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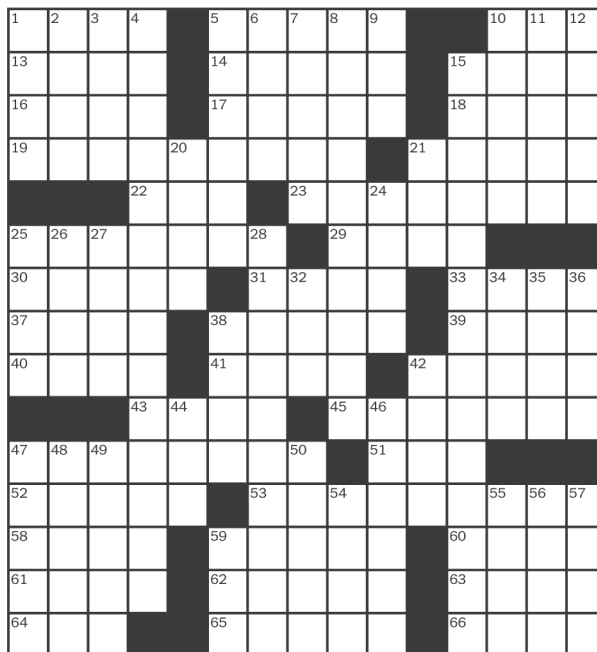
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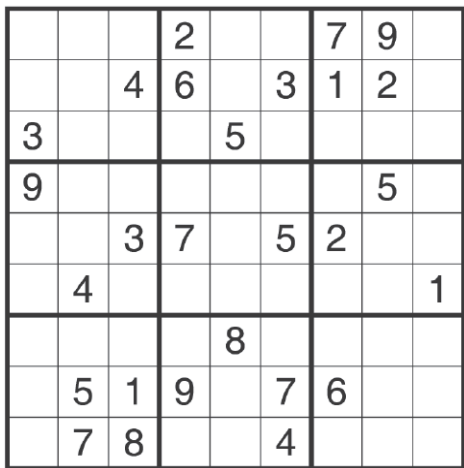
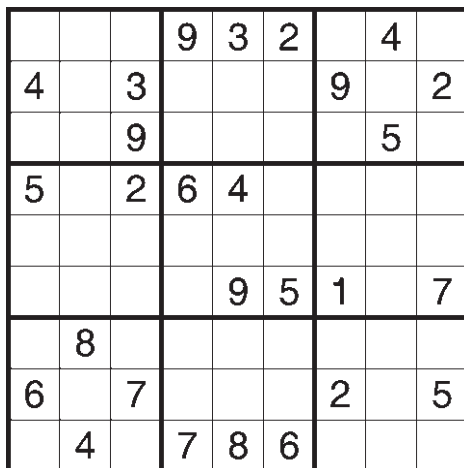
- 1 Like show horses' hooves
- 5 Twisted person
- 10 ___ constrictor
- 13 One of the 12 tribes of Israel
- 14 At full speed, in nautical lingo
- 15 Back of a horse
- 16 Persia, nowadays
- 17 Jules who wrote "Journey to the Center of the Earth"
- 18 Mars' counterpart, in Greek myth
- 19 Cop's canine companion
- 21 What a door swings on
- 22 Where many draftees were sent in the '60s
- 23 Workers with a daily grind?
- 25 Opposite of a purebred
- 29 Sets of points, in math
- 30 W.W. II German sub
- 31 Failing grades
- 33 Crosby, Stills, ___ & Young
- 37 Where roots take hold
- 38 Ancient Greek meeting place
- 39 Arts-and-crafts supply
- 40 Menial worker
- 41 Wise one
- 42 Unmitigated
- 43 Make turbulent
- 45 Toss back tequila, perhaps
- 47 Direct clashes
- 51 Like the hours shortly after

Down

- 1 ___ of the tongue
- 2 Odysseus, in the "Odyssey"
- 3 Track shape
- 4 Having a meal under the stars, e.g.
- 5 "Hel-l-lp!"
- 6 Chatted on the internet, for short
- 7 Tree with edible pods
- 8 Ninth-century English monarch known as "the Great"
- 9 Telephone button that doesn't have letters
- 10 Singed
- 11 Letter after phi, chi, psi . . .

- 12 Church recesses
- 15 Activity depicted in a famous 2/23/1945 photograph . . . and in three of this puzzle's answers
- 20 Supermarket vehicle
- 21 Juice drink brand with a hyphen in its name
- 24 Civil rights activist Parks
- 25 Dishevel
- 26 Instrument with a brief solo in Beethoven's Fifth
- 27 Black: Fr.
- 28 What a law that hasn't been repealed still has
- 32 Typical London weather
- 34 ___ sax
- 35 Tallow source
- 36 That woman's
- 38 "Yeah, I'm real sure!"
- 42 Puts to work
- 44 "Nice one!"
- 46 Ones named in deeds
- 47 Orange or grape drink brand
- 48 Be in store for
- 49 Do the honors with the turkey
- 50 Flurry
- 54 Boys' school near Windsor
- 55 Tiny bit
- 56 Place on a Clue board
- 57 Award shaped like a winged woman
- 59 Tabby

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We will get through COVID-19 with you

The COVID-19 pandemic is unlike any challenge faced in our community's living memory. We will persevere with you.

BY MARISSA PAYNE
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It's the people, not the buildings, that make the University of Iowa great.

President Emeritus Sandy Boyd's adage is precisely the sentiment that will get Hawkeyes through the worst public-health crisis we've seen in our lifetimes. And it's you, the people of our community, whose stories will be the thread keeping us connected while we're physically apart.

As the United States faces the novel coronavirus pandemic, we want you to know we are here for you — and with you.

We share in the pain you feel over the campus we love shutting down and the city largely closing with it. While the structures there may not be what make our university and our city great, those buildings are where we laugh and we cry, where we learn and we work, where we love and find community.

We don't know when those spaces will open their doors. Until we can meet there again, and surely long after, your newspaper will be there for you — just as we've been for more than 150 years.

Whichever corner of the world you're in now, whether you've remained here or packed up to go home across the country, we'll let you know how our community is managing through this crisis.

We'll capture a vibrant Iowa City fallen silent with closed businesses. We'll tell the stories of our health-care workers standing firm on the front lines of our hospitals to treat sick patients. We'll report on our government officials making tough calls that may determine whether we lose our lives or our livelihoods.

And we'll be there to let you know about the good and extraordinary things happening in the midst of this crisis — the College of Medicine students offering to run errands and babysit for health workers, the Hawkeyes signing up to bring food to elderly people who cannot leave their homes, the experts racing to study this virus and move us toward the day when science prevails over this pandemic.

We'll remind each other of the resilience of the human spirit through these events, and we'll be there to document those too.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has weighed in on the toll this pandemic continues to take on the economy and Iowans' health.

"You know, Iowans are scared and they're nervous, and I

appreciate that, but we're going to get through it," Reynolds said at a March 27 news conference. "If you keep doing what we've asked you to do, we will be back to those good days. So hang in there."

UI President Bruce Harrelld in a message to campus noted that recent weeks have revolved around isolation, uncertainty, and fear for many — but reminded Hawkeyes we are not alone.

“As the United States faces the novel coronavirus pandemic, we want you to know we are here for you – and with you.”

“Though this is a distressing time in our nation's history, together, as a community, we will persist,” he wrote. “Together, as Hawkeyes, we will endure. Together, as Hawkeyes, we will serve. Together, as Hawkeyes, we will succeed.”

Having fact-based, reliable reporting that provides public scrutiny and oversight is more important than ever. Together, across the decades, this newspaper and its readers have navigated horrific events. We've rebuilt our campus after the 2008 flood, leaned on each other to celebrate the lives of the fellow Hawkeyes we've lost, found unity in periods of extreme political and societal division.

This challenge is greater than any of those, but, rest assured, we'll be here for you. We, as Hawkeyes, will persevere through this crisis. We form a resilient community where people come together to build and rebuild. Let's stick together, and we will come through this, too.

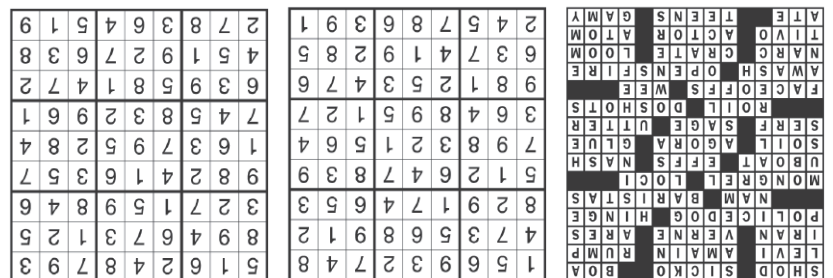
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FRONT PHOTOS/TOP: Alpha Chi Omega chapter president Leslie Jensen, left, comforts Megan Harbor on April 14, 2006 after arriving to see their sorority house destroyed by the previous night's tornado. The house was later demolished. **(Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan)** Community members gather to pay their respects during a vigil for UI student Mollie Tibbetts at Hubbard Park on Aug. 22, 2018. Tibbetts went missing on July 18, 2018 in Brooklyn, Iowa, and on Aug. 21, 2018 authorities recovered her body and filed first-degree murder charges. **(Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan)** Participants dance during Power Hour in UI Dance Marathon 26 at the IMU on Feb. 8. **(Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan)** **FRONT PHOTOS/BOTTOM:** Volunteers fill sandbags on Madison Street on June 17, 2008 to be sent to Burlington. **(Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan)** Spectators participate in the Hawkeye Wave during a football game between Iowa and Rutgers at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 7, 2019. **(Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan)** Afro House coordinator Jamal Nelson embraces student employee Matt Bruce during the 50th anniversary celebration at the Afro American Cultural Center on Oct. 19, 2018. **(Nick Rohlman/The Daily Iowan)**



No lulls in business for drivers

As COVID-19 forces businesses to close in-house seating, delivery drivers are now the bridge between local businesses and the customers they serve. They're taking extra steps to practice hygiene and stay safe on the job.

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Jonathan Jackson said there used to be lulls between lunch and dinner.

Now, the only time the Chomp delivery driver stops is when he's waiting for an order.

"I have a feeling tonight's going to be swamped," he said as we zipped around the city in his black compact car.

The Daily Iowan went on a ride-along with Jackson to experience firsthand how delivery drivers and businesses are protecting themselves amid the spread of the novel coronavirus.

As businesses try to adapt to a world of no-contact selling, restaurants are relying more than ever on delivery to keep their doors open. On March 17, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds declared a public-health disaster emergency, requiring that restaurants only offer drive-thru, carryout, and delivery for customers.

Chomp, a delivery service that partners exclusively with local businesses, employs more than 100 drivers who are now on the front lines, helping to keep restaurants open. The Department of Homeland Security has labeled delivery drivers as essential workers, or personnel whose work is considered key to maintaining crucial operations and services, meaning they won't lose their jobs during the pandemic.

Pop music blared through

the speakers as we cruised from downtown to residential areas and back again with the windows down. Chiming bells would often interrupt the radio, alerting Jackson that a new order was in.

"I'm so busy that I can't think about [COVID-19], so I don't," he said.

To a student, Iowa City can seem pretty small, but in Jackson's car we could experience the full breadth of the town. Jackson, a University of Iowa senior majoring in art, has worked for Chomp almost since its founding more than two years ago. The 23-year-old said the amount of orders they are receiving is comparable to when the business first opened.

While this is good for his paycheck, Jackson said he's sad that restaurants are losing so much revenue right now.

"It doesn't make me feel good for them to see me and know I'm making a lot of money right now and they're not," he said.

Before COVID-19 forced Bluebird Diner to close its seating area, the diner regu-

larly had long waits for customers to be seated. Now, the business is split evenly between carryout and delivery. The restaurant has also reduced staff and hours.

"We're just trying to keep the lights on so hopefully some of these people we've had to lay off have jobs to come back when this passes," Bluebird Diner co-owner

inside. All transactions are over the phone, and employees are wearing gloves and washing their hands in addition to other sanitation practices.

Before leaving the car, Jackson put on his mask, which was decorated with sequins and a smiley-face sticker. The sleeves of his white sweatshirt acted as

Weeks said in an email to the DI that the service has eliminated the post-tip option, which allows the customer to tip the driver at the door and implemented a contact-free delivery option. Jackson decided to do no-contact delivery with every order, not wanting to take chances.

Pullman Bar & Diner and St. Burch Tavern on Dubuque

Street and Iowa Avenue, respectively, have also closed their doors to customers and drivers, instead having them wait outside until their food is brought out. Cory Kent, a managing partner at both Pullman and St. Burch, said there are six employees at both locations.

Kent said they closed down for a couple of days

to deep-clean the restaurants and prepare for the shift in business, then opened up with hand-sanitizer stations, gloves for employees, and practices to keep everyone healthy.

"We're just going to keep doing it until they tell us we can't anymore," Kent said.

While Pullman partnered with Chomp for years, Kent said St. Burch didn't "pull

the trigger" on joining until restaurants started closing in-house dining, realizing they might have to do the same soon. Now, around 70 percent of orders are carryout and 30 percent are delivery.

"I can imagine [Chomp's] business has greatly picked up, you know, especially throughout the dinner and lunch times. Their need ... has really increased," he said.

Kent and Epstein agreed communication with Chomp has been good through this transition, and Jackson noted that communication between restaurants and Chomp is important to keep things running smoothly.

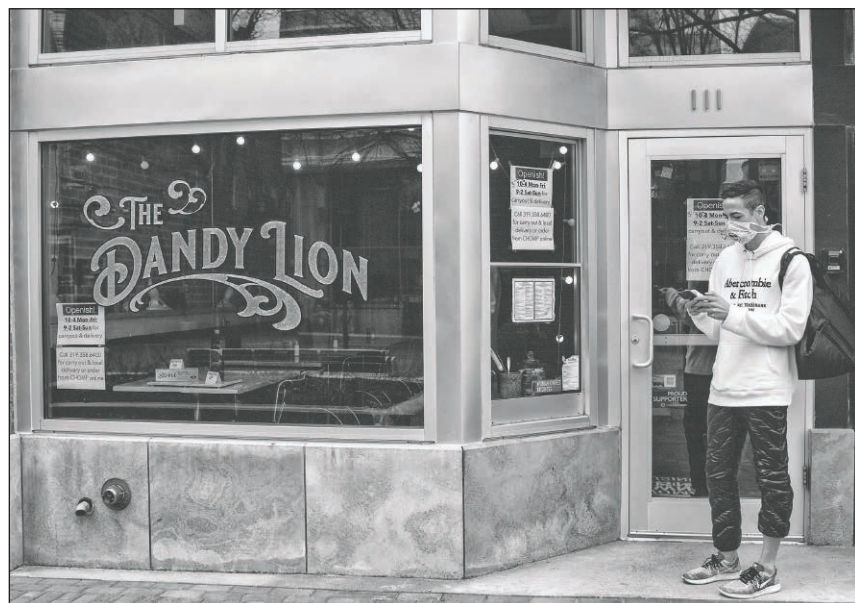
"They've been doing a great job ... pretty seamless to the extent that it's a completely different business model than we've been used to for the past 11 years," Epstein said. "Seems like everybody has kind of adapted."

While waiting for an order to finish, Jackson scrolled through social media on his phone. The car was quiet, with the only noise coming from the radio, then suddenly he exhaled and read out loud what he saw on his feed: "The U.S. now has the most cases of coronavirus in the world." As of March 28, there were more than 103,000 cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.

His face, which had been open and cheery all evening, became bleak.

"Cool," he said. "Way to go, America."

And he drove on.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Chomp delivery driver Jonathan Jackson stands outside of the closed Dandy Lion during a shift for Chomp on March 26. Jackson has delivered for Chomp for the last two years and reports seeing a spike in orders since the COVID-19 outbreak began. Jackson has been leaving food on doorsteps, frequently wears a mask, and sanitizes his hands.

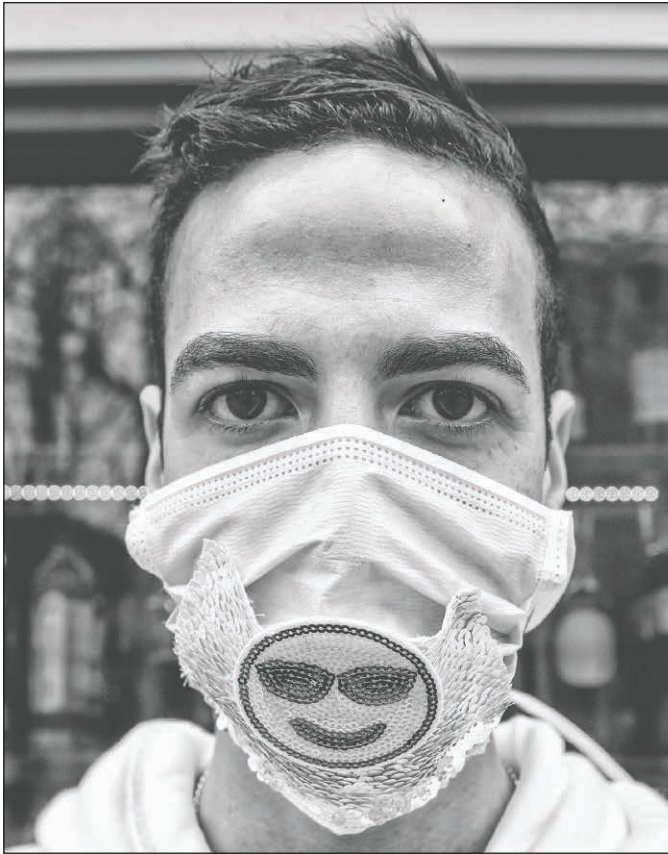
Hart Epstein said.

Reynolds announced March 23 a plan that would provide state and federal support to local businesses through grants and delayed tax deadlines.

In order to keep employees, drivers, and customers safe, Epstein said Chomp has begun setting orders outside on a table to be picked up instead of letting people

makeshift gloves when Jackson went into a restaurant or knocked on a door. After every jaunt outside, he used one of the bottles of hand sanitizer he had stashed around his car, making the sanitizer's sharp scent and the smell of mouthwatering food mingle in the small space.

Chomp co-founder and managing member Adam



Right: Chomp delivery driver Johnathan Jackson poses for a portrait outside of St. Burch Tavern on Iowa Avenue during a shift for Chomp on March 26. **Left:** Jackson leaves food on the doorstep. **Bottom:** Jackson gets in his car after picking up food from St. Burch Tavern. (Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan)

Iowa unemployment skyrockets

As the state dials up efforts to contain the novel coronavirus in Iowa, hospitality and consumer industries are seeing rising unemployment claims. The long-term economic effects are still unclear, and largely depend on how long business closures last.

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Iowa may be one of the less densely populated states in the U.S., but consequences from state efforts to contain and mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus have taken a toll on some of the state's largest industries.

Iowa, along with the rest of the country, saw a massive increase in new unemployment claims last week. Data released by the U.S. Labor Department on March 26 show that unemployment claims in Iowa reached 41,890 for the week that ended March 21, up from 2,229 the week prior.

The new claims in Iowa account for around 2.5 percent of people employed in the state, University of Northern Iowa economics Associate Professor Bryce Kanago said. Kanago also said he expects unemployment claims to continue increasing, as the list of businesses in Iowa forced to shut down grows.

The largest share of new unemployment claims — more than 13,000 — came from the accommodation and food-service industry, Iowa Workforce Development Executive Director Beth Townsend said in a press conference with Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Other industries hit hard by the novel coronavirus response are health-care and social-assistance workers, education services, and retail workers, Townsend said.

A historic \$2 trillion federal stimulus bill passed both chambers of Congress and was signed by President Trump on March 27, providing direct cash payments to Americans and extending unemployment benefits.

Iowa's restaurant industry devastated

Though many restaurants are still open partially for carryout or delivery, long-term closures may devastate Iowa's locally owned restaurants and bars, potentially forcing many to shut their doors for good.

IOWA BUSINESSES AT A GLANCE

- **35 percent** of food-service establishments are closed
- **82 percent** of restaurants and bars have laid off employees
- **Revenues across all types of restaurants are down 84 percent** compared with March 2019

Source: Iowa Restaurant Association survey

According to Iowa Workforce Development, 137,200 people were employed in the leisure and hospitality industry in January, around 9 percent of nonfarm jobs in Iowa.

Iowa Restaurant Association President and CEO Jessica Dunker said even with state and federal aid to help people keep their doors open or reopen later, she's expecting at least 15 percent of Iowa's 6,300 bars and restaurants to close permanently.

"That would be best-case scenario," she said. "If this goes on and on, we could see upwards of a third, or 2,000 to 2,500. And that would be completely devastating to the industry."

Dunker said in larger metro areas, such as Des Moines or Iowa City, new restaurants will likely open to replace those that go bankrupt, but that may not be the case in rural areas, which are sometimes home to only a few restaurants that don't rack up large profits.

"I worry in the long term about what happens to the communities in rural Iowa, when we see what could potentially be hundreds and hundreds of these locally owned Main Street businesses close," she said.

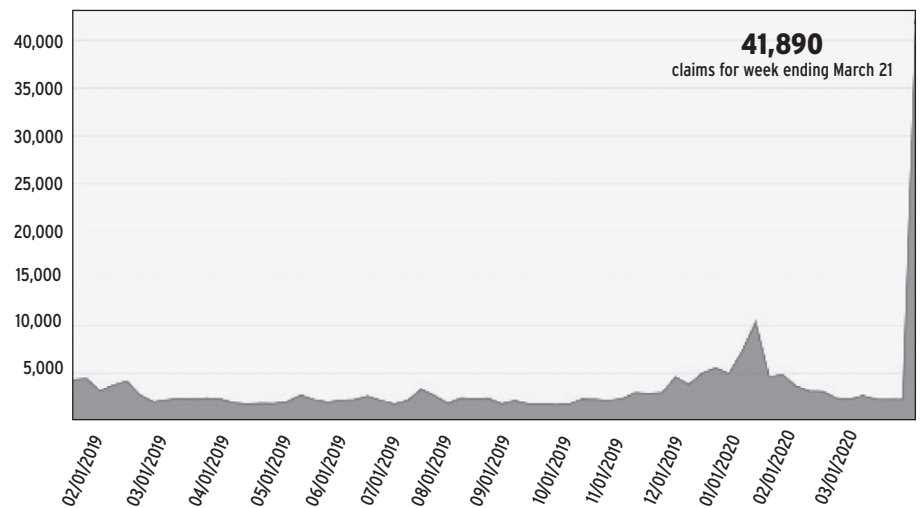
Federal efforts to uphold economy

Trump on March 27 signed the third and final phase of the largest economic stimulus bill in modern history after a week-long partisan battle in Congress.

AMERICANS WILL SEE DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS

- **People earning less than \$75,000 annually will receive \$1,200**
- **Couples who earn less than \$150,000 will receive \$2,400**
- **Those earning more than \$99,000 — or \$198,000 for couples — will receive nothing**
- **Parents will also receive \$500 per child**

IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS



Source: U.S. Labor Department

The bill includes unemployment expansion, giving those that qualify for unemployment an extra \$600 a week on top of state benefits and extending benefits an extra 13 weeks. It also expands who is eligible for unemployment, opening benefits up to part-time workers, gig workers, and independent contractors.

Still, putting money in Americans' pockets may not be as effective as it would be in a traditional recession, Kanago said. With large swaths of consumer businesses shut down, people don't have as many places to spend their money.

"This recession is different in that there are segments of the economy that have just shut down," he said. "Restaurants aren't operating, and the hotel and leisure industry isn't operating."

Flatten virus curve to flatten depression

As for the long-term effects of the pandemic, it's too early to tell, Iowa State University economics Professor David Swenson said.

"We don't know yet," he said. "... And we really won't have good, solid information for several months."

Businesses report earnings on a quarterly basis, so the effect on businesses and GDP won't be known until well into the second and third quarters, Swenson said.

The largest determinant for how bad the damage will be is how long it takes to get the COVID-19 outbreak under control and get back into normal economic activity, Swenson said.

Swenson said the biggest concern is a collapse in consumer spending, which accounts for around 70 percent

of the economy. Consumer spending includes things such as real-estate payments, health care, food, and retail shopping.

"We're right now at the initial crisis period, and how well we manage this crisis period really determines the magnitude of economic contraction to expect down the road," he said. "If we can flatten the curve on the coronavirus, we flatten the depression that we dig into the economy as a consequence of it."

IOWA UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY INDUSTRY

- **Accommodation and food service: 13,000**
- **Health care and social assistance: 5,000**
- **Educational services: 2,600**
- **Other professional and personal services: 2,600**
- **Retail services: 1,700**

Census counts continue amid pandemic

As students move away from campus and many return home, city and university officials are working to make sure students are counted as Iowa City residents in the 2020 census.

BY RYLEE WILSON

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Students leaving Iowa City and other college towns across the state amid the COVID-19 outbreak could leave the student population in the area undercounted for in the 2020 census, potentially affecting representation in the Legislature.

As students leave residence halls and apartment complexes across Iowa City to attend online classes at home, collecting accurate responses from students and residents could become more challenging in the midst of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Students should respond to the census for the community they live and sleep in the majority of the time, officials say. Students living in residence halls or greek housing do not need to self-respond to the census.

The 2020 census marks the first time the census will be available for citizens to complete online. The Census Bureau says citizens are strongly encouraged to respond online, though phone and mail options are available.

The decennial census data are used to apportion legislative districts in both the U.S House and the Iowa Legislature. In 2010, Iowa lost one seat in the U.S House as a result of redistricting after the census, bringing Iowa from five congressional districts to four.



Photo illustration by Jenna Galligan

Iowa City Assistant City Manager Ashley Monroe said an accurate count is important in making sure both the state as a whole and the Iowa City area are properly represented.

“The census is tied to representation — so making sure that the state of Iowa and each part of Iowa have the proper number of representatives in both the state government and federal government — the census provides us that information,” she said.

Timeline adjustments are being made to the census, with most ground operations delayed. Early nonre-

sponse follow-ups around some colleges and universities, originally scheduled to begin April 9, will begin May 7.

Monroe said current requirements around social distancing mean the city has to rely heavily on online and phone responses for census taking.

“I think more than ever, the social distancing is going to push us in that direction — hopefully with a very good response for the census,” she said. “I think the impact we will see from a lack or delay in response is concerning. We want to make sure our community

is getting all the resources we possibly can.”

Virginia Ibrahim-Olin, director of Housing Administration for UI Housing and Dining, said although students have moved out of residence halls, they will still be counted as Iowa City residents in the census.

“I don’t know to what extent that will impact the census,” she said. “What I do know is that it has absolutely raised questions as to how students should be counted. University Housing and Dining will be adhering to instructions from the U.S. Census, and that was that we should count students

who lived on campus with us this spring as residing here in Iowa City.”

Monroe said for now, the city is continuing to push out the message that residents should respond to the census, and will consider options for recounting residents if the 2020 census results seem inconsistent.

“Over the past couple of years we’ve seen in all respects growth in our community and indications of population hike,” Monroe said. “If, when we get the census results back and count, it’s close to what we had in the last census or indicating a huge undercount,

we might have to consider whether that would warrant some type of special census.”

As of March 27, 32.6 percent of Iowa City residents have self-responded to the census online, according to the U.S Census Response Tracker. The overall response rate in Iowa is 34.3 percent, and the national response rate is 28.1 percent.

In Ames, home to the UI’s institution peer Iowa State University, city officials have similar concerns about counting the city’s student population.

Public-information officer Susan Gwiasda said there are already a number of challenges involved in counting groups of students.

“... Either they aren’t clear on the rules of having to fill out a census form, don’t understand that census rules require them to claim the community they live and sleep in the majority of the year, so they fill out the form incorrectly, or they just don’t respond,” she said.

Noel Mills, president of UI Student Government and a member of Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds’ Complete Count Committee, said in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that student government is working to communicate information to students about the census while classes are held online.

“... We’ll just need to make sure we’re extra diligent with our digital communication,” she said.

‘Life is different’ in Windy City

Iowa’s neighbor to the east ordered its residents to stay at home, setting a precedent for other states in the Midwest. However, levels of cooperation vary among residents in Chicago, the Midwest’s largest city.



Pedestrians and bikers wait to cross while practicing social distancing at the “Six Corners” intersection of Milwaukee, Damen, and North Avenues.

Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan

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CHICAGO — On March 24 in the Wicker Park neighborhood, city residents and visitors walked their dogs, carried overflowing shopping bags, and chatted with friends and partners along the streets.

Storefronts were quiet and decorated with signs describing changes in operations — shortened hours, closed dining rooms, and complete closures. Cars crowded Aldi’s parking lot, but street spots were mostly left empty.

“Life is different,” Chicago resident Edvern Daniels said. “The things that you would normally be able to just get up and go and grab are obviously a little awkward. Dating is at a standstill. You can’t go out.”

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the first statewide shelter-in-place directive in the Midwest March 20 to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus. As Iowa officials contemplate the state’s own stay-at-home order, residents are looking to what’s happening in neighboring Illinois as an indicator of what may come next in the Hawkeye State.

Per Pritzker’s directive, which went into effect 5 p.m. March

21 and will last until at least April 7, nonessential businesses aren’t allowed to operate in Illinois and residents are discouraged from traveling outside of their homes, except for necessities such as food and medicine.

“I don’t come to this decision easily,” Pritzker said during the press conference when he announced the order. “I fully recognize that in some cases, I am choosing between saving people’s lives and saving people’s livelihoods. But ultimately, you can’t have a livelihood if you don’t have your life.”

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has closed a long list of businesses. She said March 25 that Iowa was already under the equivalent



Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan
A metro train enters an empty Harold Washington Library station in The Loop in downtown Chicago on March 21. The station services the pink, brown, orange and purple lines of the "L" city metro system.



Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan
Bars and restaurants across the city have closed their dining rooms and shifted to only offering carryout and delivery services during the COVID-19 outbreak. Up and down Milwaukee Avenue, a street teeming with dining options, these signs alert patrons to the new reality.

of a stay-at-home order and has maintained that data doesn't warrant a complete halt to nonessential travel.

In Iowa City that day, a warm afternoon, people walked in twos and threes along the Iowa River as the sun set. Some kept the recommended six feet away, others didn't.

The Chicago River, on the other hand, now runs through the heart of the city with desolate banks. Mayor Lori Lightfoot took a step beyond the shelter-in-place directive and closed certain areas downtown, including the Riverwalk, that saw heavy foot traffic despite the shelter-in-place order.

Many residents of the city have taken a cautious approach, electing to stay indoors as much as possible. Ian Sutherland, a resident of Humboldt Park — one neighborhood west of Wicker Park — stayed mostly indoors last week after a weekend trip to the grocery store.

"I'm lucky enough to have been given the ability to work

from home," he said in an email to The Daily Iowan. "I'd just logically rather overreact and be wrong than underreact and get very sick, or worse get others very sick."

The mostly local hodgepodge of eateries and watering holes that line the streets of Wicker and Humboldt Parks has collectively pivoted to carryout and delivery options only, drastically affecting foot traffic in the area.

Antique Taco, a small Mexican restaurant chain in Chicago, saw roughly a quarter of its business come from carryout and delivery before March 17, and now must conduct all business this way.

The front of house manager at the Milwaukee Avenue location, Emma, believes that ownership has showed exemplary care for their employees during this difficult time, largely by being attentive.

"If anybody would prefer to stay home because of corona, they've made that possible," Emma said.

However, that decision backs some service workers into a corner when choosing between income or safety.

"In a broad sense, the COVID-19 crisis is exposing a lot of weaknesses in our cultural and economic safety nets and presenting a lot of challenges," said the area's representative, 1st Ward Alderman Daniel La Spata.

Pharmacies and convenience stores have seen a dramatic increase in business as people stocked up in preparation for sheltering in place. The CVS on Ashland Avenue in Wicker Park has seen "an unsettling influx and people not truly cooperating with things that are beyond us," said Aeriale Williams, a shift supervisor.

Multiple signs posted to the front of the store and the entryway warned customers of a limit on items-per-customer for high-demand household items such as toilet paper, paper products, and hand soaps.

"This is not about us. It's about making sure everybody has what they need when they need it," she said.

One of downtown Chicago's most popular areas, the New East Side, which relies heavily on tourism and contains a large portion of South Michigan Avenue and parks such as Millennium, Maggie Daley, and Grant, have

been emptied by the novel coronavirus outbreak.

"Cloud Gate," a sculpture in Millennium Park colloquially referred to as "the bean" because of its shape, has been enclosed on all sides by a short fence about 50 feet away. Usually enveloped by throngs of tourists taking selfies in its reflective surface, it stood alone in the center of a mostly desolate park this week.

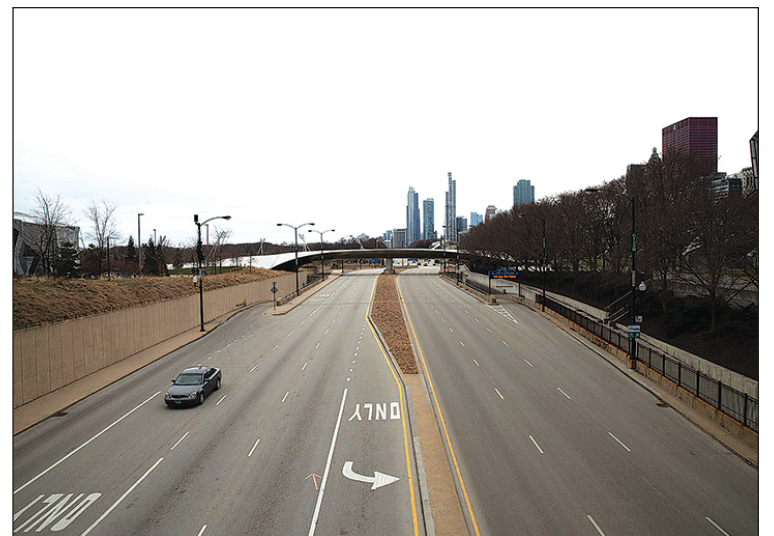
Some tourists still made the trip to Millennium Park hours before the shelter-in-place order took effect March 21 to take advantage of the free time they had in the city.

Nabeel Amer and Hayley Barron, both Southern California natives studying in Chicago, took the time to sightsee amid an unknown work schedule as medical students doing rotations at Mount Sinai Hospital.

"I know we shouldn't be out, but it's nice to see the city without all the hustle and bustle," Amer said.



Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan
While the shelter-in-place order is active, residents still make time to go outside and exercise.



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On the afternoon of March 21 at the beginning of spring, a single car is seen driving north on Columbus Drive between Millennium and Maggie Daley Parks.



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Hawkeyes help health-care workers

College of Medicine students are rallying behind medical professionals, providing services so health-care providers can focus on their jobs during the pandemic.

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Denise Martinez normally hands off her 16-month-old son to her parents when she needs child care.

Because of the novel coronavirus, however, Martinez, the associate dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Carver College of Medicine and a family medicine clinical associate professor, has been triaging patients to get tested for COVID-19.

She moved out of her home and into an apartment with her younger sister to protect her older parents, which left her with a need for help taking care of her son.

A group of Hawkeye medical students, decided to form a group to help health-care workers like Martinez, who are under more pressure than ever as hospitals prepare for climbing numbers of novel coronavirus cases.

“Without that service, I couldn’t do some of the work that I absolutely have to do, so it’s really, really been a lifesaver,” said Martinez, who is planning on using the service for babysitting.

Carver Community Against COVID was created March 16, independent of the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, with a singular goal: to help doctors and other providers during the pandemic. The medical students are offering

babysitting, meal prepping, pet sitting, and errand running — all completely voluntary and with no guaranteed compensation.

“The providers are on the front lines of preventing the virus from spreading,” said Katy Pham, a first-year medical student and the organizer of the initiative. “You can’t really forget that they are human too and have their own lives and families to take care of.”

The concept for the initiative was founded by Katherine Harris, associate director of the Internal Medicine Residency program and Salman Ansari, a chief resident in the Internal Medicine Department.

Before Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds’ cancellation of Iowa’s K-12 schools, Harris and Ansari discussed their concerns about working parents finding child care if schools were to close.

“A lot of our workforce is dependent on other people caring for our children while we’re working, and we knew this was a big stress to many physicians and faculty here in the hospital,” Harris said.

Initially, the team planned to reach out to colleagues to get the names of high school or college students who could participate before deciding to reach out to medical students who may have free time to help if classes were canceled.

“We had the idea that perhaps instead of us taking the lead on it, maybe we could get in touch with the internal medicine interest group of students and see if the students can lead that initiative and it kind of took off from there,” Ansari said.

An email was sent to the interest group March 14, when Pham decided to create and organize the initiative. Within two days, she had sent out Google forms to the medical-student community — one where students could sign up and state their ability and availability, and one for providers to list the services they might need.

At least 69 medical students have since agreed to help.

“I’m so proud of the students,” Martinez said. “And I know this is why they went into medicine. To figure out how to help people in ways that are really important.”

While the program currently just includes medical students, Pham said depending on the need, it may expand, but that would require additional rules and communication.

Pham thanked doctors for the hard work they are doing and continue to do on the front lines.

“I would just like them to know that the rest of the medical community has their back — including the medical students,” Pham said.



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Late news on pay prompts uncertainty

Many student employees left campus to make other arrangements to remain financially stable, expecting they'd lose their income from their UI job. Now, the UI has shared it will keep paying students through the end of the semester.

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When the University of Iowa announced March 18 that classes would remain online for the semester, many student employees packed up to go home or began looking for other jobs in an effort to remain financially stable.

However, the UI announced March 27 that students with a fixed term of employment, such as resident assistants, and student employees who work hourly and receive biweekly pay will continue to get paid throughout the semester, even if the COVID-19 outbreak prevents them from doing their jobs.

Hourly student employees who cannot work will receive pay for up to 80 hours of the time they would have been expected to work, and students who qualified for federal work-study will continue to be paid, in keeping with the Federal Work Study Electronic Guidance, according to a university-wide email.

Saige Kolbe, a first-year student studying linguistics, was set to start her job swiping student IDs at the Hillcrest dining hall after spring break to save up for a down-payment on her new apartment. She moved home to Sioux City, Iowa with the intention of looking for a job at HyVee, despite the seriousness of the pandemic.

"It stinks because I don't

exactly know who to point a finger at," Kolbe said. "It's not like there's anyone really to blame, but it just feels unfair that all this is happening."

Kolbe was under the assumption that she would not be compensated for lost hours because she had not heard anything from the UI. She said she was willing to work in a public space such

Before delivering the news about continuing to pay employees, the three regent universities set up emergency funds to aid students and health-care providers at the UI Hospitals and Clinics during the pandemic, which are open to donations. Students can receive funds to help ease food insecurity, travel and technology ex-

Regents, and "reviewed relevant state and federal law," to determine whether or not students would maintain their paid status.

"Leadership's discussions and decisions on pay practices were guided by agreed-upon principles, which included but was not limited to keeping all employees in paid status,

er pay to employers during this time period.

Ashlyn Nepl, a UI senior studying psychology and criminology, worked as a student clerk in the UIHC cancer center, along with a research position at the Public Policy Center. Nepl moved to her home in Ames to save money on groceries and other day-to-day expenses

initial announcement.

The UI initially announced before spring break that classes would move online for only two weeks. For many students on campus, this created a level of uncertainty as other universities across the country were making the early decision to go virtual indefinitely. The UI announced the permanent move to online classes March 18, five days into spring break.

UI junior Anthony Farino works at the IT Help Desk in the Center for Advancement, and he was notified by his supervisor early on that he would still receive a bi-weekly paycheck for regular scheduled hours. The Center for Advancement acts independently from the UI.

Farino said this was a relief, because he will still be able to afford his rent and utilities in Iowa City. He said that if he had lost his job — a reality many students were living in for the last several weeks — he would have turned to his parents for financial help.

But with a shelter-in-place mandate in his home state of Illinois, he said there could be some gray area with his parents' employment statuses.

"For a brief period of time, I was kind of in shock and a little worried about paying utilities every month and making sure that I would still be able to keep up with my payments and everything," Farino said.



Graphic by Katina Zentz

as a grocery store because she knows she is in a lower-risk category for contracting the novel coronavirus, and because she needed the money for a security deposit.

"Luckily, I was able to work it out," she said. "I'm in a position where I could take care of it, but it was really frustrating."

penses, or other challenges students might have.

UI media-relations Director Anne Bassett wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that campus leadership and University Human Resources conferred with the Critical Incident Management Team and the state Board of

maintaining the safety and well-being of employees, and providing employees with the opportunity to continue to contribute to the university's mission," Bassett said in the email.

The email did not outline the chain of communication of information about work-

es under the impression she would be without pay for a portion of the semester.

"Our main panic came from that first day," Nepl said, adding there was some confusion and anxiety among her coworkers while they waited for more information from the UI after the

Opinions

COLUMN

Empathy can't cure COVID-19, but it can prevent the spread of the virus



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I have since been furloughed, but two weeks ago I was still working weekends for a local retail business. Usually I enjoy these shifts. But every time the doorbell rang, my chest tightened and I felt stiff with anxiety. I wanted to hiss, “Are you serious? Go home!”

Every several minutes, trios of friends, couples, or a wave of women with arms already full of

bags came into the shop. They touched every cute and pretty thing they saw, coughed and sneezed as they walked through the racks. People were still trying on clothes.

Most didn't notice the bottle of hand sanitizer on the front counter when I rang them up.

After each crowd finally left, my co-workers and I would thoroughly sanitize and clean everything. Not only because we were fearful of the novel coronavirus, but we were trying to prevent its potential spread.

We felt we had to assume everyone had this virus, because in reality, everyone is at risk. Two weeks later, most of the public is realizing this — sadly, not all.

This lack of social distancing

is exposing more than a refusal to follow protocol from public-health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's revealing a shortage of empathy.

By March 8, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds had announced a total

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of three confirmed coronavirus cases in Iowa. All were found in Johnson County. In the two weeks since, that number has grown to 336, with 65 individuals now confirmed positive in Johnson County as of Sunday.

These numbers will build, as will — hopefully — the public's sense of responsibility. At least, you would think.

Even when reported cases in Iowa were in the single digits, I was appalled by the masses of people in Iowa City who seemed indif-

ferent. The bars were jammed with noise, restaurants still had waiting lines, and people were still shopping for spring break.

That indifference has thankfully become more unpopular, on several societal levels.

Social media has advocated “stay at home” status updating, and local governments are becoming increasingly more serious in their response to the pandemic. While President Trump's daily press conferences are evidently breeding grounds for confusion and misinformation, people are making efforts to stay safe. These efforts must continue and strengthen, not only out of following rules, but by caring about our communities.

Students across the country have been displaced, facing homelessness and unemployment because of universities' responses to COVID-19, including the University of Iowa. Many like me have been furloughed

Refusing to practice social distancing is so much more than just incompetent behavior. We will need empathy through the pandemic — empathy we are lacking.

from their jobs, and are trying to plan how to stay financially stable while also practicing social distancing.

This outbreak is emphasizing the many flaws in our economic and social systems, and one of the biggest flaws is refusing to recognize humanity in others.

Our current administration should not hesitate on what to deem the priority. The priority must always be, pandemic or no, the lives of all.

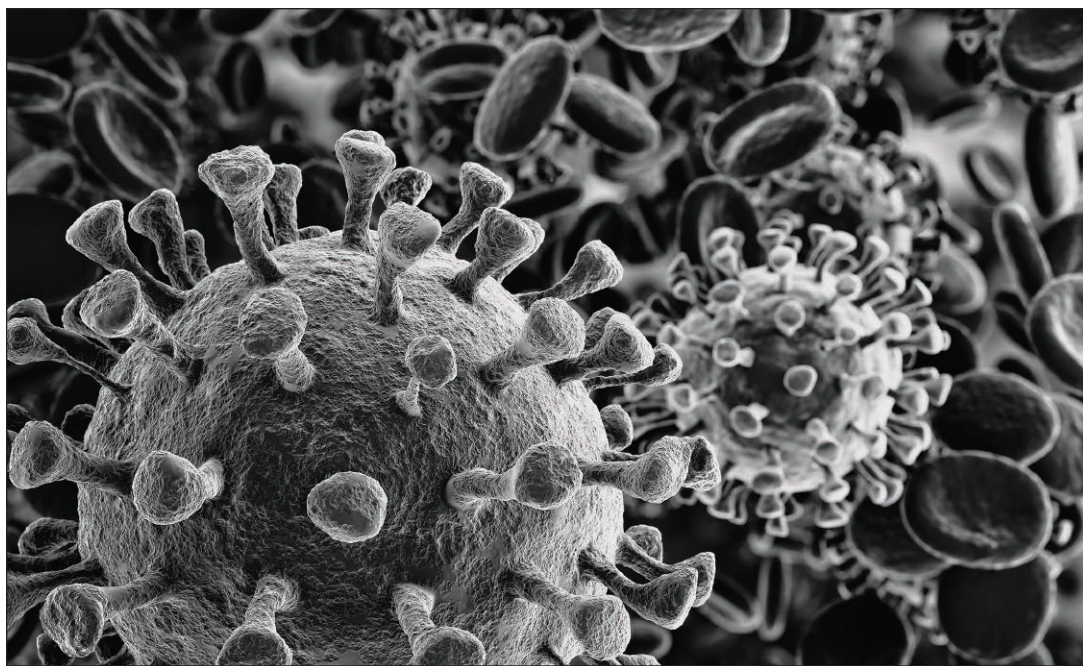
People, both you and I, cannot live if we are not provided vital resources, such as access to safe shelter and food. People are the rising number of cases.

What we are lacking in doing — providing accessible testing, freezing rent, quadrupling pay for grocery-store employees — is all derived from a lack of empathy.

Just as so many have sacrificed the experience of graduation ceremonies, weddings, birthdays, relationships, and witnessing births, surely one can afford not to travel for spring break, or shop for a bathing suit, or gather in groups.

The argument of “can't” no longer has any meaning. The coronavirus has shown that we as a society can exist and live and work outside of late capitalist systems. This country can afford the sacrifices of prevention.

The honest question we must answer is how much this country wants prevention.



David Bowie, Eugene Debs, and the view of the virus from Henry County



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MOUNT PLEASANT — Ziggy Stardust started a dance party of one in my parents' basement this morning. It was calm and carefree. It was just me, my coffee, and David Bowie.

Even before the pandemic, I was going to come home for spring break. After all, food in my parents' house is free, and so is the WiFi. But it's been more than a week, and break is supposed to be over now.

There's a lot of "supposed to be" going around. Graduation

gowns were supposed to be worn. Wage workers were supposed to be clocked in. Students were supposed to physically attend class.

And through all of this, I'm pretty much fine. But that's not true for everyone.

I'm a 20-something with no medical conditions that make me vulnerable to the virus. I've got a jam-packed playlist and meals I don't have to pay for. I'm self-isolating in Mount Pleasant, home to 9,000 people who live miles away from case-dense Johnson County.

There are many college students in similar situations, but many aren't. There are those who won't be safe in their hometown because of their abusive parents. There are those who lost their jobs as servers and baristas and other service workers. There are those facing crises from men-

tal-health breakdowns to oppressive rent to the devastation uncertainty creates.

I'm not smarter to have parents who have jobs that will pay through the outbreak. I'm not wiser to be from a rural county unlikely to be

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overwhelmed by infections. I'm not superior for being born in 1998 without immunodeficiencies.

So what am I "supposed to be" doing now? What are we supposed to be doing?

The simplest action to take is to avoid the simplest reaction: apathy. We've all seen spring breakers who still went on their vacations, citing something to the

effect of, "I'll be fine, so I don't care."

This is clearly the wrong response, but our current crisis demands more than staying home and listening to impeccable glam rock. Our moment demands unity.

This is a humanitarian unity, not a political one. There is plenty of room for outrage aimed at our government's horrific mismanagement of the pandemic. But that outrage must come from a recognition of our humanity.

Indiana politician Eugene Debs put it this way more than a century ago: "While there is a lower class, I am in it. While there

Our crisis demands sympathy, even if we personally feel safe. We are only as secure as our most vulnerable people, and we must value everyone.

is a criminal element, I am of it. While there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

We are only as free, as safe, as comfortable as those who are most in need. In lieu of a capable government, we need a capable people.

I know it's not fair. I know we should have universal paid leave, a rent freeze, and a president who doesn't invent public-health policy with no scientific evidence.

It shouldn't have to be up to us, but it is.

We have to build the world we need as we lay in bed, attend classes online, and rethink life as we know it in the coming months. We must center humanity in our response in this crisis, and the next, and the next.

And while we spend our time apart, we at least have Starman to keep us company.



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A section of U.S. Highway 218 leading to Iowa City is seen empty in Mount Pleasant, Iowa on Sunday. Social distancing has reduced travel around the country in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Iowa guard Kathleen Doyle drives the ball during the Iowa vs. Ohio State Women's Big Ten Tournament game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on March 6.

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The Washington native averaged 23.9 points, 9.8 rebounds, and 1.8 blocks per game this season, while shooting 58.9 percent from the field and 35.8 percent from the 3-point line.

Garza was named the Big Ten Player of the Year for his

performance this season and would later become the first player in program history to earn the distinction of national player of the year by a news outlet.

Female Athlete of the Year – Kathleen Doyle

Doyle had the tough task of leading a team that had just lost three key seniors, including the legendary Megan Gustafson.

The senior responded by leading an overlooked Hawkeye squad to a 23-7 record overall and a spot in the AP top-25 for most of the year before the remainder of her stellar campaign was cut short.

Doyle was named the Big Ten Player of the Year and a third-team All-American after averaging 18.1 points and 6.3 assists per game this season.



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Iowa running back Tyler Goodson scores the first touchdown of the game against Illinois on Nov. 23, 2019.

Coach of the Year – Fran McCaffery

Expectations were not high for the Iowa men's basketball heading into the season. That didn't stop McCaffery's squad from defying expectations.

Despite losing Jordan Bohannon, Jack Nunge, and Patrick McCaffery for the season and having CJ Fredrick out of the lineup for extended stretches this season, Iowa

went 20-11 overall and 11-9 in the tough Big Ten Conference.

McCaffery's squad saw Garza elevate his game, and freshmen such as Fredrick and Joe Toussaint adapted to the college game quickly to make a difference for the Hawkeyes.

Newcomer of the Year – Tyler Goodson

Goodson provided a spark for the Iowa football team,

particularly in the second half of the season.

The Suwanee, Georgia, native finished with a team-high 638 rushing yards for a squad that finished 10-3 and won the Holiday Bowl. Goodson averaged 4.8 yards per carry and scored five touchdowns on the ground as a freshman. He also proved to be dangerous out of the backfield in the passing game, finishing fifth on the team with 24 receptions.

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Sports



DI's Best of the Year

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The Daily Iowan sports section voted in six categories to determine the best of Hawkeye sports this year.

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The 2019-20 sports year for the University of Iowa — despite being cut short because of the COVID-19 pandemic — was a memorable one.

Because winter and spring seasons ended prematurely, the awards that the sports section of *The Daily Iowan* hands out at the end of the academic year have come early. All eight members of the sports section were given a vote in each of the six categories. The goal was to

recognize the best of Hawkeye sports this year.

Here are the results.



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Men's Team of the Year — Wrestling

Iowa wrestling was back on top of the Big Ten this season.

The Hawkeyes were ranked No. 1 in the nation for most of the season and proved why at every meet. Iowa finished with an un-

defeated 13-0 record in the dual season, including five wins over top-15 teams. Iowa also set the points record in a dominating display at the Midlands Championships Dec. 29-30.

The highlight of the regular season was a battle against No. 2 Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes came back from an early deficit to take down the Nittany Lions and cement themselves as the best team in the nation.

At the Big Ten Champion-

ships, Iowa won its 36th Big Ten Championship and its first outright since 2010. The Hawkeyes crowned three individual champions and had nine wrestlers finish in the top five of their weight class.

Women's Team of the Year — Field Hockey

The Iowa field hockey team was dominant from the very start of its season. The Hawkeyes took down No. 10 Wake Forest in the ACC/Big Ten challenge Aug. 30.

Iowa carried a top-10 rank-

ing in the country throughout the entire regular season and finished with a 17-5 record, which included nine wins over ranked opponents.

To end the regular season, the Hawkeyes clinched a share of the Big Ten crown — giving the team momentum heading into the conference championship. Nov. 10 against Penn State, Iowa won the Big Ten Tournament title with a 1-0 overtime victory.

In the NCAA Tournament, Iowa avenged a loss earlier in the year to Duke by taking

down the No. 8 Blue Devils to reach the Elite Eight. The Hawkeyes lost 2-1 to No. 1 North Carolina to end their stellar season.

Male Athlete of the Year — Luka Garza

Garza was a breakout player for the Hawkeyes this season. After being a solid starter for Iowa a year ago, the junior elevated himself to being one of the best players in the country.

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