

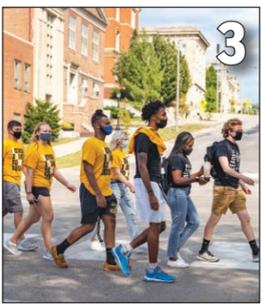
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Protesters struck by car

A car struck several protesters as it sped through an intersection blocked by protesters.

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The Iowa City Police Department is seeking more information from protesters struck by a car that drove into a group of Iowa Freedom Riders' protesters on Aug. 21 after locating the vehicle.

According to a media release by the department, police personnel in an unmarked police car saw a vehicle speeding east on Burlington Street away from protesters in the intersection of Burlington and Gilbert streets. The officer noted the license plate number but wasn't aware the vehicle had hit protesters. The officer

didn't pursue due to congested traffic and pedestrians, according to the release.

Protesters stood in a circle at the intersection of Gilbert and Burlington streets at about 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 21. A car accelerated, hitting at least two people and sped away. A video of the incident circled on social media over the weekend. According to several protesters interviewed by *The Daily Iowan* at the scene, no one was seriously injured.

No reports were made to the police by "protesters, observers, or the driver of the vehicle," the release stated.

The police department urged anyone "who was struck by the vehicle" to con-

tact Iowa City Police Investigator Mike Smithey at 319-356-5452 to provide information to assist with the investigation.

Organizers of the protest demanded that Iowa City city councilors release a video of police teargassing protesters on June 3 and called for more transparency in the Johnson County Sheriff's investigation into the death of a former University of Iowa student.

In the group's first protest since July, protesters marched through downtown Iowa City, and to the Johnson County Jail, where chants of "Black Lives Matter" and "no justice, no peace" echoed through the streets of downtown.

The protest came after Iowa City city councilors reversed course on Aug. 18 on whether to conduct an independent review of police actions the night of June 3, when police teargassed protesters — which was one of the Iowa Freedom Riders' initial demands.

Iowa City Mayor Pro Tempore Mazahir Salih said during an Iowa City City Council meeting on Aug. 18 that an investigation wasn't needed because footage from a video showed the Iowa State Patrol — not the Iowa City Police Department — giving the order to use tear gas on protesters.

The Iowa Freedom Riders say the video should be released.

Virus overshadows first day of school

As schools across the country reverse their reopening plans, first-year Hawkeyes look towards their first semester with trepidation and uncertainty.



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University of Iowa freshman Patrick Houston and his father, Tim Houston load a cart for moving into a dorm in Iowa City on Aug. 20. The university is currently attempting to adjust their housing and orientation plans around the Coronavirus pandemic to maintain health and safety.

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Online classes, takeout meals, and masks in the hallways are the new normal for first-year students taking on their first semester of college amid a pandemic, where some are uncertain about the future of the in-person se-

mester.

Several universities have already sent students packing from residence halls due to COVID-19 outbreaks on campus, including the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Michigan State University, and the University of Notre Dame.

Director of Housing Administration Virginia Ibra-

him-Olin said in a press conference on Aug. 17 that if the UI moves to all virtual instruction before Thanksgiving break, students will receive information about their housing and meal plan contracts, and applicable refunds and rate changes at that time.

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Students, community members urge transition to online classes

As the UI reopens, some have called for the UI to teach entirely online, saying in-person classes risk the health and safety of students and faculty.



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University of Iowa graduate student Drew Etienne poses for a portrait in downtown Iowa City on Aug. 19. The Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS) led a march to President Bruce Harreld's home in order to protest the administration's insistence that the university remain open despite the health risk posed by COVID-19.

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As the University of Iowa starts in-person classes Monday, graduate and undergraduate students this week protested the hybrid semester leading up to the start of the year.

Three student labor and action organizations shut down intersection traffic on Riverside Drive the night of Aug. 20 to protest face-to-face instruction, calling for the

UI to embrace online education, and reduce tuition in light of COVID-19.

Members of Iowa Student Action, SEIU Local 199, and Campaign to Organize Graduate Students marched with banners that read "Board of Regents: Our Blood, Your Hands" and other calls to action, blocking traffic beginning at 5 p.m., according to Iowa Student Action's twitter account.

The protest, led by Iowa Student Action, was one of ma-

'I felt like a guinea pig'

UI student details 'awful' experience quarantining in the residence halls.

BY RACHEL SCHILKE
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The University of Iowa issued an apology to students after a student who tested positive for COVID-19 detailed her "awful" quarantine experience on social media.

"I felt like a guinea pig. [I was] told one thing and completely experienced another. There are no words to describe how I am feeling, but I guess I'm just sad," UI freshman Ann Gaughan said in an interview with



Gaughan

The Daily Iowan after testing positive for COVID-19 and quarantining on campus.

Gaughan said she experienced indifference from UI hall coordinators and dirty living conditions during her time in an isolation room in Currier Residence Hall, forcing her to return home to Illinois.

The UI freshman tested positive for the coronavirus within two days of arriving in Iowa City, saying she may have contracted the virus from an emergency room in her hometown. She moved into Daum Residence Hall Aug. 15 and, after testing positive at 6 p.m. on Aug. 16, and relocated to a room in Currier.

Gaughan said the room had dirt on the bed and ground, as well as an unclean sink and curtains. When she asked the hall coordinators why the room was in

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OUT ON THE TOWN



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Shreya Khurjekar (left), Abbi Sheckleton (center) and Kalli Brisker (right) sit at a picnic table next to Molly's Cupcakes and talk with a group of friends on the night of Aug. 21 in Iowa City. The group wanted to make sure to go out before the start of classes the following Monday.

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"If the university chooses to close, I think the important thing to note is that we in Housing and Dining will do everything we can to remain open to support those students where this is their primary housing," she said. "We know that there are a number of them that this is home, and we don't want to assume that every student has somewhere else that they may be able to go in the event of virtual instruction."

Around 6,000 students live in the residence halls in a typical year, and 5,500 students are set to live in University of Iowa res-

idence halls this semester — including 4,400 first-year students, which is down from 6,000 in previous years, according to UI administrators. The state Board of Regents predicted in June that 5,700 students would live on campus.

With several colleges already abandoning reopening plans, some first years said they felt apprehensive about how the semester will look at the UI.

First-year UI student Breanna Powers said the uncertainty going into the semester is nerve-wracking to think about, due to the possibility of campus closing earlier than expected.

"There's just a lot of unknowns in regard to what's happening next semester too, but at the mo-

ment I think I'm okay," Powers said.

Katlynn Long, a first-year UI student, said she observed students social distancing in her residence hall, and is concerned about students who will choose to party.

"I'm nervous because things aren't going to go quite as we expected, but you have to understand that everybody's in the same boat and the college itself is just as worried as the students are," Long said. "I really hope our fellow students are going to take COVID precautions seriously so that the world isn't like this forever."

The UI will begin sharing self-reported COVID-19 cases among students and employees

on Friday, and will update case counts each week.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 or have come into contact with someone who tested positive, will be moved into quarantine and isolation housing.

"We have isolation and quarantine housing in nearly every building," University of Iowa Housing and Dining Senior Director Von Stange said. "The goal is, if they have to quarantine or isolate, we want them to stay on the same side of the river."

Stange told reporters that students who test positive will be informed through contact tracing. If a student tests positive for the virus, Stange said, their roommate will be informed, but the entire floor the student lives on

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ny that have occurred on the UI campus since the university committed to hosting classes with more than 50 students online for the fall semester.

"The University of Iowa does not negotiate with collective bargaining groups such as COGS; those negotiations occur with the Board of Regents, State of Iowa," said Assistant Vice President for External Relations Jeneane Beck in an email to *The Daily Iowan* this past week.

According to a campus update from Aug. 19, undergraduate classes are 72 percent online, 16 percent in-person, and 12 percent blended.

"The university values the feedback of students and faculty. With more than 30,000 students and thousands of faculty and staff at the UI, opinions vary regarding how

our campus should operate for the fall semester," Beck said. "The UI's goal is to provide as much choice and certainty as possible to the campus community while aligning with guidance from the Board of Regents, State of Iowa; the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH); and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)."

Dulce Escorcía, student organizer of the Iowa Student Action protest and a UI student, said protesters showed up to share their stories and express their anger toward the decision to hold in-person classes.

"I haven't even processed the fact that in four days classes start," Escorcía said. "I'm too scared to even think about it, and I'm too scared to think about what's going to happen to me and my roommate. And that's on COVID-19 getting me sick and not being able to breathe in the long term or possibly even die."

Iowa Student Action Com-

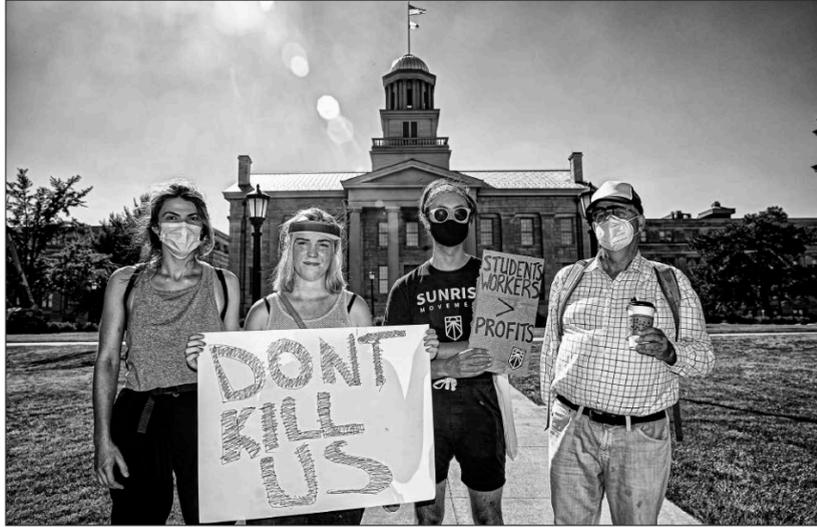
munication Lead Sara Castro said the protestors were calling out UI President Bruce Reareld and the state Board of Regents for opening campus at an unsafe time.

"Even though they know it's going to be unsafe when students are going to die, we know that they're only opening campuses because they just want to make money off of us," Castro said. "They don't have enough testing centers. They're not even testing [students] before they have moved into their residence halls."

Iowa Student Action said on Twitter that the organization was calling for all Iowa campuses to close until it was safe, and also demanded reduced tuition during the pandemic.

Eva Sileo, a UI senior studying biology, said she is reading the news to stay up to date on the coronavirus, and said the virus consumes a great deal of her academic and emotional energy.

"I look into this crowd right



Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan

Protesters Ayla Kanin, Eva Sileo, Zach Grewe, and Joe McKenna pose for a portrait in front of the Old Capitol Building in downtown Iowa City on Aug. 19.

now and I can't help but wonder which one of us is going to lose loved ones this semester?" Sileo said. "Which one of us is

going to fall ill? Which one of us will slip even more deeply into the inescapable cycle of poverty that I know so many

of us already battle with every single day? I wonder which one of us might die, those are the stakes."

UH&D

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that condition, they said with indifference that they had not anticipated anyone contracting COVID-19 within the first move-in day, so the rooms

"I felt alone and had no one to support me. I was exhausted from crying, so I gave in and stayed for the night. I slept on the floor and woke up to ants crawling on my bed."

— Ann Gaughan, UI first-year

were not prepared, Gaughan said.

"I asked if I could move rooms, and they said it was either stay in the room I was given or go home," she said. "It was midnight, and my family was three hours away. I couldn't leave campus, but I wouldn't put anyone in there."

She said while she was continuing to ask the hall coordinators for a new room in Currier, she had a panic attack and the paramedics were called to the residence hall.

"I couldn't even stand up due to being away from home, and being diagnosed, and then chaos, because no one had any answers," she said. "I felt alone and had no one to support me. I was exhausted from crying, so I gave in and stayed for the

night. I slept on the floor and woke up to ants crawling on my bed."

Gaughan said she had a headache upon arrival to campus, but attributed it to stress and leaving her parents. She and her roommate Kelsey Greenwood began inspecting the COVID-19 care packages

provided by UI residence halls and used the thermometer, discovering she had a small temperature, she said. After deciding to get a COVID-19 test to be safe, she discovered that she had tested positive.

"From about 7 p.m. until 11 p.m., there was very little communication," she said. "I was sitting in my room with my roommate, and the RA did not know what to do. He didn't know what the protocol was. The RA was so nice, and he said it was his first experience, so I felt bad."

Gaughan said she felt uncomfortable when she was told she could not tell her parents that she tested positive for COVID-19, as it would cause "unnecessary chaos." She add-

ed that the resident assistant informed her that he was told that none of the individuals herself and her roommate had come into contact with would be quarantined or notified of her testing positive.

"I assumed some contact tracing was going to happen, but they said it was not necessary to tell them, and I felt uncomfortable," she said. "So, I told them myself. I said, 'I cannot in good conscience not tell you.'"

Gaughan's story circulated anonymously on social media beginning Aug. 19, and UI Assistant Vice President for Student Life and Senior Director of University Housing and Dining Von Stange released a statement of apology on Aug. 20.

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— Von Stange, UI Assistant VP for Student Life and Senior Director of University Housing and Dining

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Stange said Housing and Dining is in contact with the student and the university was

reviewing the processes for students who test positive, and that students should reach out to hall coordinators, their RAs, and other staff with feedback.

As previously reported by the *DI*, the UI will begin releasing the current number of self-reported cases on campus starting Aug. 28 a COVID-19 campus update.

"I want to express my sincere apologies for the mistakes that have been made," Stange said, "... and pledge our commitment to help make this semester one that is memorable, educational, and engaging."

Greenwood said she felt mistreated being quarantined with someone who tested positive, even if it was temporary, and believed that while the UI said it had a plan, the execution was flawed.

"I believe the RA was not well informed, and I do not blame him for anything," she said. "With the information he had,

the UI was. I think they tried to stick to a plan inapplicable to the situation due to the flaws that occurred."

The UI is setting aside 250-300 rooms for quarantine and isolation, according to UI spokesperson Jeneane Beck.

Greenwood said she felt discomfort at having to quarantine in a room not meant for it, however she was completely in compliance and understanding of the 14-day quarantine period. She asked for a new room and someone to come clean the room, as she did not want to be near or touch Gaughan's belongings, but was repeatedly denied both requests, she said.

Greenwood said she went to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and tested negative for COVID-19. After spending some time outside on campus, however, she said she was told she had to re-quarantine, and was moved to a room on the top floor of Daum.

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Students welcomed in virtual OnIowa programming

The University of Iowa moved the OnIowa first-year and transfer student immersion program to hybrid events in its tenth year because of COVID-19.

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In a typical fall semester, incoming first-year and transfer students at the University of Iowa huddle at Kickoff at Kinnick and Convocation on the Pentacrest.

OnIowa, which celebrated its 10th anniversary, looked different this year, with the altered program including hybrid in-person and online events to protect the health and safety of attendees and orientation volunteers amid COVID-19.

OnIowa is designed to help first-year and transfer students become immersed in the UI's campus and community. This year, OnIowa held virtual Netflix nights alongside a traditional in-person orientation meeting, where students meet with upperclassmen to learn how to be academically and socially successful. Events such as disc golf and an

outdoor movie night were held in-person, but students had to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance.

Per the UI's COVID-19 guidelines, students must maintain at least six feet between each other and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for quarantining and isolation if someone contracts the virus. Isolations rooms have been set aside in residence halls to provide extra safety measures, as well.

"We're doing some of the things that we would have done in the past," UI Director of Orientation Services Tina Arthur said. "But also, obviously [there are] some new expectations for the university and what we're expecting out of them in the classroom with COVID, and expectations around wearing your mask and

that sort of thing."

Students usually form the iconic "I" in the center of the football field at Kinnick Stadium, as well as attend Convocation on the Pentacrest.

This year, the class of 2024 was welcomed with a virtual convocation video featuring UI President Bruce Harreld, UI Vice President for Student Life Sarah Hansen, UI Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Tanya Uden-Holman, and UI freshman Faith Surface, who was the fall 2020 convocation speaker.

Due to the event-capacity guidelines, Arthur said the university could not have more than 50 people in a room, so students were not able to participate in signature OnIowa events.

OnIowa volunteers conducted check-ins for dorms and hosted orientation meetings with social distancing icebreakers. The virtual

dunk contest and the Netflix party were some of the events hosted for students to view online.

First-year Chloey Shriver said she felt more comfortable participating in the program from her dorm room, given the choice to either attend orientation in person or view from a computer via Zoom.

OnIowa leader and UI sophomore Bhavana Sirimalle became part of the OnIowa program because of the positive memories that came from her freshman year experience attending OnIowa events.

"I enjoyed going to the Office of Sustainability where you could plant your own plant as an activity that they had the very first day," Sirimalle said. "I feel really bad for those kids because they won't get all of those experiences."

Despite the loss of opportunities for students to meet in real

life, freshman Karsen Gray said he is not scared to make new friends, as he has had chances to make connections elsewhere, including the UI Class of 2024 Facebook group.

Although the planning challenges have been immense, Arthur said she is pleased with the

results of the hybrid version of OnIowa and has seen positive interactions among students.

"They're excited about being on campus," Arthur said. "They're excited that we're able to provide them with some transition opportunities to meet new people."



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OnIowa members lead a tour of campus for first-year students on Aug. 22.

ETHICS & POLITICS

NATIONAL POLITICS

Iowa delegates prepare for unconventional RNC

Iowa delegates prepare for this year's Republican National Convention from Iowa and North Carolina.

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Monday marks the first day of this year's Republican National Convention, and instead of dozens of Iowa delegates preparing to make the trip to North Carolina to participate in the nation's presidential nomination process, only six delegates will be representing Iowa.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the RNC will be primarily virtual, with keynote speakers planning to give speeches virtually. President Trump will give his speech from the White House lawn, and only a limited number of delegates will travel to Charlotte, North Carolina to likely re-nominate Trump as the Republican nominee for president.

David Barker, a national delegate and member of the state Board of Regents, drove from Iowa to Charlotte on Aug. 21 to attend a Credentials Commit-

tee meeting. Barker said while the decision to make the convention virtual happened last minute, he said the RNC has still delivered timely information to the delegates.

Barker was an alternate delegate at the 2016 RNC in Cleveland, Ohio, and said the Party will be missing out on valuable networking opportunities with the convention being mostly virtual.

"It's too bad," Barker said. "We're really disappointed that we can't have that again. It's a great networking opportunity for people, great team building for the Party across the country — obviously, it will not be anything like that."

Only delegates serving on convention committees were invited to North Carolina. Iowa typically sends about 40 delegates in total to the RNC, and Iowa Republican Party Chair Jeff Kaufmann will cast votes

for those delegates remaining in Iowa.

Barker said his role in the convention is mostly operational, and that he's hoping to meet with people from across the country to learn how the Republican Party is operated in other states.

"If I can make some connections with people at other state parties, then the trip will be worth it," Barker said.

The plan for the RNC to take place in Charlotte was made before the pandemic fully began to set in. In early June, Trump suggested pulling the RNC out of Charlotte and moving it to Jacksonville, Florida, in order to have a full-scale convention.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, said in a tweet in early June that the Republican Party would not agree to scale down the convention to limit the number of people in the city. An in-person event was ultimately called off, and the four-day convention will feature pre-recorded and remote speeches.

Trudy Caviness, an Iowa delegate and Republican Party chair in Wapello County, said she will be seeing out the convention from Iowa, and that some delegates are hosting watch parties throughout the week.

Caviness said she's disappointed she isn't able to experience a typical convention, but she believes the Republican Party made the responsible choice by moving to a virtual setting.

"It's just a situation that you look at and you realize this is

where we are today, this is our reality — and so it's not very upsetting, but it is disappointing," Caviness said.

Unlike the Democratic National Convention, Republican delegates from Iowa will not have any virtual meetings. Rather, those delegates on the Platform Committee will serve as a voice for the Iowa Republican Party. Caviness said she's confident that the Party's long-standing values will be reaffirmed at the convention.

Anthony Marlowe, a national delegate who made the trip to Charlotte, said attending Iowans and by-proxy delegation "are proudly and unanimously supporting President Trump for four more years."

In an email to *The Daily Io-*

wan, Marlowe called the timing of the pandemic extremely suspicious, and that an ulterior motive by an adversary remains an open question until experts in the U.S. know more about the coronavirus' origins and evolution.

The National Center for Biotechnology and Information said while the etiology of the coronavirus is unknown, it is a strain of a severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, and the first COVID-19 positive patients were found in Wuhan, China.

According to a report from BBC News, U.S. Department of State correspondence revealed embassy officials were concerned about biosecurity at a lab in Wuhan. The office of the U.S. national intelligence director,

according to BBC, said the virus is not man-made or modified, and that they are investigating whether the virus was spread through contact with animals or a laboratory accident.

"Unconventional convention or not, the president's supporters and our entire Party are as enthusiastic as ever to re-nominate the 45th president of the United States of America," Marlowe said in an email. "There is no arguing with the scorecard — President Trump's results speak for themselves."

The RNC will start Monday and end Thursday. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds is scheduled to give a speech on Tuesday, and Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, will give a speech on Wednesday.



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President Donald Trump speaks to supporters during a rally on March 2, 2020, in Charlotte, N.C.

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Hundreds of new and returning Hawkeyes returned to the University of Iowa this week.



Clockwise from top left: University of Iowa freshman Mathew Bohn and his mother, Christina Bohn pose for a portrait in front of Burge Hall in Iowa City on Aug. 20 (Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan). An On Iowa worker instructs an incoming car how to park while moving into a dorm in Iowa City on Aug. 20 (Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan). OnIowa! members lead a tour of campus for first-year students on Aug. 22 (Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan). University of Iowa freshmen Calista Smith, Natalie Duran, Annika Thoa, and Claire Enyart pose for a portrait in front of Burge Residence Hall on Aug. 17 (Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan). Groups of people hang around the entrance to Field House, a bar located in Iowa City's Pedestrian Mall, on the night of Aug. 21. It's the last weekend before the start of classes, and downtown Iowa City is less active than it has been in previous years at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic (Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan). A group of friends sits at a picnic table outside Molly's Cupcakes in Iowa City on Aug. 21. With classes starting the following Monday, some people looked to go downtown to socialize before the start of school (Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan).

Opinions

EDITORIAL

The University of Iowa is not safe for us

In-person classes put Hawkeyes in inexcusable danger and it's up to UI officials to stop the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

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Our school is refusing to protect us.

Students are here, cases are rising, and the University of Iowa's preparations are not enough.

The UI administration hasn't protected the wellbeing of not only its students, but the tens of thousands of people living in Iowa City and Johnson County. As this semester begins, students are left with too many unanswered questions.

Nearly a quarter of tests reported from our county were positive on Sunday, according to the state's COVID-19 website. We also have 2,344 total cases here as of Friday, according to Johnson County Public Health.

But it's not just a problem in the county; it's a problem on campus.

Ann Gaughan — the first-year Hawkeye who endured a panic attack, an ant-infested quarantine room, and a vi-

ral contagion, the long-term effects of which are still unknown — deserved far better treatment than what the university provided. An apology from the UI wrote that the experience “does not meet the expectations of the university, Housing and Dining, or you, the students.”

Our school had time to avoid Gaughan's situation. This didn't happen as COVID-19 was entering the U.S. It did not happen weeks into the pandemic when there were still questions on transmission and the best way to combat it. It happened five months after the UI said students would not be returning to campus due to the pandemic after spring break.

For five months, the administration had the opportunity to plan ahead for the fall semester. Five months in the midst of a life-threatening pandemic in a populated area, and this is what was prepared.

But the issues don't end with isolation dorms and accommodations for students

who suffer the virus.

The downtown district remains booming the weekend before syllabus week. Despite a mask mandate in Johnson County, students are still going to choose to go out and engage in the party scene if bars remain open and don't follow state guidelines requiring patrons to keep six feet apart.

Iowa State University announced on Friday that any student that violates the COVID-19 safety policy for social gatherings will be held accountable through their student code. ISU has also been testing students upon arrival to campus and identified cases. Although the UI cites potential of false negatives as well as false sense of security as reason to not to test more, Iowa State still was able to identify 175 positive cases during move-in, 2.2 percent of tests.

But we don't and won't know how many cases exist at the UI except for self-reported cases.

When the pandemic first hit the U.S., our school shifted



The Old Capitol is seen on March 12.

Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

all courses online, after giving professors a week of preparation. Why is it then, that during a time when COVID-19 cases and deaths are higher, the UI does not move to online instruction?

Face-to-face learning is putting the lives of everyone

involved at risk. Nearly three quarters of undergraduate instruction is already digital. We need to take the necessary next steps.

And what's the UI doing instead? Providing face shields and a single bottle of hand sanitizer.

Many other universities have all changed to online classes. There is no reason as to why we shouldn't follow.

We are all in danger because the UI has failed to act. As long as the UI continues its blatant disregard for our safety, we live under threat.

GUEST OPINION

Swimming cuts are devastating



Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan

Swimmers dive off the blocks at the Women's Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships at the CRWC on Feb. 20.

A former UI athlete writes about the cancellation of the school's swimming programs and what means for the future.

The news this week of the cancellation of the University of Iowa swimming and diving programs has been devastating. I am not sure your administration truly understands what this means. The swimming and diving budget is just a drop in the bucket compared to football or even basketball. I'm not, however, going to go into this argument as this is for the bean counters.

This is a personal story. In 1982 because of financial issues, my family could not afford to send me to college. Unfortunately, I did not qualify for financial assistance. If it were not for Coach Glen Patton (head swimming coach) and Coach Bob Rydze (diving coach), who signed me to dive for the University of Iowa, my life would've turned out quite differently.

During my college career, I did not win a NCAA cham-

pionship. I did not win a Big Ten championship. I missed becoming an All-American by 1.5 points getting 17th at NCAAs my senior year. I did, however, gain years of growth, maturity, and drive molded by the coaches and the program.

Four years of medical school, three years of residency, two years of fellowship, and 25 years of practice as a gastroenterologist and I am still realizing my potential. Where would I be if I did not dive at the University of Iowa? I am not sure. However, I can't imagine my life being any more fulfilling since the day Coach Bob Rydze traveled to Chattanooga Tennessee in the fall of 1982.

I feel sad for the young men and women who are not going to be able to realize their full potential through the University of Iowa swimming and diving programs because

of what transpired this past week. Is the unrealized potential of just one member of society worth \$1 million? \$2 million? A year's operating budget for a minor college sport?

I picture Irving Webber walking on the pool deck ringing his bell at the start of a meet with a sad mournful look on his face instead of his infectious grin. Yes, our hearts ache! Ache for the emptiness that we will feel next time we visit Iowa City. And ache for the young men and women who will not get to experience their growth in these programs.

Maybe I should've gone into Cardiology instead of Gastroenterology just for this week. I suspect, however, no amount of medical technology will help mend our broken hearts.

— Ira Stein
UI Class of 1986

COLUMN

We need flawed female characters with diverse personas

Many novels for young women feature picture-perfect personalities for their female characters. This stereotype needs a rewrite.



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It's a Tuesday afternoon, and I've just moved into my new — yet very old — apartment in Iowa City. While unpacking clothes, knickknacks, and kitchen items, I opened up the heaviest box of the pile; the one filled to the brim with novels.

As I took inventory, I began to think about the novels I've

collected, and the similarities that bridge between them — specifically the main characters. For several within my collection, the leading character is a quiet, introverted, smart, selfless, and brave young woman working through an outside problem while grappling with a recent love interest. While these traits are wonderful and do describe many women, I've found myself growing tired of seeing the same, “different” girl in mainstream novels I otherwise hold dear to me.

I'm exhausted from reading about the perfect girl in an imperfect situation. Readers need more characters whose flaws run rampant off the page, who

are almost unlikeable even, and whose actions reflect the parts of ourselves that we hate to see the most.

Let's face it, you can't find a single unlikeable trait about Jane in *Jane Eyre*, Liesel Meminger in *The Book Thief*, or Hazel Grace Lancaster in *The Fault in Our Stars*. And if you subtract the whole “falling in love with a vampire” thing, Bella Swan from *Twilight* and *Midnight Sun* fits this mold too. But I think that's a sufficient list to make my point.

All of these characters possess the features listed above. But from what I can recall, they were composed with very little flaws, at least from a young reader's perspective. As

a young woman, I need to read novels with characters that are imperfect, and different from my quiet and introverted self. I can't possibly keep finding a mirror and my reflection in-

“ I'm exhausted from reading about the perfect girl in an imperfect situation.

side the pages of a book, it's simply not healthy for me. Perhaps these authors were merely reflecting themselves in their novels, hence the wave of shy characters?

Despite my very odd complaint, there are novels and series at your fingertips that encompass characteristic

diversity in leading female roles. Jane Austen's works are a perfect example of this, with our leading lady of the landed gentry, Emma Woodhouse. She constantly sports a good

nature when “helping” others, all while acting like a spoiled brat. This, dear reader, is what I need.

If you know me, you know I love the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series for several reasons, but the depth of the leading female characters is one of them. Annabeth Chase

is as sharp as her own knife but frequently allows jealousy and pride to invade her good heart. I mean, who has ever not felt those emotions? Exactly.

I'm not a novelist, nor do I pretend to be the most well-read college student. But I do recognize the importance of seeing flaws in characters, especially as we age. Young women are and can be quiet, introverted, smart, selfless and brave, and we should be celebrated and seen as such in popular fiction.

However, fiction or not, reconciling that our beloved characters will always have internal blemishes is something we need to bring into the real world with us.

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz
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Across

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- 5 Largest continent
- 9 Responses to jokes
- 14 Female friend from France
- 15 Delivery vehicles
- 16 Make into law
- 17 Exact
- 20 Pale, as a face
- 21 First thing to do before changing clothes
- 22 UPS competitor
- 23 Weapon of mass destruction, informally
- 25 The Trojans of the N.C.A.A.
- 26 Girl's name that sounds like two letters of the alphabet
- 27 ___ Romeo (Italian auto)
- 28 "Cat ___ your tongue?"
- 30 Tows
- 31 Abandoned and helpless
- 35 Cheerios grain
- 36 Roman numeral X
- 37 Where someone who goes next is standing
- 45 Military vehicles
- 46 Hawaiian wreath
- 47 Google's red, yellow, green and blue "G," e.g.
- 48 Some canine sounds
- 49 Debtor's note
- 51 Put into office
- 52 Frat member
- 53 "They rooked me!"
- 56 Something that goes in a garage
- 57 Classic Michael J. Fox movie
- 60 Go off, as a volcano
- 61 Bat mitzvah dance
- 62 "Dancing Queen" group
- 63 Like good gossip
- 64 Twinkler in the night sky
- 65 ___ in show (canine award)

Down

- 1 Tusked marine mammal
- 2 Easy to get along with
- 3 Broadcast ender
- 4 Sneaky laugh sound
- 5 Stratford-upon-___
- 6 Makeup of a beach
- 7 As a matter of fact
- 8 What remains after a fire
- 9 Borders of skirts
- 10 "I'll take that as ___"
- 11 Dust buster
- 12 Like the ideal poker straight
- 13 Choices of hairdos
- 18 Place to take a bath
- 19 Key above a tilde
- 24 Welcome ___ (item at the entrance to a home)
- 26 Blunder
- 28 Pesky insect
- 29 Bus driver on "The Simpsons"
- 30 Hill on a beach
- 32 Charged particles
- 33 Suffix with Smurf
- 34 Where Samson slew the Philistines
- 37 Auto with a prancing horse logo
- 38 Tap the screen on a camera app, say
- 39 Special ___
- 40 Annual vaccination
- 41 Rapper ___ Kim
- 42 It goes "clink" in a drink
- 43 Dieting strategy that may lead to ketosis
- 44 Beseech
- 45 Made quick boxing punches
- 49 ___ Jima
- 50 Declarations at inaugurations
- 51 Professor's email address ending
- 53 ___-bitty
- 54 Sister and wife of Zeus
- 55 At a distance
- 58 Metric meas. of speed
- 59 Part inserted to close a cereal box

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FAYDF

CREWK

EERRTV

SABPYS

Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Stanley jockeying for position on Vikings' depth chart

On May 12, former Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley was selected by the Minnesota Vikings with the 244th overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft. Now, Stanley is vying for a spot on the Vikings' roster.



Stanley

The seventh-round pick is one of four quarterbacks competing at the Minnesota Vikings training camp this summer. Stanley is trying to best two former PAC-12 quarterbacks – Washington's Jake Browning and Oregon State's Sean Mannion – for the Vikings' second string quarterback position.

Many experts expect Mannion to get the nod over Stanley for the backup quarterback spot. Should the Vikings elect to carry three quarterbacks on their roster this season, Stanley will have to outperform Browning in training camp to earn a spot on the roster.

Unfortunately, none of the Vikings backup quarterbacks will have a chance to prove themselves with stellar preseason play. On July 27, the NFL announced that all preseason games to be played in 2020 were cancelled.

Hockenson shines in Lions training camp, despite ankle injury

For former Hawkeye tight end T.J. Hockenson, the 2019-20 NFL season proved difficult.

Hockenson electrified football fans with his opening performance in a Lions uniform, reeling in six passes for 131 yards and a touchdown. Unfortunately, Hockenson's success did not last. After dealing with a concussion early in the season, an ankle injury shut Hockenson down for the year after just 13 weeks of play.



Hockenson

Now, nearly nine months after he initially injured his ankle, Hockenson is still not completely recovered. Hockenson told MLive's Kyle Meinke that his ankle is still not 100 percent.

Despite the injury, MLive's Benjamin Raven noted Hockenson's success at Lions training camp. On Aug. 22, the former first round draft pick caught two touchdown passes during the Lions scrimmaging session. One pass came from starting quarterback Matthew Stafford. The other pass came from backup quarterback Chase Daniel.

"It's a lot of pressure for a first-year guy, and certainly, you know, come out the gates with a great game and then just a little bit, up and down, the injuries and all the rest of it," Lions head coach Matt Patricia told MLive. "I think for him he just feels like, 'OK, you know what, I'm settled in. It's the second year. Let me see if I can just try to get better. Let me see if I can improve and let's just go have some fun.' So, it's good to see that. You can really tell on his face. Certainly, you know, his hair looks good. So, he's ready to roll."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are heartbroken for our student-athletes, coaches, and staff. We also understand how disappointing this is for our letterwinners, alumni, donors, and community members. . ."

– University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld and Director of Athletics Gary Barta on the discontinuation of four varsity sports programs.



STAT OF THE DAY

The University of Iowa Department of Intercollegiate Athletics projects a

\$100 million

revenue loss for the coming fiscal year.

An unfitting end

The Iowa men's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and diving, and men's tennis programs have history that dates back decades. At the end of the academic year, they will be discontinued.



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

A statue clad with swim cap, goggles, and face mask depicting former historian and University of Iowa athlete Irving Weber stands near the Van Allen building on Aug. 23, two days after the decision by the University of Iowa to cut the men's and women's swim and dive program along with men's gymnastics and men's tennis. While known for his work as a historian in Iowa City, Weber also maintains importance as the first All-American swimmer at Iowa, gaining the status in 1922 in the 150 yard backstroke.

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University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld and athletic director Gary Barta announced in an open letter Friday that Hawkeye men's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and

diving, and men's tennis programs will be discontinued at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

After the Big Ten announced Aug. 11 that fall sports in the Big Ten were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barta said that he is anticipating \$100 million in lost revenue and

an overall deficit of between \$60-75 million.

The move cuts four programs that have been around for decades.

The Iowa men's swimming and diving program dates back to 1917. David Armbruster, the

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Soccer's freshmen adjusting during unusual times

With no games in the immediate future, the freshmen have had more time to adjust than they previously would have.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa Soccer Complex is seen during a women's soccer match between Iowa and Western Michigan on Aug. 22, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Broncos, 2-0.

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Typically, freshmen on the Iowa soccer team would have experienced their first college game by now.

Due to the Big Ten's postponement of fall sports amid concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic, however, that hasn't yet happened this season. The team is still practicing, though, and the freshmen are adjusting in these unusual

times.

"For me, it seems pretty easy because the coaching staff and all the girls were extremely welcoming," freshman midfielder/forward Maggie Johnston said. "So, for us, the only thing that's different is having to wear a mask, everything else is the same and I just love it because everybody was so welcoming and it wasn't a hard transition at all because they made it seem pretty

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COLUMN

No fall sports, but plenty of stories to tell

Following the Big Ten's postponement of fall sports, it will be a while before a live Hawkeye sporting event takes place. But there are still plenty of stories to tell.



BY ROBERT READ
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I was in my hometown of Marion, Iowa, on Aug. 10, trying to keep track of the Big Ten and the chaos surrounding the conference's impending decision to postpone fall sports.

It was a confusing day. Contradicting reports made it unclear if the Big Ten had even come to an official decision yet.

Then the wind started to pick up, the power went out, and when my two brothers and I emerged from our basement, we could hardly recognize our own neighborhood. The destruction caused by the derecho that day was, and still is, very evident.

Much of the next two days were full of trying to get a hold of a chainsaw and cleaning up the debris around our house — oh, and trying to figure out if the Big Ten had announced anything.

Without power or internet access, I was, both figuratively and literally, in the dark.

On Aug. 11, our second day without power

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SOCCER

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normal in a time of pandemic and stress.”

Head coach Dave DiIanni has been impressed with how other players on the team have helped the freshmen adjust, especially one group.

“I’ve been very proud of the junior class in particular for that support,” DiIanni

said. “And but also the environment and the culture they’ve created for the freshmen to be successful in.”

DiIanni added that the junior class sees the freshmen class as a mirror image, with members of both having had many accolades prior to coming to Iowa, such as winning in their club careers.

Though the postponement wasn’t ideal for the program, there’s a silver lining to that.

“Normally, preseason’s

only 12 days,” freshman midfielder Rielee Fetty said. “So, we’ve been together for like three weeks and just having the opportunity to be on the field and playing with contact and just getting touches and grow as a team, not only on the field but off.”

A native of Clarkston, Michigan, Fetty said that seven out of the nine freshmen on the team live in Petersen Hall. All four of the freshmen girls from Michigan purposely didn’t room

together so that they would make new relationships with their fellow freshmen teammates.

The girls that live in the residence halls hangout outside of practice and like to play volleyball, walk downtown, and eat together.

The freshmen are also incorporating themselves into the family environment that the team has previously established, and DiIanni is explicitly instilling that message into them.

“The key to success is embracing and contributing to the family culture is a family environment,” DiIanni said. “Understanding that when they came to practice, when they came to train and step on that line, they have to compete, and that’s not only what’s going to be accepted, that’s what’s going to be required of them.”

“Then, at the end of competing and challenging one another to be better, then they can flip the switch and

go back to being a family member of the family and embracing one another.”

With the chance of playing in the spring, everyone on the team is doing their part to make that a reality — including the freshmen.

“We’ve all been working super hard just implementing things such as social distancing, wearing our mask, and getting tested every week just so that we can continue to grow and have a season,” Fetty said.

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first coach in program history, is credited with developing the butterfly stroke. A bronze statue of NCAA champion swimmer Jack Sieg doing the butterfly sits in Iowa’s Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

Five Hawkeye swimmers have earned Olympic medals, the most recent being Artur Wojdat winning bronze in the 400-yard freestyle in 1988. Wally Ris won gold in the 100 free in 1948.

The Hawkeye swimming and diving programs have produced a total of 30 Olympians.

Irving Weber, among other career accomplishments, was Iowa swimming’s first career All-American. A statue of him is located near the Old Capitol in Iowa City.

The men’s program has won three Big Ten team titles. The women’s program dates back to 1974 and is the youngest of the sports to be cut.

The Iowa men’s and women’s swimming teams combined produced six All-Americans last season.

In 2010, the \$69 million recreation center was built. The Iowa athletic department supplied \$9 million for the project. The facility is considered to be one of the best in the country and features an Olympic-sized pool.

The recreation center is currently designated to host the 2021 men’s swimming and diving NCAA Championships.

The Iowa men’s gymnastics program, like the swimming programs, also has a long history. Its first season was in 1922. Men’s gymnastics is the on-

ly sport being cut that has won a NCAA title, which it did in 1969. Iowa finished No. 9 in the final poll of the 2020 season.

The men’s team won a share of the Big Ten regular season title in 2019, the first time the conference offered a regular season title. It was the program’s first conference title since 1998.

The Iowa men’s tennis program goes back as far as any of the teams that were cut. The first recorded competition for the team was in

1898. Men’s tennis doesn’t have the same level of accomplishments as the other sports that were cut, but the spring 2020 season was setting up to be the best in program history before COVID-19 ended it early.

Iowa was ranked No. 20 in the ITA Division I National Rankings released on March 10. It was the highest ranking in program history.

Barta and Harrelld wrote in the letter that the decision to cut these programs specifically was made after

considering factors such as sponsorship at the NCAA Division I level, impact on gender equity and Title IX compliance, expense savings, history of the sport at Iowa, and engagement level.

Multiple petitions have surfaced online in an effort to save these sports. A petition titled “Save UIowa Swim & Dive” has over 13,000 signatures. A similar petition was created by All-Big Ten tennis player, Iowa senior Will Davies. He created the “Save Iowa Men’s

Tennis” petition and posted it on Twitter.

“Calling out to the Hawkeye community,” Davies’ post said. “My teammates and I are absolutely gutted by [Friday’s] decision to cut the top 20 tennis program. Please spare 10 seconds of your time to sign our petition.”

Another Iowa tennis player, senior Joe Tyler, commented on the petition saying, “We deserve better.”

Iowa has said these cuts are final.

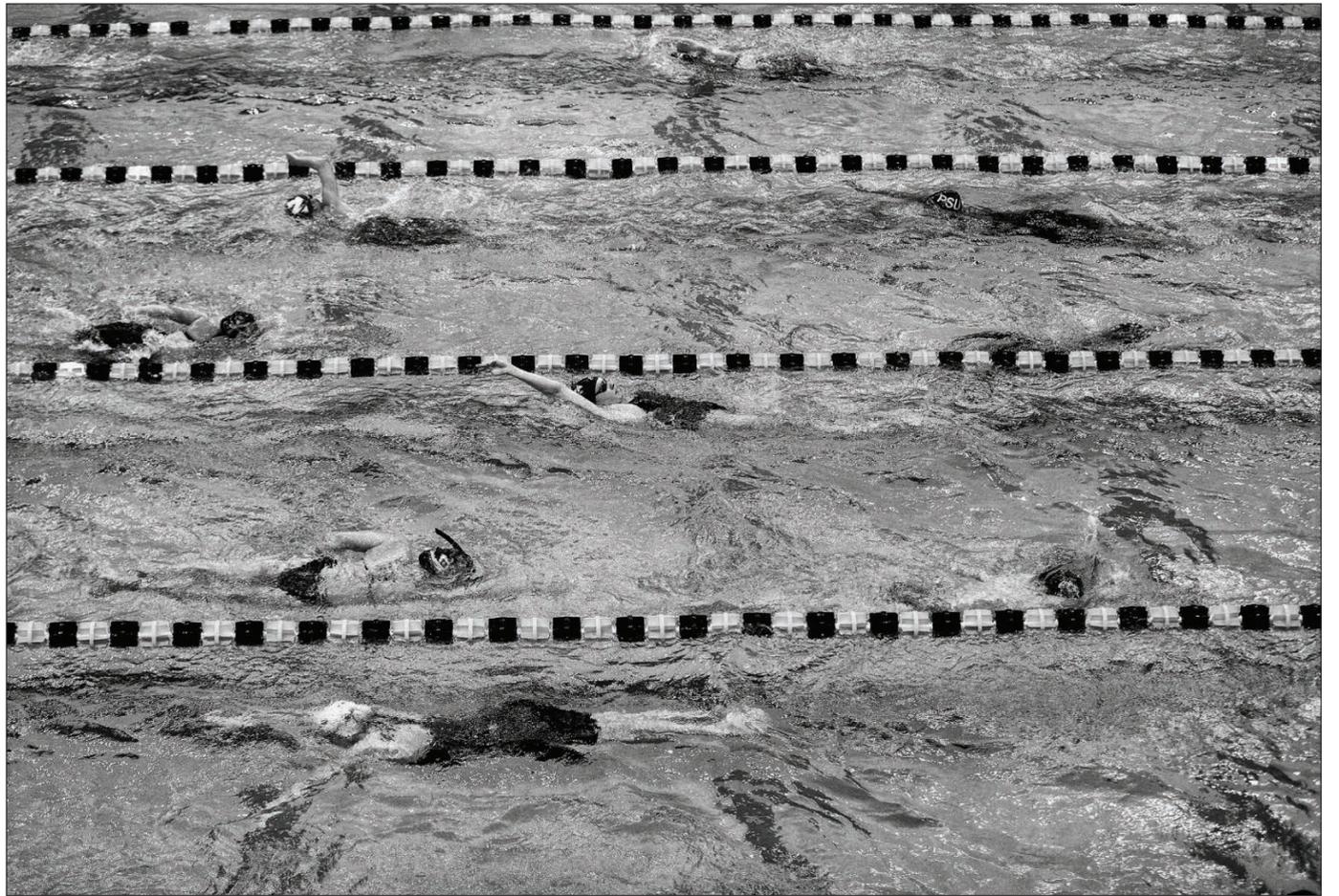
Each of these teams will have the opportunity to compete in their upcoming 2020-21 seasons, should the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 permit, before they are discontinued at the varsity level.

Iowa now has 20 varsity sports after the cut, still above the Big Ten threshold of 16.

Barta will hold a video conference at 2 p.m. on Monday.



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Swimmers cool down and warm up during the second session of the the 2020 Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championship at the the HTRC on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020.

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and any knowledge of the happenings of the sports world, a text from *The Daily Iowan* sports editor Austin Hanson, who was also without power and internet for long stretches, appeared on my phone and clued me in.

There would be no Big Ten sports this fall.

I called our Executive Editor, Sarah Watson, on my

mom’s phone, which luckily had service for a short period. I found out we had a reporter on the story.

After a long day with my family cutting up the trees that had fallen outside, I traveled back to my apartment in Iowa City that night. Fortunately, it had power and enough internet connection for me to catch up on the previous 36 hours.

It was a nightmare scenario for us as a sports section. But unfortunately, it wasn’t unfamiliar territo-

ry. As sports editor in the spring and over the summer, I led a section that had to operate, for the most part, without any live sports to cover.

The last live sporting event I covered was the 2020 Big Ten Wrestling Championships in Newark, New Jersey, on March 7-8. I can’t wait to be back in the press box of Kinnick Stadium again, or on press row at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

In March, I formally accepted the position of Pre-

game Editor for this fall. I was ready for the challenge of leading the *DI*’s Hawkeye football coverage.

There are no live Hawkeye sports this fall. Winter sports are in question. Who knows if a potential football season is even going to happen, or when it will take place.

But there are still plenty of stories for us to tell.

Coaches and athletes in fall sports are preparing for seasons they aren’t even sure will occur.

Iowa’s winter sports collectively are maybe the most talented in the country. The Iowa men’s basketball team, headlined by Luka Garza, will be toward the top of the preseason polls. Hawkeye wrestling will be the national favorite. Both track and field programs have conference champions returning.

And then, of course, there’s a potential Big Ten football season.

The list goes on. Unfortunately, that also includes the four Iowa pro-

grams — men’s gymnastics, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, and men’s tennis — that will be discontinued at the end of the academic year. As a sports section, we are committed to telling the stories of these athletes, coaches, and all the other people who just had their program taken away.

Games, meets, events — they are all on hold for Iowa right now. But the people are still there.

And so are their stories.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Stanley jockeying for position on Vikings' depth chart

On May 12, former Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley was selected by the Minnesota Vikings with the 244th overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft. Now, Stanley is vying for a spot on the Vikings' roster.



The seventh-rounder is one of four quarterbacks competing at the Minnesota Vikings training camp this summer. Stanley is trying to best two former PAC-12 quarterbacks – Washington's Jake Browning and Oregon State's Sean Mannion – for the Vikings' second string quarterback position.

Many experts expect Mannion to get the nod over Stanley for the backup quarterback spot. Should the Vikings elect to carry three quarterbacks on their roster this season, Stanley will have to outperform Browning in training camp to earn a spot on the roster.

Unfortunately, none of the Vikings backup quarterbacks will have a chance to prove themselves with stellar preseason play. On July 27, the NFL announced that all preseason games to be played in 2020 were cancelled.

Hockenson shines in Lions training camp, despite ankle injury

For former Hawkeye tight end T.J. Hockenson, the 2019-20 NFL season proved difficult.

Hockenson electrified football fans with his opening performance in a Lions uniform, reeling in six passes for 131 yards and a touchdown. Unfortunately, Hockenson's success did not last. After dealing with a concussion early in the season, an ankle injury shut Hockenson down for the year after just 13 weeks of play.



Hockenson

Now, nearly nine months after he initially injured his ankle, Hockenson is still not completely recovered. Hockenson told MLive's Kyle Meinke that his ankle is still not 100 percent.

Despite the injury, MLive's Benjamin Raven noted Hockenson's success at Lions training camp. On Aug. 22, the former first round draft pick caught two touchdown passes during the Lions scrimmaging session. One pass came from starting quarterback Matthew Stafford. The other pass came from backup quarterback Chase Daniel.

"It's a lot of pressure for a first-year guy, and certainly, you know, come out the gates with a great game and then just a little bit, up and down, the injuries and all the rest of it," Lions head coach Matt Patricia told MLive. "I think for him he just feels like, 'OK, you know what, I'm settled in. It's the second year. Let me see if I can just try to get better. Let me see if I can improve and let's just go have some fun.' So, it's good to see that. You can really tell on his face. Certainly, you know, his hair looks good. So, he's ready to roll."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are heartbroken for our student-athletes, coaches, and staff. We also understand how disappointing this is for our letterwinners, alumni, donors, and community members. . ."

– University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld and Director of Athletics Gary Barta on the discontinuation of four varsity sports programs.



STAT OF THE DAY

The University of Iowa Department of Intercollegiate Athletics projects a

\$100 million

revenue loss for the coming fiscal year.

An unfitting end

The Iowa men's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and diving, and men's tennis programs have history that dates back decades. At the end of the academic year, they will be discontinued.



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

A statue clad with swim cap, goggles, and face mask depicting former historian and University of Iowa athlete Irving Weber stands near the Van Allen building on Aug. 23, two days after the decision by the University of Iowa to cut the men's and women's swim and dive program along with men's gymnastics and men's tennis. While known for his work as a historian in Iowa City, Weber also maintains importance as the first All-American swimmer at Iowa, gaining the status in 1922 in the 150 yard backstroke.

BY ROBERT READ
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University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld and athletic director Gary Barta announced in an open letter Friday that Hawkeye men's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and

diving, and men's tennis programs will be discontinued at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

After the Big Ten announced Aug. 11 that fall sports in the Big Ten were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barta said that he is anticipating \$100 million in lost revenue and

an overall deficit of between \$60-75 million.

The move cuts four programs that have been around for decades.

The Iowa men's swimming and diving program dates back to 1917. David Armbruster, the

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Soccer's freshmen adjusting during unusual times

With no games in the immediate future, the freshmen have had more time to adjust than they previously would have.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa Soccer Complex is seen during a women's soccer match between Iowa and Western Michigan on Aug. 22, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Broncos, 2-0.

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Typically, freshmen on the Iowa soccer team would have experienced their first college game by now.

Due to the Big Ten's postponement of fall sports amid concerns from the COVID-19 pandemic, however, that hasn't yet happened this season. The team is still practicing, though, and the freshmen are adjusting in these unusual

times.

"For me, it seems pretty easy because the coaching staff and all the girls were extremely welcoming," freshman midfielder/forward Maggie Johnston said. "So, for us, the only thing that's different is having to wear a mask, everything else is the same and I just love it because everybody was so welcoming and it wasn't a hard transition at all because they made it seem pretty

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COLUMN

No fall sports, but plenty of stories to tell

Following the Big Ten's postponement of fall sports, it will be a while before a live Hawkeye sporting event takes place. But there are still plenty of stories to tell.



BY ROBERT READ
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I was in my hometown of Marion, Iowa, on Aug. 10, trying to keep track of the Big Ten and the chaos surrounding the conference's impending decision to postpone fall sports.

It was a confusing day. Contradicting reports made it unclear if the Big Ten had even come to an official decision yet.

Then the wind started to pick up, the power went out, and when my two brothers and I emerged from our basement, we could hardly recognize our own neighborhood. The destruction caused by the derecho that day was, and still is, very evident.

Much of the next two days were full of trying to get a hold of a chainsaw and cleaning up the debris around our house — oh, and trying to figure out if the Big Ten had announced anything.

Without power or internet access, I was, both figuratively and literally, in the dark.

On Aug. 11, our second day without power

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