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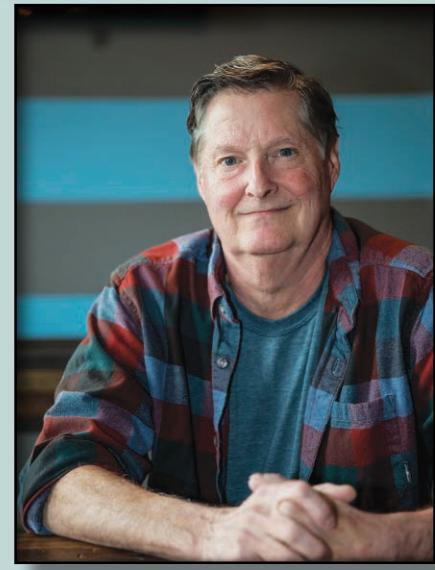
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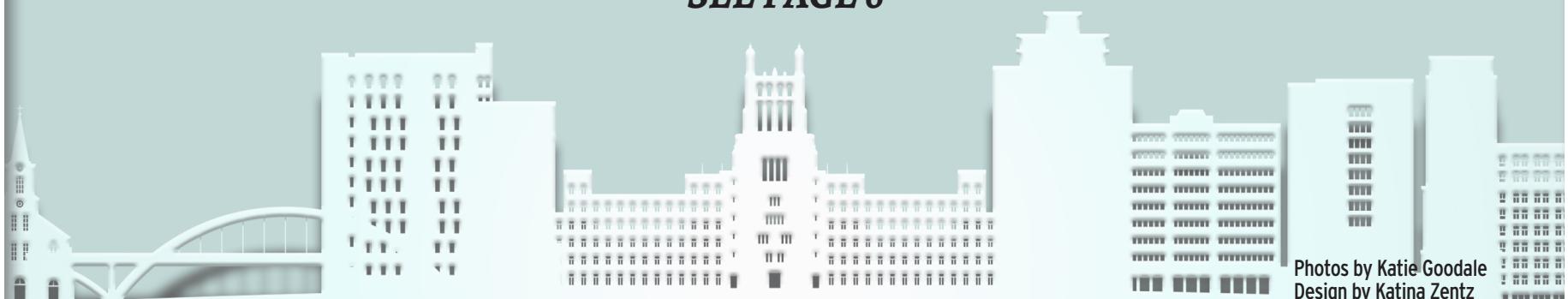


## Businesses seek support to stay afloat



Loans and grants can be the difference between surviving and closing the doors for good for small businesses. But the path to funding isn't the smoothest.

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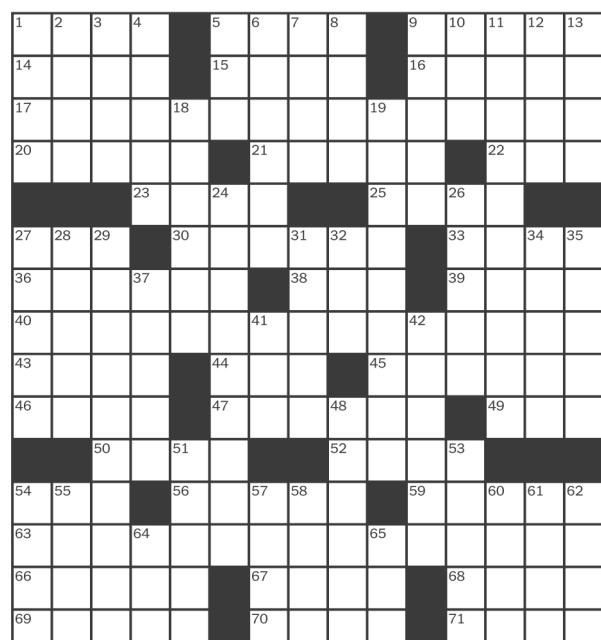
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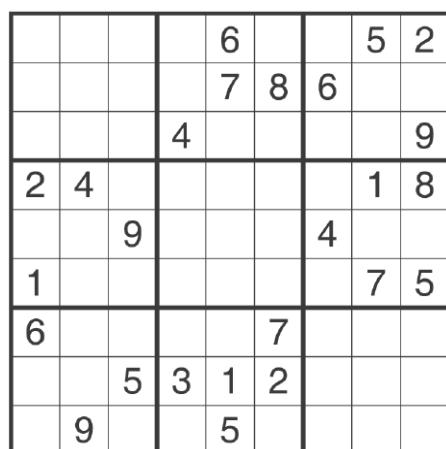
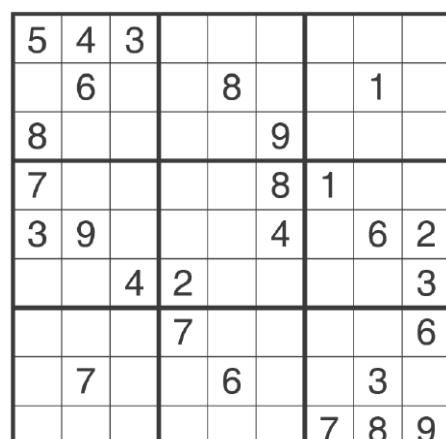
# The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 3



## Across

- 1 French Open court material
- 5 One thing ... or a twosome
- 9 Alfred Nobel or Anders Celsius
- 14 McDonald's arches, e.g.
- 15 Model/actress Delevingne
- 16 Ebbed
- 17 Historic town in Veszprém county, Hungary, noted for its baroque architecture
- 20 Short line at the top of a column, in typesetting
- 21 Turn out
- 22 + or - atom
- 23 Thigh-baring dress feature
- 25 Spore-producing plant
- 27 Soldier clad in gray, for short
- 30 Bisected
- 33 Start of Caesar's boast
- 36 "It's about time!"
- 38 A Stooge
- 39 Fits of anger
- 40 Left tributary of the Vitim River in Irkutsk Oblast, Russia
- 43 Only ape to orbit the earth (1961)
- 44 \_\_\_ sequitur
- 45 Colombia's capital
- 46 Went by taxi or train
- 47 From Florence or Pisa
- 49 Like a 1960s-'70s TV "squad"
- 50 One-size-fits-all garment
- 52 Opposed to, rurally
- 54 Piñata smasher
- 56 Board a moving vehicle

## Numbered composition

71

26 Enjoying the great outdoors ... indoors

- 63 Village between Krusyna and Jacków in Silesian Voivodeship, Poland (pop. 305)
- 66 TV newsman Willie
- 67 Janis's partner in the comics
- 68 Knoll
- 69 Retort to "Are too!"
- 70 One of the Lennons
- 71 Numbered composition
- 27 Less cooked
- 28 Prefix with -centric
- 29 Laundry problem for Dracula?
- 31 Chorus of approval
- 32 "Hahaha"
- 34 Unfamiliar with
- 35 Feels down
- 37 Where icebergs are found
- 41 The Rockets, on scoreboards
- 42 Classic camera brand
- 48 Cooking oil option
- 51 Butler of fame
- 53 Kind of chip
- 54 Nickname for major-league baseball's Angel Stadium, with "the"
- 55 "Uh ... excuse me"
- 57 Some fund-raising grps.
- 58 People eater
- 60 Sonar signal
- 61 Doozy
- 62 Serpentine swimmers
- 64 Letters on a brandy bottle
- 65 Bridge limit unit

Down

- 1 End of a hammer
- 2 Greiner of "Shark Tank"
- 3 Like Gruyère or Grandpa
- 4 Idiots
- 5 R.N.'s workplace
- 6 What the Lord sometimes does, in a classical expression
- 7 Land o' leprechauns
- 8 Sober-minded org.
- 9 Criticism that might be made behind someone's back
- 10 Ashen
- 11 Scotty's domain on the U.S.S. Enterprise
- 12 Brief how-to
- 13 Where fruit-picking originated?
- 18 Wise-looking
- 19 Gym clothes holder
- 24 Aim

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# Businesses on nearby county border stay shuttered

Restaurants in the city of West Branch opted to stay closed after Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds reopened 77 counties in the state, including Cedar County, citing concerns that it's too soon to open their doors again to keep staff and customers safe.

BY RILEY DAVIS

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Fifteen minutes west of Iowa City, the city of West Branch straddles the divide between Johnson and Cedar Counties. Although Cedar County is one of 77 counties that were allowed to reopen May 1, restaurants in West Branch, population 2,200, are opting to stay shuttered to the public amid COVID-19 spread.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced April 28 that 77 Iowa counties could reopen restaurants, fitness centers, malls, libraries, race tracks, and certain other retail businesses to reopen at 50 percent capacity at their own judgment at the beginning of the month.

Given West Branch's proximity

to Johnson County, which remains closed because of COVID-19, the city's Mayor Roger Laughlin said local restaurant and business owners have largely decided to continue conducting carryout and delivery operations only and don't plan to consider reopening dining areas for another few weeks.

"It's too soon," Laughlin said. "They're worried, because we've got a lot of elderly clientele, if you open it up, they're going to come and [owners] just don't feel right about opening up quite yet."

While no formal order from city officials is keeping businesses from reopening, Main Street Sweets Manager Steven Grace in West Branch said his decision to keep the dining area closed and continue with carry-

out and delivery options was spurred by the fact that the city is in such close proximity to five of the 22 counties that were ordered to remain closed — Johnson, Linn, Muscatine, Scott, and Washington Counties.

"We're just going to follow the information that comes from the state and see where we're at two weeks at a time," Grace said. "If it looks like it would be worthwhile and safe to do so, we might look at slowly reopening a little bit, but we want to balance that safety of both [our] staff, our customers, and the community with being able to return to some sort of normalcy."

He said West Branch residents worry if local restaurants and businesses reopen again that people from Johnson County and other surrounding closed counties will travel to the city to do what they can't on their own. People want to regain a sense of normalcy that the pandemic took away, he added, and would see traveling to neighboring, reopened counties as a way to do so.

As of Monday, Johnson County had tallied 518 positive coronavirus cases, while Cedar County had just 35.

Loughlin said the city will watch how other reopened areas of the state handle the new circumstances and judge accordingly what West Branch should do moving forward, depending on what those cities experience.

Loughlin said he anticipates a two-to-three-week lag time between when cities reopen restaurants and businesses and if those areas experience a "spike or uptick" in positive cases

of the coronavirus. West Branch will monitor those changes, he said, and decide its next step depending on the outcome.

Johnson County Supervisor Chair Rod Sullivan said he has similar concerns and was pleased to hear that West Branch's restaurants and businesses chose to remain closed at this time.

He stressed the importance of public responsibility and said people should continue to enact safe practices, such as social distancing, regardless of what the reopened counties decide to do.

"I wish that the governor would have kept it that way — but she obvi-

ously didn't," Sullivan said. "So, hopefully folks will take it upon themselves to behave in a safe manner."

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Steven Grace poses for a portrait at Main Street Sweets in West Branch on May 1. Grace, co-owner of the restaurant, said as a business owner it is important to be adaptable, and as restrictions change, "we'll play it by ear."



# 'It was horrifying': Revisiting the Kent State shooting 50 years later

On May 4, 1970, the Ohio National Guard killed four student anti-war protesters on Kent State's campus. The incident spurred student demonstrations across the country, including several at the University of Iowa, bringing students to the forefront of universities' future decisions.

BY ELEANOR HILDEBRANDT  
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When Willard "Sandy" Boyd became University of Iowa president in 1969, he never expected to receive the news a year later that students just a few states over had been killed on a college campus.

A demonstration at Kent State University against the Vietnam War broke out on May 4, 1970. At the protest, the Ohio National Guard shot and killed four student protesters and wounded nine others.

The news rocketed around the U.S. and ignited student protests at college campuses, including the UI, leading to a semester cut short and the creation of a new student representative on the state Board of Regents.

In a phone interview, Boyd — now 93 — said he knew tensions were taut on college campuses across the country, beginning as early as 1967 at the UI. But he never expected them to escalate the way they did 50 years ago.

"It was horrifying," Boyd said, speaking from his room in Oaknoll, a retirement and assisted-living facility currently under lockdown to mitigate COVID-19. "... [I] lived at home, not in the president's house, and the day after Kent State we came out to four



Jeff Lange/Beacon Journal

Kent State University sociology Professor Jerry Lewis pauses for a moment after ringing the victory bell during the acknowledgement of the 50th anniversary of the Kent State shootings on Monday in Kent, Ohio.

[pretend dead] bodies lying in our front yard."

Demonstrations swelled after Kent State, Boyd said. Before 1970, demonstrations mainly included peace marches and teach-ins, but the events at Kent State led to the escalation of protests to sit-ins in the President's Office and sleep-ins on the Pentacrest.

Witnessing Kent State's response turning deadly and the growth in protests' size

on campus changed the way the UI reacted to students' demonstrations.

"The public sometimes thought there should be only one way of responding, but our position was to watch every situation because they were different," Boyd said. "We didn't have a cookie-cutter [solution], but we looked at the situation and we talked to people."

Students boycotted classes May 6. That night, around

400 people held a sleep-in on the lawn of the Old Capitol and 50 people broke into the Old Capitol and set off a smoke bomb.

Following a large protest on May 7, 1970, that lasted until the early morning hours of May 8, *The Daily Iowan* reported Iowa highway patrolmen arrested student protestors on the Pentacrest at Boyd's request.

On May 9, 1970, the DI reported Boyd said he regret-

ted the arrests of peaceful protesters and he took full responsibility for the incident.

Boyd canceled the 89th annual governor's day ROTC observance that was slated for May 9 that year. That same day protesters burned down the Old Armory Temporary, a building on the UI's campus that held the writing lab, where the Adler Journalism Building currently stands. Boyd responded by allowing students to leave

campus with the grade they had upon departure. Classes continued, but many students opted to leave.

Boyd knew it was important to keep students safe on campus, especially after the Kent State shooting. The UI administration's primary goal became ensuring that the Iowa National Guard would never step foot on campus.

"It was [Iowa] Gov. Robert Ray who made sure that we never had the National Guard dealing with protests on campus," Boyd said. "We had the highway patrol on campus, and they walked around campus and they developed relationships with students."

Steve Zumbach, who would become the first student representative on the public universities' governing board, was an Iowa State University student and a national officer for the Future Farmers of America 138 Zumbach



miles away at the time of the protests. He attended a convention in Ohio directly after the Kent State shooting and was also in Wisconsin when a bombing at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Sterling Hall occurred four months later in August.

The *Wisconsin State Journal* reported on Aug. 23, 2019, the bombing was an anti-Vietnam War protest carried out by four men, killing one researcher and injuring three other people.

Zumbach said it was clear then that the country was divided like never before.

"The country was so divided that many young people were concerned that we would never come back together," he said. "Tensions were running high. We had witnessed horrors and tragedies. It was something the world had never experienced before."

Zumbach became ISU's student-body president in 1971, when tensions were still high across the state. It became clear to him, his fellow students, and their administrators that there needed to be improved communication to ensure the safety of students.

"We needed to develop a mechanism for students to respectfully disagree with decisions that were being made," Zumbach said. "We had to learn from the mistakes of Vietnam and of Kent State."

David Oman came onto the UI campus as a sophomore in the fall of 1971, just a year and a half after the Kent State shooting and during the Vietnam War. As a student in the aftermath of such historical events, Oman said it sometimes felt like the country was being pulled apart at its seams.

"All the energy and angst came out in campus-wide demonstrations across the country," he said. "When Ohio's Gov. [Jim] Rhodes decided in the heat of the moment to bring the National Guard on campus to deal with protesters, it was a decisive and deadly turn in how the protests were being handled."

Oman joined the KXIC radio station to pursue a journalism career, which allowed him to cover major events at the UI as a radio reporter — including when students at the university staged a protest and marched

toward Interstate 80 in the spring of 1972.

Oman said students planned to create a human blockade and stop traffic on the Interstate, effectively shutting it down at great peril to their safety. *The Des Moines Register* reported on May 10, 1972 that 3,000 protesters attended.

Almost overtaken by protesters, Oman stood nearby the event with a

myself and best report on the story," he said. "[The patrolmen] were able to block the students from the interstate and keep them safe... The patrolmen and the students talked and in a very tense moment, it was dissolved, and no one got hurt."

In response to increased student protests following the shooting at Kent State, there was a broad push for more representation of students

the "Parietal Rule," which required students to live in the dormitories during their first two years of college. Zumbach said in the early '70s, students wanted to assert their independence and adamantly opposed the rule.

"At that meeting, I felt the pressure [Ray] told me I would be under as a student advocate," he said. "We were dealing with students being



Courtesy of UI Libraries

Protesters participate in a sit-in on the Pentacrest on May 5, 1970, as published in a 1970 UI special report updating Hawkeyes on the UI's response to demonstrations after the Kent State shooting.

tape recorder to collect audio for a radio report. He watched as hundreds of Iowa Highway Patrolmen were bused to the location.

"The young people moved up on Dubuque Street and were on the cusp of getting to the Interstate," he said. "The state patrol rolled in buses of troopers. I looked south and saw more than 500 students screaming and yelling a couple hundred yards away. I looked 50 feet away in the other direction and saw dozens of troopers."

Oman said he always felt safe on the UI campus, but in that moment on Dubuque Street, he felt scared.

"I made the decision at that point to move behind [the] patrol to protect

in university decisions. A primary goal stemming from this decision was to appoint a student regent.

Then the Iowa governor, Ray was hesitant to create the position, Zumbach said, but trusted Zumbach to represent the student perspective with his credentials as a former ISU student-body president and a UI law student at the time. The two first met in 1968 when Zumbach was a national officer for the FFA.

He said the governor was under a lot of pressure to give students more of a voice — a pressure Zumbach also felt once he took his seat on the board.

At Zumbach's first board meeting, the regents were asked to pass

rebellious and high vacancy rates in dormitories. This led to a loss in revenue that impacted the plans universities had for the future."

Zumbach said his main goal at the time of his first vote was to ensure higher education was accessible for students, regardless of the unrest the Kent State shooting and the Vietnam War caused. He said voting for the rule would have ensured an opportunity for a low-cost education for all Iowans, so he did.

When Zumbach left the board in July 1977, the *DI* wrote that he "showed the governor, regents, and the public that a young person could fulfill board duties."

Zumbach, now 70, practices law

as a partner at Belin McCormick law firm in Des Moines. Looking back on the Kent State shooting and the unrest that ensued, Zumbach said it's an important moment for modern-day protests and those who are in leadership positions to remember.

"The '70s taught me that we need to unify voices," he said. "... And more importantly, we have to learn from our mistakes. Kent State and what ensued after taught us to lead with a heightened awareness and be thoughtful when we make decisions that impact others."

Oman, now 67, transferred to the University of Northern Iowa in 1972 and graduated two years later with a bachelor's in speech and political science. Later, he worked for Ray, serving as his last chief of staff in the Governor's Office, then as former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad's first chief of staff. He now works as a state and federal policy and political strategist.

Oman said students' reactions to the Kent State shooting were a turning point in U.S. history that still has repercussions. The events taught Americans to be more guarded about the use of force, he said.

"Students are always on the front line of what's going on in the country," he said. "We want young people to be aware and understanding. They should express themselves. That's part of the college experience. Students have a right to protest and comment peacefully."

Fifty years after the Kent State shooting that ignited protests nationwide and led to the creation of a spot for a student regent, UI archivist David McCartney said it is important for students now to look back and remember what students in 1970 learned in the aftermath.

"Protest tactics may have evolved, but you still see the tradition of [activism] continue forward today..." he said. "There is greater mobilization now due to social media, but that is the single biggest difference between now and 1970. The spirit of protest remains."



Oman

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# Playing the waiting game

For businesses feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Small Business Administration loans and grants can be the difference between surviving and closing the doors for good. But the path to funding isn't the smoothest.

BY BROOKLYN DRAISEY  
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Honeybee Hair Parlor owner JoAnn Carpenter-Sinclair said her stylists have been lucky to receive unemployment benefits, but she's worried about potentially jeopardizing that with the \$27,500 Small Business Administration loan that is currently sitting in her bank account.

Hair stylists are paid in a variety of ways, depending on the salon they work at. Some have a salary, while others work independently within the salon. The three stylists at the Honeybee Hair Parlor work on commission. This means that if they're not in the salon, they don't get paid.

"We're not used to taking a lot of sick days because when we don't work, we don't get paid," she said. "So none of us are used to this much time off."

The hair parlor and other local businesses are seeking help from the federal government as they try to survive with severely reduced or no revenue coming in, but some are struggling with the application process or hitting snags as they wait to receive the funds.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has many different programs available to give small businesses relief, both traditional and those that are



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Co-owner Yi Zheng poses for a portrait in JiangHu Asian Street Food on April 4.

specific to helping during the COVID-19 pandemic.

One such relief loan, the Paycheck Protection Program, has experienced a few bumps in the road, from the first \$349 million of the fund drying up in 13 days, to technical issues to doubts about if the money is going to the businesses that need it the most. The administration opened ap-

plications again April 27 awash with \$310 billion to give in loans.

The agency's website says it will forgive loans if all workers stay on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

Ying Sa, the CEO of accounting firm Community CPA, said there are four

steps to ensure that the loan is forgiven.

First, the business must calculate its wage and employee histories. Second, from the moment the business receives the funds, they have around 56 days to spend it all, with more than 75 percent going toward wages and less than 25 percent going to rent and utilities.

When the 56 days are almost up, the owner must collect documentation showing that the money has been spent. Finally, the business owner should go to the bank and apply for forgiveness.

Larpenter-Sinclair attempted to apply for the program's loan during the first round, but ran into roadblocks when trying to

submit the correct documentation.

She said her bank sent her to a different online business because it couldn't process the loan for her. This business kept telling her she didn't have the correct documentation, and she was ultimately rejected.

"You're just kind of going through it blind," she said of the loan-application process.

The second time she applied was much easier, because she had learned that she could use the processing company that does her transactions to file all the needed information. She received the funding quickly after she was approved. This money will go toward payroll and rent, she said.

Oasis Falafel owner Ofer Sivan applied for the PPP loan three separate times before being approved, seeing the same issues as Larpen- ter-Sinclair with lenders not being approved to work on the loan. The restaurant has been closed since early March, only making products to sell at grocery stores.

Sivan declined to provide the total funds he received, but he said he is still figuring out where to allocate the money. The rules surrounding how to make sure the loan will be forgiven are murky, he said, and it seems like no one really understands them.

"It's been pretty frustrating, but it's not surprising, given that it's a government program," he said.

In order to qualify for the PPP loan, businesses must prove that they have suffered economic loss because of the novel coronavirus. Then they should connect with

their bank to start the application process. If this bank isn't a qualified lender, then they cannot process the loan.

The loan came out in a very basic form, Ying Sa said, so there wasn't much guidance from the government. This creates confusion from small businesses trying to figure out how to stay afloat during the pandemic.

"It put a lot of pressure on firms like our firm because all the small businesses are seeking understanding," Sa said. "... Very often, we don't have the answer."

JiangHu Asian Street Food has remained open for carryout and delivery during the pandemic, and owner Yi Zheng said he applied for both the PPP and Economic Injury Disaster Loan, which gives a loan advance of up to \$10,000. While Zheng said the process to apply for both loans was easy, he didn't receive the \$5,000 until a month later.

Despite lower demand, the restaurant still has to buy and store fresh food for the customers they have, Zheng said, so there is the possibility of money getting thrown out as food that wasn't used, which can add up.

"The loan, it did help; it covered

a lot," Zheng said. "Like, I'm very grateful for this. I know a lot of people haven't received [a loan] yet, so I'm very grateful, but it's not good enough to get through this."

Businesses are also looking closer to home for help. Jessica Meyer, owner of clothing store The Shop, located at 4 S. Dubuque St., said the business applied for the PPP loan but received no response from her bank and the Small Business Administration on getting funds.

Meyer said she has taken advantage of the resources the Iowa City Downtown District is providing through webinars and its website, [icareatogther.com](http://icareatogther.com).

"We appreciate all they're doing to help us," Meyer said.

Downtown District Executive Director Nancy Bird said the website, created in partnership with Think Iowa City, Iowa City Area Business Partnership, and Iowa City Area Development, works as a collection of different resources for residents and businesses. It offers tips in areas including finance and unemployment, and also lists ways to help local businesses.

"We're just trying to work to understand the needs and impacts and then trying to find a way to



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Co-owner of The Shop Jessica Meyer poses for a portrait on April 23.

continue to engage with the larger community about ways you can support some of these area businesses," Bird said.

Bird said she believes there is more overall understanding of the Small Business Administration opportunities now as the agency clarifies the rules and businesses work with banks and commercial lenders.

As of now, Johnson County will have the opportunity to open certain businesses in a limited capacity on May 15. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds eased restrictions on 77 counties, not including Johnson, starting May 1, allowing restaurants and other businesses to open at 50 percent capacity. Many have opted to remain shuttered out of concern for worker and customer safety.

DP Dough owner Jon Sewell said despite the \$10,000 bridge loan he received through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan, it won't be enough to get him through the

summer, a low period in terms of revenue for the restaurant. He said he is moving forward in the process to get a PPP loan, but hasn't yet received funds.

As other restaurants begin to receive funds and reopen their doors, Sewell said he wasn't sure he would be able to compete with them.

"If I get no relief from any of these disaster loans, I won't last that long," Sewell said.

Sivan said Oasis is set to start opening again in two weeks, with the business as open as it can be within four weeks, unless officials recommend that businesses stay closed.

"I don't know how long we could operate at a loss, so we'll have to open up and see how it goes and how the math works out," Sivan said. "It's hard to know."



Co-owner of Oasis Ofer Sivan poses for a portrait via Zoom on Tuesday.

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## Progressives reluctantly plan to back Biden

Joe Biden left the Iowa caucuses with only 15 percent of the state's delegate equivalents. Two months later, the former vice president became the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee — and some Iowans are disappointed.

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While former Vice President Joe Biden finished fourth among Iowa Democratic caucusgoers, Iowans who caucused in February for younger or more progressive candidates are grappling with the reality of Biden's status as the Democratic nominee, but a handful *The Daily Iowan* spoke with said they plan to vote for him.

The *DI* spoke with voters and former caucusgoers from a variety of age ranges, and the *DI* met these Iowans at campaign events across the state before the Feb. 3 caucuses.

University of Iowa third-year student John Lyons, from New Berlin, Wisconsin, said Biden does not represent his more progressive values, but that to him, the reelection of President Trump would be disastrous.

Lyons followed the Democratic primary closely and caucused for Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. He said he was drawn to caucus for Sanders because of the progressive movement Sanders was able to build, and thought he had the ability to create changes on issues such as health-care and criminal-justice reform.

"I plan to vote for Joe Biden, but I would never say



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Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a campaign event in North Liberty on Feb. 1.

that someone else has to," Lyons said. "It is the Biden campaign's responsibility to earn the voters that don't believe he represents them, and it's up to those voters to make the call for themselves."

Sanders was the one-time national front runner of the race and received the most support in the raw body count during the caucuses.

Biden became the presumptive nominee nearly two months after the Iowa

presidential precinct caucuses, emerging as the winner of a historically large and diverse Democratic primary field. At its peak, the party's nomination race had 25 candidates, all of whom spent the better part of 2019 campaigning in Iowa.

Biden took fourth place in the caucuses with 15.8 percent of the state delegate equivalents. Despite a fifth-place finish in New Hampshire and second-place in Nevada, Biden's campaign

gained momentum following a first-place finish in South Carolina.

A major reservation with Biden's candidacy, four voters interviewed by the *DI* said, was the sexual-assault allegations made against him by former Senate aide Tara Reade, who alleged Biden assaulted her in 1993. Biden has denied the allegations.

Trump has been accused of sexual misconduct by at least 17 women.

Lyons said the allegations facing both presidential candidates are difficult to come to terms with when making a choice as to whom to vote for.

"It is a really heartbreaking fact no matter who is the president come November, we are in a situation where both candidates have been accused of sexual assault," Lyons said.

Although some young voters interviewed expressed reservations in

voting for Biden, polling shows Biden does not have a serious disadvantage among young people.

A March 4-17 poll from CNN of 1,211 respondents with a 3.3 percent margin of error shows only 8 percent of Democrats plan not to vote for Biden.

Jordan Miller, a fourth-year student from Sumner, Iowa, who led the Students for Biden organization on the UI campus, said he understands why some may be disappointed in Biden's nomination.

"I know he is working very hard to persuade these voters, these younger people, to his campaign," Miller said. "However, that's how democracy works — whoever gets the most votes in a primary or general election, that's who becomes the nominee. I understand people are disappointed — I know if the vice president had not gotten the nomination, I would have been disappointed, too."

Sue Dvorsky, Coralville resident and the Iowa Democratic Party chair during the 2008 caucuses, said that while a small group of people will not vote for Biden, the current situation differs from 2016, the first time Sanders lost the nomination.

Fifty percent of the 18-29 year-old electorate turned out in 2016, according to the Brookings Institute, similar to 49 percent in 2012.

Dvorsky, who had endorsed Sen. Kamala Harris of California and later Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, said she views Biden as a transitional figure, and that he is the right nominee to unseat Trump and potentially set the country up for an eventual female president.

"This does not feel to me like 2016 felt — it simply doesn't," Dvorsky said. "That conversation is not progressing. Are there a handful of people who are so disgruntled after a primary that they won't vote for the eventual nominee on both sides? Sure."

Dvorsky said she is speaking to moderate or conservative voters who might consider Biden instead of talking to disappointed Sanders supporters who don't plan to vote on Election Day.

"I'm happy to talk to anybody," she said, "but if anyone says to me, 'It's not Sanders so I'm not voting,' then I have to go talk to someone who will."

Some progressive voters felt less

optimistic about Biden's chances of beating Trump.

Des Moines resident Bradford Fleener, 36, originally caucused for entrepreneur Andrew Yang but then chose Sanders when Yang wasn't viable.

"I don't feel Biden has any chance of beating Trump," said Fleener, whom the *DI* spoke with at the Iowa State Fair in August. "He didn't have good chances at the beginning of his campaign, and his chances have done nothing but diminish. For everything that Biden can argue against Trump on — Trump can throw it back at him. They have a very similar history."

An April 30 poll from Public Policy Polling shows Trump at 48 percent in Iowa to Biden's 46 percent. Several nation-wide polls show Biden ahead of Trump by several points. An April 26-28 Emerson College poll shows Biden ahead of Trump by 7 points nationally.

UI sophomore Kyle Kopf, who volunteered for the Yang campaign and caucused for him in February, said he was disappointed with the way the race played out, especially with candidates of color having to drop out of the race.



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during the Iowa City Climate Rally at The Graduate hotel on Jan. 12.

"I'm disappointed with the result but I'm going to vote for Biden because I think he's better than Trump," Kopf said. "I think we had lots of great diversity and lots of people excited by that diversity, and I think we could have had a better nominee."

Kopf started volunteering for Yang in 2018. He said he was drawn to Yang's message about ending poverty and providing a Universal Basic Income, along with Yang's status as a political outsider.

Grimes, Iowa resident Jiaming Yin, 53, who the *DI* first spoke to at the Iowa State Fair in August, caucused for Warren. He said he plans to vote for Biden, but would have preferred a younger candidate who has not been involved in politics for as long as Biden, 77, who served for 36 years as senator of Delaware.

"I would prefer he picks someone much younger (as his running mate). Gender is not really an issue for me," Yin said. "I'd like to have him pick somebody who has much more charisma and much better oratory skills."

Several people interviewed at campaign events over the course of Democratic candidates' visits mentioned the need for climate-change regulation as an area where Biden could be more aggressive and appeal more to progressives. Biden's climate plans include reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Biden

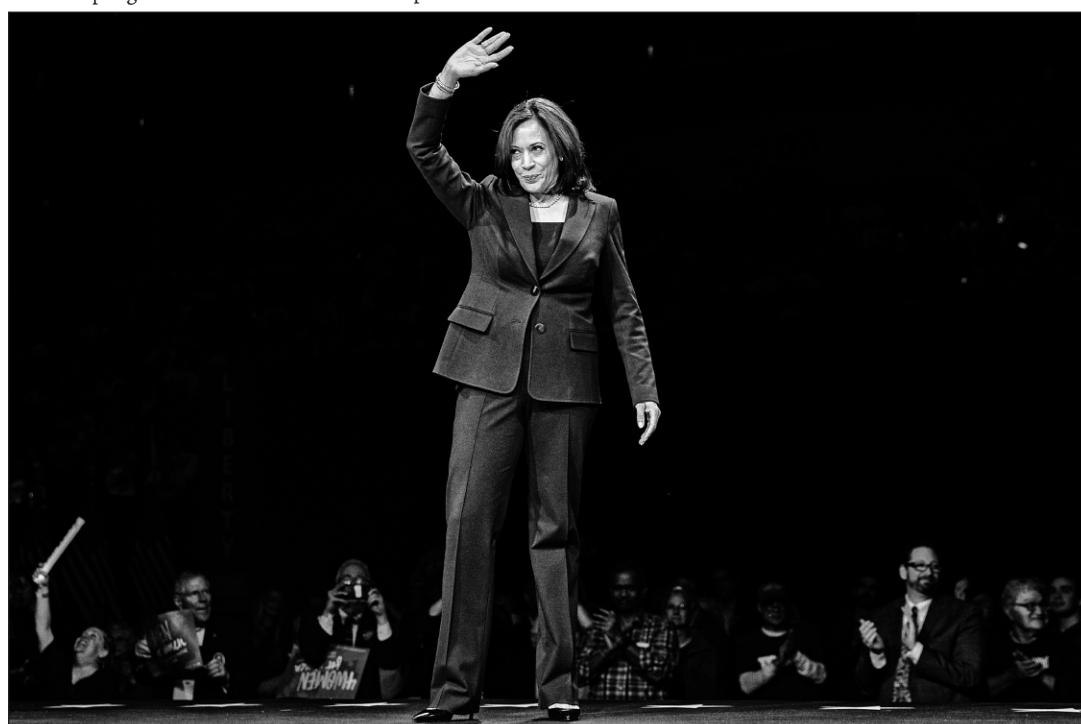
does not support the Green New Deal, seen as a litmus test for progressive action toward reversing climate change.

UI first-year student Nolan Hanson did not wish to disclose if he will vote for Biden in November.

Hanson noted that Biden's F rating on climate change from environmental group The Sunrise Movement, a progressive group which advocates for a Green New Deal, as something for the candidate to improve. The group endorsed Sanders' candidacy and Hanson, who caucused for Sanders, will be a delegate for Sanders at the district convention.

Though Sanders supporters interviewed expressed disappointment in Biden's nomination, Dvorsky said she met voters in 2016 who had considered not voting for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, but said she has not met any Sanders supporters this year who will not vote for Biden.

"In real life, that's not happening anymore," Dvorsky said of the perception that many may not vote for Biden. "I think that is a phenomenon of a very small group on social media."



Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., speaks during the 2019 Liberty and Justice Celebration at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Nov. 1, 2019.

# Opinions

EDITORIAL

## A one-semester tuition freeze is not enough for UI students

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While uncertainty grips the world, college students face the added stress of the upcoming school year, and its price tag.

For now, some of us are celebrating the state Board of Regents' recommendation to not increase tuition and fees for the upcoming academic year.

This is contrary to the multiyear tuition model the regents unveiled in 2018 to keep tuition competitive with peer institutions while also offering students and families predictability in their financial planning. The model outlines a base range of tuition hikes that students can expect for the next five years, with state appropriations playing a key role in determining where rates ultimately fall.

On the surface, it's good news. Students have advocated for tuition freezes as student-loan debt skyrockets beyond \$1.6 trillion owed collectively by 45 million borrowers, according to Forbes.

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld has told *The Daily Iowan* — at least in ordinary, non-pandemic times — he thinks that action is a mistake while other schools in the peer group don't freeze their tuition rates. This step, normally dismissed as an impossibility, is now reality amid unprecedented financial hardship and record-high unemployment levels.

But students shouldn't get too comfortable with the proposal just yet, and we should prepare for the tuition freeze to thaw quickly.

Regents documents state the governing board may re-evaluate tuition rates for the spring 2021 semester in the fall "as more information becomes available." The regents vote on the rates at their June 4 meeting.

Given the unusually high amount of unknowns about COVID-19 and university operations in the fall, the regents recognize our current crisis is "unprecedented."

"Like every other facet of society, our public universities have undergone massive disruptions, which affect all of our students, faculty and staff," the tuition proposal states. "It is important that our students, families and our institutions have as much financial predictability as possible."

This is a necessary step to put students and families at ease as they may be struggling to pay for food, rent, and other bills.

Yet, this proposal doesn't go far enough.

As students face a fall semester of uncertain, still-to-be-determined operational scenarios, we need transparency in the total cost of a regent-university education for the year.

As we battle our own uncertainties, the universities have set up support funds for students to apply for emergency cash grants. Those who meet certain requirements, such

as filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also may now apply for support through the university's \$16.2 million share of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act — \$8.3 million of which will fund financial aid for Hawkeyes who demonstrate they're experiencing a financial burden because of the pandemic.

Those efforts are appreciated and may make all the difference for some, but as Harreld told the regents April 30, those federal funds won't be enough to fill the UI's \$76 million fiscal shortfall through August from responding to the virus.

It seems likely that as Iowa's public universities face enrollment declines, particularly among first-year and international students, the regents will tap into students' pocketbooks for revenue.

While Harreld urged the state to remain a stable funding partner, history has shown too often that Iowa lawmakers see higher education as an expense to be cut. He has said so himself. Funding for the institutions will likely be a target again when the General Assembly meets soon to finalize a fiscal 2021 budget.

Leaders don't need to have all the answers — even the experts don't have those to offer — but they need to be clear in their uncertainty. Students are prepared to commit to their education each academic year without interference from semester to semester.

The UI should commit, too.

We need certainty and security from the UI.

We need clarity and direction from our leaders.

We need a better academic and financial future.



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UI President Bruce Harreld answers questions with *The Daily Iowan* on Dec. 9, 2019.

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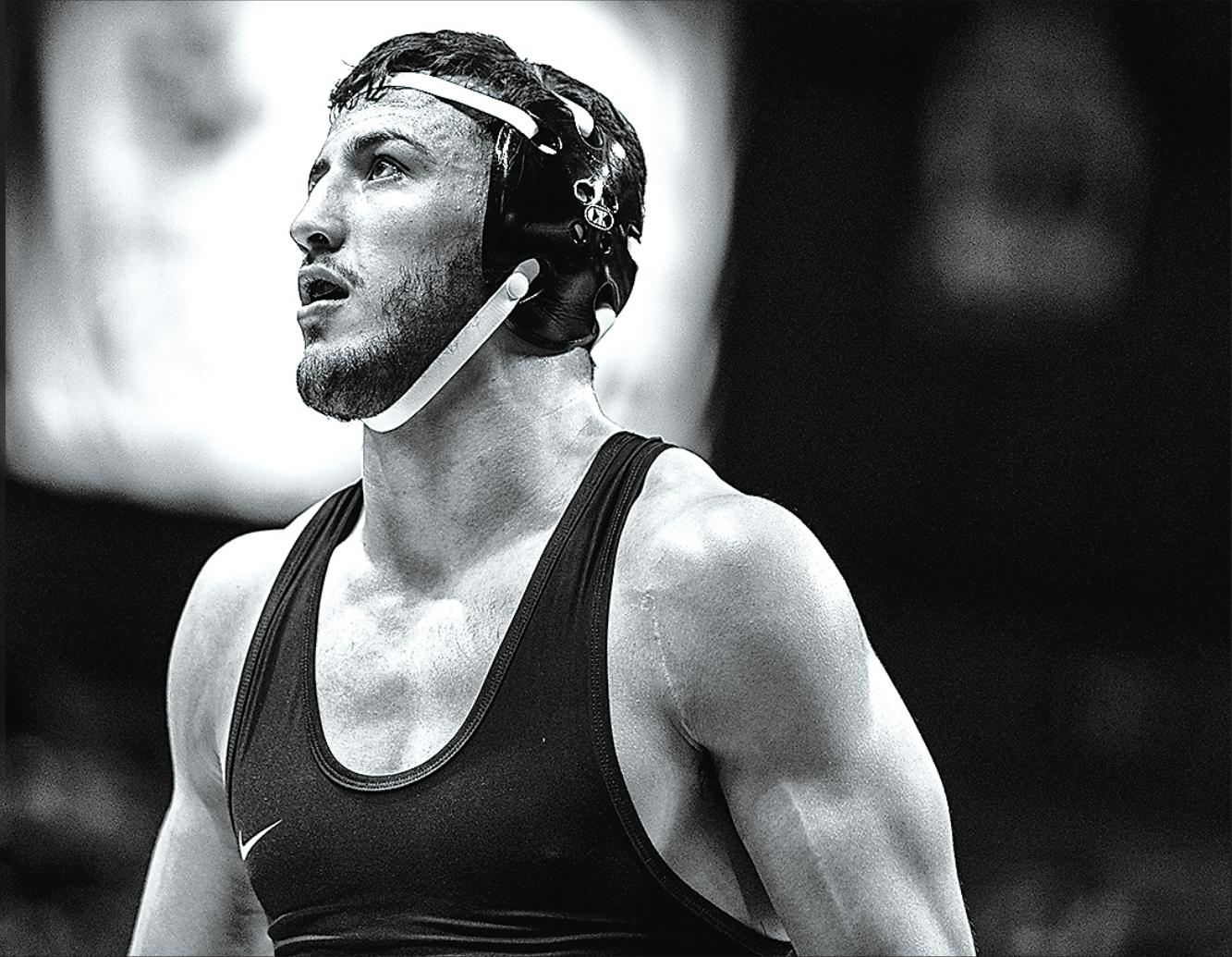
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# Sports



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Iowa's 174-pound Michael Kemerer grapples with Minnesota's Devin Skatzka during session two of the Big Ten Wrestling Tournament in Piscataway, N.J. on March 7.

## Kemerer ready for his last dance

After missing out on nationals the last two seasons, Michael Kemerer is determined to make his sixth year count.

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For Iowa wrestling's Michael Kemerer, 2019-20 was shaping up to be a comeback season for the ages. After missing the entirety of 2018-19 with knee and shoulder injuries, Kemerer hit the mat in a new weight class for the Hawkeyes. At 174 pounds, Kemerer

finished the season 15-1.

His only loss came to Penn State's Mark Hall during the final round of the Big Ten Championships.

The body of work Kemerer had put together on the season earned him the second seed in his weight class for the NCAA Wrestling Championships. Unfortunately, he never got the chance to avenge his loss and compete for a na-

tional championship.

On March 12, the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly terminated his season.

"We were in practice, and I'd kind of already been hearing about this stuff with the NBA, Big Ten basketball, and all that stuff," Kemerer said. "We were in a practice and Moriah, Alex Marinelli's wife, came in with

the email. They kind of

brought us in — it was toward the end of practice, they sat us down, told us what was going on. It kind of sucked the energy out."

After coming to grips with the season's brutal ending, the NCAA contacted Kemerer on April 19. He had been granted a sixth year of collegiate eligibility on account of his

lost 2018-19 season.

His hunt for Big Ten and national championships can continue.

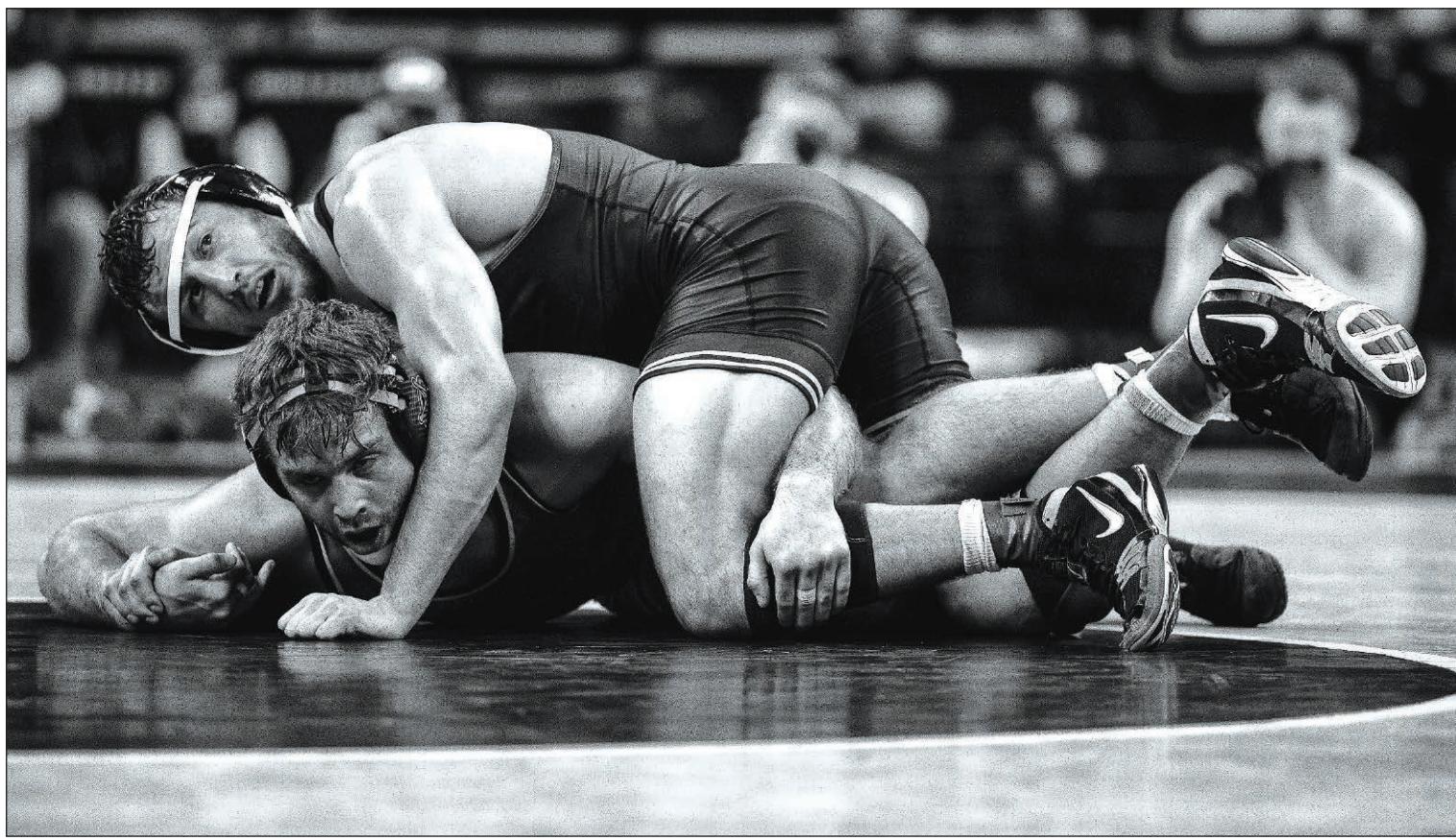
"I was pretty confident that I was going to get [the extra year]," Kemerer said. "I figured that the NCAA has probably got a lot on their plate right now. Whoever makes that decision might get delayed a little bit. I didn't really know for sure when

I was going to hear back.

Once I did, it was great to hear, just another part of the process. I can check that box off and be ready to go for next season."

With uncertainty swirling as the pandemic rages on, preparing for next season has been tricky for Kemerer — but he is determined to press on.

SEE KEMERER, 14



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Iowa's 174-pound Michael Kemerer grapples with Oklahoma State's Joe Smith during a wrestling dual meet between Iowa and Oklahoma State on Feb. 23 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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"Being an athlete and being in this situation, there's not really much that's in my control," Kemerer said. "All I

can do is prepare the best I can at a high level. Obviously, I'm preparing like we're going to have a normal season and everything's going to be the same as it's been the previous years. If it's not, then we'll adjust. The biggest

thing for me is keep training with what I can do."

Kemerer has done the best he can to prepare for the upcoming season under the current circumstances.

Gone is the luxury of training in Iowa's state-of-the-art

facility and being around all his teammates. Now, he's doing things old-school like all the great Iowa wrestlers that came before him.

"It's just a lot of independent stuff," Kemerer said. "There's running. If guys

have weights you can get some lifting in. A lot of film, some mental training. You really got a lot of options. We have these nice facilities and everything that's real great, but sometimes stuff like this happens. You realize you can

get a lot better at the sport of wrestling without all the fancy stuff. People have done it before us, we can do it too if we have to."

Once the pandemic subsides and the offseason training programs come to an end, Kemerer is looking forward to his own version of *The Last Dance*.

Iowa's 2020-21 lineup will feature six seniors, including Spencer Lee, Austin DeSanto, Alex Marinelli, and Kaleb Young. The Hawkeyes will again be the favorites for the national title next season, with these wrestlers leading the way in their finals seasons in an Iowa singlet.

"The goal is always to win an individual national title and a team national title," Kemerer said. "We've had a lot of success, but we haven't achieved either of those things yet. This is the last chance to do it. To get there is just going to take getting better every day and enjoying this last year of competition. I'm really looking forward to those last duals at Carver. When it comes time to win that national title with my teammates, that's going to be the plan."

# Big Ten extends suspension on team activities

Sports have been on hold in the conference since March 13 and the suspension now runs through at least June 1.

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The Big Ten Conference announced Monday that it has extended the previously announced suspension of all organized team activities through June 1, and will re-evaluate at that time.

Sports have been on hold in the Big Ten since the conference announced a suspension on all organized team activities March 13 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. That suspension was extended on March 27 and was supposed to run through May 4.

The Big Ten Confer-

ence said in a statement that this is an additional measure to the previously announced cancellation of all conference and non-conference competitions through the end of the academic year, including spring sports that compete beyond the academic year.

"The main priority of the

Big Ten Conference is to ensure the health, safety and wellness of our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty, fans and media as we continue to monitor all developing and relevant information on the COVID-19 virus," the conference said in a statement.

University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld told the state Board of Regents April 30 that the school plans to resume athletic practices on June 1.

"We have a moratorium on all team activities until June 1," Harreld said. "We're ever so hopeful that this virus will be behind us

at that point and we'll be able to get back to what we normally do."

The Big Ten said it will use this extended suspension to continue to work with the appropriate medical experts and institutional leadership to determine the next steps relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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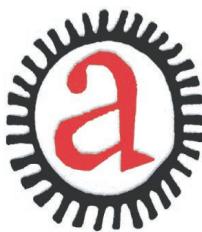


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