeting Tuesday, a financier and the operator would invest money to create the concessionaire, a new entity with which the UI would partner.

A nonprofit will be formed to hire a firm, invest the net proceeds and determine allocations from the "P3 utility endowment." The UI plans to use \$15 million annually from the newly created endowment to fund strategic priorities.

At the Sunday forum, the lawmakers said there is a need for oversight with such a long-term agreement.

"There are too many variables, I think, to get locked in for that long a time without some built-in way of checking on the progress or the success or not success of such an agreement," Iowa Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, said.

A nonprofit board composed of one regent, one Faculty Senate appointee, and the UI senior vice president for Finance and Operations would meet quarterly to review the fund's operation, hire investment advisers and managers, and set the yearly allocations to campus.

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Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville speaks during the Eastern Iowa Legislative Forum hosted by *The Daily Iowan* at the Iowa City Public Library on Sunday. The forum surrounded topics including education, state budget, medicare, and environmental issues.

Eastern Iowa lawmakers pointed to neglecting state funding priorities as a source for the state budget surplus in a forum hosted by *The Daily Iowan* in Iowa City Sunday.

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Although Iowa will close the 2019 budget books with a surplus of over \$289 million, Democratic lawmakers from Johnson County characterized the extra dollars as a result of Republicans at the helm of state government neglecting social service programs.

"It's easy to have a budget surplus when you underfund every area of state government," Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said at a Sunday afternoon forum, which was hosted by "The Daily Iowan" at the Iowa City Public Library.

State revenue is expected to grow by 2.7 percent for fiscal 2021, the year for which the Legislature will make budgeting decisions beginning January 2020. Lawmakers at the forum called future surpluses misleading. A large share of the excess funds will have to go toward an increased payment to the managed-care organizations that run the state's Medicaid program this year. In 2021, the state will bankroll supplemental aid to K-12 schools before the

state sets budget priorities.

The forum encompassed lawmakers from Iowa City, Coralville, and North Liberty. The six state legislators in attendance discussed issues pertaining to health care, higher education, and the looming budget surplus – the most passionate discussions, however, circled around the dwindling of funding for Iowa's three state universities over the past 10 years.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, likened the fiscal 2019 budget surplus to a checking account.

"[My wife] Lynette and I have a checking account right now that doesn't look too bad," Jacoby said. "But we haven't written a check for education, tuition for our daughters, and we haven't written medical checks for the year 2019. So it looks like we have a little money in our checking account, but we really, really don't."

The bottom line, Jacoby said, is that the number of K-12 students in Iowa is stagnant, which will become a "larger issue" once this cohort

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NATIONAL POLITICS

2020 Dems pitch plans to strengthen workers' rights

Six Democratic presidential-nomination candidates shared their visions for supporting unions and workers' rights in Cedar Rapids on Dec. 7.



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during the Teamsters Presidential Candidate Forum in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids on Dec. 7.

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CEDAR RAPIDS — When Stephanie Griffin was growing up, she sometimes rode along in her father Lawrence's truck as he delivered animal feed to cus-

tomers over a four-state area. In true Iowan fashion, she says she loved the feed's smell, and she fondly remembered her dad working hard and with pride.

Over the decades Stephanie Griffin's father spent

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ARTS & CULTURE

Holiday Art Market débuts under new group

The Holiday Art Market took place this weekend despite confusion about the market after the discontinuation of the Fine Arts Council.

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Prints, pottery, paper crafts and painted plates all filled the Iowa Memorial Union on Dec. 7 as the Holiday Art Market, featuring 106 different artists, made its debut.

The market, hosted by the local nonprofit organization Summer of the Arts, was created to replace the Holiday Thieves' Market, which was hosted by the now discontinued University of Iowa Fine Arts Council.

Lisa Barnes, the executive director for the Summer of the Arts, said the organization was trying to keep things the same as it was under the Fine Arts Council. She said the quick turnaround was pretty easy for them, as they already



Barnes

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BRANCHING OUT



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

An eastern gray squirrel peers down from a tree on the University of Iowa Pentacrest on Sunday. There are 40 different species of squirrel within the United States, three of which are common in Iowa.

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have experience producing fine arts shows.

"This is an event I've attended for years, so I'm happy to see it continue," Barnes said. "Since our events are all in the summer, this is a fabulous opportunity for 'off season' programming."

The market, which Barnes said will be an annual event, provides artists like Chad Schott an opportunity to sell his wares. Since 1993, Schott has been making gourd drums, rain sticks, and didgeridoos in a rainbow of colors. He started after becoming involved with drum circles.

"I started figuring out ways to build instruments.

I started making drums out of hollow logs, I call that my primal status era," he said. "Then in 1994, I became a ceramicist and started making ceramic drums. Unfortunately, I went to a ceramic drum funeral."

After learning how to use a gourd mouthpiece for didgeridoos, he began to make drums out of gourds. He's been selling in Iowa City for three years, despite living in Illinois.

"It's a really eclectic town that has really good taste," he said. "They really know what they like and want. The city is growing and growing every time I come here."

Gretchen Nothhouse, a ceramic artist, has been at the Holiday Thieves' Market for 12 years. Pots and mugs of all shapes and sizes lined her booth, and everything from egg cookers to honey

pots were on display. "My dad was a potter, so I grew up in it," she said. "I started going to festivals and working on the wheel when I was 21."

Nothhouse was upset when the Thieves' Market was initially canceled in September.

"When they canceled the festival, I cried. I was so heartbroken, because I'd been doing the festival, and it just had such a nice feel," she said. "I was so thankful when they took it over, because it's a big time for all of us artists to make some good holiday sales. It was nice to have it happen so quickly, because usually you're waiting for six months."

Reiko Uchytal, a UI graduate who has been doing the market for four years, works in ceramics. Her

booth was full of rabbits — rabbit heads, rabbit figures, and tiny ceramic animal faces with rabbit ears on. She said she's inspired by everything, from mythology to children's books regarding rabbits.

Uchytal said she also upset at the sudden cancellation of the Thieves' Market three months ago.

"It was frustrating," she said. "We put out our schedules anywhere from four to six months in advance, and we really depend on that."

Tim Schuett, an artist who makes his pieces by electroshocking wood, has been in the Thieves' market for the past three years.

When he was still solely a carpenter, Schuett's friend introduced him to the art-work of creating fractal patterns in the wood. Having studied fractal patterns in

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Shared-governance leaders and a budget review board would collaborate to determine how to share the proceeds from the deal.

State Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said she likes the collaborative nature of the plan to allocate the proceeds, as it involves faculty and staff.

"We do care about the quality of the product here and what students get," she said, adding that without funding for activities and programs that aim to bolster student success, "we're all going to be hurting and we're just going to see this continual slide" in the rankings.

Iowa Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said that \$15 million amount is "interestingly about the same amount of money that the

Legislature gave to the state institutions last year with no privatization of the Power Plant." The Legislature this spring boosted fiscal 2020 funding by around \$12 million — \$6 million less than the regents requested for their three institutions.

Wahls said he wonders how GOP lawmakers will respond to the potential partnership and feared they may view this deal as a signal that they can provide that amount less in funding to the UI.

While Iowa's Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds asked the universities to explore such possible agreements, Wahls said, he urged further consideration of the fact that new legislators will be elected over the term of the contract.

"We've been told, 'Oh, don't worry, they're not going to do that,'" Wahls said of the perception that the Legislature won't cut fund-

ing. "... First of all, we've heard that phrase before. And then secondly, who cares about the people who are there currently? This is a 50-year deal."

Information identifying the bidder and how much money the UI will receive in the upfront payment has not yet been revealed to the public but will be shared when the regents convene Tuesday to consider the deal.

"The amount of secrecy in keeping Iowans in the dark on the process side has been a failure — a failure of the Board of Regents and a failure of the administration at the university here," Bolcom said.

The lawmakers criticized that information-sharing timeline, but UI media-relations director Anne Bassett said in an email that university officials held several forums with the public and with shared-governance branches to discuss the po-

tential partnership.

Regarding why the request-for-proposals process has been private and not publicly shared, she said, "Throughout the entire consideration of a public-private partnership with its utility system the University of Iowa has followed its existing purchasing process. This process, which has been in place for decades, was created to ensure the most competitive bids in order to benefit students, families, and taxpayers."

Wahls and the other lawmakers agreed that if the state Legislature funded the regent universities sufficiently and matched their appropriations requests, the UI would not need to consider a deal with potentially unexplored long-term consequences.

"I just don't think that this is the right way to be the steward of taxpayer money," Wahls said.

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reaches college age. To Jacoby, this statistic signifies the need to "remodel what our universities need to do" to not only serve Iowans, but to encourage enrollment from other states and countries as well.

In 2014, the state Board of Regents, which governs the three state universities, passed a "performance-based funding model" under the leadership of then-Regent President Bruce Rastetter that would have awarded state appropriations heavily based on in-state undergraduate enrollment.

The model would have shifted millions of dollars away from the UI to the oth-

er two state schools, but the Legislature never signed off on the proposal.

"For heaven's sake, [Iowa] is still reeling from that idiotic performance-based funding for the regents' schools," Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville said. "... Now that has gone away, but we still have to deal with it in terms of how our universities are recruiting students."

Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, jokingly apologized for the seemingly "bleak" landscape of education in Iowa being presented at the forum, but added that the upcoming legislative session is an opportunity to reinvest in higher education.

"I think what's really frustrating is that we think of ourselves as an education state, but our actions don't necessarily back that up," she said. "We're just nickel and

dime our educational system at all levels, and who's going to pay the price for that is not only [the taxpayers] but future generations...our goal is to educate Iowans but to also keep them here."

Iowa Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, who spoke to the "DI" on Dec. 6, said the Republicans in the Legislature are being cautious in spending the state surplus, saying they are looking to return money to Iowa taxpayers in the form of a tax cut.

He said workforce training and criminal-justice reform will be top issues for Republicans for the 2020 legislative session. Whitver said workforce training is currently Iowa's biggest challenge and there are currently 50,000 open jobs in Iowa and that there are not any workers to fill those po-

sitions.

Whitver said he wants to build upon Gov. Kim Reynolds' Future Ready Iowa initiative that would invest money into education and training beyond high school. As the panelist who "most recently graduated from an institute of higher education," Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said rising tuition costs increasingly act as a barrier to entry for prospective students. For the Baby Boomer generation, Wahls said a semester of college could be paid with 300 hours of working a minimum wage job. Today, he added, the same semester of the same education is worth 4,500 hours of work.

"Things are changing and they're moving in the wrong direction," Wahls said.

Julia Shanahan contributed to this report

nature as an environmental science major, he made it his goal to find out how to recreate it.

Schuett runs between 2,500 and 12,000 volts of electricity through wood to create natural fractal patterns — some deep carvings, others delicate etches.

"I take a lot of precautions with standing on a thick rubber mat, [wearing] gloves, and I use PVC pipes to hold the wires away from me," he said. "I also have a dead man's switch, so in case if I ever did do it, it would stop immediately."

Schuett also found himself frustrated with the quick discontinuation of the Thieves' Market.

"The only real complaint I have about it is the Thieves Market should have given us way more time, because we've got to sign up for a show like this in March, and it's right around the time of year where there's a lot of other shows going on," he said. "I said no to about six other shows expecting to be in this one, and thought it wasn't going to happen. It was not too bad, it was just frustrating at first."

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truck driving, the Cedar Rapids resident said Lawrence paid into the Central States Pension Fund, one of the nation's largest multiemployer pension funds geared primarily toward retiring Teamsters, "so that he could retire with pride and dignity."

But now that the fund is projected to reach insolvency by 2025, she said "that is no longer the future that he sees." Griffin, a Teamsters Local 238 member herself, said she also has paid into that fund and shares an uncertain future. She wonders what she will do to make ends meet if she doesn't have that pension.

"This truly is a crisis for our family, and hundreds of thousands of other families who are looking to lose their pensions and their incomes," she said, choking up as she stood beside her father, a retired Teamsters union worker.

She questioned 2020 presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders about his plan to shore up pension funds and guarantee an enjoyable retirement for Americans like her father.

"What is particularly outrageous and disgusting about what happened some five years ago in terms of the legislation that allowed for massive close of people's pensions is that a promise — a fairly sacred promise made to thousands and thousands of workers — that promise was broken in an incredibly callous way," the independent senator from Vermont responded.

He and five other Democratic presidential contenders touted their plans to restore rights to American workers at a Teamsters union forum Dec. 7 in Cedar Rapids, condemning an economy and labor laws that they say empower corporations over working people.

Teamsters, which represents 1.4 million members nationwide, hosted the forum at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan
Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during the Teamsters Presidential Candidate Forum in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids on Dec. 7.

Around 700 Teamsters from across the country attended to hear the 2020 presidential-nomination candidates discuss key issues facing U.S. union members — protecting pensions and retirement security, strengthening collective-bargaining rights, and bolstering fair trade.

Three of the candidates — former Vice President Joe Biden, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar — have campaign staffers whom Teamsters represents.

Booker said he backs the Butch Lewis Act, which aims to help certain multiemployer pension plans, as 1.5 million retirees and hundreds of thousands of workers enrolled in such plans face their retirement funds being at risk.

"Everyone should have dignity and security in retirement," Booker said. "This is something I will fight for as president. We will do what's right by our retirees. We will pass the Butch Lewis Act."

In addition to proposing solutions to threats to the union members' pension plans, several candidates — including Biden, Sanders, and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg — called for a \$15 federal-minimum wage.

The presidential hopefuls also took aim at employers who violate labor laws and interfere with workers' efforts to organize, with Biden calling for stiffer penalties for corporations and executives who otherwise retaliate against employees.

Biden supports the House Democrats' Protecting the Right to Organize Act — a bill that proposes to amend the National Labor Relations Act to strengthen workers' rights and repeal right-to-work laws, which states may enact to determine whether workers are required to join a union to keep their jobs.

"When labor does well, the whole country does well," he said.

Buttigieg aligned with

Biden's stances on penalizing employers who violate their workers' rights and said he would enact multimillion-dollar fines as president to incentivize employers to care about safeguarding their workers' rights, adding that current fines don't "have any teeth, and so they just keep doing the same thing."

"I stand with organized labor in order to build an economy that works for all and so that one job is enough," Buttigieg said.

Businessman Tom Steyer said corporations have gained too strong of a hold on U.S. government and suggested his fellow candidates call President Trump out for his failures as a businessman.

Steyer said Trump runs for reelection on a message of, "You can't get rid of me because I'm good for this economy." For a Democrat to take back the White House, he said the party's presidential-nomination contenders need to talk about "growth, prosperity, and a strong, competitive,

vibrant private sector."

Klobuchar criticized Trump's conservative judicial appointments to federal courts and Supreme Court decisions such as the Janus ruling, which limits public-sector unions from collecting members' mandatory dues, saying Americans need judges who will protect

workers' rights.

The Minnesota senator boasts a union-family background — her father was a Newspaper Guild member, her mother was part of a teacher's union, and her grandfather was a mine worker.

"Certainly that guy in the White House, despite what he promised people — and there were a lot of members of a lot of unions that actually voted for him because they thought, 'Oh, he's going to get this done. He's going to make things cheaper for me. He's going to do that stuff' — those were false promises," she said.

Unions have tended to back Democrats in the last few decades, but in 2016, 43 percent of union-household voters cast their ballots to elect Donald Trump president, according to Cornell University's Center for Public Opinion Research.

Teamsters General President James Hoffa said at the forum that for a candidate to secure the union's support, the presidential hopefuls will have to demonstrate how they plan to help workers — walk a picket line, go to union meetings, and take other steps to show union voters why they're worthy of support.

"I think they've learned from '16 that they can't take labor's vote for granted," Hoffa said. "We've got their attention."



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Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., speaks during the Teamsters Presidential Candidate Forum in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids on Dec. 7.

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Taking on mansplaining while working in media

As a female photographer, I'm one of thousands who face a lot of condescension from men who think they know more than me.



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I'm a photographer. When I'm working and out in the field, nothing else matters. It's me, my camera, and the subjects I'm shooting.

Photographing any assignment is stressful. At the Big Ten basketball championships I had to physically push past a line of photographers in order to snap a flawless vertical shot of Gustafson and Bluder holding up the trophy. All of the elements came together in that magnificent array of disorder and utter completeness. There is a lot of pressure, but the amount of worry and anticipation always coincides with feelings of confidence and excitement.

In those moments, I am unbreakable. That is, until I feel a light tap on my shoulder and turn around.

It's always a man. Either another photographer, a fan, an athlete, or a security guard stopping to tell me something. I wait for the comment, hoping it's something friendly or worthwhile, and it never is.

The photographer says, "Here's a tip if this is your first time shooting here: It's helpful to go behind the benches at Kinnick to get to the other side."

The fan looks at me and laughs asking, "Who gave you permission to carry a huge lens like that?" in reference to my 300 mm f/2.8.

The athletes whistle at the games or media days and try to flirt when you are simply trying to get their portrait.

The security guard said, "You look so mad when you shoot. Why don't you try smiling more?" And like clockwork, the wall breaks down.

These sorts of problems affect more women than just me.

Although photojournalism is a male-dominated field, this does not permit the discrimination inflicted upon female photographers. In 2017, the Census Bureau reported that fewer than

81,600

female photojournalists are discriminated against

120,000 female photographers are employed in the U.S. With data provided in the December 2018 report for World Press Photo, 69 percent of women in the study said they experienced discrimination in the workplace. Another study from McKinsey & Company this year found 73 percent of women have reported discrimination in their line of work. Based on this data, it can be estimated that around 81,600 female photojournalists are discriminated against each year.

Taking a step back from focusing on photojournalism, violence and discrimination toward female journalists is a major issue. The percentage of women in the news media in the U.S. reaches just under 42 percent, according to data

collected by the Women's Media Center. Even though almost half of the employees in the U.S. media are women, it does not stop the unfair and sexist behaviors toward us.

This all circles back to my original problem: mansplaining, where a man condescendingly explains something to woman, assuming she doesn't have any prior knowledge. Often, it just so happens to be something where the woman knows more than her male antagonist.

Mansplaining in the workplace promotes gender inequality and enforces stereotypes. Ultimately, it diminishes the true success of the woman in her place of work.

Disrespect toward women extends to all women in the workforce. Women have constantly worked toward more leadership positions through the last five years, but the gender bias is still a major factor in their everyday routine.

So to the other photographer who randomly claimed it was my first time shooting — I've shot countless games with portfolio-based work. To the fan who laughed and asked who gave me permission to carry a seven-pound, \$7,000 lens — because I over-see all visuals at *The Daily Iowan* — I did.

To the athletes who holler at me — no, I'm not flirting with you.

And to the security guard who told me to smile more on the job — I'll smile when I get that perfect shot, not to please you.

69%

of women report workplace discrimination

42%

of workers in news media are women

COLUMN

Iowa ethanol subsidies are leaving us burned

Blended gasoline is detrimental to our cars, economy, and planet.



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Gov. Kim Reynolds and Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, wave at an event in Cedar Rapids on Oct. 18.



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Many students have learned from early partying days that ingesting a substance corrosive as Hawkeye Vodka is physically unhealthy. Pumping gasoline with 10, 15, or 85 percent of a slightly less distilled version of the drink is bad for the health of your vehicle. It corrodes the gas tank and fuel line, especially in cars manufactured before 2001.

Grain alcohol isn't just bad for lives and cars. It's bad for the environment, as well as the economy.

Tim Donohue is a bacteriology professor at the University of Wisconsin — Madison who studies renewable energy. Donohue told me that corn ethanol does have advantages over other fuel sources because it burns better, releasing fewer pollutants into the air. He said there are indirect factors to consider as well.

"On the other side, one must remember that growth of corn

requires extensive use of fertilizer and pesticides," Donohue wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

He said the process of using fertilizer and pesticides produces enduring greenhouse gases that diminish air quality and harm the climate.

Corn-based ethanol has such minute environmental benefits that even the original climate-change warrior Al Gore stopped supporting it years ago. Gore called his initial support for ethanol subsidies a mistake, citing a soft spot for Iowa farmers among the reasons. As noted by Donahue, ethanol blends do burn cleaner than ordinary gasoline, but the additional fossil fuels used to produce them do not.

The environmental harm incurred by growing 90 million acres of corn is a necessary evil if it means cheaper food for the world's poor, but not to the extent that our federal and state governments are subsidizing it so that we can have cheaper gasoline. Free markets almost always offer the best solutions. Like all of the protectionist policies President Trump is so fond of, the renewable fuel standard has myriad of, albeit unintended, negative consequences.

More than a third of all corn produced in the U.S. is used for ethanol, which means higher food prices at home and abroad. Prices of flour and rice have spiked 50 percent since 2005. Ethanol hurts many farmers by driving up the price of their livestock feed. As Rich Lowry of National Review once noted, "Ethanol is so uneconomical that Congress supports it three different ways — with a mandate for its use, a tax credit to subsidize it, and a tariff to keep out competitors." It has been an absolute boondoggle since the fuel standard began in 2005.

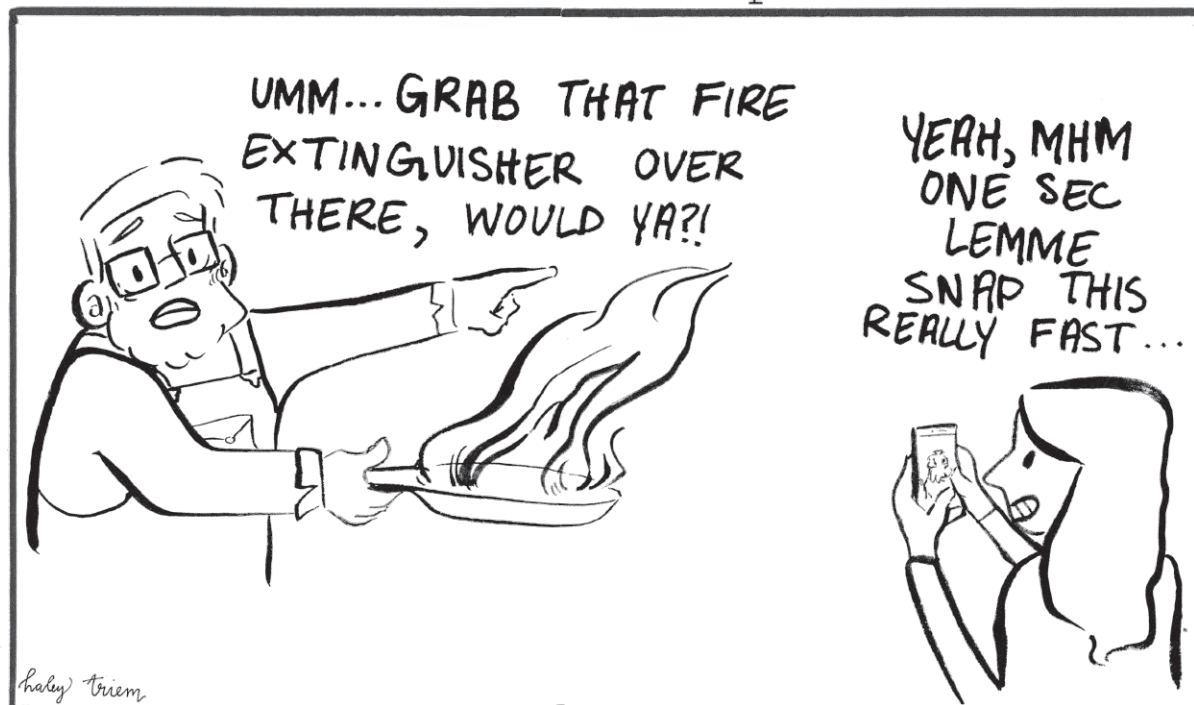
"But we need to support our farmers!" Republicans such as Sen. Joni Ernst and Gov. Kim Reynolds self-righteously proclaim.

No, farmers are adults fully capable of unsubsidized self-sufficiency. Iowa voters know this. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, took a bold stand against taxpayer-funded ethanol during his 2016 presidential campaign, and still managed to defeat 16 other Republicans in our state's caucus.

Ethanol subsidies are not unlike a punch bowl full of Hawkeye Vodka. Both seem enticing in the moment, but everyone involved suffers in the end.

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Buttigieg pushes to unite country amid scrutiny

Drawing over 2,000 people at a rally in Coralville, presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg discussed his plans to bring America together around shared values. Buttigieg has faced increasing scrutiny as he climbs polls in early presidential selection states.

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South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg drew his biggest Johnson County crowd to date in his first visit since his rise to the top of the latest Iowa poll, amid new controversies and shots by fellow Democratic-nomination candidates.

More than 2,000 people packed the Marriott Conference Center in Coralville on Sunday. At the town hall-style event, Buttigieg spoke for about 15 minutes and fielded questions for about 30 minutes.

Buttigieg has seen a rise in Iowa and other early voting state polling. Buttigieg led the November *Des Moines Register*/CNN/Mediacom Iowa Poll with 25 percent of poll respondents indicating him as their first choice for the Democratic nomination.

He jumped past contenders Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and former Vice President Joe Biden, who each pulled about 15 percent support in the poll.

Buttigieg stuck to familiar talking points during his speech, talking about uniting the country and returning ideas such as patriotism, freedom, and Christian values to the Democratic Party.

Buttigieg pointed to issues such as climate change and gun violence, saying the next

president will have to bridge the partisan gap in order to bring Americans together on these issues.

"The roadmap is to follow the values that we share as Americans," he said. "Values that do not belong to one political party, and if you take them seriously, lead us in a progressive direction."

The questions, which were submitted by audience members and screened by campaign staff, covered a range of topics including private prisons, gun control, voting rights, and President Trump's judicial appointees.

Buttigieg has received criticism as he's risen in public opinion polls, most recently around his work with McKinsey & Company, a global consulting firm. He worked with the firm for two and a half years after graduating college in 2007.

Calls for Buttigieg to disclose his clients at McKinsey have come after *ProPublica* and *The New York Times* reported the firm had worked with the Trump administration to organize its immigration policies. He wrote in a Medium post on Dec. 6 that he was unable to reveal his clients at McKinsey because of confidentiality agreements that the firm would not release him from.

"I never worked on a project inconsistent with my values," he wrote. "And if asked to do so,



South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg takes the stage during a town hall at the Coralville Marriott on Sunday. Mayor Buttigieg spoke to a crowd of more than 2,000 people at the event. Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan

I would have left the firm rather than participate."

Buttigieg has billed himself as a transparent candidate, inviting journalists on marathon on-the-record bus tours around early-voting states, holding two in Iowa.

University of Iowa student

Jacob Wendell, 18, who plans to caucus for Buttigieg, said he isn't concerned about Buttigieg's work with McKinsey, and he said he doesn't think Buttigieg's supporters care too much about it.

"I did read his statement about it, and I thought what he

said made sense, and that really, his hands are kind of tied in that situation," Wendell said.

Solon resident Torben Platt, 61, said the questions around McKinsey were on his mind, but it wasn't a primary issue for him. Platt said he's unsure who he's going to caucus for, but Butt-

igieg is someone he's leaning toward.

"I don't know what's real and what isn't, but it seems to me he should come forth and say exactly what he did," he said. "Donald Trump doesn't show his taxes, so he's already done more in that regard."

Steyer says he would support publicly funded elections

Presidential hopeful and billionaire Tom Steyer said he would support a publicly funded election system but said he is unsure if his campaign would have the same success of reaching the debate stage under that system.

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Businessman Tom Steyer, a presidential hopeful, told reporters at an Iowa City campaign stop that while he would support publicly funded elections, he is unsure if his largely self-funded campaign would be in the same position under that system.

Steyer is among the six candidates who have qualified for the Dec. 19 presidential debates. A day earlier, Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey campaigned in Iowa City, criticizing what he called the Democratic National Convention's artificial barriers to qualifying for the debate. Booker has not yet qualified to be on the December debate stage, and both Steyer and Booker are polling at 3 percent in Iowa, according to the latest Iowa poll.

Steyer, a billionaire, has spent more than \$47 million of his own money on his campaign, according to Open Secrets. Steyer started a hedge fund business in 1986, never received financial help from his parents, and has pledged to give half of his money to charities.

"I've put my heart and soul and my money to correct wrongs," Steyer told a group of about 40 on Sunday at Ja-

va House, an Iowa City coffee shop. "This (election) is going to be a question of message."

In 1986 Steyer founded Farallon Capital Management, a hedge fund primarily known for its management of university endowments. Steyer later became more involved in the Democratic Party, becoming an environmental activist and creating NextGen in 2013, a national get-out-the-vote campaign.

Steyer told reporters that he thinks the DNC's requirements to get on the debate stage are too restrictive, but added that campaign messaging will be the most important factor in determining this election.

"I think the point about publicly funded campaigns means that if you are running, the public will fund a campaign that's at least comparable to what anyone's going to spend on their campaign," Steyer told reporters. "And that's actually I think the easiest way to go about this and the proper way."

A publicly funded election system would divert tax dollars to political campaigns with the intent of giving each candidate the same amount of financial resources.

An attendee at the event asked Steyer if he would con-



2020 Democratic presidential hopeful Tom Steyer answers an audience member's question at a meet and greet in The Java House on Dec. 7. Steyer discussed his primary campaign issues: broad systemic reform to the U.S. legislative process and the climate crisis. Hayden Froehlich/The Daily Iowan

sider a way to get his message across in a way other than a bombardment of advertising in Iowa. Steyer has spent more than any other candidate on online, television, and radio advertising. As of Oct. 20, Steyer has spent more than \$13 million on television advertising and \$3 million on Google

and Facebook advertising, according to the Wesleyan Media Project.

"If we're going to beat Republicans, then we need someone who is going to go to Mr. Trump's supposed strength," Steyer said in response to the attendee's question. Steyer said the race will change once

it reaches the general election, where it will be more focused on issues.

Another attendee told Steyer that she's concerned his message will get lost in his money, and mentioned comments from former presidential candidate Kamala Harris, who said in her departure an-

ouncement that she couldn't fund her own campaign because she's not a billionaire.

Steyer said that he wants to run a campaign that people can trust. Steyer has made climate change a main focus of his campaign, often saying he will declare a state of emergency on day one as president.

Cory Booker urges people to donate at Iowa City stop

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker told reporters in Iowa City on Dec. 7 that he believes he will win the Iowa caucuses in an upset and is frustrated with DNC's debate requirements.

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Presidential hopeful Cory Booker urged Iowans in Iowa City to donate to his campaign and to name him as a top-choice candidate if a pollster calls, even if he is not their first choice.

The New Jersey senator has not yet met the DNC's qualifications to be on the Dec. 19 debate stage. In order to qualify, a candidate needs campaign contributions from 200,000 unique donors and must be polling at either 6 percent in two early-voting states or 4 percent in four national surveys.

Booker told reporters at the Center for Worker Justice on Dec. 7 that the DNC's artificial barriers to the debate are frustrating, because

he said it forces campaigns to divert resources away from grassroots organizing.

"At the end of the day, we are running a campaign," Booker told reporters. "We're inviting people to join our campaign. We are creating systems that have won here in the past, and although in the past, people who have wanted our metrics say we are doing extraordinarily well ... that's what's gonna win."

Booker said that, before he announced his candidacy, he met with former staff from the John Kerry, Barack Obama, and Jimmy Carter campaigns, and he said they all told him to not concern himself with polls.

"All the things we learned, we know our campaign is poised to upset and win here

in Iowa, like all the folks who upset before us," Booker said. "And so I feel this sense of incredible confidence."

Booker began his "Lead with Love" tour in Iowa on Dec. 5 and spoke on Dec. 6 in Des Moines about his disappointment that California Sen. Kamala Harris was moved to drop out of the race due to her lack of traction. He voiced concerns about the lack of diversity in the Democratic field that is left in the race.

Booker unveiled a plan on Dec. 6 that would invest in infrastructure in rural communities and stop big-ag mergers and farm consolidation of large agriculture companies. This plan is based off a bipartisan bill Booker introduced in the Senate.



Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., speaks to an audience during a rally at the center for Worker Justice on Dec. 7. Megan Nagorzansk/The Daily Iowan

UI professor connects medicine and language

A UI professor recently received a grant supporting her simulated curriculum for training medical professionals to collaborate better with language interpreters.

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Medical information and jargon relayed to patients by medical professionals can be confusing, but for non-English speakers, more confusion may occur if a language barrier exists.

University of Iowa Family Medicine Consultation and Research in Medical Education Director Jane L Miller recently received a Nurturing Experiences for Tomorrow's Community Leaders grant for her simulated curriculum, which encourages communication between health professionals and medical interpreters.

Her curriculum, titled "Working with Interpreters as a Team in Healthcare," will train medical personnel to be more collaborative across disciplines and with medical language interpreters.

Miller created the curriculum while she was a professor at the University of Minnesota. The initial curriculum was targeted toward those study-

ing dental and oral health, Miller said, because of disparities in the treatment of non-English speakers in that field.

Faculty and students in the Carver College of Medicine will receive her training to better serve immigrants and refugees in the Iowa City area, Miller said.

The interprofessional collaboration of the curriculum can foster an environment where patients receive safe, optimal care, heal faster, are checked out of the hospital sooner, and stay out of it for longer, she said.

"What we're proposing to do is really innovative, because it's bringing together quality education and quality health care in a new way," Miller said.

The simulated curriculum will have medical personnel and interpreters interact in staged scenarios and role play through how an appointment with a patient might go, she said.

"What an interpreter can do is really help the patient,

if they're allowed to do more than just interpret what the physician is saying," Miller said. "What they can do is offer some additional information to the provider to help the provider do a better job of following up."

Anne Woll, University of Minnesota professor in the Department of Health, was involved in Miller's original creation of the curriculum when it was designed for oral health. The curriculum was implemented at the university in spring 2018.

The pair worked with 60 to 70 dental students when the curriculum was first implemented, Woll said. Since becoming a formal part of the dental curriculum, 120 students take the training each semester, she said.

"I think, oftentimes, interpreters are viewed as [being part of a] service, and this training positions them as team members on an inter-professional team, which is really how we're viewing health-sciences training," Woll said.



Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan
Jane Miller, director of the Office of Consultation and Research in Medical Education, poses for a portrait on Dec. 2.

Kelly Skelly, director of faculty development in the UI Department of Family Medicine, said the training will allow interpreters to be treated as more than just translators.

An interpreter has a better understanding of the culture and community of those they serve, she said, allowing them to aid healthcare providers in better understanding their patients.

"We want to make certain that as medical students and residents, our faculty take care of underserved populations and that we're considering all of the parts of the patient," Skelly said.

Sustainable development, one book at a time

The Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature has started a project to share books and its corresponding Sustainable Development Goals on social media in an effort called "17 Books for 17 SDGs." The effort spans through Dec. 18.

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Iowa City, a UNESCO City of Literature, aims to raise awareness of its sustainability goals and spur conversation about sustainability by highlighting a new book release every day.

The organization will post about a book on social media every day through Dec. 18, after starting Dec. 2. The project, with the hashtag "#17Booksfor17SDGs," pairs each post with a development goal.

John Kenyon, executive director of the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, said the project's origins were relatively organic. The Sustainable Development Goals are a major focus for UNESCO, but might not seem directly related to literature, he said.

"Typically, Cities of [Literature] do something around this time every year to show people books that came out in the year," Kenyon said. "This year, we decided to focus on the [Sustainable Development Goals]."

The primary goal is to make people more aware of the organization's sustainability aspirations. There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals globally, Kenyon said, and Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature is trying to raise awareness by doing the same locally. While the project seems large as a whole, it's less daunting broken up day by day, he said.

"Literature can play an important role in relating the SDGs to yourself and help you understand and figure out ways you can help," Kenyon said. "The project is real-

ly trying to raise awareness about the goals and think more about how they can be implemented in their lives. And finally, we are a City of Literature. We are trying to get good books in people's hands."

Brooke Sarrazin, marketing assistant for the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, said she came up with the idea of the "17 Books for 17 Sustainable Development Goals" when she saw there was a book club for the goals in children's books, but nothing similar for adults.

"Since the UNESCO Creative Cities Network was in part originally created to promote sustainable development, I thought it made sense for the Cities of Literature to initiate a reading list for [Sustainable Development Goals]," Sarrazin said.

Originally, Sarrazin said, she thought about initiating a broad list of books, but eventually decided it made more sense for each city to compile a list tailored to its region.

"I wanted each of our books to have an Iowa City tie and be somewhat recent. I wanted a range of genres, so everyone could find something they'd be interested in reading," Sarrazin said. "There are a few memoirs, novels, and even a couple poetry books that tied in nicely to a goal."

Elsworth Carman, director of the Iowa City Public Library, said projects like these produce a spirit of collaboration. Although the library didn't have a role in making the list, it certainly supports the project.

"I think shared reading like this is an extremely powerful experience. So when we col-



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan
An installed art piece displays a poem by artist Marvin Bell on Sunday in the Iowa City Pedestrian Mall. The piece celebrates Iowa City as the first City of Literature in the U.S.

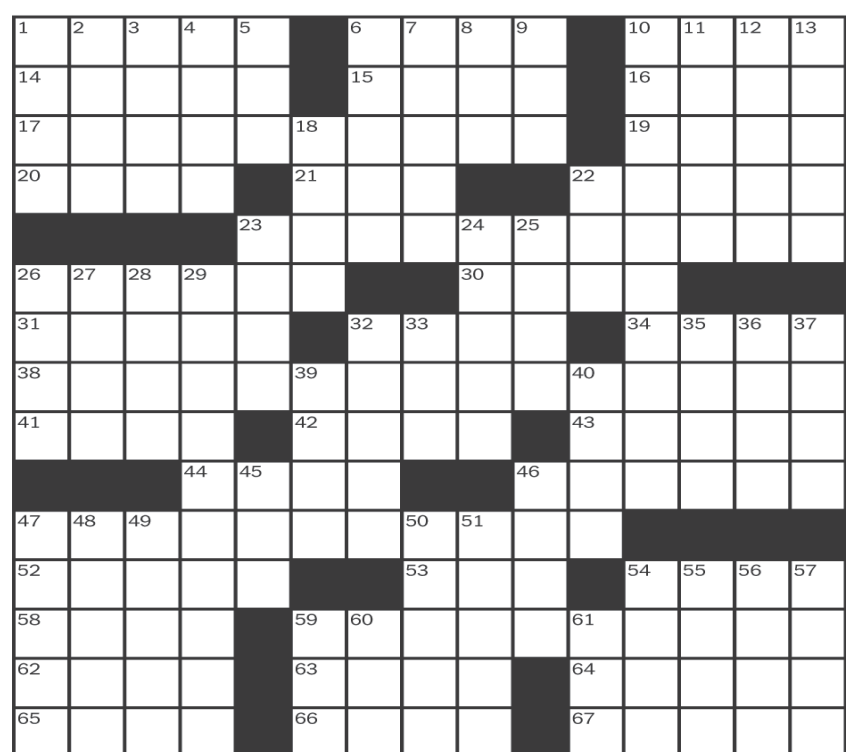
lectively take a book, whether it's an award winner, something of interest, or by a local author, and we say as a community we are going to make a commitment and experi-

ence this together, that's such a unifier," Carman said. "And not in the way it makes us all think the same, but in the way it gives us something to talk about."

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Facial hair generally banned in the military
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 - 21 Not at home
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- 63 One of 10 or fewer, maybe, in a checkout lane
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- 66 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
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 - 3 One of two in the McDonald's logo
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 - 5 Easter egg coloring
 - 6 Afghanistan's capital
 - 7 Pro hoops network
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 - 10 Earner of at least 21 merit badges
 - 11 Island with a lagoon
 - 12 Prince or princess
 - 13 Wing-to-wing measures
 - 18 ___ Lane, lover of Superman
 - 22 Lawyer's org.
 - 23 Dress in Delhi
 - 24 Roger of "At the Movies"
 - 25 What bread dough and the morning sun do
 - 26 Quaker's ___ Crunch cereal
 - 27 Norway's capital
 - 28 Ollie's partner in old comedy
 - 29 Carvings of Pacific Northwest tribes
 - 32 Oklahoma's second-largest city
 - 33 Comedian Phillips
 - 35 Rice-shaped pasta
 - 36 Ammonia has a strong one
 - 37 Identifiers on tax returns: Abbr.
 - 39 Indian flatbread
 - 40 Be too sweet, possibly
 - 45 One of Dracula's forms
 - 46 Not just a snack
 - 47 Home of the Rays and Buccaneers
 - 48 Peabody Award-winning journalist Gwen
 - 49 "That's the truth!"
 - 50 "See ya!"
 - 51 Peruvian pack animal
 - 54 Big month for weddings
 - 55 Biblical son of Isaac
 - 56 Rackets
 - 57 Drink brand with a polar bear in its logo
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 - 60 When to expect someone, for short
 - 61 Bygone Russian space station

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“Cashman is in development,” head coach Tom Brands said. “We got our number ones, but Cashman was our number one today, so you got to treat him the same. He needs to believe more. Not believe in himself so much; I think he has a lot of belief in himself. He needs to believe more in what we’re saying.”

Iowa quickly flipped the dual’s script after the 125-pound matchup. Iowa’s 133-pounder, Austin DeSanto, won via tech fall. At 141-pounds, Max Murin was victorious via a major decision, giv-

ing the Hawkeyes a 9-3 lead.

The turning point in the dual came during the 149-pound matchup. Mike D’Angelo, ranked 14th by InterMat, had senior Pat Lugo on the ropes. Down 2-1 during the first tiebreak, Lugo initiated a match-winning reversal to win 3-2.

Junior Kaleb Young, ranked fourth, followed Lugo’s win with a loss to No. 9 Quincy Monday. Iowa’s lead was 9-6 at intermission, but without Lugo’s late-match heroics, the Hawkeyes would’ve faced their first intermission tie of the season.

“Going to overtime, I knew I was going to get the win,” Lugo said. “I was calm, cool, and collected.”

Post-intermission, the

Hawkeyes asserted themselves as the superior team without question. They won four of the last five matches, including a pin from All-American Alex Marinelli and a tech fall from senior Michael Kemerer.

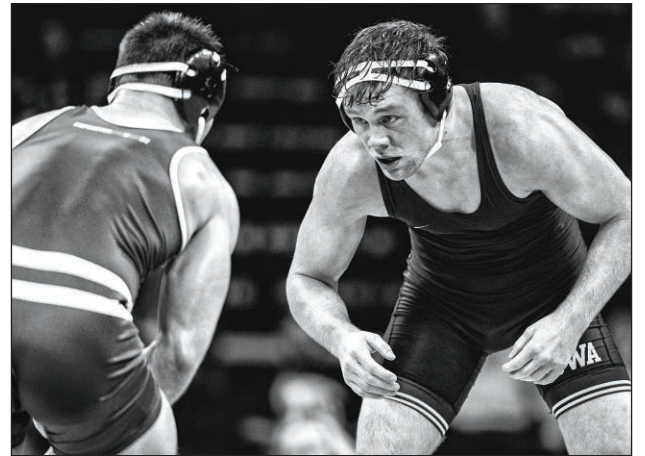
The highlight of the dual’s second half was produced from the 197-pound matchup. Third-ranked Jacob Warner defeated No. 2 Patrick Brucki, 5-4. Warner only led the match for three seconds. Trailing 3-4 with four seconds remaining in the third period, Warner took down Brucki to take his 5-4 lead.

“As the match went on, I felt stronger and stronger,” Warner said. “I got that takedown, and I was a dog on a bone. I got to that leg, and I need to get

there more, but when I got to that leg I wasn’t letting go.”

The challenge the Tigers gave the Hawkeyes was second to none this season. Nine points is the most the top-ranked Hawkeyes have given up in 2019-20. Nelson Brands lost his first match of the season, losing 7-6 late in the 184-pound match.

The Hawkeyes now have an extended period of time before their next match for practice, rest, and recovery. Iowa will remain idle for the next three weeks until its appearance at the Midlands Championships on Dec. 29 and 30. The Hawkeyes next dual won’t come until Jan. 10 against Indiana in Bloomington, Indiana.



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Iowa’s 194-pound Jacob Warner wrestles Wisconsin’s Taylor Watkins during a wrestling match between No. 1 Iowa and No. 6 Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 1. Warner won by decision, 5-2, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Badgers, 32-3.

USC

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during the Matt Leinert and Reggie Bush-led 2003 and 2004 seasons.

Iowa holds only a 2-7 record against USC. It beat the Trojans in 1950 and 1961, but its latest loss — a 28-17 defeat in the 2003 Orange Bowl — left a bitter taste for the Hawkeyes.

The opportunity to face such a historically dominant program doesn’t come around every season, so Iowa will relish its opportunity.

“This is what we were rooting for on the inside — we weren’t able to say anything, but this is definitely what we were rooting for,” cornerback Michael Ojemudia said. “...

With an opponent like USC, if we get a win, it’s a legitimate win. So, I think this is the perfect opportunity for us.”

This Trojan team may not be the same as some of the teams that have come out of Southern California in the past, but it has posted solid victories throughout the season.

USC picked up a win over current No. 12 Utah — which will head to the Alamo Bowl to face Texas — and its four losses have come at the hands of BYU in overtime, Washington, Notre Dame, and Oregon. Those teams own a combined 35-14 record.

The Trojans have been a team forced to come up with a plan on the fly. Starting quarterback J.T. Daniels went down with a torn ACL in the second quarter of USC’s season-open-

er against Fresno State.

Since then, Kedon Slovis has taken over the starting role, amassing 3,242 yards, 28 touchdowns, and nine interceptions while completing 71.8 percent of his passes.

But in USC’s victory over the Utes, third-stringer Matt Fink took over and threw for 351 yards, three touchdowns, and a pick on 21-of-30 passing.

Despite missing out on a bowl last season, this Trojan squad has found out how to climb the mountain once again. But Iowa’s still looking to knock it down.

“When you think of college football, you think like Alabama, USC — the schools like that, the more famous schools,” defensive end A.J. Epenesa said.

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to focus on. I’ve got other stuff to worry about right now. It’s a realistic thing, but right now, I want to give my full attention to the team.”

Wirfs is fresh off of being named the Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year. The way he found out about the award was — like most things that involve Wirfs — interesting.

“It was funny — Coach Polasek called me the night before when the defensive awards came out, and the offensive awards were going to come out the next day,” Wirfs said. “He was like, ‘Have you seen anything?’ And I said, ‘No.’ Then, he was like, ‘Oh, never mind,’ and hung up. Then, I knew some-

thing was up. Then, the news came out the next day. I called my mom, and she was tearing up. It was pretty cool.”

That type of recognition makes Wirfs a prime candidate to be one of the first offensive linemen off the board in this year’s draft, but he shot down any speculation of him sitting out the bowl game very quickly.

“I understand why people do that, but I would feel like I was letting my teammates down,” Wirfs said. “You made a commitment to them. It would feel like I was kind of bailing on them.”

Epenesa has the same mindset going into bowl season.

The NFL is undoubtedly in Epenesa’s future, but focusing on that will have to wait until after Dec. 27.

“You make it through the whole season with your team-

mates, with your brothers,” Epenesa said. “I haven’t decided if I’m staying or leaving. I’m just going and playing for the guys with me. I love my program with all my heart, so it’s a tough decision to make.”

Iowa’s matchup with USC in San Diego is one Epenesa won’t want to skip for reasons that have nothing to do with the NFL Draft.

“I know a bunch of guys on USC,” Epenesa said. “There’s a bunch of Polynesian kids on that team, guys that I have played with at camps in high school or that I knew them at family gatherings when I was young. At the Army Bowl, me and Tristan hung out with a couple guys that are going to USC. At the Polynesian Bowl, I saw a bunch of guys that go there. I’m looking forward to it.”

ELLIOTT

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and men’s basketball teams were ranked No. 1 nationally under Elliott. The Hawkeyes went to 10 bowl games and 11 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournaments during the Elliott era.

Elliott is responsible for hiring some of the most influential coaches in Iowa’s history, including Hayden Fry, Dan Gable, Tom Davis, and Lute Olson. “Bump was a difference-mak-

er in my life and the lives of many others,” Gable said in a release. “I felt lucky to be under a guy who knew very well what he was doing in terms of his business. At first, he didn’t make any promises, but he said, ‘You do well, and I will do well for you,’ and he honored that.

“Even though it could have, it never got old for him to see Iowa wrestling win, and that is one of the reasons for our success, because the guy at the top of the department continued to be excited. As much as some people talk, he actually lived his talk.”

Under Elliott’s watch, Car-

er-Hawkeye Arena was constructed and Kinnick Stadium was expanded to 70,000 seats. Banks Field and a new track and field complex were also built under Elliott. The street east of Carver-Hawkeye Arena is now named Elliott Drive.

Elliott was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1989 and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997.

A native of Bloomington, Illinois, Elliott had a standout athletic career at Michigan, playing three sports (football, basketball, and baseball) from 1946-48. He also played parts

of two seasons (1943-44) as a Marine trainee at Purdue.

Elliott was an All-American at halfback for Michigan in 1947. He was also the Big Ten’s Most Valuable Player in 1947, helping lead the Wolverines to a Rose Bowl victory over Southern California.

After his playing days, Elliott began a career in coaching. He came to Iowa for the first time in 1952 as an assistant football coach. His five-year stay included the Hawkeyes’ 1965 Big Ten title and Rose Bowl victory over Oregon State.

He left to coach at Michigan and was named head coach at his alma mater two years later. His 51-42-2 record over 10 seasons included a

victory in the 1964 Rose Bowl.

Elliott is the only person to attend the Rose Bowl in five capacities — player, assistant coach, coach, associate director of athletics, and director of athletics.

“Bump Elliott was one of the great gentlemen in the history of the game,” former Michigan head football coach Lloyd Carr said in a release. “He was one of the legendary players that represented the U-of-M as a player and coach. He was a beloved figure who was admired and respected by all who knew him. He will be missed.”

Elliott resigned as coach to become an administrator in

1968. He served as associate director of athletics at Michigan for 18 months before Iowa hired him to run its program.

“I have the highest regard and respect for him and the entire Elliott family,” Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz said in a release. “His leadership and vision helped shape the culture and competitiveness of athletics at the University of Iowa. It’s safe to say that Hawkeye athletics would not be where they are today without Elliott.”

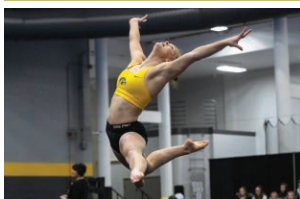
Elliott is survived by his son, Bill, and daughter, Betsy. His wife, Barbara, passed away in 2016, and his son, Bob, passed away in 2017.

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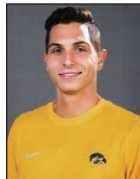
HAWKEYE UPDATES



Women's gymnastics open season with Black and Gold Intrasquad

The women's gymnastics team opened its 2019-20 campaign with a Black and Gold Intrasquad scrimmage held in the UI Fieldhouse on Dec. 7.

The teams — divided up between all four classes — were called the "Black Team," coached by assistant Vince Smurro, and the "Gold Team," coached by Jennifer Green. The Gold Team won by audience vote, seven events to six.



Smurro

"The crowd is the most important detail of these types of intrasquads," head coach Larissa Libby said. "We need to do a better job of the timing of the event. We took four kids out today just to make sure, but we wanted to get them in front of a crowd. The crowd can make you or break you based off of how you feed off of the environment."

The Fieldhouse hosted a crowd of roughly 200 people for the event. Senior Clair Kaji sat out of the Dec. 7 meet and was interacting with the crowd and pulling young girls out for somersaults and handstands.

"[The kids] are just coming out of the club system, where it's a very individual environment," Libby said.

"We're here to show that it's OK to make mistakes and ultimately most important to have fun."



Green

Junior all-around Erin Castle opened the meet on vault for the Gold Team, winning the crowd's reaction for the point against the Black Team's Carina Tolan. Castle noted the importance of competition between teammates and how crucial preseason is for the GymHawks.

"This was really big for our confidence," Castle said. "We do intrasquads just about every week during practice, but to bring out the equipment and boost each other up in front of a crowd is really fun."

Taking points in vault and her floor routine, freshman Madeline Solomon won the United States Marines Distinguished Female Athletic Excellence Award from Waterloo West High School and showed a respective dominance at the Intrasquad, showcasing the GymHawks' young talent.

"We had to get into the mindset of being in a real meet with competition" Solomon said. "It was really rewarding to see the little girls sitting around the mat cheering me on. When I was a younger gymnast, I used to look up to them [Iowa team], and it's so cool to now be the role model."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've been here for 21 years and haven't been out to the Holiday Bowl, so it's going to be an experience."



— Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker on accepting a bid to the Holiday Bowl

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa football is

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Happy Holidays for Hawks



USC quarterback Kedon Slovis drops back to pass against UCLA during the third quarter at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Nov. 23 in Los Angeles. USC won, 52-35. Robert Gauthier/Los Angeles Times/TNS

The Hawkeyes will get a chance to face a historically dominant USC program in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27.

BY PETE RUDEN
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On Dec. 27, it'll be fashion, movies, and big-city lights versus cornfields, farmers, and a small-town vibe.

While those stereotypes may or may not be true across the city or state, the play styles of Iowa and USC — which will face off in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego — are just as different as the cultures surrounding the colleges.

The Hawkeyes are known for turning under-recruited players into legitimate NFL prospects through hard work and player development, while the Trojans are a blue-chip program with a history that includes 11 national titles. "Being able to go up against a name-brand team with a lot of exposure, just being able to match up with them, [we're] looking forward to it," wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette said. "A lot of eyes. USC, you got a lot of big names that came from that school. Just being able to go out there and match up with them and show them what the Big Ten's about — it's pretty big."

The matchup will be Iowa's first against a Pac-12 team since its 45-16 loss to then-No. 16 Stanford in the 2016 Rose Bowl.

The Hawkeyes, who boast a 3-7 record against the Pac-12 in bowl games, last beat a team from the conference in 1995, when it toppled Washington 38-18 in the Sun Bowl.

In that time frame, the Trojans have taken home national titles

SEE USC, 7

A.J. Epenesa and Tristan Wirfs shut down any speculation that they would sit out Iowa's bowl game in preparation for the NFL Draft.

BY ROBERT READ
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A recent trend in college football is for top-tier players to skip their team's bowl game in order to prepare for the NFL Draft.

Iowa's Tristan Wirfs and A.J. Epenesa will be exceptions to that trend. Both players are expected to be first-round draft picks if they were to declare for the NFL, but neither player will go to focus on that right now.

"I think they're excited [for the bowl]," Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker said. "We're going to play on [Dec. 27], and it's going to be the last time that we get together as a team. I think everybody is looking forward to that. I don't foresee anybody saying, 'Hey, I'm going to drop out because the NFL is there.' I don't think that's going to happen."

Just last season, the Hawkeyes were impacted by the NFL Draft leading up to their bowl game. Tight end Noah Fant declared for the draft and opted to sit out of the Outback Bowl.

Wirfs and Epenesa made it clear that they will be competing in Iowa's Holiday Bowl matchup against USC, but whether or not the pair will be back for their senior season is still up in the air.

That will be decided after the season. "I honestly have no idea," Wirfs said. "I'll talk to my mom. I'll talk to [offensive line coach Tim Polasek]. I'll talk to Coach Ferentz. We've still got another game

SEE IOWA, 7

Top-ranked Hawkeyes overpower No. 12 Tigers

Iowa wrestling was simply too much for Princeton on Sunday, defeating the Tigers 30-9.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's 197-pound Jacob Warner wrestles UTC's Rodney Jones during a wrestling dual-meet between Iowa and Tennessee-Chattanooga at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 17.

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Before the 285-pound match between Tony Casioffi and Princeton's No. 12 Aiden Conner began, Iowa had already secured a victory, leading 26-9 after the 197-pounders wrestled.

While the final score of the top-15 showdown was

30-9, the dual was closer than the score suggested. Princeton jumped out to an early 3-0 lead as Patrick Glory earned a decision over Aaron Cashman in the dual's opening matchup at 125-pounds, 9-4. Cashman allowed a mere three points despite the loss.

SEE WRESTLING, 7

Athletics legend dies at 94

Former Iowa Athletics Director Bump Elliott oversaw 29 men's Big Ten Championships.

BY ROBERT READ
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Chalmers "Bump" Elliott, who guided men's athletics at Iowa for 21 years, died Dec. 7 at age 94.

"For over 75 years, Bump epitomized the best values of the Big Ten athletic conference and its member institutions," the Elliott family said in a statement. "His fundamental beliefs in academic excellence, gender equality, diversity, honesty, and athletic achievement guided his life and career as a student athlete, coach, and administrator."



Elliott

Elliott took over as Iowa's director of athletics on July 1, 1970, and held the position until his retirement on Aug. 1, 1991. Under Elliott's watch, Iowa's men's teams won 29 Big Ten Conference titles in six sports.

The Hawkeyes won 11 NCAA wrestling championships, appeared in three Rose Bowls, and made a run to the Final Four in the NCAA men's tournament under Elliott. Both the football

SEE ELLIOTT, 7