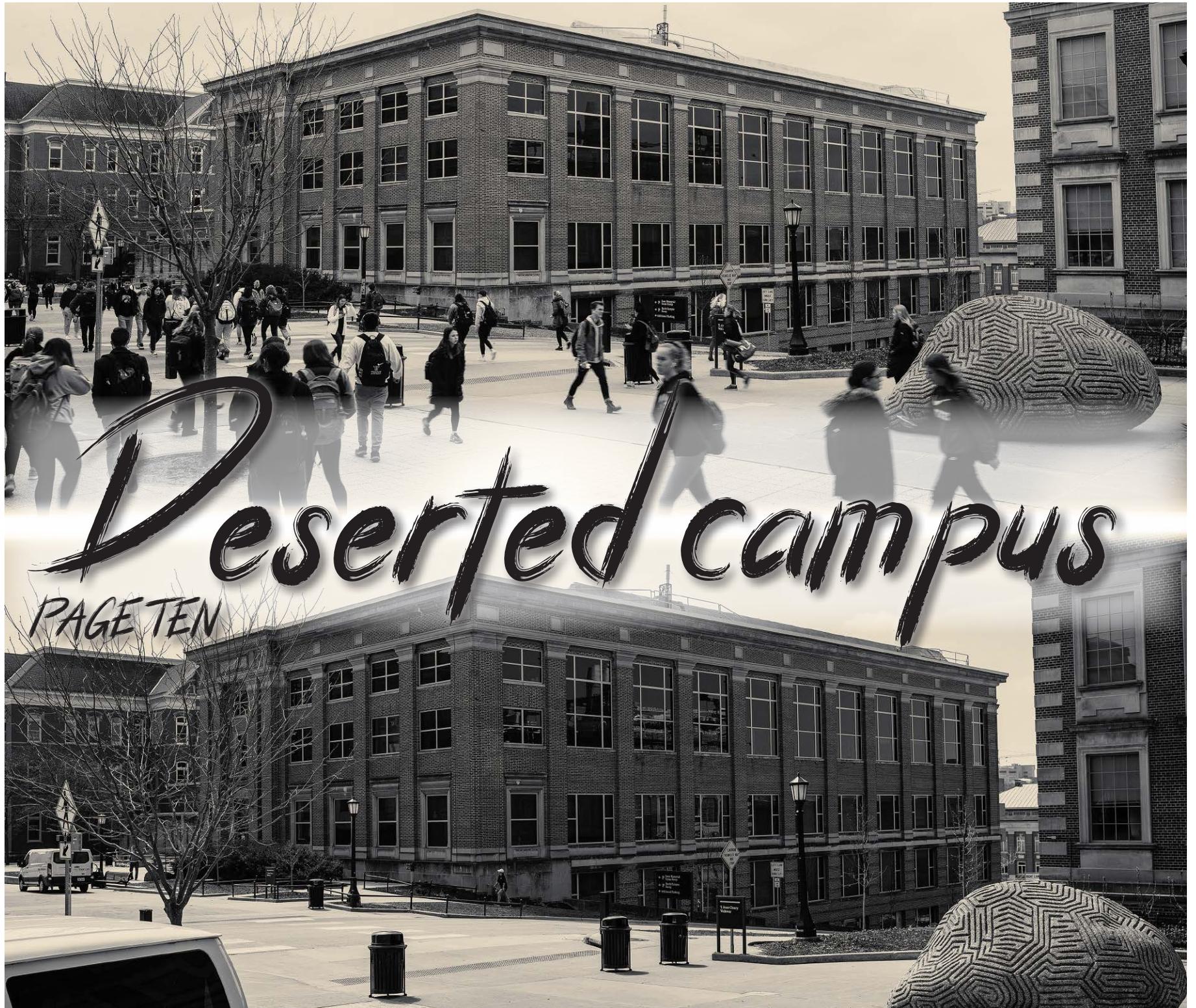


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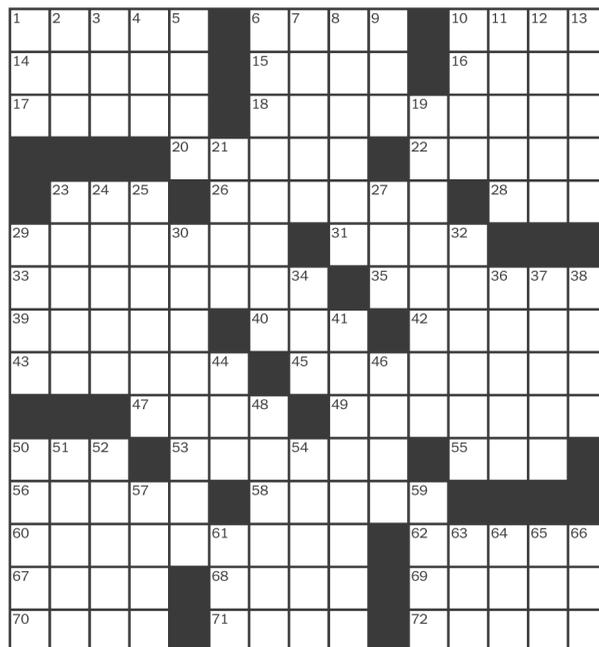
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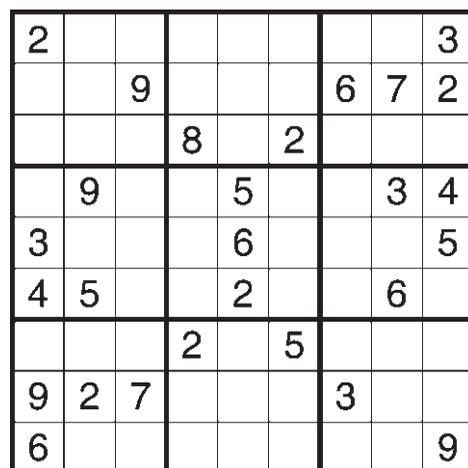
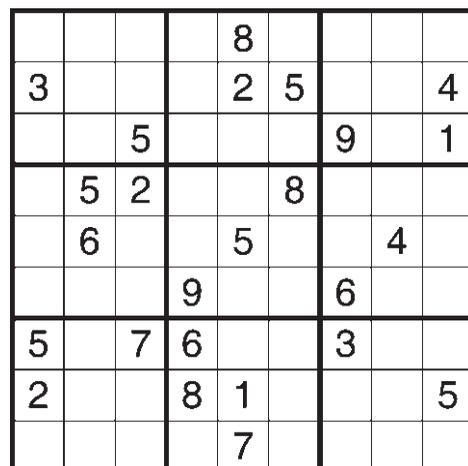
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Undergrads elect new student leaders

Connor Wooff and Mara Smith were elected as the University of Iowa's Undergraduate Student Government president and vice president on Sunday night. All senators — ticket affiliates, independents, and constituency seats — were elected as well.

BY ELEANOR HILDEBRANDT
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In the first exclusively virtual election of the University of Iowa's Undergraduate Student Government, the uncontested executive ticket of undergraduate students Connor Wooff and Mara Smith won the UISG presidency and vice presidency Sunday night.

Amid the global novel coronavirus outbreak, the organization had to move all campaigns online for the first time ever, a decision that was made quickly, UISG Student Elections Commissioner Cameron Moeller said in an email to *The Daily Iowan* April 1.

Moeller, who served as assistant-elections commissioner in the last academic year, said this was an important change in an unprecedented time — something that could impact who turns out to vote.

"Nothing like this has happened before, so we've all had to adjust on the fly," he said. "I expect [overall] turnout to be lower. Many students have much more pressing concerns than [UISG] elections, and the lack of in-person events and campaigning decreases visibility. The fact that the elections are uncontested may further reduce voter turnout."

Moeller said he expected an increase in voter turnout for their specific election because of the constituency senator elections moving online and an increase in voting accessibility.

Undergraduate students who voted in this year's newly split executive- and senatorial-ticket elections totaled 613 — more than 2,000 votes short of last year's con-

tested election turnout. The Connor and Mara executive ticket received 84.82 percent of the voters casting a ballot in their favor.

The constituency senator election saw between 132 and 79 voters for each seat, securing a position for each of the five candidates.

Alongside the executive ticket, both senatorial tickets — Connect Iowa and Impact Iowa — received enough votes to serve as senators in the fall. The two tickets together and the four independent senators who were elected make up 22 of the 30 at-large senate seats in UISG.

UI Student Body President-elect Wooff said he is excited to hit the ground running and start working toward building an executive cabinet.

As former deputy director and current director of Governmental Relations for the organization, Wooff said he was ready to branch out and help with other initiatives in USG. He said he was especially excited to work with the students who will be helping with his and Student Body Vice President-elect Smith's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals.

"I'm excited to help and connect where I can in USG," he said. "A huge focus of Mara and mine is going to be diversity, equity, and inclusion, so I'm excited to work with the director of Sustainability, Justice and Equity, as well as our director of Health and Safety. I want to see those positions uplifted so we can make a lot of progress next year."

Smith said she forward to working with new Vice President for Student Life Sarah Hansen as well as the UISG Justice

and Equity Committee to continue supporting students.

"I know the new vice president for Student Life is also really excited to do some work with accessibility and justice and equity in general," she said. "I'm excited to get that [committee] built and start doing important work there."

She said even though she wanted to celebrate this election and her future inauguration in person, she is still excited to hit the ground running remotely.

As he prepares to take on his new position, Wooff said he is excited to help students in the midst of a global pandemic and connect with the people he

couldn't during the election process.

"I'm excited to get to work," he said. "I'm really excited to start communicating and connecting with people. We have a national crisis going on, so I'm looking forward to helping students in that process and working with administration and staff in supporting students in the coming months."

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Student-run clinic using telemedicine

The University of Iowa Mobile Clinic, which provides free basic health-care services, has transitioned to a telemedicine program because of COVID-19 restrictions.

BY WILL FINEMAN

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The University of Iowa Mobile Clinic has transitioned from its traditional, in-person medical services to telemedicine appointments amid social-distancing restrictions to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The student-run nonprofit offers free basic health care to primarily uninsured or underinsured Iowa City residents in need of professional health services, seeking to promote equity by providing more equal access to care.

Third-year medical student Joyce Wahba, executive coordinator for the mobile clinic, said the organization, which normally operates out of nine locations, shifted to a remote format after the UI suspended all in-person meetings of

student organizations this semester.

“Our main goal is to have people be aware of our services,” Wahba said. “For example, if people don’t have insurance, we want them to know that we are here for them and can help with chronic and acute medical issues. We also offer our services in Spanish, French, and Arabic in order to take down language barriers.”

“It’s getting more access to providing patient care and just seeing how a clinic flows.”

— Hannah Pope, UI third-year medical student

Wahba said that even though the clinic faces more limitations on the services it provides over the phone, it is still offering many of the same important services it did with in-person clinics.

“For tele-mobile clinics, we are refilling medications

for chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure, talking to people about COVID symptoms, and [addressing] mental health kind of surrounded by COVID, but also just general anxiety and depression,” Wahba said. “But we’ve also been able to refer a couple people for social work as well to try and get them signed up for insurance.”

When the UI made its initial announcement on March 11 that in-person classes would be suspended until at least April 3, the UI Mobile Clinic was not originally planning for a complete move to telemedicine. The UI has since extended the virtual-learning format for the remainder of the semester.

“We set up a program so patients could call in if they were receiving medications from us and needed a refill,” said UI second-year medical student Andrea Arthofer, the Mobile Clinic operations coordinator. “Once it became really clear that this was going to be longer than a one-month shutdown, Joyce texted me and said we ‘need to do more’ because just refilling prescriptions isn’t enough anymore.”

The UI Mobile Clinic has a long list of medical services on its website that are still available for patients. Many volunteers, however, still face challenges from the restrictions brought about by COVID-19.

“We definitely are limited



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in what we are able to do,” said UI third-year medical student Hannah Pope, a clinic coordinator. “We’re not able to check peoples’ blood pressure, we’re not able to check peoples’ A1C for diabetes, so kind of some of the bread and butter things that we normally try to help.”

Wahba and Arthofer said one of the biggest challenges in the clinic’s switch to telemedicine has been marketing.

“What we are trying to do better at is just getting the word out so that we can reach these people who need us,”

Wahba said. “We’ve been trying to branch out and think of different ways that we’d be able to advertise.”

Despite the switch to telemedicine, Pope said undergraduate and medical students are still benefiting from their volunteer efforts at the clinic, and the hands-on experience it offers.

“It’s getting more access to providing patient care and just seeing how a clinic flows,” Pope said. “I still think it is super valuable because we are still able to have that patient

interaction and we’re still able to practice our note writing or our presentation skills.”

Even with the limits on what services the clinic can provide because of coronavirus, Pope said the little things remain very important.

“The Iowa Mobile Clinic has been really helpful for the Iowa City community,” Pope said. “The executive board really tries to find areas where there is a need, and I know that they are targeting specific communities within Iowa that they think they can help.”

Filling the equipment shortage

The University of Iowa innovation team and UI Pharmaceuticals responded to requests from UI Hospitals and Clinics for face shields and hand sanitizer, respectively, with Iowans across the state also contributing to hospitals with homemade products.

BY RACHEL SCHILKE
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When University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics contacted UI Chief Innovation Officer Jon Darsee asking desperately for face shields to prevent employees from contracting the novel coronavirus, Darsee knew the UI's engineering resources could step up to the plate.

Among the six operations that report to Darsee are Protostudios, a 3D printing lab led by Neil Quellhorst, and Iowa MADE, an innovative product-development team led by Executive Director Jordan Kaufmann. Both groups were key in producing face-shield prototypes, Darsee said.

"We are the logical step for the hospital, so when they asked us to make the shields, it was a natural fit for us," Darsee said.

Darsee's network is one of several community members and businesses in the Iowa City area shifting gears to fill in personal protective equipment gaps — which are widening across the U.S. as hospitals face an influx of coronavirus patients and try to shield essential workers.

With help from the UI College of Engineering and UI Visual Arts, the campus innovation team led by Darsee was able to develop a design and prototypes for the face shields, but he knew 3D printing was a short-term solution to a long-term problem.

When he began reaching out to manufacturers to take over the project, Darsee said he was impressed with the number of companies eager to help the university.

"Everywhere we have turned, people want to step up," he said. "No one is looking for a profit. [They] just want to get the products out there."



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He said his team, though equipped to make over 100,000 shields right now, is preparing to move onto its next project amid the coronavirus crisis.

"Our mission is not to be a manufacturer, but we are prepared to carry on," Darsee said. "... Our hope is to hand it off and move onto the next task at hand, like masks or ventilators."

Protostudios and Iowa MADE are not the only university operations helping UIHC with its shortages. UI Pharmaceuticals recently developed an 80 percent-alcohol hand sanitizer, which Managing Director Dennis Erb said uses the formula recommended by the World Health Organization and the Food and Drug Administration.

Erb said UIHC called UI Pharmaceuticals with concerns about supply

shortages, and though his organization had never made hand sanitizer before, it was determined to succeed.

UI Pharmaceuticals already had stainless steel vessels on site to make the product, Erb said, but needed to determine the right conditions for both the product and the employees.

"We had to make sure the ventilation was exactly right," he said. "Explosions were a concern, since we were working with a flammable substance. Protecting our employees was our No. 1 concern."

Erb said UI Pharmaceuticals created its first batch in gallon buckets, which was meant to be used for refills or as stock. He said finding eight-ounce bottles was difficult since many organizations and community members were also making hand sanitizer.

"I recently talked with UIHC, and

they told me that usage is up 250 percent, which is amazing to hear," Erb said.

After word got around that UI Pharmaceuticals had the facilities to create sanitizer, he added, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reached out to gauge its capabilities of producing a coronavirus vaccine and treatment.

The organization is now under consideration as one of the potential sites that are able to develop and produce the COVID-19 vaccine, Erb said.

Community members are joining in to answer calls from hospitals for more personal protective equipment and products. Maud Bentley, a quilter by trade from Rowley, Iowa, said she decided to start making masks because she felt "helpless."

"This is what we quilters do," she said. "We are always ready to put our needle to the fabric and make something for someone else. It seems like a small action, but it makes a huge impact."

Bentley said she has looked up specific patterns for hospitals that require certain materials in the masks, such as hospitals in Cedar Rapids and Waterloo.

Calling her method of production a "one-person assembly line," Bentley said she has also made masks for herself, her neighbors, and community members continuing to work.

"More than just hospital professionals are out on the front lines," Bentley said. "It's for the checkout girls at grocery stores, it's for anyone who has to remain working — and for them, isolation is not an option."

Bentley said she believed this was the best way to participate in fighting COVID-19.

"Nurses are taking care of sick people — I can do this," she said. "We are all in this together, there are no economic or social barriers. It's talking to others about what we can do to help when we have our hands tied."

Darsee said that a decade from now, he will look back and remember the relationships formed across the state, having worked with Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa during the search for face-shield manufacturers.

"We may have developed these relationships eventually, but not like this," Darsee said. "It's been an intense process, but seeing support from all over the state and seeing UI undergraduates, graduates, and employees with nothing to do step up and help is incredible. It gives people purpose."

‘Faith will not be canceled’

Local faith-based communities minimize the disruption from COVID-19 by using digital platforms to keep a sense of community.

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Classic music and hymns greeted churchgoers signing on to the virtual Palm Sunday services at the First United Methodist Church of Iowa City. As more people logged on to the Facebook livestreamed worship, people began to comment messages normally said face-to-face — “Good morning, everyone” and “Happy Palm Sunday.”

The time-honored sermons reverberating from Pastor Barrie Tritle established a comforting tone of normalcy throughout the digital audience. Messages of faith familiar to those watching remained unwavering despite being contextualized in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic — an illness that has crippled Americans with fear and uncertainty.

Toward the end of the service, the pastor told his congregation, “even though we’re a dispersed church, we are one in love with God, and God is in love with us.”

Virtual worship, funeral livestreams, and studying religious texts via Zoom are some of the many routes that religious communities in Iowa City and throughout the country have chosen to take as they adapt tradition amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Religious sects and organizations within the community are working to establish different opportunities for people to practice their faith.

Iowa City First United Methodist Church pastor Tritle said he wanted people to remember that even if the church is not physically gathered, it will celebrate once it’s together again.

“In the meantime, even though the world seems to have canceled everything right now, as the people of faith let us remember — caring will not be canceled, love will not be canceled, acts of kindness will not be canceled, relationships will not be canceled,

hope will not be canceled, music will not be canceled, reading and studying will not be canceled, self-care will not be canceled, and faith will not be canceled,” Tritle said.

Pastor Roger Dykstra, senior pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Iowa City, said the church has conducted all of its meetings and bible studies via Zoom, and live-streamed its worship ceremonies.

Dykstra added that the church had already altered its communion and greeting practices to avoid spread-

messages that remind people that fear isn’t something we need to be leading from, remind people of the hope that is ours, remind people [that] we need to care for each other at this time... We’re also just trying to keep it as normal as we can when nothing is normal.”

Third-year University of Iowa student Sameer Ansari, vice president of the UI Muslim Student Association, said the need to social distance has caused a major disruption within the Islamic community because people

Ansari said Muslims are able to complete their required five daily prayers from their homes, but it’s not always easy to stay motivated when you lose that sense of community.

“Sometimes it becomes more difficult trying to push yourself to be ritual or spiritual when you don’t have people behind you,” Ansari said.

Just this past year, the UI Muslim Student Association was able to obtain another room for a total of two set aside for daily prayer in the IMU, Ansari said.



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First United Methodist Church is seen on Monday. This year’s Easter Sunday services, which would normally bring in hundreds of people, will be live-streamed from a near-empty church.

ing disease because of the flu season, which eventually coincided with the novel coronavirus.

One particularly difficult disruption caused by the virus has been applying mitigation measures to events such as funerals, he said. Up to 10 people are allowed to gather, Dykstra said, but the rest may only be present virtually.

“... As you preach or as you teach, the context is always there,” Dykstra said. “We’re trying to ... lift up the

are unable to attend daily activities and prayers at their local mosques.

In most towns, mosques are where many Islamic community members come together for different prayer rituals and everyday programs, Ansari said.

For the first time he can remember, Ansari said routine Friday Jumma prayers, including the one the Muslim Student Association hosts weekly in the IMU, are being canceled.

“That prayer room gave us the ability to get people together and use it as a good influence to be religious and spiritual,” Ansari said.

First-year law student Gada Al Herz, president of the UI Imam Mahdi organization, which focuses on Shi’a Muslim students, said shrines and places of worship are shutting down around the globe, regardless of sect or origin.

Al Herz said the trend among Islamic leaders during this time has

been to encourage people to stay home, spend time with their families, keep clean, social distance, and take care of themselves.

“Generally, Islam as a religion kind of demands that everyone play their part when it comes to helping the overall community, and that’s something that people have really focused on lately,” Al Herz said.

Ashley Carol-Fingerhut, executive director of Iowa Hillel, the foundation for Jewish life on the UI campus, said the organization has undergone a dramatic shift since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Now, we’re just working on creating community in a virtual world,” Carol-Fingerhut said.

Not being able to hold the weekly Shabad dinner on Fridays has been one of the biggest barriers for Iowa Hillel, Carol-Fingerhut said.

Carol-Fingerhut said Hillel International has put together a virtual program called Hillel@Home which brings in speakers from around the world to give talks students can watch without having to leave their homes.

In an effort to piggy-back off of this initiative, Iowa Hillel is working to create a “HawkeyeHillel@Home” screen-free, bingo board, a Netflix bracket challenge, and a book club, Carol-Fingerhut said. Current Jewish-learning fellowship classes that Carol-Fingerhut has been leading will resume online as well.

Carol-Fingerhut said she’s seen a big shift to utilizing online resources within the Jewish community as a whole.

“... We talk about now the idea of self-isolating and being away from people, but that doesn’t mean that the community that you had that brought you strength and friendship and everything else is gone, it just looks different,” Carol-Fingerhut said.

Campaigns go virtual amid COVID-19

Candidates for office across the state are working to adjust their campaigns to reach voters before the June 2 primary.



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Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Kimberly Graham, who's running for one of Iowa's seats, speaks at the Wild Culture Kombucha on July 22, 2019.

BY RYLEE WILSON

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Christina Bohannon was in the midst of knocking doors for her campaign for Iowa's 85th House District when schools and businesses began to close in response to the COVID-19 outbreak around March 17.

"I had my list and I was going up and down knocking doors on different streets," said Bohannon, a University of Iowa law professor. "That's really fun because you get to meet people at their homes and talk to them about the things that matter to them and put faces to names."

Bohannon said when businesses began to close, she had to make the decision to suspend in-person campaigning

and shift to using social media and phone calls to connect to voters.

With the June 2 primaries quickly approaching, candidates seeking office across the state are forced to make similar decisions as guidelines around social distancing prohibit gatherings larger than 10 and discourage nonessential trips outside the home.

Iowa Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, who is seeking the Republican nomination for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, has canceled upcoming events and fundraisers and suspended knocking doors. Her online campaigning has shifted their messaging to educating people on ways to help neighbors during the pandemic.

"I have noticed that people intuitively knew what to do when there was a tornado, or a flood, or a natural disaster, but people weren't sure what to do when there was a pandemic," Miller-Meeks said. "So we did a video on how you can volunteer to help your community and what things you can do to maintain social distance."

Miller-Meeks said while her top priority is stopping the spread of the disease, maintaining social distance has led to a very different campaigning experience.

"I miss that feedback and the inspiration I get from meeting people," Miller-Meeks said. "You miss that sense of urgency you have when you're interacting with

people, so those are some things that emotionally people have to overcome when they're campaigning and social distancing."

Candidates in the Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate have canceled events and are relying on building digital platforms. Some candidates have started live streaming events and are relying on email lists and social media outreach to connect with supporters.

In statements to *The Daily Iowan*, candidates said they were confident in their ability to pivot to online campaigning.

Kimberly Graham, a Democratic candidate running for one of Iowa's Senate seats, had completed 85

counties out of her 99-county tour and moved the rest of her events to online live streams.

"We have double the number of Twitter followers as our next primary competitor, so the transition to all-digital has gone well," Graham said in an email to the *DI*. "The most important thing above all else has been and will always be to ensure that voters, volunteers and staff are all safe."

Democratic contender Eddie Mauro canceled several upcoming events on March 11 and said in a statement that canceling early was valuable to the campaign.

"We were the first campaign to really pivot to digital/mobile organizing because we saw the writing on the wall," Mauro said in an email to the *DI*. "As a result, we had nearly two weeks to strategize how to approach reaching an audience we can't shake hands with, and we are well-positioned to win this primary."

Keegan Brown, communications director for Mauro's campaign, said the campaign regularly gets thousands of views on live-streamed events, which have amassed around 360,000 total views over half a month of holding events online.

Though some candidates are confident in their digital networks, candidates for local office said the transition has been an adjustment.

Brad Kunkel, a Democrat running for Johnson County Sheriff, said suspending

face-to-face organizing has been challenging.

"For the better part of the past year I've been out meeting folks, having public events ... doing as much in-person contact as I can," Kunkel said. "That all came to a stop about three weeks ago and it's totally changed how I've connected with voters, because those face to face interactions have come to a complete stop."

The virus is also impacting how the voters will be able to cast their ballots, though the June 2 primary election is expected to continue as scheduled.

Voters are encouraged to vote by mail. Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announced on March 31 that every registered voter will receive a mail-in ballot in mid-to-late April. Polling locations will still be open June 2.

Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said he did not anticipate mail-in-voting causing a large change in turnout, as primary turnout is typically around 10 percent in Johnson County.

Weipert said some precinct locations may be combined, and there could be a smaller number of people willing to work polls.

"Most of our poll workers are over that 60-year-old mark, which puts a lot of folks in the higher risk category," Weipert said. "There's a concern that a lot of them won't want to work the polls and risk coming into contact with so many people on Election Day."

Arts courses struggle to adapt

Art students and instructors, used to hands-on ways of practicing their passion, have said they are dissatisfied as they adapt to curriculum changes with the shift to online learning.

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Avery Nabholz recently ended a vocal lesson early after the sound on her computer cut out. She had reached a pitch and dynamic that was too much for the audio system to compute.

It was one of the challenges the University of Iowa junior, who majors in vocal performance and music education, has faced while adjusting to online instruction — a switch that is part of the UI's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Nabholz said online learning has negatively impacted her ability to work with vocal instructors. Online instruction, she said, has made it difficult for her professors to pick up on important aspects of vocal artistry such as dynamics, overtones, and phrasing over Zoom audio.

"I have been trying to remain as positive as I can during the quarantine, but the truth is that maintaining the meaningfulness of arts education via virtual platforms is extremely difficult,"

Nabholz said. "So much of being a musician, vocal, instrumental, orchestral, or otherwise, relies on collaboration that is nearly impossible to replicate over Zoom."

Nabholz isn't the only Hawkeye feeling the effects

justs to remote instruction.

Collaboration is also an important part of dance performances, and for dance major Allie Recht, online classes have posed similar challenges. The musicians who play piano for dance

stay in the dorms and currently lives in Stanley Hall.

"I have some space, but at the same time, I have two loft beds in my room and I only have one room to do everything in and it's been kind of strange," Recht said.

learning while living with six members of her family who are also conducting work or school from home has been overwhelming.

"I'm trying to be really mindful of not being disruptive or distracting them

switching to online classes have created many obstacles for performing and studio art majors, the loss of important classes, performances, and exhibitions has been an emotional experience for both students and professors.

"I miss not being able to meet with students face-to-face," UI printmaking lecturer Thomas Christison said. "It's exciting to see a whole group of students become involved and light up about something new, and it's hard to simulate that online."

Nabholz said not being able to practice or perform music is particularly hard for students whose art is a huge part of their identity. In a time when stress and fear has skyrocketed, it's been difficult for students to lose the art practices that they rely on for emotional support,

she said. "I miss being able to go to school and do what I love every single day," Nabholz said. "I miss it more than I can describe, and I am confident that I won't take it for granted when all of this is over."



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of COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Dance and music majors no longer have a space to practice, art students lack important materials provided by the university, and many professors have had to completely rewrite their syllabi as the UI community ad-

practices join over Zoom and lagging video can make it hard for dancers to stay in time with the music.

Recht also said she's struggled with spatial challenges when attending dance classes on Zoom or attempting to practice. Recht petitioned to

"I can barely lay on the floor with my limbs extended without hitting something."

Returning home for the remainder of the semester has also been problematic for music students. Vocal performance major Megan Melia said practicing and

while practicing," Melia said. "But that also means I'm not able to sing nearly as much as normal and I'm not able to go to a practice room at Voxman whenever I want, so that is difficult."

While the technical and spatial difficulties of

Hands-on learning lost for labs

Hawkeyes in science and math majors discuss their struggles with online classes, including missing in-person instruction, self-motivation, and changes in curriculum.

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Annie Wofford, a University of Iowa third-year student studying human physiology on the pre-med track, was concerned that she may miss out on the hands-on learning her lab classes on campus offered as the UI adapts to virtual instruction.

Wofford, who described herself as a more “atmospheric learner,” said her lab classes were the extra step that locked in concepts she learned from lectures.

“My biggest struggle right now with the science classes is doing the work and putting in the same amount of effort when you don’t physically see the professor or can’t physically go to the office hours for a quick question,” Wofford said.

Students like Wofford and their instructors are grappling with how to transfer labs, which often require experiential learning and student participation, to an online format because of the COVID-19 outbreak. Curriculum changes vary by instructor as they adapt to teaching remotely and shift their syllabi in the middle of the semester.

Kaia Johanningmeier, a second-year student majoring in geoscience and secondary-science education, said her physics lab was canceled entirely and her semester grade will be an average of her past lab scores. Meanwhile, Johanningmeier’s geology lab has been largely unaffected, though she looks at pictures of rocks now instead of real rock samples.

“It’s just we can’t really collaborate with our peers anymore, which is disappointing,” Johanningmeier said.



Physical and Computational Chemistry Professor Renee S. Cole poses for a photo in front of Information Technology Services in the Old Capitol Town Center on Monday. **Hayden Froehlich/The Daily Iowan**

Johanningmeier added that she believes her professors are trying their best under the circumstances.

UI chemistry Professor Renee Cole is one of four UI instructors teaching Principles of Chemistry One to a class of 800 students. Cole said the extra week of spring break was advantageous, but accommodating a class of that size still proved to be a challenge.

“It’s been a lot of starts and stops and pivots,” Cole said on going through ideas and pushing for a curriculum that worked.

One creative solution Cole’s co-worker, UI lecturer Adam Brummett, found to accommodate lab classes is setting up a green screen in his home as he records a demonstration of the experiments. By editing the video, Brummett said the lab becomes as engaging as possible and taking the extra time to do so is what the students deserve.

“It’s two weeks now of basically no sleep and eating whatever you can,” said Max Geng, another professor of Principles of Chemistry One.

Kelsey Maher, a UI sophomore majoring in health and human physiology, said she appreciates how accommodating professors have been during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I definitely feel like the teachers are super understanding regarding this strange situation that we find ourselves in,” Maher said.

Maher added that her motivation has not suffered, because she gets overwhelmed if she falls behind. Other students, including Wofford and Johanningmeier, pointed to

self-motivation as one of the biggest struggles they have faced while adjusting to online classes.

Johanningmeier joked that now classes feel “optional,” but talking with friends who attend the UI and feel the same has helped motivate her to complete them anyway.

“The curriculum is still there, it’s just in a different way and we’re all learning to adapt to it,” Johanningmeier said. “And as hard as it may be to see now, I think we’re all learning and growing from this experience.”

Empty campus, city 'eerie' for those in town

As spring returns, Hawkeyes aren't coming back with the new season, leaving the University of Iowa community to adjust to a quiet, less vibrant campus and city.

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Seniors Adam Goedken and Kyle Apple strolled leisurely down the T. Anne Cleary walkway on the University of Iowa's first Monday after spring break. The skies were a clear blue with few clouds in sight as the sun sparkled over the UI campus on March 30, warming Iowa City temperatures to around 60 degrees.

Normally, the annual return of warmth after a cold Midwest winter

pushes many of the more than 30,000 enrolled Hawkeyes outside to embrace the spring weather. Students take turns on such days soaking up rays on the Pentacrest, lounging in hammocks tied to the trees or sprawled out on the grassy lawn to study.

This Monday afternoon, the UI campus structures stood largely void of people as students began the first day of online instruction for the remainder of the semester because of the UI's steps to contain

the spread of COVID-19. "This is basically like my last walk around campus and then I'm probably moving back home," said Goedken, of Independence, Iowa.

There was no crowd of pedestrians waiting to cross the streets that break up the walkway. Few Pentacrest loungers relaxed between classes at the heart of campus. No steady stream of students rushed into the Burge dining hall to fill up on food before heading to another class.

On a typical day with this weather, the Tippie College of Business students said they'd likely be outside — Apple added, "with the weather, probably Joe's Place," a bar on Iowa Avenue which features rooftop seating with a fireplace.

But the places across Iowa City and campus are only a fraction of what the two Hawkeyes were missing.

"The hardest part probably is not knowing when you're going to get to say goodbye to your friends who are at home right now," Apple said. "I'm staying on campus [to attend law school], so all my underclassman friends,

I'll see him again in the fall, but for my friends who are graduating and moving across the country for jobs, I don't know if I'll see them again for another couple of years, and that's probably the hardest part."

As the seniors absorbed the sights and silence of a mostly empty campus, Street Hawk cook Ben Cremer worked inside the UI's food truck. The savory aroma of burgers, pulled pork sandwiches, and other items wafted between residence halls and buildings from its spot parked on the walk-

way.

By 1 p.m., Cremer said the truck had only served just over a handful of customers. It'd typically serve between 200 and 300 people on a given day. Its Monday through Friday operational hours are now 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., when the cooks would normally take orders until 3 p.m.

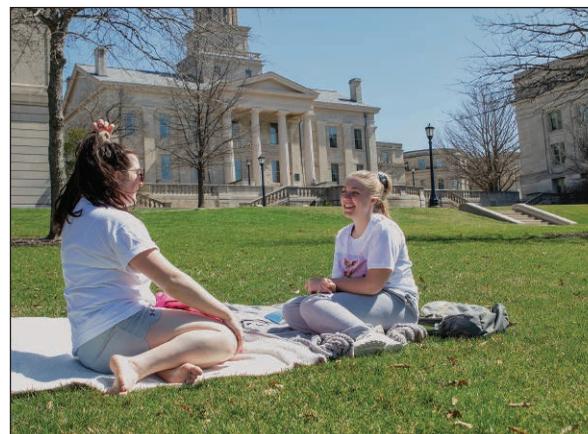
Rock music blared over the food truck's speakers, as usual, but to a nonexistent crowd. Cremer said it's eerie to see so few people out and about on a normally bustling campus, but he considered himself lucky to still have a job at this point.

"It makes the days drag a little bit," he said of the campus atmosphere. "... Summers aren't even like this."



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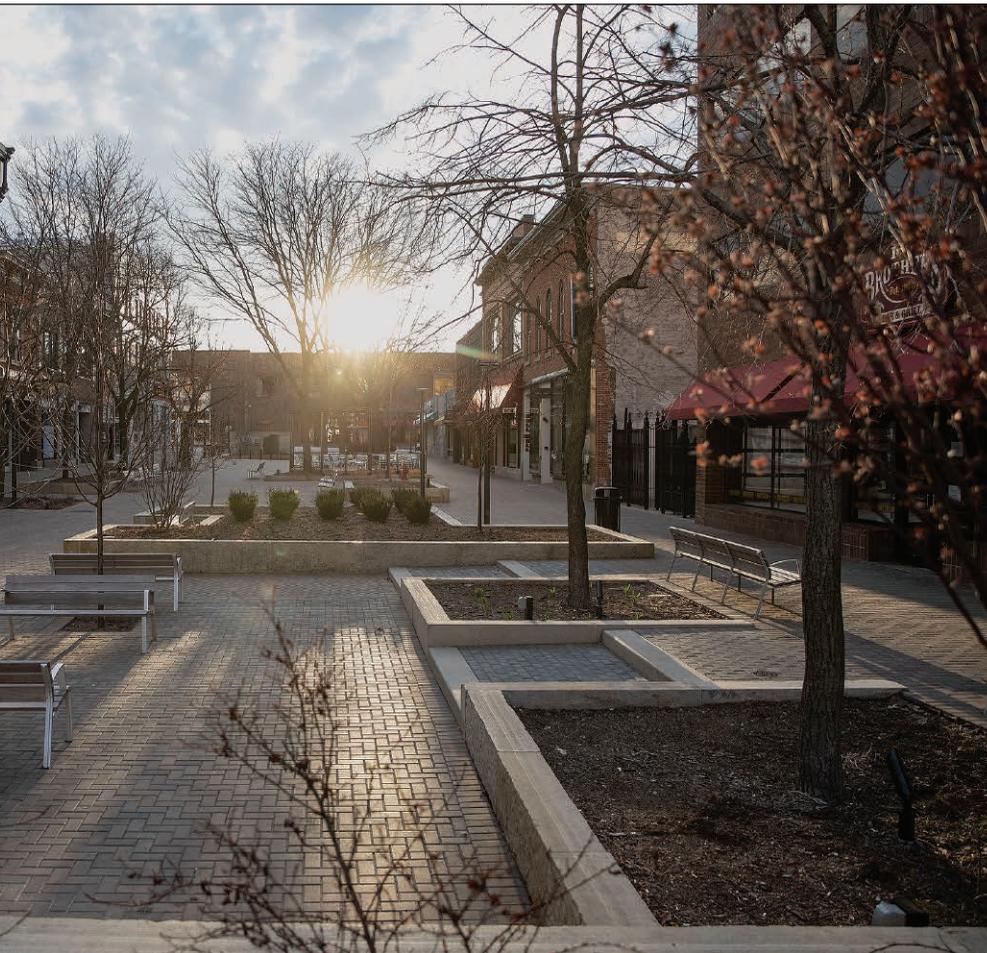
UI seniors Adam Goedken and Kyle Apple walk down the T. Anne Cleary Walkway on March 30. Goedken said it was likely his last walk around campus as a student before he returned home to Independence, Iowa.



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UI juniors Bailey Fitzgibbon (left) and Holly Dannen sit on the Pentacrest on March 30. Campus was empty as students began their first day of online classes.





The Pedestrian Mall is seen April 4. Downtown was quiet during the first weekend after spring break as classes have been moved online and the bars closed because of the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

While Cremer waited for customers as he worked at the food truck, UI third-year students Bailey Fitzgibbon and Holly Dannen, communications majors from the Des Moines area, sat on the Pentacrest lawn on top of blankets — Fitzgibbon with Dunkin' iced coffee and Dannen with a book, both with backpacks nearby.

Fitzgibbon would normally spend Mondays working at the IMU Java House location, while Dannen would typically be working on her online classes to free up her availability later in the week. The two room-

mates now found themselves with time to spare. "It's reassuring when you see a couple of people out walking just because I feel like every time I look outside, it's barren — like, there's no one out," Fitzgibbon said of the normally vibrant campus falling dormant.

Many of their friends had returned to their respective homes and the two canceled their spring-break plans to travel to Portland, Oregon because of the risk associated with traveling as COVID-19 spreads across the U.S.

For Dannen, who's graduating in May, the abrupt closures also meant the disappoint-

ment of a canceled commencement ceremony. The change also meant she had no opportunity to soak in the final moments of the last year of her undergraduate career while knowing those moments would be her last.

"I just had a lot of things that I didn't think would be like the last time that I was doing them," Dannen said. "I wish that I got to take those moments in more and appreciate them before they were gone, but it was just kind of randomly like, 'Oh, now it's over.' And so I didn't have time to be sentimental about graduating, I guess. It'll all hit me at once, I'm sure."



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Brothers' outdoor seating area is seen on April 4. Bars are closed until April 30 to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The weekends now come and go in Iowa City with no fanfare.

Parking spots — which are usually hard to come by in the busy Downtown District — are now plentiful along the city streets. The doors remain shuttered with the occasional delivery driver bobbing swiftly in and out of local restaurants to take food to hungry, cooped-up customers.

There may be few people out to talk to, but the pedestrian-crossing sign still drones on: "Clinton. Walk sign is on to cross. Clinton. Clinton. Walk sign is on to cross. Clinton." The beeping sound seems to bounce off the buildings louder than usual as fewer vehicles clog the city streets and fewer people mosey along the sidewalks.

The Pedestrian Mall, normally bracing around 7 p.m. on a Saturday for UI students

to pack its many bars come nighttime, would go for minutes without any foot traffic. The latest chart-topping tunes weren't playing from any establishment. No alcohol-infused chattering of Hawkeyes spilled out like static from the bars and onto the brick-laden downtown area.

"We'd probably be maybe getting to get some food somewhere — maybe the restaurant, cinema, that kind of thing. Maybe casually browsing the mall or Coralville," said UI first-year law student Bryony Whitaker, who's from England.

UI senior Matthew Whittle, who was walking on the Ped Mall alongside Whitaker, said after that they'd "probably come down here just for the bar scene or something like that, just hang out for a while."

Whittle said he's lucked out so far with his plans after graduation to work at Lincoln Financial

in Omaha, Nebraska remaining stable, though he anticipates not being able to immediately meet his team.

Although Whitaker has campus to return to for the remaining years studying law, as an international student, she's uncertain when she'll be able to see her family again.

State Board of Regents President Mike Richards has vowed that Iowa's three public university campuses will be operating normally again come August, but Whitaker wasn't so sure.

"I don't know when we're going to be coming back to campus because I think, realistically, September is a very early end goal in the grand scheme of things — we've still got to think about public health," she said. "But I think everyone will just be thankful to see each other and finally be able to make some contact with other human beings."

ETHICS & POLITICS

Lawmakers will return to session amid budget uncertainties

When state lawmakers are able to resume the legislative session in May, passing a budget that deals with COVID-19 concerns, while also fulfilling some of their previous goals, will be their top priority.

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The top legislative priority when Iowa lawmakers reconvene in Des Moines will be to pass a budget for next year. The current fiscal year ends June 30, but emergency legislation passed in March extends this year's budget through the end of August.

Lawmakers have been working remotely for three weeks, and with a tentative return date of May 1, legislators will face pressure to pass a budget and coronavirus relief measures with sinking state revenue. That could cast aside key legislative priorities lawmakers were hoping to pass before COVID-19 mitigation efforts derailed the session.

Iowa Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny, said the state budget is a big question mark, and lawmakers are trying to get a grasp on the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, that President Trump signed March 27.

"We really need to sort through that 800-page bill, figure out how much money would be coming from the federal government, and what we can use that for in this upcoming budget," Whitver said about the CARES Act.

Lawmakers will be struggling to draft a budget with limited revenue, as sales tax, income tax, and other revenue streams have dried up along

with the virtual pause placed on the economy in the midst of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The CARES act includes \$150 billion to be doled out to state and local governments around the country. Iowa will receive an estimated \$1.25 billion in federal aid, according to the Tax Foundation.

According to Reynolds' fiscal 2021 budget estimate, the 2020 budget was around \$7.7 billion. The governor's recommendation for the 2021 budget was a little over \$8 billion. The recommendation predicted \$8.2

billion in net revenue for 2021, and it's unclear how much lower actual revenue will be.

Right now, lawmakers are scheduled to return to the Statehouse on May 1, but Whitver said in the event the session has to be pushed as far as August, remote voting could potentially become an option, but he said he doesn't want remote voting to become a new normal.

"If we do go down that road, I would only be supportive of that if we did it for a very short term, just for this situation, and not get into

a situation where remote loading becomes the norm," Whitver said. "I don't think that would be a productive way for us to do our business, but in the case of emergency, that's something that we could potentially talk about in a few weeks."

Whitver said he suspects moving forward on legislation that would help fund adult and children's mental-health systems will be a priority for most lawmakers when returning to the Statehouse. He added that improving mental-health systems is more important than ever in the

midst of a global crisis.

Reynolds' Invest in Iowa Act, which she touted during her Condition of the State address in January, would raise sales tax by one cent and allocate a portion of that money to mental-health services. With that revenue, the state would pay for 70 percent of mental-health expenses in each county.

Iowa's economic development director said last week that Reynolds' plan to boost mental-health funding through her proposal for a one-cent sales tax increase is likely dead for this session amid COVID-19 concerns, according to a report from Iowa Capital Dispatch.

Constituent work has become a main focus for many legislators working remotely. Iowa Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, said in addition to working some eight-hour days on his farm, he has been busy taking phone calls from Iowans who are concerned about things ranging from health care to unemployment.

"I'm getting dozens of requests per day from people ranging from business loans to, you know, what's the regulation on this or what do I do about that," Kaufmann said. "And so I'm navigating constituents and all of us, frankly, are navigating constituents through those times."

Whitver said he has his cell phone to his head almost 24/7 communicating with members of the Iowa House, but also to be available to constituents.



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House members applaud at the Iowa Capitol on Jan. 13.



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Gov. Kim Reynolds delivers her third Condition of the State address on Jan. 14.

“There’s a lot of constituents with a lot of needs, so we’re doing our best to help answer the questions and the concerns that people have,” Whitver said. “Just be available for when our constituents have a question about what’s going on, or any resources to help, and so that is priority No. 1 for all of us.”

Democrats said their main priorities will include keeping up funding for education and health care, two areas that have seen massive shake ups as the state has taken measures to control the spread of COVID-19.

House Minority Leader Todd Prichard, D-Charles City, said the novel coronavirus spread has exposed financial shortcomings in the hospital system in Iowa, especially in rural hospitals.

“We’ve got a lot of rural hospitals that are in financial troubles, and now they’re being slammed with this pandemic, which has been financially hard for a lot of hospitals across

the state,” he said. “And they weren’t coming into this crisis on good financial ground to begin with.”

Kaufmann, chairman of the State Government Committee, said he has been conducting meetings via Zoom, email, and telephone with other lawmakers, trying to work out budget logistics and what they will realistically be able to pursue when returning to the Statehouse in May.

Kaufmann said he does not think the session will last any longer than the two scheduled weeks in May because he said lawmakers are getting done what they needed to accomplish remotely, and found it unlikely lawmakers would agree on a defined extension of the session.

As of now, lawmakers cannot vote on bills remotely, and while the Legislature can decide to extend the session, legislators will only get paid through the originally scheduled May dates.

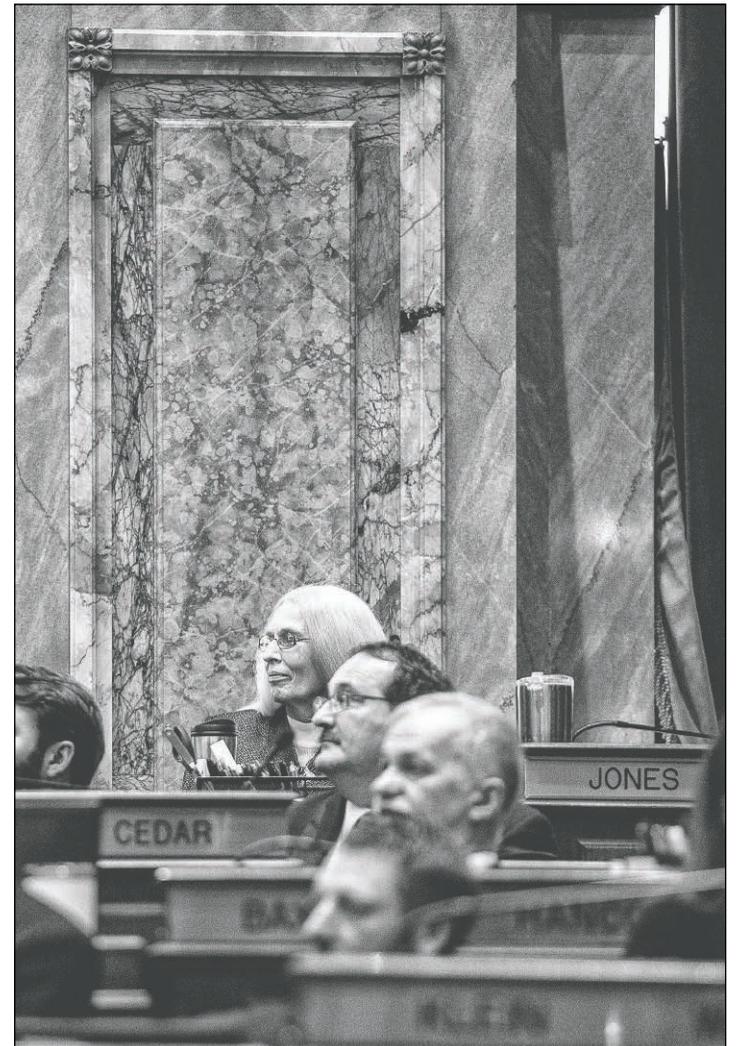
“Nothing can be voted on until

we get back, but that does not mean that we should not have the exact conversation that we would have all had on the floor of the Iowa House,” Kaufmann said. “There’s no reason that we can’t be having those conversations on the telephone.”

Kaufmann said one of his biggest priorities when returning to the Statehouse will be to pass a bill that would give counties the authority to make Emergency Medical Services an essential service. Iowa does not currently consider emergency services to be essential. The bill would give emergency services, such as ambulance and firefighter services, additional funding.

“I don’t think there’s a question in my mind that one of the top budget priorities has to be federal health funding,” Kaufmann said, referring to the funds that will be given to Iowa from the federal government.

Kaufmann said legislators should act conservatively when revising the



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House members listen at the Iowa Capitol on Jan. 13.

budget, so that in the event of another disaster, Iowa still has finances available.

April is generally one of the biggest months for state revenue. Around \$800 million came into the state’s coffers in April 2019. With the state tax filing deadline extended to July 31 this year, that income could drop significantly.

Estimates for state revenue in March are slightly below March 2019, though that estimate is based on activity before the governor declared a disaster emergency.

The Revenue Estimating Confer-

ence will likely meet again before the session resumes to make an estimate for April’s income, Iowa Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said. A ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, he said it’s hard to tell right now how much revenue will be hurt, but it will make budgeting difficult no matter what.

“The challenges are, we’re going to have less revenue to fund basic priorities in the state,” Bolkcom said. “... If we lose a few hundred million dollars in state revenue, it makes everything very challenging.”

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Opinions

EDITORIAL

Stay home or help out

Promoting large gatherings such as parties is harmful amid the COVID-19 pandemic. There are more productive, meaningful ways to help combat this disease.

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A video shared on the public Barstool Hawkeyes Instagram account last week highlights a growing concern in Johnson County amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The video depicts individuals who appear to be University of Iowa students recreating the downtown Iowa City bar scene through filming in their home.

Members of the international community, federal and local government, and even social-media influencers are encouraging Americans to stay home, practice social distancing, and leave the house for only necessary errands.

In this unprecedented time, it is frustrating to see UI community members take such a threatening disease so lightly. The coronavirus may harm us or our loved ones. For millions of Americans, including many Hawkeyes, it has resulted in extreme unexpected financial hardship, making it difficult for people to pay rent or put food on the table.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board understands wanting to find creative ways to have fun amid these trying times. There are better ways to cope with the challenges this pandemic poses than promoting harmful practices such as gatherings rather than practicing social distancing, recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to contain the spread of COVID-19 to ease the burden on hospitals faced with treating an influx of patients.

The public shaming of college students has consumed numerous media outlets in recent weeks, as 49 University of Texas at Austin students returned from their spring-break trip to Cabo, San Lucas, Mexico and tested positive for COVID-19.

“If I get corona, I get corona. At the end of the day, I’m not going to let it stop me from partying,” remarked another young individual when interviewed on why he chose to spring break in Florida amid a pandemic. He has since rescinded his imprudent statement.

Early news of this pandemic gave the assumption that young adults were not at risk for infection, but that was quickly disproved as reports showed that 20 percent of all coronavirus hospitalizations were for individuals between ages 20 and 44. Younger people aren’t immune to the virus. They still run the risk of being asymptomatic carriers, unwittingly spreading the disease to those more vulnerable.

Iowa does not currently have a shelter-in-place order. Johnson County, home to the UI campus, is one of three counties with the most cases, with 134 confirmed cases. It follows Polk County with 127 cases and Linn County with 186, the Iowa Department of Public Health reports. Needless to say, the threat of the virus is local for all Hawkeyes. Self-discipline is necessary now, more than ever, regardless of the lack of a shelter-in-place order.

Since the end of March, Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague has emphasized adhering to Gov. Kim

Reynolds’ disaster proclamation, encouraging social distancing and gathering in groups of less than 10 people.

It is a shame to see fellow students disregard the lives around them and celebrate naivety for social-media clout. Feedback in the comments section of the video include, “Take it from me who went to Iowa and lives in NY,” the state that leads the country in the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths. “I really hope y’all stop that. Learn from the college kids in Texas. Y’all ain’t immune trust me.”

As our generation is justifiably mocked and blamed for the coronavirus pandemic sweeping the country, we have a role to play in proving

that, when asked to set up to the plate by staying home and staying safe, we can do it. So little is asked of us with the reward of getting back to routine as usual. If we cannot practice discipline now, the result can be costly and devastating.

Some UI students, though, are championing what it means to be in this effort to combat the pandemic together. They should be looked at as models for how to step up during this period of uncertainty.

Students running the UI Mobile Clinic are offering telemedicine appointments in order to serve the community while following social-distancing guidelines. Their work brings basic health care to members of the community that

are uninsured or underinsured — a critical service for many at the moment.

For health-care workers on the front lines of this crisis, some Hawkeye medical students are coming to the rescue by providing services such as babysitting, errand running, and meal prepping to assist those who cannot distance themselves from work and are needed to save lives affected by the virus.

Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz said it best: “We all want to get back to work and we miss our routine. But the bigger picture is that if we are not able to get back, that means we have bigger problems than missing football.”



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The Iowa City downtown area as seen from the UIHC AirCare helicopter on March 20, 2019.

Growing pains and plants during COVID-19 quarantine

A little home gardening may be just the thing for those needing a low-stress hobby to cope with the crisis and pass time.



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I never considered myself a green thumb growing up. My father, on the other hand, cherished the flower bed in our front yard every growing season. We have a section in my scrapbook of him elbows deep in the dirt while I stood in the background, smelling the flowers he was about to plant.

During the first week of freshman year, I was given a small spider plant in a yellow mug to put by my window sill. Suddenly, I had something to take care of. While my mental health took a slight nose dive, I cared for that plant as if it was my family dog waiting for me at home. Seeing it in the dreary months of winter perked up my feelings as I reminded myself spring was right around the corner.

Ecowatch has a small article listing seven ways houseplants benefit your health, both mental and

physiological. They boost mental health by giving a bit of greenery in a boxed-in area; they improve the air quality by taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen; they give their owner a sense of routine by watering and checking their status. NASA has even done a study in the international space station on why they have their astronauts raise plants — the real reason is to improve air quality, but I like to think it is because plants are nice to look at — a splash of green among a mostly white and grey living space.

Soon I had more than just a small spider plant, I had a windowsill covered in plants, along with the corner of my desk. My spider plant graduated two pots and is now bigger than my torso. It sits on my desk and covers half of my computer screen.

Instead of becoming the crazy cat lady, I earned my title as the crazy plant lady.

Since the University of Iowa enforced a longer spring break and moved classes online because of COVID-19, I have returned home with all of my plants, including my boyfriend's plant because he could not travel on the plane with it. While I can go outside to my front yard and such while practicing social distancing, the weather has not been kind to us and has kept us indoors most days. Even so, my "bucket forest," as my dad fondly calls it, has brought joy to me while stuck surrounded by four walls.

Despite all of the hardships of sudden transport and replaced dirt, they continue to thrive. One has even flowered again after



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watering them, and even talking to them if they need encouragement — I am reminded of a scene in the hit anime *Cowboy Bebop*. While living on a spaceship in space, the tough, scarred character Jet delicately takes care of a bonsai garden and spends a part of each day taking a moment of peace to relax in their area. His life is chaotic and often dangerous, but the plants do not care. All they do is sit and grow, and do not have expectations for the character.

So as I sit here at home during my self-quarantine, I will continue to take care of my plants as a way of self-care. Because in these trying times, we all need someone or something to invest our time in. So why not a plant? I might even add another one to my collection during my time here.

“While I try not to wax poetic about having the indoor garden, it gives me and my family a chance to admire nature from indoors.”

almost dying of dehydration — thanks, dad, for not watering it while I was gone. Another has almost outgrown its pot and will need to be relocated to a bigger one any day now. They all continue growing, each turning into bigger and stronger plants while never being outdoors.

While I try not to wax poetic about having the indoor garden, it gives me and my family a chance to admire nature from indoors. As I inspect the plants daily — which involves a routine of checking the soil,

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In the gray area

College students claimed as dependents will not receive a direct payment from the government's COVID-19 relief package, creating a gap as some students struggle to make ends meet.

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While 22-year-old Kaylie Wilson works full-time during the summer and part time during the school year to pay for rent, groceries, and other day-to-day expenses, she is not financially independent in the eyes of the government.

President Trump signed the largest economic stimulus package in modern history March 27, approving \$2 trillion in federal relief to industries and small businesses in the wake of a global pandemic. Within that package is about \$300 billion in direct cash payments to adults and children across the U.S.

However, with some college students still claimed as a dependent on their parents' taxes, many young adults will not receive a direct payment after falling into a gray area where they do not qualify as an adult or child.

"It's a really big blow to just assume that all students that were claimed as a dependent are getting 100 percent financial aid from their parents who may now, even if that is the case — those parents might be laid off," said Wilson, a UI senior studying political science and public policy.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, was part of the third wave of relief voted on

by both chambers of Congress and signed by Trump. Individuals earning less than \$75,000 a year will receive a one-time payment of \$1,200, married couples will each receive a check, and families will receive \$500 per child.

Wilson interns at Iowa City Area Business Partnership, clocking between 10 and 20 hours a week tracking bills in the Iowa Legislature that are pertinent to the partnership. She said that on a good month, her internship will cover rent.

"A lot of places, for good health reasons that I totally support, are closed, and a lot of hiring has been slowed down ... so, yeah, definitely not expecting to get any kind of career

job anytime soon," said Wilson, who will graduate in May.

The CARES Act does provide some relief for student-loan borrowers and gives payments to colleges and universities, including additional financial aid to those who need it. The act provides more than \$30 billion to local school systems and higher-education systems, which includes the additional financial aid and work-study payments to students who cannot work because of COVID-19.

It provides flexibility to universities to use financial aid as emergency grants to continue paying students through Federal Work Study, but each campus would have to take that step individually, accord-

ing to the office of Rep. Cindy Axne, D-Iowa.

"The university, in coordination with the Board of Regents, is currently reviewing the provisions and will share more details when available," UI Media Relations Director Anne Bassett said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

The act will defer all federal student-loan payments until Sept. 30, including interest, and



'As a college student I have been
~ laid off my part time job

- ~ denied unemployment
- ~ left out of the COVID-19 relief package
- ~ left out of my parents relief package
- ~ rejected from multiple jobs bc online class schedule
- ~ gotten 0 refund from my tuition and housing'

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there will be no negative credit reporting or involuntary collections during this time.

UI freshman Caleb Slater is in the Army reserves and was supposed to be deployed to South Carolina in May for basic training. With his deployment suspended, Slater will not be receiving any paychecks from the Army and has been trying to schedule some shifts at Hy-Vee in Des Moines.

Slater is among the many college students who will not qualify for a direct payment, but said that since the UI will continue to pay him up to 80 hours for his job in the Carlett dining hall, he will be able to pay for things such as his U-bill and car insurance.

"I'm fine financially for now, but what about when the semester ends?" Slater said. "You know, what about when the summer comes along? How am I supposed to deal with that and mediate that?"

Ian Mariani, Axne's communications director, said that while this was the largest economic relief package, members of Congress are still working on legislation to provide additional relief during this pandemic. He said for college students who are frustrated with not receiving a direct payment, they should voice their concerns to their representative.

"This is the time for them to use that voice and try and make sure that that's understood to be a priority for them in this next round of negotiations,

and something certainly we're looking at in terms of what we can do to help more and more folks, because we know this affects everybody," Mariani said.

When UI freshman Isabella O'Connor learned she would not be receiving a stimulus check, she took to Twitter to voice her frustrations about her current financial situation and encouraged other students to reach out to their representatives. More than 25,000 people shared her Twitter thread, responding with similar concerns about college students being left out.

O'Connor has applied to four different grocery store positions in her hometown of Des Moines but hasn't received a job offer from Trader Joe's or Whole Foods. She said she was able to pay off her U-bill this semester through aid she received from the UI's student emergency relief fund.

O'Connor's main source of income this year was from her internship with Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign, and once that ended, she began working as a server at Goosetown Café where she was ultimately laid off because of COVID-19 closures. She said she has paid for most of her own things since she was a freshman in high school.

"People need relief, and I don't think our politicians realize how financially independent college students have to be," O'Connor said.

How much will individuals receive from the CARES act?



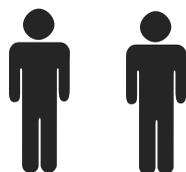
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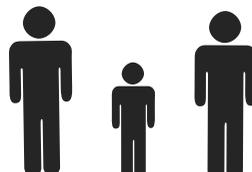
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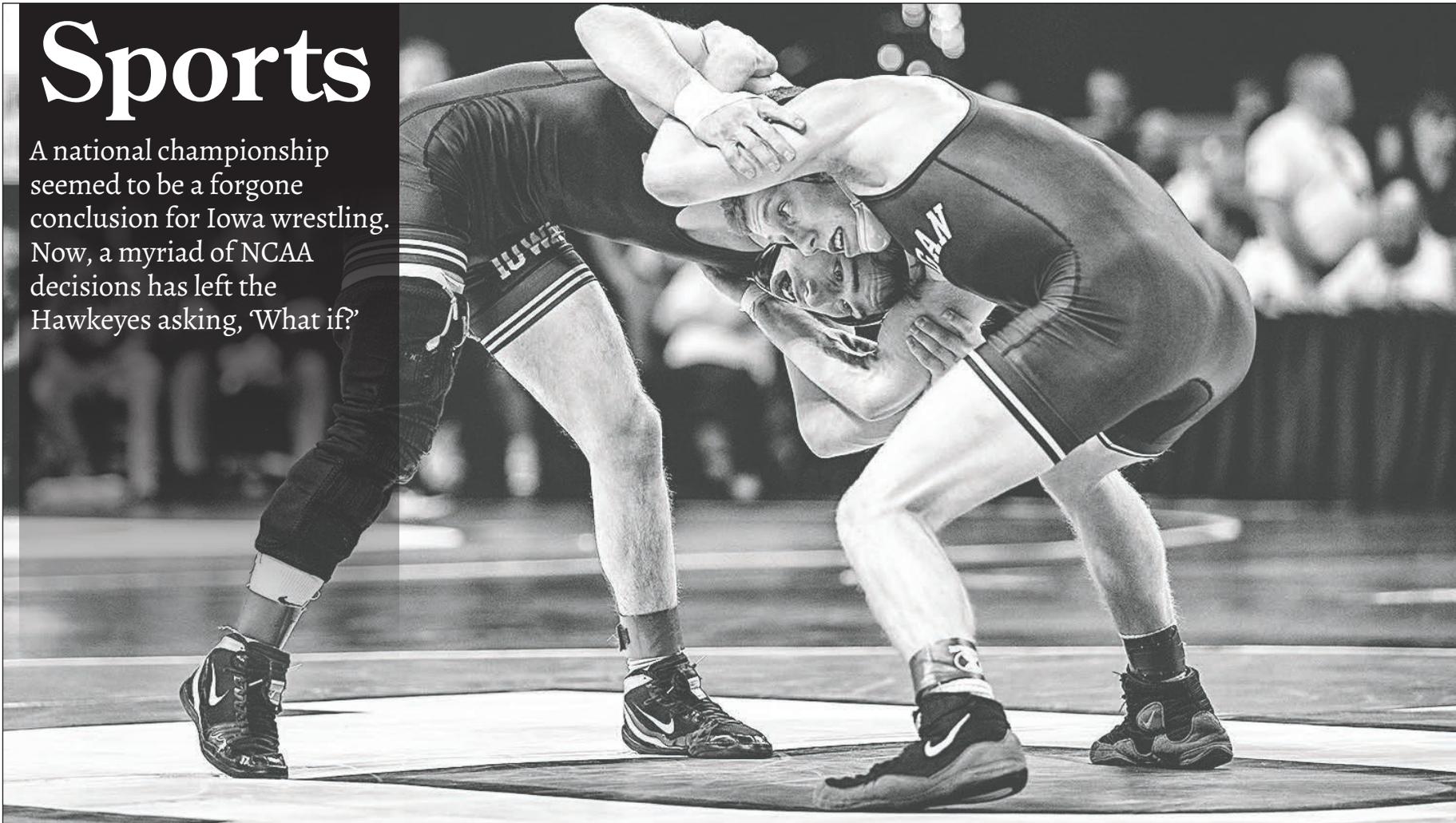
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Sports

A national championship seemed to be a forgone conclusion for Iowa wrestling. Now, a myriad of NCAA decisions has left the Hawkeyes asking, 'What if?'



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Iowa's 125-pound Spencer Lee grapples with Michigan's Jack Medley during session two of the Big Ten Wrestling Tournament in Piscataway, N.J. on March 7. Lee won by tech fall in 3:23.

Hawkeyes' historic pursuit denied

BY AUSTIN HANSON
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Iowa wrestling was back on top. Then, the season abruptly ended.

The 2019-20 season seemed to be the long-awaited year of redemption for Iowa wrestling's faithful. For the first time since 2010, the Hawkeyes were poised to reclaim their throne atop collegiate wrestling.

Unfortunately for Iowa and its fans, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the NCAA to cancel all of its postseason cham-

pionships for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year.

"This team was robbed of history," head coach Tom Brands said. "Pat Lugo, a senior, was robbed of history. We had three No. 1 seeds, three guys in the top eight, another guy seeded 11th. They were robbed of history, and they were robbed of an opportunity."

The Hawkeyes boasted three top seeds going into NAAs in 125-pound Spencer Lee, 149-pound Pat Lugo, and 165-pound Alex Marinelli. Michael Kemerer earned a two

seed at 174, heavyweight Tony Cassioppi was seeded third, and 197-pound Jacob Warner was seeded fifth.

133-pound Austin DeSanto, 141-pound Max Murin, and 157-pound Kaleb Young were all seeded in the top 10. 184-pound freshman Abe Assad trailed the group as an 11 seed.

"It's disappointing," Lee said. "We all know this was a big year for us because it was the next one, right? We were favored going in. There's a lot of disappointment with everyone on the team. We only

had one senior who was in the starting lineup, Pat Lugo. We had 11 seniors who didn't start that wanted team rings. That was the hardest thing for me, to look at them and know it's pretty unlikely that they're going to get a team ring."

For Lee, the NCAA's decision was particularly punishing. The reigning two-time national champion could've taken a redshirt in 2019-20 to pursue an Olympic berth for the 2020 games in Tokyo. The redshirt would've given him an extra year of eligibility, thus enabling him to avoid COVID-

19's impact on the 2020 NCAA Championships.

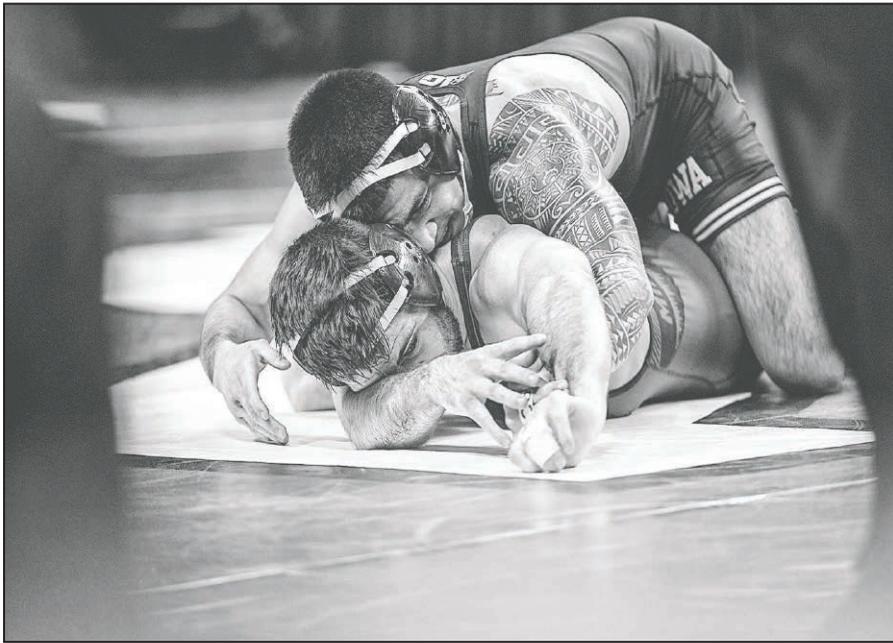
"Like everyone says, I have an Olympic redshirt and a redshirt," Lee said. "For me to lose 25 percent of my season when I had two basically free years was kind of disappointing. It's hard to swallow when you try to do the right thing and you get punished for it."

Lee, as Brands said, was robbed of history. The junior had the possibility to win this third national championship, a step that would have set him up to be a four-time national champion, something only five

wrestlers have ever achieved at the Division I level.

After the NCAA Division I Council voted that winter sport athletes would not receive another year of eligibility, Lee may never get the opportunity to go four-for-four on the NCAA stage.

Despite the anti-climactic end to his 2019-20 campaign, Lee still had one of the most dominant seasons in the history of collegiate wrestling. He went 18-0 on the season, outscoring opponents 234-18. On average, Lee produced five team points per match.



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Iowa's 149-pound Pat Lugo grapples with Minnesota's Brayton Lee during session two of the Big Ten Wrestling Tournament in Piscataway, N.J. on March 7.

Following a Big Ten title, Lee received the Hodge Trophy and was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Year and NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler of the Year.

In Piscataway, New Jersey, Iowa won its 36th Big Ten team title. The Hawkeyes lapped the field, scoring 157.5 team points. Nebraska finished in second place with 132 team points. Nobody knew it at the time, but that was the final time Iowa would take the mat in the 2019-20 season.

"I think [Iowa wrestling fans] will look back on this season and say, 'This is the year they could've, would've, or should've won, and they were the favorites to win,'" Lugo said. "We got robbed. We got robbed straight up. They will look at it like that. I think they will look at the opportunities some of us could've had. A lot of unfinished business that should be dealt with.

"It should be handled one way or another. This doesn't seem right. It's like watching a

movie, then you stop watching the last twenty minutes. The best part is coming up. Why would you stop watching the last part?"

As is standard procedure for Iowa wrestling, the Hawkeyes will recognize the good and the bad that 2020 yielded and move on, looking toward next season and beyond.

"[My teammates] were able to help me move on to what's next," Lee said. "It's kind of like, alright, what now? Alright, now I can focus on school and staying healthy and trying to maintain your shape and everything else. My teammates stay pretty positive. It's hard to make do, but we make do with what we've got."

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