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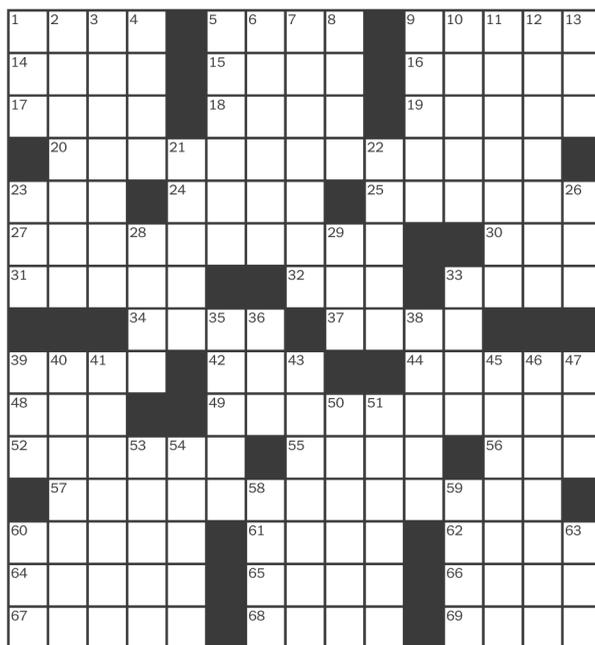
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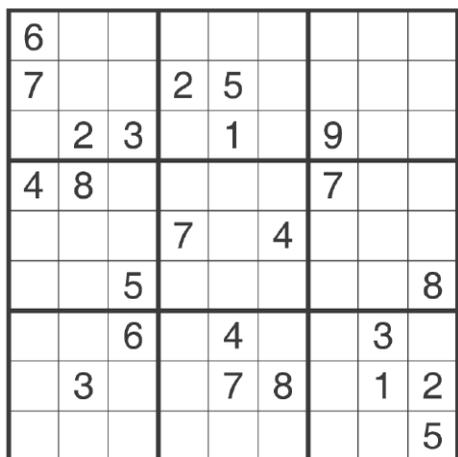
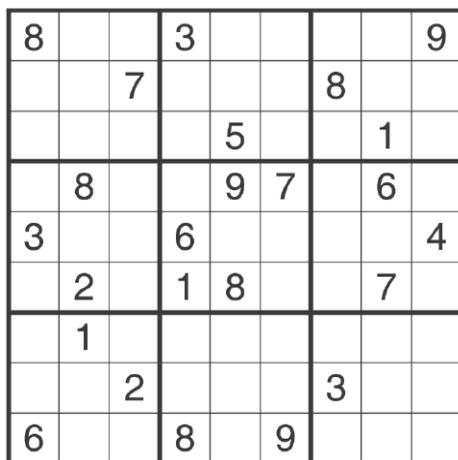
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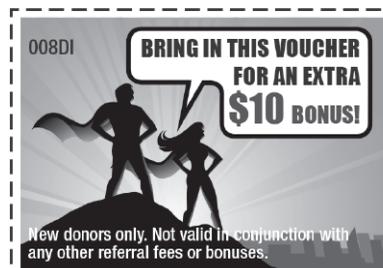
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Locals call to change Johnson County namesake

Johnson County, Iowa has maintained the name of slave owner and former Vice President Richard Mentor Johnson since 1837. Some people are pushing to change the person the county is named after.



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Johnson County Supervisors discuss the agenda during a meeting on Feb. 12.

BY MARY HARTEL
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Prominent Iowa City voices are urging Johnson County leaders to reconsider the namesake of the county. Currently named for slave owner and Vice President Richard Mentor Johnson, the county was established in his name in 1837.

The initiative to change the namesake comes during a time of political and social unrest over racial injustice in the U.S.

“Richard Mentor Johnson and Johnson County, Iowa today, are a terrible fit,” said Ron McMullen, the University of Iowa’s Ambassador in-residence. “Johnson County prides itself on being tolerant and inclusive and progressive, and

Richard Mentor Johnson, I think, is a despicable namesake for a county full of people that see themselves as tolerant and progressive and forward thinking.”

The former diplomat recently wrote an op-ed in the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* expressing his stance that the county needs to change after whom it is officially named.

Johnson was a Kentucky lawyer and plantation owner before becoming a U.S. senator and later vice president under Martin Van Buren. Additionally, Johnson fathered two children with inherited slave Julia Chinn, and after she died preyed upon another slave named Cornelia Parthene.

McMullen, who served as a diplomat in South Africa during the

nation’s transition from an apartheid regime to a nonracial democracy, said he originally researched about the namesake issue when he moved to Johnson County.

During his time in South Africa, McMullen said that the country changed several names of places and objects from heroes of apartheid to noncontroversial names. He said that public matters must “be dependent upon the people involved.”

Including abuse toward enslaved women, Johnson also killed a Shawnee chief, McMullen said. He added that Johnson was “such a rotten vice president” that he took a months-long leave to

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pursue a business venture.

“If people in Johnson County, Iowa today feel that Richard Mentor Johnson is not a good namesake for our county, then why should we be stuck with this person?” he said. “There’s just nothing very worthy about the guy and certainly a bad match with Johnson County now. So, the question arises, where do you draw the line?”

The line should be drawn locally, McMullen said, and that it’s up to the people of

Johnson County.

Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan initially proposed changing Johnson County’s namesake in 2017.

“I think to say it was not well received is an understatement,” Sullivan said.

He was inspired to propose the change after reading a book that went into great detail about Richard Mentor Johnson’s life.

Changing the actual name of the county would be a “nightmare,” Sullivan said. A name change would require burdensome bureaucratic and legal work for both county and state

officials. However, changing the namesake to honor a different individual would only require approval from the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

No action should be taken lightly, Sullivan said, but if people became more educated about Richard Mentor Johnson, they might not agree with what he stood for.

“I’m sure to some people it’s not a very important issue, and in some ways I agree — I’m more about getting food on people’s tables and that sort of thing,” the supervisor said. “But I think the one thing

the Black Lives Matter movement is teaching us is that we need to question some of the status quo, and this is one of those things that’s just been pretty unquestioned for 150 years and maybe deserves another look.”

University of Iowa Special Collections archivist at UI Libraries David McCartney wrote an open letter on June 30 to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors and created an online petition on Change.org to change the county’s namesake from Richard Mentor Johnson to a different individual, Lulu Merle Johnson.

Born in 1907, Lulu Merle Johnson was an Iowa native and the second Black woman in the nation to earn a doctorate degree in history, as well as the first Black woman to receive any doctorate from the UI.

She went on to teach at several historically Black colleges and became the Dean of Women at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, where she served until her retirement in 1971.

As of Tuesday morning, the petition to rededicate Johnson County to the Black professor has more than 600 signatures.

In an email to *The Daily Io-*

wan, McCartney said he was inspired to create the letter and petition after suggesting the idea on his Facebook page and receiving strong interest and support.

“The intersection of one’s heinous and criminal conduct with another’s discussion addressing this national disgrace presents an opportunity for us all to understand more fully the legacy of slavery,” his letter states. “By renaming Johnson County in her honor, we will recognize an individual who devoted her life to education and to its accessibility.”

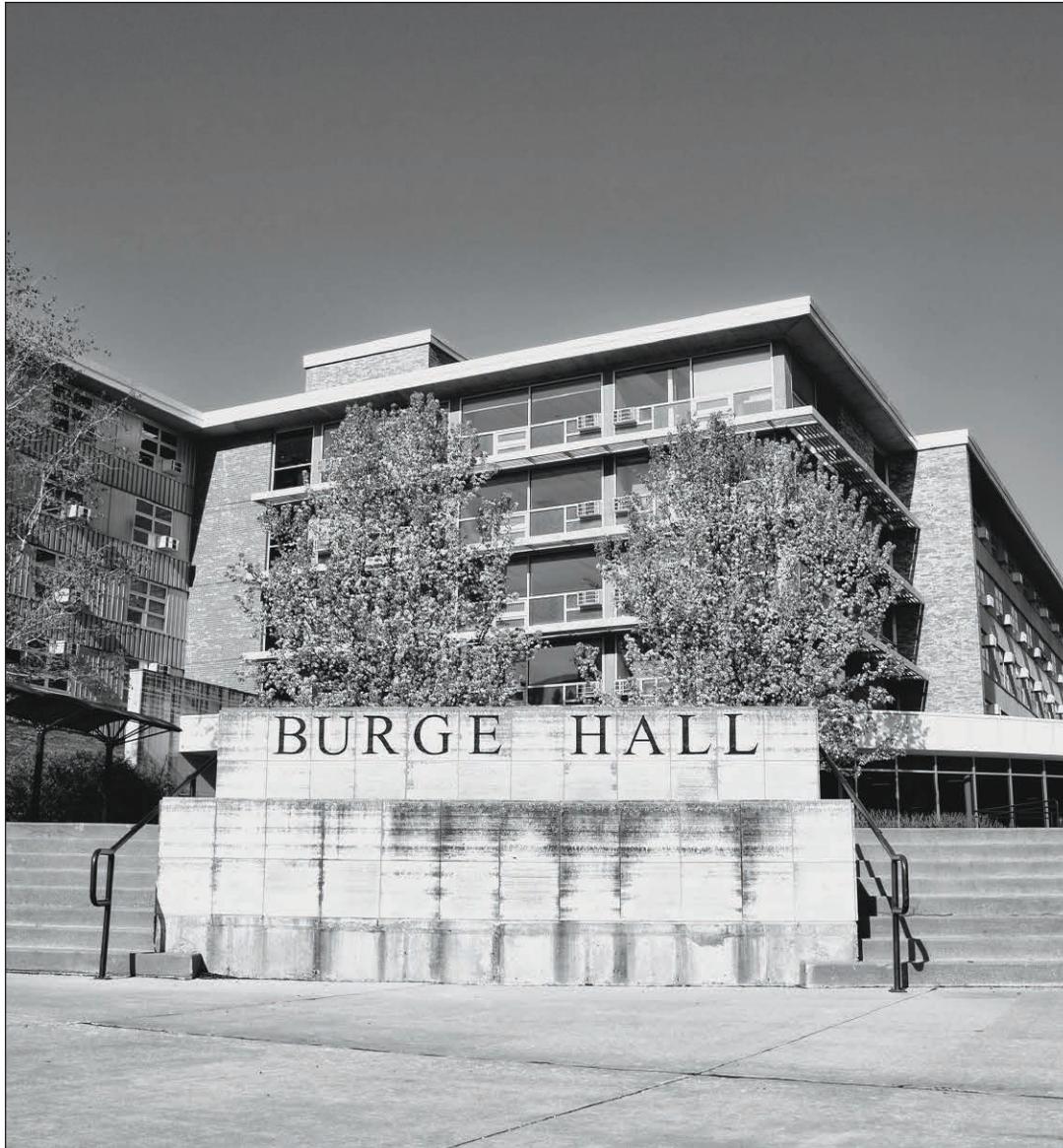


The Johnson County Health and Human Services Building is seen on July 1.

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Living on campus while social distancing

Physical spaces like residence halls and marketplaces will look different than previous years in a campus-wide effort to limit the spread of COVID-19.



Burge Hall is seen on May 1.

Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

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As the start of the fall semester nears, students prepare to begin on or return to a University of Iowa campus that differs from previous years, with policies and procedures in place to limit the

spread of COVID-19.

The information that UI administrators are providing is fairly consistent with past years, director of Housing Administration Virginia Ibrahim-Olin said. Housing was still available for all incoming students seeking to live in residence halls, and they

still had the opportunity to request a roommate.

“The big difference that we are sharing with individuals has been related to our housing contract terms and conditions,” Ibrahim-Olin said. “Those have been updated to reflect the health and safety expectations for peo-

ple living in the residence halls.”

Ibrahim-Olin added that students will be required to wear personal protective equipment in the residence halls, unless they are in their dorm room, and they will be limited to one guest per person. Students will also be limited to two guests on move-in day.

Some rooms will be set aside for emergency use, however the specific areas allocated for that purpose are not yet confirmed because they are subject to change in the coming weeks.

According to the UI’s fall 2020 plan, some common spaces will be closed, while others will be adjusted to promote social distancing, including dining halls.

Ibrahim-Olin said campus dining spaces have undergone some significant reconfigurations.

According to the fall plan, tables will be spaced 6 feet apart from each other, with no more than six chairs at a table. Self-service food has been discontinued, and there will be vertical barriers between students and dining staff. There will also be an online ordering system to serve as an alternative to the market places.

Johnson County Public Health has communicated with the university on fall plans, encouraging physical distancing and wearing PPE wherever and whenever possible.

“The other thing I would say we’d either want to continue to discuss and be thoughtful on is what goes on outside of classroom life and dormitory life, and certainly we know that there is a desire for everyone to gather and be social,” said Sam Jarvis, community health manager for John-

son County Public Health.

Tina Arthur, UI director of Orientation Services, has worked with her team to academically prepare students for their first year of college amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“We’re adding in some information into our Success at Iowa course that all new students take on how to be a successful online student, since we know all students are likely going to have at least one class that’s meeting virtually,” Arthur said.

Because orientation is virtual this year, Arthur is hoping On Iowa! will help freshmen and transfer students make the social transition into college life at the UI.

“We find a lot of value in bringing the new class on campus and helping them navigate their new physical campus — their new physical home — and so trying to put all of that online was certainly challenging,” Arthur said.

Ibrahim-Olin said that, despite changes, many steps of the process in this transitional time, especially for freshmen, will be similar to past years.

“You’ve got to pack. You’ve got to figure out how to talk to your roommate about what it’s going to be like to live together. And so I want to normalize that those traditional transitions are still going to occur for people,” Ibrahim-Olin said. “... Yes, learning to communicate while wearing a face mask is going to be a little bit different, but that enthusiasm is still there. You’re still going through it, not alone. There are tons of people on this campus who are willing to help you know. We might just be via screen instead of next to each other.”

Iowa citizens urge Gov. Reynolds to mandate face coverings

Amid a recent spike of coronavirus cases in Johnson County and across the state, people are urging state government officials to follow the direction of a growing number of states and mandate a face covering policy and prevent spread to vulnerable populations.

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Amid a recent spike in coronavirus cases in Johnson County, community members and local officials are calling upon Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds to require Iowans to wear face coverings in public.

The number of cases in Johnson County has reached new highs, especially among college-aged residents. As of Monday, positive cases in Johnson County totaled 1,304.

Local government officials, concerned citizens, and public-health officials are urging people to voluntarily wear face coverings to flatten the curve. Face coverings protect people from the spread of the coronavirus, Community Health Manager of Johnson County Public Health Sam Jarvis said.

“The idea is that the face covering — covering our nose and mouth — prevents respiratory droplets as we’re speaking and breathing,” Jarvis said. “Really for this to work, we’ve got to have everyone wearing masks in public.”

Iowa City City Councilor Janice Weiner is encouraging people on social media and local and state officials to follow the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“We don’t have a cure for this,” Weiner said. “We don’t have treatments that really help to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. What we know helps are the basics — social distancing, wash your hands, and wear a face covering.”

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, a progressive activism group, recently launched #MaskUpIA, a campaign that encourages people to wear face coverings. The group started a petition to urge Reynolds to mandate a face covering policy. Since the launch of the petition July 1, it has garnered more than 4,000 signatures.

“The reality is, we need a universal face covering policy from our elected leaders to be able to encourage mask wearing,” Biechler said. “If Governor Reynolds isn’t going to pass a universal face covering policy, then we



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need local elected officials to do that.”

At least 22 states have implemented statewide mask mandates, and many localities are requiring them in other states.

Weiner said Reynolds won’t allow local govern-

ment officials to mandate face coverings in their cities and counties. She is urging Reynolds to reconsider so Johnson County officials could put protective measures in place.

Despite the spike in cases for young people, some believe only the old-

er populations are likely to contract the virus, Jarvis said. Jarvis said people like Reynolds think that young people can ignore the guidelines because they are likely to experience mild symptoms.

“I think some speculate that since our younger

crowd experiences mild symptoms that it might be kind of business as usual,” Jarvis said. “Please, please, please don’t think that. We’re certainly wanting to stress that if anyone’s ill to please stay home.”

If the virus isn’t contained among the younger population, it will spread to older and immunocompromised populations that are more at risk, Jarvis said.

Until there is a cure for the coronavirus, Weiner said people need to protect those around them by wearing a face covering and urging Reynolds to legally require it.

“People need to recognize that this isn’t magically going away. It is going to take time until we find appropriate therapies and until there’s a vaccine,” Weiner said. “Until then, we have to manage it, and we have to manage it with consideration for our fellow students, citizens, residents — understanding that none of us want to be the factor that causes someone else to get sick.”

Virtual orientation poses obstacles for freshmen

Freshmen are learning about campus, classes, and are meeting their peers from their computer screens. Staff members and orientation leaders are tasked with ensuring that first-year students are taking the program seriously.

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Each year, incoming University of Iowa students attend their orientation to learn about campus, class registration, and other activities. Because of COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions this summer, the in-person experience has gone online.

Tina Arthur, UI director of Orientation Services, said orientation information is provided asynchronously. Most of the information is included as a tile on MyUI, she said, and the only piece that is live is the advising appointment.

Arthur said the university will help anyone who needs it, but the ultimate responsibility of completing orientation rests with the students.

“That’s part of being an adult, coming into campus or coming into a college environment,” Arthur said. “We expect students are holding up their end of the bargain.”

Arthur said that students need to complete a series of benchmarks both in the mandatory Success at Iowa course and on MyUI in order to be eligible for their advising appointment and to register for classes.

Due to orientation’s new virtual format, Arthur said her department had to consider how to ensure students weren’t skipping through their requirements. The solution is to check timestamps to see how long students are taking to complete their requirements, she said.

Arthur said she has seen a mix of responses from students — some were prepared to talk with their adviser, while others were not taking it seriously.

“Truth be told, the person they’re hurting the most there is them-

selves, because this is important information that they need to know in order to be successful in their first semester,” Arthur said.

Maggy Hovden, an orientation leader, said she believes students are taking this opportunity seriously. She has only had a few students that were unprepared for their academic advising meeting, Hovden said.

“They have to take the responsibility to ask themselves ‘how much do I want to get out of my orientation experience?’” Hovden said.

Hovden said she connects with students through office hours and discussion forums on Zoom. These features are available all summer if students or parents have questions, she added.

Additionally, Hovden said students can meet one another on Zoom during “Hawkeye Hangouts,” which take place every other week.

“Those for me have been the best part of the job,” Hovden said. “I love seeing the students’ faces and they ask really great questions, so I’ve been fortunate to be a part of a couple of them.”

Makenzie Homan, an incoming freshman at the UI, said that participating in the Hawkeye Hangouts has been her favorite part of orientation.

Although she’s met other students online, Homan said she still believes it would have been more beneficial to talk to peers in person.

“That’s every freshman’s fear: ‘I’m not going to have any friends and it’s going to be so hard to meet new people,’” Homan said.

Hovden said the virtual experience — though effective — has its drawbacks. The most difficult aspect of orientation to replicate virtually is the social experience, she said.

“I think in-person orientation is

invaluable,” Hovden said. “It’s your chance to meet your peers and the people who are going to be in your incoming class.”

On Iowa! is the last piece of orientation and occurs the week before

classes begin. Arthur said it’s typically a time for students to move into their dorms and participate in social activities. Whether the event will take place as usual is still uncertain, she said.

Homan said she isn’t getting her hopes up that On Iowa! will be on campus in the fall.

“I mean obviously I want it to be in person, but it’s more important to be safe,” Homan said.



Portrait of Maggy Hovden, a UI orientation leader.

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Kinnick-Slater Stadium, a not-so-new name proposal



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

A statue of former Iowa offensive lineman Duke Slater is seen outside the north end zone of Kinnick Stadium on Sunday.

Almost 50 years after it was originally proposed, a more comprehensive title for the Iowa football stadium has resurfaced.

BY ISAAC GOFFIN AND CHRIS WERNER
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An ongoing review of the Iowa football program has led to a tumultuous summer for the Hawkeyes.

Former players have spoken out with allegations of racism and bullying within the program, leading to a separation agreement with former strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle and the University of Iowa.

Behind the scenes of these events — executed in a way as not to distract from the current issues of the

program but to make a positive difference in the community — a proposal has emerged that may resonate with Hawkeyes.

Through the sound of protesters demanding change is a simple call. The proposal: Change the football stadium's name to Kinnick-Slater Stadium.

The 1972 plan

This isn't a new idea. In 1972, *Cedar Rapids Gazette* columnist Gus Schrader successfully resurrected a decades-old idea to name the

Hawkeyes' football venue Kinnick Stadium. At the time, it was simply Iowa Stadium.

Then-UI President Sandy Boyd recognized that Nile Kinnick, the Heisman Trophy winner and fallen soldier, was worthy of naming recognition. But he thought someone else was too: Duke Slater, a trail-blazing Black Hawkeye football player who attended Iowa from 1918-21. He went on to play professionally, and was honored as a member of the 2020 Pro Football Hall of Fame Class in January.

According to Neal Rozendaal's

2012 book *Duke Slater*, the offensive tackle was a native of Clinton, Iowa, and the son of a Christian minister who originally forbade him from playing football.

But Slater still joined his high school team before his sophomore year. When his disapproving father found out, the resilient son went on a hunger strike. Eventually, his father allowed Slater to join the team as long as he was careful to avoid injury.

His family could only afford shoes or a helmet, and Slater decided that shoes were more important, and he played most of his high school and

college career without a helmet.

Slater started at the UI in 1918 under head coach Howard Jones. At the time, Slater was only the third Black player in program history. Black UI students were not permitted to stay in the dormitories during his time at the school.

The challenges Slater faced as one of the first Black players in the Hawkeye program did not deter him from making an impact. He was a three-time first team All-Big Ten player and led the Hawkeyes to a Big Ten Championship in 1921.

In 1951, Slater was the only Black

player inducted into the inaugural class of the College Football Hall of Fame.

In an interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Boyd said his father admired Slater, saying the elder Boyd was happy that his son took a job at the UI Law School because of the star player.

When the Kinnick Stadium idea gained traction in 1972, Boyd said he recommended the Kinnick-Slater name to the Campus Planning Committee. He said the committee rejected it because it claimed to disapprove of a hyphenation.

In Rozendaal's book, he mentions that Schrader wrote that Boyd's proposal was "an almost unbelievable suggestion." The columnist saw it as an attempt to appeal to a certain part of the fan base by including a Black person's name on the home of Hawkeye football.

With little support on Slater's inclusion, Boyd compromised, offering Kinnick Stadium for the football facility and renaming the then-newest residence hall to Slater Hall.

Today, Rozendaal and others say there's little to honor Slater and his accomplishments in the student-housing building.

The 2020 proposal

Cole Grolmus saw his city react to the killing of George Floyd firsthand.

A Minneapolis resident and 2007 UI graduate, Grolmus decided to educate himself about the history of Black UI athletes and learned about Slater. Through researching the football legend, Rozendaal's book appeared on Google Books.

The history from the 1972 attempt at the Kinnick-Slater name was one of the few parts available.

"I read that, and I was like, 'Oh

my gosh, why hasn't anyone told me about this before?'" Grolmus said. "I'm a person who somewhat prides himself and geeks out on Iowa sports knowledge, Hawkeye sports knowledge, and my reaction was, 'Oh my gosh, why?' Why didn't I know this? This is terrible."

On the morning of June 5, Grolmus said he had the idea to write a Twitter thread with passages from the book. He attempted to make contact with Rozendaal, but before the author had a chance to respond, ev-

ing to add to what they were saying about their particular message but I do think in general them speaking up set a really good example."

The next day, Doyle was placed on leave and protesters spray-painted Kinnick Stadium. On June 7, former players came to clean up, and Grolmus posted his Twitter thread.

Soon after the thread gained traction, Grolmus wrote a column in the *Gazette* regarding the Kinnick-Slater proposal and why to support it. On the Facebook posting of the column,

Rozendaal was hesitant to speak out publicly about this passage in his book because as a white person, he wanted Black players' voices to take precedence. But a few weeks later after the developments at the football program, he spoke out.

"I believe and I continue to believe that Duke Slater is deserving of every honor that you can bestow upon a guy because he [had] such a wonderful personal and professional career," Rozendaal said.

A sculpture of Slater throwing

"That led a lot of people to be exposed to Slater's story," Henderson said. "His entire story, not just his career growing up and at Iowa, but the things he did after he left the University and it's a remarkable story that a lot of people may not have known about."

The future potential

If Kinnick Stadium were to be renamed, it wouldn't be the first college football venue in the state to honor a

Black player with its title. Jack Trice Stadium, home of the Iowa State Cyclones, was renamed in 1997 after the first Black athlete in the school's history.

Trice died after sustaining severe injuries during a 1923 game against the University of Minnesota. Many who were there, including several of his teammates, later said Minnesota targeted Trice and it was likely intentional and racist. Iowa State and Minnesota did not play each other again for 66 years.

To this day, Jack Trice Stadium is the only FBS arena named after a Black player.

"That could have been us," Grolmus said of the Kinnick decision in 1972. "Now, we've lost that chance, but I still think it would be

cool to be a state where two of the three major institutions, the state institutions, have a Black person's name on the stadium, that would still be great."

For now, Grolmus said he will keep pushing until a committee at the UI takes on the Kinnick-Slater Stadium proposal.

"Never waste a good crisis, right?" he said. "You hate to see things like this happen, but when they do it's a good time to get things done."



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The statue of Nile Kinnick is seen outside of Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 8, 2019.

everything broke loose.

Former Hawkeyes offensive lineman James Daniels tweeted how Black players have been treated unfairly in the football program and that there are racial disparities within the program. Numerous other players responded with their own stories.

"It was at minimum indirectly inspiring to me," Grolmus said. "I certainly have not experienced what they experienced and have not

there were many people not in support of the idea.

"The editorial staff at the *Gazette* wrote the headline ['It's time to rename Kinnick Stadium'] in a way that was meant to get attention and I think it was effective," Grolmus said. "However, I think a lot of people who weren't reading past the headline were confused that I was suggesting to completely rename the stadium or remove Kinnick's name from it, and that's certainly not the case at all."

a crucial block in the most critical game of the 1921 season — a 10-7 triumph over Notre Dame that sealed an undefeated 7-0 record for Iowa — can be seen outside of the north end zone of Kinnick Stadium. The sculpture was completed in 2019 and introduced viewers to the lineman's legacy.

Iowa Senior Associate Athletic Director Matt Henderson said the sculpture is about teaching visitors about "the story behind the image."

New mural celebrates Black life

On June 25, Iowa-based artists Robert Moore and Dana Harrison finished a mural on the northern side of Market House. The images are meant to contribute to the current conversation on the treatment of Black lives in America.

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Within one week, Iowa City's newest mural was conceived, started, and completed by self-taught Iowa-based artist Robert Moore and his partner Dana Harrison. The mural, titled "Reciprocal of Humanity," was unveiled to the public on July 4.

The mural can be found at 202 N. Linn St. on Market House. Featuring the images of two Black women with goldfinches hovering above them, the painting sits about three stories up on the north side of the building. The women face the horizon with a determined gleam in their eyes.

"We bounced ideas back and forth and then came up with the final image," Harrison said. "I wouldn't change anything on it."

The artwork also represents a larger theme in the artists' work. Throughout the previous year, Moore turned his artistic focus to addressing the disparities he sees in the treatment of marginalized groups in the U.S. The artist said he wanted to elevate the voices of people that often go unheeded.

"There's a lot of Black humans and community figures in Iowa City that I wanted to elevate," Moore said.

Ross Nusser, the project developer of Market House, reached out to Moore about designing the mural after seeing the attention his "Harvesting Humanity" project received. Nusser said he had wanted to do something with the north side of the build-



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A mural painted by Robert Moore and Dana Harrison is seen on the side of Market House in Iowa City on July 2. The mural, titled "Reciprocal of Humanity" was finished within 24 hours on June 25 and officially unveiled to the public on July 4 as a celebration of Black lives in Iowa City.

ing for a while.

When Nusser started brainstorming ideas, the killing of George Floyd was just beginning to get national attention.

"The protests started happening, and we realized we had this canvas that could be used for public art," Nusser said. "We had a canvas and the opportunity to listen to a conversation, and wanted to be able to be active listeners."

Nusser reached out to Moore

through a family friend, and the duo started the project on June 19 in celebration of Juneteenth — the holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S. — and completed it on June 25.

While Harrison and Moore's timeline was harried by inclement weather, the artists still finished with time to spare, pulling it off in 24 hours.

Moore said that the northern location of the mural enabled

them to convey a specific message about freedom and liberty.

"In a sense, these two women are looking out, almost leading to what I see the future to be," he said. "You hear the term of the North Star being a guide, slaves using the stars and moon as a light to guide them to freedom — there's a lot of heavy symbolism with the intention that's much more than just the aesthetic."

Both artists said that so far,

the feedback has been positive. Moore hopes that their work will continue the current conversation surrounding the treatment of Black Americans around the country.

"I hope it provokes thought, conversation, and change," Moore said. "Art is powerful. Even in silence, it's loud. I hope that people can also connect to an identity or a figure that is strong and resilient and is proud and Black."

Opinions

COLUMN

Masks aren't about you, so wear one

Too many people are ignoring CDC guidelines on public mask usage, and those people are needlessly putting others in danger.

BY CHLOE PETERSON
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Wear a mask in public.

In case you've forgotten, we're still in the middle of a pandemic.

It may not feel like it, with states reopening and sports coming back, but the seven-day average for new cases in the U.S. reached a record high for the 27th consecutive day on Sunday.

We're in a second wave before the first one even ended.

An easy way to mitigate the spike in cases is to simply wear a face covering. Recent research has shown that if 95 percent of Americans wear a mask in public, it could prevent up to 33,000 deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that all Americans start wearing face masks in public on April 3, and since then many governors have made it a requirement in their state.

Face masks aren't just there to protect against sneezes and coughs. Respiratory droplets from talking can linger in the air and on surfaces for up to 14 minutes.

Too many people are ignoring

CDC recommendations. A study of Wisconsin grocery shoppers found that less than half of people are wearing face masks in public. According to the study, only 41 percent of 3,271 observed grocery shoppers were wearing masks. The study also found that women were more likely than men to wear a mask, as well as older people were more likely than younger to wear them.

I am working in a grocery store this summer, so that study is more than a statistic to me. Whenever I need to talk to someone not wearing a face mask or even just wearing one incorrectly, I have a solid fear that they will get me sick. But the general public, as a whole, doesn't seem to care.

Some people think that wearing a mask is "infringing on their constitutional rights."

That is not true, on both public and private ground. According to Poynter.org, governments are able to require masks in public spaces in the same way that they are able to ban smoking in public places, because those things can affect the health of the community.

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Businesses and companies on private property have free rein to decide if they want to require customers to wear masks. According to constitutional lawyer Dan Barr, businesses are not infringing on the individual's constitutional rights by requiring a mask, but the other way around. When they violate the policy of a business on private property, they are violating the business's rights.

Businesses and governments alike have the power of the law on their side.

Finally, there are the people who just don't care. They don't

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have any medical issues or any strong opinion about wearing a mask, they just view it as an avoidable inconvenience to their daily lives.

Christopher Murray, the director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, stated this on the issue:

“People need to know that wearing masks can reduce transmission of the virus by up to 50 percent, and those who refuse are putting their lives, their families,

their friends, and their communities at risk.”

I don't know how to tell you that you should care about other people. It doesn't matter if you think that wearing a mask is “uncomfortable” or “annoying.” If I and all of my coworkers can wear masks for up to eight hours a day to protect you, you can bear it for the 20 minutes that you're walking through the store to protect us and everyone else you know.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The University of Iowa's current budget cut plans hold little regard for faculty opinion and cuts seem to be made without care.

The University of Iowa's response to pandemic-related budget cuts places the fiscal tail in charge of wagging the educational dog. Though cuts are necessary, university administrators seem determined to make them without regard to the quality of the overall educational program; some are in direct contravention of faculty judgment on educational matters. Two examples – one immediate, one more long term – illustrate risks to the quality of education inherent in making budget decisions without thorough consideration of educational priorities.

Recently, media commentators and University of Iowa community members noted with alarm the decision not to renew the contracts of 15 lecturers in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). When asked to comment or intervene, President Bruce Harreld in essence threw up his hands, stating that those decisions are the purview of collegiate deans. If so, deans are acting with very little input from faculty, because public statements of department chairs and other faculty members reveal frustration at not being listened to. Indeed, several in CLAS have expressed strong disagreement and offered alternative solutions designed to retain valuable faculty members and the courses they offer.

The budget model that permits President Harreld to disclaim responsibility was adopted only a couple of years ago. Though it may offer advantages in terms of fiscal planning for a large in-

stitution, it does not absolve the university administration of its duty to engage in shared governance with the faculty. Sound reasons support the academic imperative that the faculty have the primary role in making decisions about an institution's educational program, even in times of financial crisis. In a policy entitled "On Institutional Problems Resulting from Financial Exigency," the American Association of University Professors notes that "[t]here should be early, careful, and meaningful faculty involvement in decisions relating to the reduction of instructional and research programs." That involvement has not happened.

A longer-term issue, brought into prominence now, is the university's increasing reliance on lecturers to teach undergraduates, particularly in CLAS. Brutally put, lecturers are cheap and are treated by administrators as dispensable. Though any large teaching institution must have some short-term teaching staff to fill in when regular faculty are ill or on leave, current use of lecturers goes well beyond that. In seeking to achieve budgetary "flexibility," CLAS employs scores of lecturers who undertake crippling teaching loads, work for low salaries, and who may then be cast aside with little or no notice. From a management point of view, the obvious attractions of that arrangement, along with the deep pool of talented and highly accomplished PhDs in the Iowa City area, have made over-reliance on

UI budget has gone to the dogs



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The Old Capitol is seen on March 12.

lecturers too seductive to resist. Now CLAS administrators are exercising their flexibility by failing to renew lecturer contracts, without regard to the human cost or the gaps in the curriculum that will result. Yet as other colleges such as the Carver College of Medicine have demonstrated, ways exist of sharing the sacrifice more equitably, such as temporary salary reductions or reducing the salaries of highly paid faculty and administrators, without loss to the educational program.

Eventually, this approach to balancing the budget will harm the standing of our flagship university in the academic world and destroy the

vitality of our academic community. World class scholars will not come to a place where governance is top down and conducted without regard for educational quality. Iowa faculty members should devote themselves to a lifetime of teaching and scholarship without the fear of being unemployed on a moment's notice. We owe it to all Iowans to put educational quality first, even when cutting the budget.

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Sports



Iowa student-athletes make the grade despite COVID-19

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Iowa's Antonise Christian (lane 3) and Lasarah Hargrove (lane 8) compete in the 60m dash premier final during the Larry Wiczorek Invitational at the University of Iowa Recreation Building on Jan. 18. Christian took fourth in 7.45, and Lasarah finished eighth in 7.60.

BY WILL FINEMAN
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After a spring that saw sports canceled and classes moved online, the Hawkeye spring sports teams persevered to find success in the classroom.

Iowa had 107 spring student-athletes named to the 2020 spring Academic All-Big Ten team.

According to the Big Ten website, to be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, students must be on a varsity team, as verified by being on the official squad list as of March 12 for spring sports.

Students must have been enrolled full-time at their institution for a minimum of 12 months and carry a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

"Student-athlete academic services have done a fantastic job of pushing everybody, especially in the classroom, to do the best they can and equip us with the resources that we need for success," said Marissa Mueller, a senior on the women's track and field team. "They encourage us to talk to professors, provide tutoring, provide academic advising, and they play a massive role in student-athlete academic success."

Hawkeye men's and women's track teams both set school records for the number of athletes selected to the Academic All-Big Ten team with 23 and 30, respectively. The softball team set a school record as well with 11 of its players selected.

"It was a pleasant surprise, but I can't say that it was shocking because I know that we have

a really great group of girls," Mueller said. "I know that everyone was giving it their all both on and off of the track this year."

Students had to deal with a very unusual spring semester as the switch to virtual learning posed a new challenge during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Not only were athletes away from their teammates and coaches, they were away from their professors and classmates.

"Things going online and needing to go back home because of the coronavirus was quite the challenge," Mueller said.

The Iowa men's tennis team also found success after the move to online learning. The team finished with the highest grade-point average of any of the men's spring sports teams

with a 3.84 GPA.

"[Academics] is something that we talk about a lot, and we want to make sure that guys are giving their best and excelling both on the court and off of the court," Iowa men's tennis head coach Ross Wilson said. "We have a lot of smart guys on the team, so I just want to make sure they are maximizing their efforts off of the court."

The men's tennis team, like several Iowa sports teams, has international student-athletes on its roster. Learning from home provided a unique challenge for them. Despite the added obstacles, 14 international student-athletes from the Iowa received Academic All-Big Ten honors.

"It's impressive because it's a different system, like if you are coming from the U.K. then you

are doing a lot of short answer questions because they do not use multiple-choice over there," Wilson said. "When you are looking at test-taking, they have to totally change their thought process when they are trying to take tests here to be successful."

With the loaded training schedule that Division I athletes endure over the course of the year, being successful in the classroom can be even more of a challenge than usual.

Mueller said balancing both aspects can lead to healthy habits.

"When I am in the classroom, my head is in the books and the lectures, but when I am on the track, my head is away from the books," she said. "I think that doing both makes you better at each because you need that type of balance."

Hawkeyes join Big Ten anti-racism team

The Hawkeye delegation to the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition are working to empower student-athlete voices.



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Iowa interim head coach Vicki Brown instructs her players during a volleyball match between Iowa and Washington at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Sept. 7, 2019.

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Ten student-athletes, coaches, and staff members from the University of Iowa have been chosen to be members of the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition.

The team was announced by Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren in an open letter June 1, and according to Iowa's members, is being formed at a crucial time.

According to the Big Ten website, the goal of the coalition is to seek tangible ways

to combat racism and hate around the world while also empowering student-athletes to use their rights to free speech rights and peaceful protest.

"Right now it is the perfect time for people to speak their truth," said Alexis Sevillian, a

redshirt senior on the Iowa women's basketball team and a member of the coalition. "I think people in the past have been afraid because that is an uncomfortable topic for any race to talk about, but I think now is the perfect time to give people confidence."

Iowa volleyball head coach Vicki Brown said the group is meeting via Zoom in its early stages to start an open dialogue and obtain survey information on actions the coalition would like to take.

Part of the responsibility Iowa's members are facing

is to speak for not only themselves or their sport through the coalition, but for the entire department.

"My responsibility is to bring in another opinion or idea and be a representation

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of the many voices that make up the Iowa athletic department," Brown said. "The biggest push is how many voices can we have that will give an insight into how we can make our conference and our institutions better for these student-athletes."

Along with Sevillian and Brown, Iowa's delegation includes two other athletes, three other coaches, and three administrators:

- Julius Brents, football player
- Connor McCaffery, baseball and men's basketball player
- Roz Ellis, assistant field hockey coach

- Fran McCaffery, head men's basketball coach
- Billy Taylor, assistant men's basketball coach
- Gary Barta, athletics director
- Barbara Burke, deputy athletics director
- Liz Hollingworth, faculty

Members of the coalition from each school were selected through a nomination process.

"It started off with submitting your name if you were interested in being a part of the coalition, and my guess is that a lot of people submitted their names," Brown said. "I was then nominated for the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition."

Athletes that compete on the biggest stages of college and professional sports have potential to convey their

message to large numbers of people. Brown said this coalition is working toward helping those college athletes feel more confident about doing so.

"We have seen in different media that athletes should not have a stance on what is happening other than knowing their playbook and that coaches should just coach the practices," Brown said. "I think the idea that the athlete is more than just their sport, and they are a part of the community and want to make an impact in their community is slowly starting to get out there."

With the launch of the Voter Registration Initiative, the Big Ten is also working to improve education around participation in the electoral process in order to turn these discussions into action.

The coalition is working alongside the members of this initiative to help student-athletes take action both in and out of the voting booth.

"Speaking out, in general, requires a lot of confidence and courage, so for the people who have done that, that is really powerful," Sevillian said. "I think

this coalition is going to put effort towards not letting any consequences or repercussions that could have happened in previous years continue."



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Iowa guard Alexis Sevillian drives the ball to the hoop during a women's basketball game between Iowa and Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 16.

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