

## UI COVID-19 NUMBERS

Number of self-reported cases for COVID-19  
Students: **107** within the past week, **107** semester-to-date  
Employees: **4** within the past week, **4** semester-to-date  
Number of residence hall students in quarantine: **19**  
Number of residence hall students in self-isolation: **8**  
Source: UI Aug. 24, 2020 campus update

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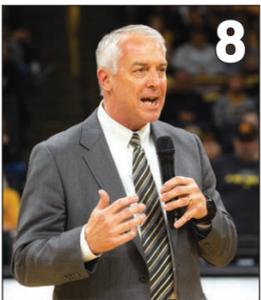
**Kid Captain postponed to 2021**  
Kid Captain, the program honoring pediatric patients in the Stead Family Children's Hospital, has been postponed for the year.



**Thomas Arce named new interim associate director of MISSE**  
After coordinating the Latino and Native American Cultural Center for nearly two years, Thomas Arce was named Associate Director for the Office Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement at the University of Iowa.



**Hawkeye swimmers reflect on their careers and discontinued program**  
Senior Sage Ohlensehnen and sophomore Preston Planells look back at their time as Hawkeyes, and review the 103-year history of the Iowa swimming and diving program. The pair also harkens back to the moment they were told their sport was being discontinued.



**Athletic director Gary Barta supported fall football season**  
On Aug. 11, the Big Ten Conference announced that its 2020 football season would be postponed until the spring of 2021. The decision had its share of critics. Among those that disagreed with the move was Iowa athletic director Gary Barta. Barta said at a video conference Monday that he favored a fall football season as opposed to a spring season.



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## COVID-19 CAMPUS UPDATE

# UI reports 111 COVID-19 cases on campus

The UI released the first case counts on campus Monday. By the first day of classes, 107 students and four employees self-reported they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week.

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The University of Iowa announced Monday that 111 students and employees self-reported they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past week as classes.

The UI released its initial round of positive COVID-19 case numbers on campus in a university-wide

email Monday morning, the first day of in-person classes. The UI previously announced the first case counts would be released on Aug. 28.

Nineteen students are currently in quarantine in the residence halls, and eight are in isolation. Students who are also employees are only included as students in the case counts to avoid double-count-

ing. The UI will continue to release COVID-19 case counts every Friday. The UI didn't conduct mass testing of incoming students. Iowa State University, which tested students as they moved into the residence halls, reported 175 positive tests of 8,000 incoming students in the residence halls.

At the University of Iowa Hospi-

tals and Clinics, 48 percent of tests conducted Sunday were positive, and the hospitals had 400 telehealth visits.

The release of the case count coincided with the UI's first day of classes. The Committee to Organize Graduate Students and other organizations protested the start

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# 'Rocky' first day for Zoom University



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University of Iowa freshman Alexa Cohen completes work for an online class outside the Blank Honors Center on their first day of the new semester on Monday. Despite the pandemic, campus remains open and some classes are still being held in person.

Students at the University of Iowa students are adjusting to schedules with both in-person and online classes.

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Students returned to the classroom for the fall semester on Monday, either digitally or in a socially distant classroom, where Zoom issues and a sense of uncertainty about the semester were on the minds of many students.

Scattered around campus Monday morning, sitting with their computers at the tables lining T. Anne Cleary Walkway, in the shade of trees on the Old Capitol lawn, and in the Main Library.

Freshmen Emily Richmond and Ishani Patel were sitting on yoga mats on the

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Roughly 300 University of Iowa classes were online during a nationwide Zoom outage, disrupting many Hawkeyes' first day.

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For University of Iowa Professor Debra Trusty, quick decisions and sudden changes have become the norm for instructors this summer.

Nationwide outages of the video-conferencing platform Zoom prompted her to email her class Monday morning asking to download a University of Iowa Zoom, which was

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# IC Police Chief candidates mull change in structure



Jake Maish/The Daily Iowan

Candidates for Iowa City's next Police Chief had the opportunity to speak to community members during a public forum at Mercer Park on in Iowa City Monday. Each candidate had 5-10 minutes to address the crowd and then had the opportunity to go around and speak with community members directly. As the forum neared its end, community members continued to socialize and discuss the events of the forum.

In a forum Monday night, the three finalists for Chief of the Iowa City Police Department answered citizens' questions on how they would serve the community of Iowa City.

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In the midst of protests calling for restructuring the Iowa City Police department, the Iowa City city government is surveying candidates for a new Chief of Police after former Chief Jody Matherly retired earlier this year.

The months-long recruitment and selection process will select a police chief that will be step into a role leading departmental change. The city council pledged to restructure the police department toward a community-driven policing model. Many groups and organizations released their support of a reforming of police procedures and policies, including reforming the Community Police Review Board and dedicating 30 percent of staff in each city department to diversity and inclusion.

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CELEBRATORY SMOKE



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Iowa City resident Brittany Bethag smokes a cigarette while social distancing with friends at Deadwood in downtown Iowa City on Monday. Her, along with a group of friends, were there celebrating a friend's birthday.

**POLICE CHIEF**  
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The Iowa Freedom Riders, an organization that has been the figurehead of the Black Lives Matter protests in Iowa City, has called for the city government deconstruct the department. The group is pushing for the city to create five teams staffed with mental health professionals, social workers, EMTs, and nurses to respond to emergencies.

This, among other demands, came after the Iowa City Police Department and Iowa State Patrol released tear gas and flash bangs on peaceful protesters in early June.

The final three candidates — Jason Lando, Dustin Liston, and Jeremy Logan — held a meet-and-greet on Monday night at

Mercer Park where they expounded on their qualifications and answered questions posed by community members.

City Manager Geoff Fruin said he will select a police chief by mid-September to be approved by the city council and the city's Civil Service Commission.

**Jason Lando**

Lando served as a police officer in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for 20 years, including six years as a commander.

As commander, he said he worked to repair the mistrust between his department and the community and sees the Iowa City Police Department as being open to his progressive mindset.

He said building relationships with Iowa City, including students and

BIPOC communities, had to be intentional to be successful.

"The most important thing is it can't be cookie cutter," he said. "We have to be really intentional about reaching out to the community and saying 'we want to have a better relationship with you, so how do you think it should look? What type of programs do you think would work?'"

**Dustin Liston**

Born and raised in Iowa and a UI alum, Liston currently serves as the director for the El Paso Fusion Center, which is a multi-agency intelligence unit overseeing western Texas and southern New Mexico.

He said a friend introduced him to people who had participated in the protest movement in Iowa City, and he sat down to talk with

them. Through hard work and conversations, Liston said, he feels he can build solid and lasting relationships with protesters in which they feel their voices are being heard.

"We had a half-hour long conversation with two people who had participated in the protest, just so I could find out exactly what their issues are," he said. "Some of them, I might be able to shed some light on. People need to feel like not only that they have a voice, but that that voice is being heard and it's being valued. And we might disagree on just about everything... but the leader of the department needs to be front and center on that."

**Jeremy Logan**

Jeremy Logan has served as chief of police in Oelwein, Iowa for the last 18

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years of his 28-year law enforcement career. He has been the Iowa Police Chief Association president for seven years.

Logan said hosting a youth panel where student organization leaders could sit down and discuss issues would be his method of establishing relationships with BIPOC communities.

"There's various angles to [conversations] with the minority stakeholders and the student organization

leaders," he said. "I think there needs to be a permanent youth panel that meets with the chief or administration at least once a month to discuss concerns or developments or anything they want to discuss, and then also allow us to provide some feedback on things that we're seeing."

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of undergraduate instruction is being held online.

"As we listened to you, some of you wanted a choice. Some of you wanted to take your courses online and not be on campus," Harreld said. "Some of you really wanted to be on campus and to have the residential university experience, so we now have a choice."

Harreld urged students to follow social distancing protocols and avoid large gatherings.

"It's also your choice to

do the right thing," he said. "If you're going to be on campus or anywhere in our community, wear the mask, socially distance, don't get into large crowds."

Students and employees who have had a confirmed positive test are encouraged to report their diagnosis using an online form.

The email stated that students should not submit the form unless they have discussed their COVID-19 test results with a health care provider or have been contacted by Johnson County Public Health as a close contact with someone who has tested positive.

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— Bruce Harreld, UI President



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Signs with pick-up directions are seen on Aug. 10 in the parking lot of Hancher Auditorium. This was the first day that students living off campus could pick up their protective equipment kit provided by the university. Until the day before classes start, students will be able to pick up their PE kits in various locations on campus.

**ZOOM**  
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still functioning.

"Most instructors have had to adapt on a regular basis, so you just accept it at this point, drink some more coffee, and start over," she said. "It has been a rocky first day back, but I was expecting it. In fact, I thought it would be UICapture or ICON to crash, since there have been hiccups all weekend. I didn't think it would be Zoom — but, like everything, you roll with it and adapt."

Iowa Technology Services estimates about 300 classes were scheduled to begin between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.,

about the time of the Zoom outages, said UI media-relations Director Anne Bassett in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. In total, 1,359 meetings were scheduled.

Iowa Technology Services posted a message on its website at about 9 a.m. on Monday that Zoom was experiencing nationwide issues, and that the web login for the site was down.

With 72 percent of University of Iowa undergraduate classes being held virtually due to COVID-19, the nationwide outage Zoom disrupted the first day of fall instruction on Monday.

Iowa Technology Services informed students at 2:12 p.m. that the issues with Zoom had been fixed. Bassett

described the outage as "unfortunate and difficult."

Though the start of the first day of classes wasn't as expected, Bassett said she is confident that Iowa Technology Services will be working diligently to provide services to students.

"ITS is always concerned with any outage to its services, but this was obviously more concerning than most, given that it was the first day of classes and that so many courses are dependent upon Zoom," Bassett said in an email to the *DI*. "The first steps were to determine the scope of the outage and who/what was impacted. Once ITS realized it was a nationwide outage, it focused on communication."

Bassett said the office also communicated with other schools in the Big Ten about how they were working to fix the issue.

UI senior Mandy Archer said the Zoom issue caused them to miss their Journalism Reporting and Writing lecture this morning, a key

class for their journalism and mass communication major.

When the initial Zoom meeting failed, their instructor asked the class to wait until 9:35 a.m. to see if the technology would work.

"It came to that time, so I stopped trying, and I had to sit in the [Adler] Journalism Building and wait for my other classes and I didn't have anything to do," Archer said. "I got to my next class and I guess my next lecture was working, and everyone else had notes and things, but I didn't wait past that 9:35 time, so I did not get on to that."

Bassett said Zoom was able to handle demands in the spring as colleges moved online, and should be able to handle responsiveness in the fall semester as well.

"As this morning's outage demonstrates, ITS never knows when systems may have problems," Bassett said in her email. "Over the summer, faculty and staff worked continuously to improve their skills and understand-

ing and to implement best practices and uses of many online tools for teaching, including Zoom.

Bassett said students have gained a better understand-

ing of these tools as well.

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— Anne Bassett, Director of Media Relations

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— Debra Trusty, UI professor

# Arce completes 'full circle' to lead MISSE

After coordinating the Latino and Native American Cultural Center for nearly two years, Thomas Arce was named Associate Director for the Office Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement, which they said felt "full circle".

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After nearly two years working in the Latino and Native American Cultural Center on the University of Iowa campus, Thomas Arce is looking to build a virtual community in taking the helm of the Office of Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement.

Former associate director of the office, Tabitha Wiggins, was appointed interim director of the Center for Diversity and Enrichment at the UI earlier this month.

"For me, this is a very exciting moment and a very full circle moment," Arce said.

Arce graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from the UI in 2012.

Arce said being involved with different programs such as Residence Education and the Latino Native American Cultural Center during their undergrad helped spark their interest in student affairs and student life professions.

Arce, originally from Gary, Indiana, said they got their Masters of Education in educational leadership and policy through Iowa State University, and then worked at Grinnell College and Southern Oregon University.

Arce returned to the UI in 2018 to serve as Latino and Native American Cultural Center coordinator — a program they initially got involved with as an undergrad student.

"I wanted an opportunity to come back to Iowa," Arce said. "I always want to give back to what gave me, so kind of a pay-it-forward mentality."

Stepping into their new position as interim associate director of the Office of Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement in a remote work environment will be challenging, Arce said, and continuing online engagement and keeping up a social media presence will be key to maintaining a sense of community among the cultural centers.

Arce, who will continue their role as Latino and Native American Cultural Center coordinator until the position is temporarily filled, said adaptability and flexibility will help the cultural centers, known as Hawkeyes' 'home away from home', adjust to the virtual format as the buildings will not be opening in the fall.

Arce added that they hope to strengthen the multicultural office's campus partnerships, ties within different colleges, and to the division for student life to ensure student success remains the top priority.

The office will also adhere closely to the solidarity statement it released earlier this summer, committed to being proactive and critical of ways each center can focus on centering Blackness and dismantling anti-Black practices, Arce said.

Arce said they are looking forward to working closely with the rest of the center coordinators, along with the student staff.

"I'm excited for the team... this is not individual for me, but it's really collective action," Arce said. "I definitely see it as a team dynamic."

Emma Welch, coordinator of the UI Pride Alliance Center, said she is excited for Arce to be stepping into the new role of interim associate director of MISSE.

"Thomas is a visionary and has always brought creative and innovative ideas to our team. They definitely center students in their work and they always seek the why behind the action," Welch said. "I'm really excited about that because especially right now, when we are living in this virtual world, it's important to center why we take and make time to focus on the themes that the cultural centers and international student support and engagement covers."

UI Director for Justice and Equity for the Undergraduate Student Government Ruth Kahssai said Thomas has been a helpful resource within her role of director, and in supporting BI-POC students.

"I think so many people that interact with Thomas, not only just students that are involved with the LNACC, can say that Thomas has been just incredibly helpful and supportive of them and their goals and their organizations," Kahssai said. "It's so well deserved."



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# Kid Captains won't take the field in 2020

Without a football season, the 2020 Kid Captain season has been postponed for health and safety reasons.

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The Iowa Hawkeyes won't be taking to the field in Kinnick Stadium in 2020, and neither will the team's youngest leaders — its Kid Captains.

The 2020 Kid Captain season will be postponed until 2021. In a news release, Pamela Johnson-Carlson, chief administrative officer of the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital said administrators considered modifying the program to accommodate for health and safety precautions, but ultimately decided to postpone.

The Big Ten announced on Aug. 11 that all fall sports would be postponed, with the possibility that teams may play in the spring of 2021.

"In the end, we realized the experience would be vastly different this year, and this decision from the Big Ten really validates the direction we were inevitably going," Johnson-Carlson said. "It will be better to wait until we can offer the kind of experience our Kid Captains and their families have come to expect."

The Kid Captain program, established in 2009, gives patients at UI Stead Family Children's Hospital a behind-the-sidelines look at Hawkeye football, and gives them a chance to be recognized in front of thousands of cheering fans.

Robin Keller, the mother of 2019 kid captain Charlotte Keller, said her daughter counted down the days for months before every Kid Captain event she got to participate in.

"I feel terrible for the families that can't participate this year, but I want them to stay positive and know that the team and the program are all there and supporting and loving," she said. "Hopefully they'll get a chance to carry

forward next year."

Lucy Roth, 11, of Iowa City, participated in the Kid Captain program last fall, and has fond memories of her experience.

"I felt like my kid captain experience was really fun and I felt like I didn't know that would or could happen to me — that was such a surprise and an honor being a Kid Captain," she said. "Meeting all the players really meant a lot to me. I still have my jersey and everything else and I have it on display."

Lucy said she has been feeling a little "stir crazy" without school and not being able to see friends because of social distancing, though she is hopeful her graduation from elementary school will still be able to take place at the end of the year.

For families with children receiving treatment at UI Stead Family Children's Hospital, additional restrictions around COVID-19 can present difficulties.

Lucy's mother, Heather Roth, said restrictions limiting visitors to one-per-patient made the recent MRI Lucy received tough.

"It was the first time in nine years her dad wasn't able to come with her — and that was extremely upsetting for her," Roth said. "Of course we're thankful for all of the safety procedures the hospital has in place, but it is really hard for the kids not to be able to have both parents with them."

Keller said the four-hour drives from Nebraska to Iowa City were scary during the beginning of the pandemic — but Charlotte has been most disappointed by not being able to continue giving donations to the hospital due to the pandemic.

Keller said Charlotte collects toys, trinkets, jewelry, and even puts to-

gether toiletry kits for parents to give to the hospital, but her most recent collection of over 200 items had to be turned away for safety reasons.

"Because of the pandemic they were not able to accept them and we had to bring them back home," she said. "Honestly that's probably the most severe instance in all of this for her, other than not being able to be with her friends."



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Offensive Linemen Levi and Landon Paulsen talk to Kid Captain Enzo Thongsoum in the Hawkeye football locker room at Kids Day at Kinnick on Aug. 10, 2019. Kids Day at Kinnick is an annual event for families to experience Iowa's football stadium, while watching preseason practice and honoring this year's Kid Captains.

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# Back to school in a pandemic



Hundreds of Hawkeyes started their in-person classes for the first day of the fall 2020 semester. Three-quarters of UI undergraduate hours are online.



Top: University of Iowa students walk across the T. Anne Cleary walkway. Middle: A bust of Elbert William Rockwood with a protective mask is seen inside of the University of Iowa Chemistry Building on the first day of the new semester on Monday. Bottom: A pair of University of Iowa students leave the nearly deserted Chemistry Building. (Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan)

## CLASSES CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Pentacrest after their yoga class was canceled due to an overload on Zoom. Both students had only online classes on their schedule for the first day.

Richmond, studying human physiology, said she understands why the university is administering classes this way, but thinks she would learn better in-person. Patel, on the pre-nursing track, said being in-person would make the information more accessible and the schedules easier.

"Especially for just the first day," Patel said. "It'd be nice to have in-person the first day just to be able to know what's going on and what we're supposed to do for the rest of the semester."

To stay engaged while learning virtually, the two friends said they plan to do their schoolwork outside of their residence halls.

Some older UI students are not as optimistic about staying in person. UI senior Colton Spaur, studying sports and recreational management, said he had a virtual class on his first day when Zoom crashed for many students in college campuses nationwide.

"The professor was well prepared," Spaur said. "Zoom crashed, so it'll be a matter of battling technology issues. We know stuff is going to go online within a week or two like every other college. They want us here for that one week for tuition is what it feels like."

The UI ITS Help Desk sent an email to students Monday morning about nationwide Zoom outages, but the issues were resolved around noon.

UI senior Matt Mossbarger, studying data analytics, had an in-person class on his first day. After the professor went over the

syllabus, he ended the class saying he believed university would go online in a week.

"It's bittersweet," Mossbarger said. "We think at least that it will get shut down within a few weeks, but to me it's just a matter making the most of it and trying to have a fun senior year."

Elizabeth Martin, a transfer student from Des Moines Area Community College, took three years off of school, so she did not experience virtual learning for classes in the spring like many other UI students.

"I'm really excited for my in-person classes," Martin said.

"I learn better like that, and I'm excited to be on campus."

On her first day, she had two in-person classes. She said she feels safe being in class and that she is aware of her surroundings. When it comes to online classes, Martin said she will ask questions and use the resources she has to keep herself motivated.

UI freshman Scott Reynertson, majoring in pre-physical therapy, said his first day was going pretty well — though he was inundated with emails — and that there were easy ways to get help online.

He felt good about the UI's

preventative measures against COVID-19, Reynertson added.

"I don't think it's wrong to have classes or have people on campus — people need to learn either way. I mean if people are getting sick it's a risk they took, they weren't forced to be on campus, you know?" Reynertson said. As long as people are cleaning facilities, cleaning bathrooms, wiping stuff, as long as they're doing a good job, I don't have an issue being here, it was my choice, I knew the risks and I showed up."

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# Opinions

## COLUMN

### Put pre-reqs online

For safety and sanity, all prerequisite classes should be online.



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There is no denying it. Because of COVID-19, almost every student's schedule has changed. Classes shifted online, were canceled, or switched professors, and everything is not the way it was prior. Which, in some situations, is understandable due to all of the precautions that the University of Iowa is taking. But I do have an issue with my schedule.

Prerequisites are the bane of college students' existences. Sometimes they are enjoyable, but other times, they are a class you have to take before you can enroll in the really unique and

interesting classes down the line.

As the the coronavirus runs through Johnson County with around 2,389 positive cases total, many students are staying at home. Home may be their parent's house in Iowa City or Madison, Wisconsin or even as far as another country.

Thanks to the UI's temporary alternative learning arrangement process, students can earn help with organizing their courses if their case is accepted by Student Disability Services. However, not every need can be met.

The SDS website lists options for removing or modifying less critical course content as some of the options for students who are approved for alternative learning arrangements.

I, however, cannot agree with the fact that some classes do not have an online format to help students who cannot make it to campus reach the next step in their progress to-

ward their degree. If that class cannot be taken this semester, it will be pushed back another semester, sometimes the whole year if the class is not offered in the spring semester.

This issue holds a special place in my heart because I am one of those students. I have a prerequisite class that needs to be taken this semester, or I get held back a semester in one of my degrees. I cannot take another class to fulfill the same part of my degree; I can only fulfill other areas that do not help me unlock my future classes.

While the lecture is online, the small, 17-person discussion is not. No matter what the accommodation is, meeting in person cannot be completely safe.

I have to decide between hours traveling to and from Iowa City twice a week or drop the class and lose the credits.

So, I will be driving in the family van from Madison to Iowa City, a three-hour long



The Old Capitol is seen on March 12.

Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

car ride, in the wee hours of the morning, to walk on campus for one class. In the evening, (because I do not have enough time between classes to travel home unless I want to miss other classes) I will travel home and potentially expose the rest of my family. My elderly father, my immunocompromised mother, and my middle school

sister who might be going back to in-person school in a month or so.

I am lucky to live close enough to drive. I have friends who live out of state — some across the whole country — who had to make the same sacrifice and are not taking their classes because they have no way of making it to Iowa City for one class.

So please, UI, I am begging you. Make prerequisite classes, in all majors, online this semester and all semesters affected by COVID-19. If we are already making the classes online later in the semester, make them online sooner than later so students can still get their education in a timely fashion.

## COLUMN

### Virus treatment must be accessible



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A quadriplegic man named Michael Hickson died from the coronavirus after being denied treatment. And his wife, according to NPR, says the doctors justified it by reasoning that he had a low quality of life.

Did they ask what Hickson thought about his quality of life? As far as I know, none of them know what it is like to live with quadriplegia. They don't have the needed experience to make life or death decisions based on that.

Legally, this sets a bad precedent. By that logic, it is OK

for health-care providers to deny COVID-19 treatment to someone with depression because their mental illness decreases "quality of life."

It spreads the message to someone with a physical disability considering euthanasia that it's OK to commit suicide instead of receiving mental-health treatment. It spreads the message to people with pre-existing conditions that their lives do not matter.

Even people without pre-existing conditions have something in life which others can argue decreases its quality, but they should not be denied life-saving care.

The doctors do not know what type of advances will be made which make it easier to live with a disability. Technology might be able to help people with missing limbs be more mobile.

Unfortunately, Hickson will not get that experience.

Instead of letting people

with pre-existing conditions die, the medical system should make living with them easier.

Some might argue doctors need to save resources for patients who are going to be fully healthy after recovery. People with pre-existing conditions are not going to be as healthy afterwards as those without. They will still have the other diagnoses.



Photo illustration by Katie Goodale

People who have severe health problems — heart or lung conditions, weakened immune systems, severe obesity, and diabetes — are at a greater risk of getting the coronavirus. Elderly people are also at a greater risk.

The medical system should make sure it has enough resources for people who are most likely to get it, such as

Pre-existing conditions shouldn't decide if a patient receives life-saving care.

those with pre-existing conditions and of an older age. Denying care to those in at-risk groups cures no pandemic.

Roger Severino, the U.S. Office for Civil Rights director, said it goes against the Americans with Disabilities Act and Affordable Care Act which protect the elderly and people with disabilities from discrimination when needing medical care.

ADAPT, an Austin disability advocacy group, filed a complaint about this incident to the federal Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Human Health and Services. The National Council on Independent living filed a similar complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, asking for an investigation.

Texas Reps. Republican Chip Roy and Democrat Joaquin Castro both spoke out against this injustice. Castro said Hickson's death "should be investigated immediately."

Melissa Hickson, his wife, said that while the decision might have been made based on race, the main reason was disability. Still, it's just as unethical to refuse care because of race.

The doctors thought it was somehow cruel to give him treatment because of his condition.

I think it's cruel and stigmatizing to not save someone's life because of a disability. Denying COVID-19 treatment denies our humanity, value, of us and our loved ones.

People of color and those with pre-existing conditions should not be denied basic human rights, which treatment for any illness is. Since America is in the middle of a pandemic, its health-care system should do whatever it can to save lives instead of finding reasons not to, whether it's in Texas, Iowa, or anywhere else.

## COLUMN

### Dark humor isn't worth getting the laugh

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In American culture, one type of comedy that has become dominant is dark humor. According to Urban Dictionary, an online source for slang terms, they define it as "a form of humor involving a twist or joke making it the joke seen as offensive, harsh or horrid. Yet the joke is still funny."

However, the normalization of dark humor has promoted oppression and normalized injustice in American society. Just because it can be seen as a joke to some people, they forget it is still offensive to the group that it is targeting.

While it may be hard to believe that jokes can lead to legitimate, bigoted beliefs, that is nevertheless the case.

One notable joke that caught my eye was from a TikTok where it said "if a woman is so strong, why didn't she fight back?" This was an attempt to ridicule the feminist movement, but it also endorses rape culture through victim blaming.

While it may be hard to believe that jokes can lead to legitimate, bigoted beliefs, that is nevertheless the case. In a 2011 publication of *Ethnicities*, a cross-disciplinary journal discussing the various aspects of race, it is argued that racist jokes can and do lead to racist prejudices.

That's not all though — as jokes can also influence people who are a part of the dispar-

aged group. In a 2016 study published by *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, it was found that people exposed to disparaging humor about themselves leads to a maintaining of hierarchical status between groups.

This is what it means to be in a "rape culture" — these ideas are normalized in conversations without being challenged, with anyone who speaks out against it being labeled as an overly-concerned spoil sport.

These jokes don't just influence society however. They also allows politicians to make ignorant remarks that treat sexual assault as a joke instead of holding rapists accountable for their actions.

For example, former Rep. Todd Akin, R-Missouri, claimed that "if it's legitimate rape, the female body has ways to shut that whole

thing down." Statements like these oppress sexual assault victims through victim blaming when they need empathy, comfort, and justice. It completely dismisses the idea of consent because it defends the idea that a someone who says no doesn't actually mean it unless their body "shuts it down."

How do we expect to promote consent and protect sexual assault victims when politicians are not leading by example? How can we stand with victims and provide justice if society treated rape as a joke?

Another type of joke that shouldn't be seen as funny are ones dealing with suicide. One that really struck my attention was the Library Visit: "I went to a library and asked for a book on suicide. The librarian replied "F\*ck off! You won't bring it back!" There are a host

Some jokes aren't just harmless bits of comedy, they can have damaging effects.

It only encourages the idea that people who struggle with their mental health have something wrong with them.

of other jokes in this vein, but it would be in too poor of taste to reprint them.

While mental health is an issue that is tackled across America, it is jokes like these that undermine the importance and seriousness that many Americans face. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 17.3 million adults had at least one major depressive episode in 2017. How is it morally right to deem a joke as "funny" if it is undermining 17.3 million people's value of life?

These types of joke discourage the idea of asking for help when struggling as well as treating suicide as a joke in-

stead of a tragedy. It makes it seem like mental health isn't valued, that it's weak and wrong to ask for help.

If we continue to treat suicide and depression as a joke, it only encourages the idea that people who struggle with their mental health have something wrong with them. It makes it seem like they aren't important, and their life isn't worth it to save or live.

Even though a part of society sees dark humor as "funny," it is still offensive and should be phased out from American culture because it defends oppression and injustices committed against many Americans.

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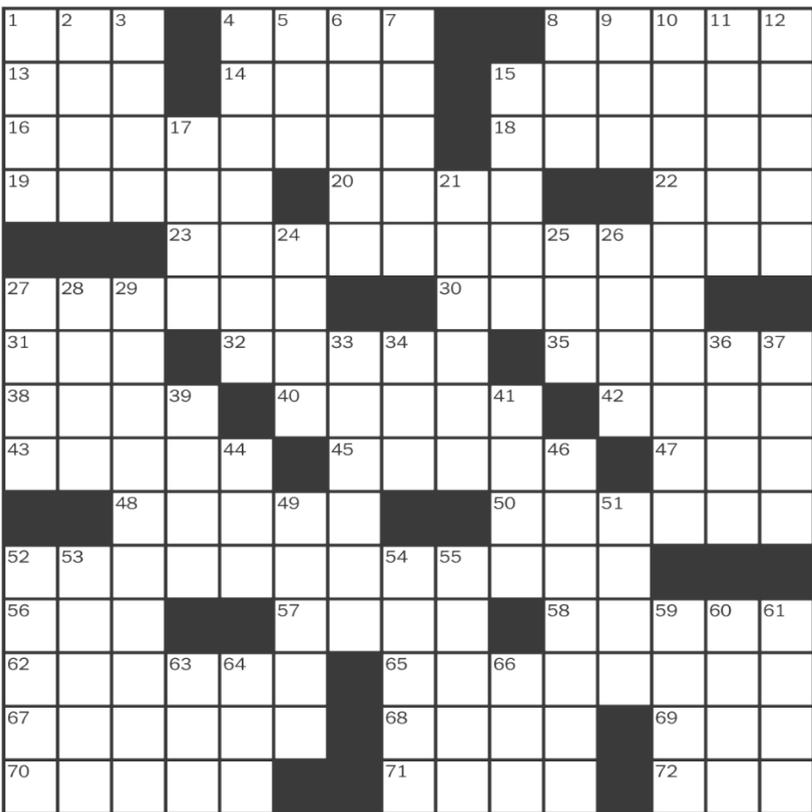
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# The Daily Break

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 3

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz  
No. 0721



### Across

- 1 "\_\_\_ and ye shall receive"
- 4 Badminton court fixtures
- 8 Like bread used for stuffing, often
- 13 Anderson Cooper's channel
- 14 "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
- 15 Used an old phone
- 16 20-20, e.g.
- 18 "That's great to hear!"
- 19 Command to a dog
- 20 Spice in pumpkin pie
- 22 Thur. follower
- 23 "20/20," e.g.
- 27 Dillydally
- 30 Cleanup hitter's attribute
- 31 "Gross!"
- 32 Frugal sort
- 35 Standing tall
- 38 Party pooper
- 40 20:20, e.g.
- 42 Litter box emanation
- 43 Enjoy thoroughly
- 45 Nickname for Alexandra
- 47 "Made in the \_\_\_"
- 48 Zones
- 50 \_\_\_ Dumpty
- 52 20/20, e.g.
- 56 Suffix meaning "sort of"
- 57 Parts of some seniors' financial plans, for short
- 58 Popular hair coloring technique
- 62 Like an old-fashioned clock
- 65 2020, e.g.
- 67 Chinese noodle dish
- 68 One of the four Gospels
- 69 Hit the slopes
- 70 Classic Pittsburgh mill product
- 71 Reach across
- 72 Point value of a "Z" in Scrabble

### Down

- 1 Circus routines
- 2 Quick scissors cut
- 3 Place to play spoons
- 4 Things with Thomas Jefferson's image
- 5 Prefix with system
- 6 Contract specifics
- 7 Prepare rice, perhaps
- 8 Kind of card in a smartphone
- 9 Part of a garment with instructions on care
- 10 Raring to go
- 11 Get down pat
- 12 \_\_\_ Redmayne, Oscar winner for "The Theory of Everything"
- 15 Dora the Explorer's cousin
- 17 Beach bucketful
- 21 Calf-length pants
- 24 Have on
- 25 Leave wide-eyed
- 26 Worst possible mark on a test
- 27 "C'mon, man!"
- 28 Taj Express destination city
- 29 Comment made while shaking the head
- 33 Where Jacqueline Kennedy went to college
- 34 Pilot's announcement, in brief
- 36 "That'll \_\_\_ you!"
- 37 Airplane seat attachment
- 39 Spiritual guide
- 41 "Didn't expect to see you here!"
- 44 Stir-fry tidbit
- 46 Device for reproducing one's signature
- 49 Set straight
- 51 "Well, I declare!"
- 52 Lab containers
- 53 "This \_\_\_ a test"
- 54 What a help center gets lots of
- 55 Deplete
- 59 Top-of-the-line
- 60 Tool by a golf bunker
- 61 Andrews of "Dancing With the Stars"
- 63 Martial arts master Bruce
- 64 Tankful or tankerful
- 66 Lead-in to an alias

## JUMBLE

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

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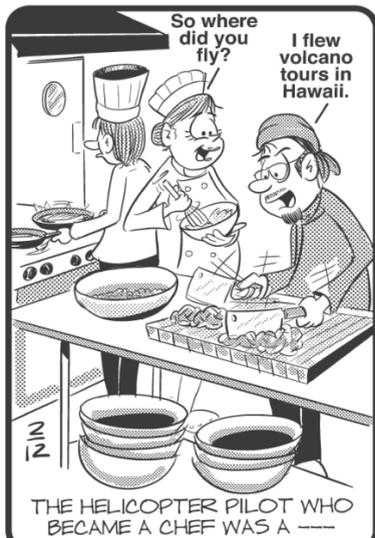
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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Print answer here:



## SUDOKU

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	3	9	1			5	8	
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## BASEBALL

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proached every at-bat the same since the shortened spring season for Iowa where he had a .308 batting average, 11 RBIs, and 4 doubles before its cancellation in March.

"My approach has definitely not changed," Nedved said. "I think this summer I was just feeling really good at the plate and feeling a little more confident in the box knowing that the pitcher is not going to beat me with anything."

Nedved said that making adjustments to his swing helped him with his success. Removing the high leg kick in order to start his swing faster and focusing on his rotational acceleration to maintain power have been key adjustments.

"I used to have a pret-

ty high leg kick, and that's gone," Nedved said. "We have these blast motion sensors that tell you your rotational acceleration, so I have been really working on rotating faster and getting my swing off faster."

Iowa head baseball coach Rick Heller said he was not surprised to see his junior shortstop playing at such a high level.

"He is a really good player, and we knew that when we recruited him," Heller said. "We felt that he still had room to grow, and he came in with a really good attitude, works very hard, and loves to play."

Nedved pitched for the Hawkeyes in the spring and had a 1-0 record with a 1.35 ERA in five appearances. In the NBC tournament, however, he didn't make an appearance on the mound and played all of his innings at shortstop.

"I was really happy for Dylan because he was in a really good place when we had to shut down in March," Heller said. "He didn't pitch a whole lot this summer, and he was really able to focus on his hitting and defense at shortstop which paid off for him."

After a 2-0 loss to the Liberal Bee Jays in their first game, the Monarchs won their next four elimination matchups before a 10-3 loss to the Cheney Diamond Dawgs ended their tournament run.

Nedved went 0-for-3 in the first game against the Bee Jays, but had a hit in all of the Monarchs' elimination games.

"It makes you feel better about yourself, and you feel a little more confident when you are going into a season knowing that you had a good summer and you finished off strong," Nedved said.



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa infielder Dylan Nedved attempts to tag out an Ontario player sliding into second base during the seventh inning of a game against Ontario at Duane Banks Field on Friday, September 19, 2019. Ontario was called safe.

## SWIMMING

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used at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

After the Big Ten announced Aug. 11 that all fall sports in the conference were postponed, Barta said the athletic department is anticipating \$100 million in lost revenue and a \$60-75 million deficit.

Cutting these sports will save Iowa "north of \$5 million a year," according to Barta, who also said the department is in the process of securing a \$75 million loan.

"You can start to go down all these different roads," Barta said in a Monday video conference. "In the end, whatever I came up with, whatever we came up with, you could make the case that we shouldn't have cut this one, or we should have cut that one instead. We ended

up cutting the sports we felt were going to best position us to come out of this pandemic once it's all over."

The cuts to these four sports are final. Barta said Monday he does not anticipate having to cut any other sports at the moment.

Barta said he spoke with the head coaches of the impacted programs before the announcement.

The meeting that morning featured athletes and coaches from all four programs. It took place at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, with athletes seated in metal folding chairs placed six feet apart.

"Gary Barta got up and said, 'I'm sure you all know right now that this is not good news,'" Ohlensehlen said. "The good news is you'll be allowed to compete this year. After that, your sports will be discontinued at Iowa."

"I found the delivery of the message extremely cold," Ohlensehlen said. "I felt like we were almost treated like we're not important. The message was very fast, it was very get-to-the-point. It was an awful day for all of us."

Ohlensehlen said Barta addressed the four programs for roughly two minutes before walking out of the room and allowing others to answer questions.

"I felt like we as athletes were not important to them," Ohlensehlen said. "As people we weren't important to them. We put so much blood, sweat, and tears into the program. And for [the programs] to be cut is heartbreaking."

Barta said he made the decision to address the teams about sports being cut and why it was happening. He then let others answer questions on topics such as com-

pliance, financial aid, and eligibility.

"I did want to make that announcement to them in person," Barta said. "But in-person then I asked the experts in those areas to answer the specific questions for student athletes individually."

Following Barta's announcement to the entire group and the ensuing questions, the teams split up to discuss what had just happened.

"Our coach, Marc Long, got up," Ohlensehlen said. "First of all, he just walked around the room for a minute and the room was dead silent, except for like a few sobs, was all that you could hear. Everybody has their masks on — it's really hard to cry in a mask."

"It was the saddest moment for my life personally." Athletes impacted by

this decision will still have their scholarships honored through graduation and the coaches of those sports will also have their contracts honored. These programs will still compete in 2020-21, should the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 permit it, before they are discontinued at the varsity level.

As of Monday, over 40 athletes from these four programs have entered the NCAA transfer portal. Barta said Iowa will assist these athletes in transferring, but if they decide to withdraw their names from the portal, they will be welcomed back.

One of the student athletes that will pursue opportunities elsewhere is Iowa swim and dive's Preston Planells.

"I made the decision to look elsewhere," Planells said. "I'm also going to take my redshirt

this year. I would like to have more than two years at a new program. It was probably the hardest decision I had to make. You choose to be at this school, you choose to represent this school, you choose to be a Hawkeye. When that's taken away, it hurts."

Despite the news delivered by Iowa's administration, Ohlensehlen and the other Hawkeye swimmers are preparing for one final season — even if it doesn't happen.

"Our goal right now is to make the administration know what they did was wrong and that they shouldn't have cut us," Ohlensehlen said. "We're going to have the best seasons of our lives. We have this one last season, and if that is taken away from us that would make everything that's happened so much worse — to not have that last swim."

## FOOTBALL

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some of the tactics, I'm a part of a great conference so immediately, we started to talk about, 'OK, what do we have to do to get back to playing sports as fast as possible, safely?'"

Barta said University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld was also pushing for the season to take place this fall. Harreld has not publicly stated how he voted or the reasoning behind his vote.

Harreld released a comment following the Big Ten's decision saying it was a disappointing day, but that the conference came to a "collective decision" through debate and dialogue.

"He was aligned with me in working toward trying to push this as late as we could before a decision had to be made," Barta said.

The decision by the Big Ten has been subject to criticism.

Athletes from around the conference voiced on social media that they wanted to play in the fall and believed the medical protocols of their programs were safe. Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields created a pe-

tion urging the Big Ten to reconsider. That petition has over 300,000 signatures.

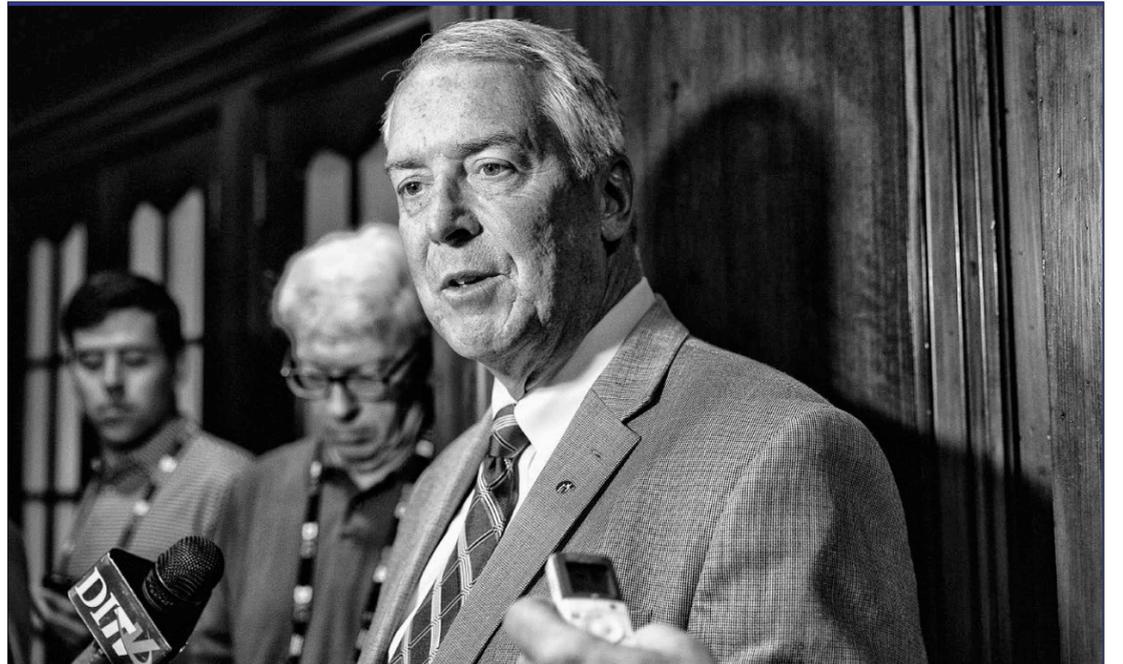
Parents of Iowa football players wrote a letter to Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren and the Big Ten Presidents and Chancellors asking for more transparency from the conference regarding its decision. Parents from other schools in the conference did the same.

Warren released an open letter on Aug. 19 in which he said the Big Ten's decision will not be reconsidered.

The PAC-12 also announced Aug. 11 that fall sports were postponed but took things a step further and said no sports will be played in the conference until Jan. 1, 2020.

The ACC, Big 12, and SEC are all currently set to compete in sports this fall. Though that could end up being only in football, as the NCAA has announced that fall championships will not be held in the fall due to COVID-19, and could instead be held in the spring. This does not include FBS football.

Seeing other conferences compete in a college football season this fall while the Big Ten



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa athletic director Gary Barta addresses the media during the second day of Big Ten Football Media Days in Chicago.

is on the sidelines would be difficult, Barta said.

"Every Saturday, if that oc-

curs, would be gut wrenching as a student athlete, as a coach, as an athletic director, and as a

Hawkeye fan," Barta said. "I certainly don't wish ill on anybody. I wish we could play as soon as

possible. I want us to play as soon as possible. But I'll just have to see if that happens."

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- Work with visuals to create a well-designed paper
- Get paid per page design and graphic

### Digital

- Post stories and photos on the *DI's* Website
- Help run the *DI's* social media accounts
- Come up with ideas to engage with our audience
- Create interactive web graphics
- Learn how to edit audio files for podcasts
- Learn about web analytics
- Get paid per shift and per web graphic

### News

- We are looking for reporters interested in covering
  - Sustainability - Higher education - City and county government
  - Campus and student life from a distance - Social justice
- Interview prominent campus and city officials
- Build a portfolio for future work
- Earn money for every article

### Visuals

- Shoot high-coverage events like sports and politics
- Cover news around campus and Iowa City
- Learn how to edit and tone photos with professional software
- Create short films and learn the techniques of journalistic videos
- Explore visual storytelling with slideshows and film
- Use professional-grade camera equipment
- Earn money for each assignment

### TV

- Experience life in front of and behind the camera
- Learn the art of multimedia news storytelling and production
- Produce live newscasts and social media shows
- Use state of the art equipment
- Build your resume reel and network
- Earn money for every show you contribute to

# Sports

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES



### Nurse's Raptors sweep Nets

On June 14, 2018, the Toronto Raptors thrusted Carroll, Iowa, native and former University of Northern Iowa men's basketball player, Nick Nurse to the top of the organization, naming him head coach. Since then, Nurse has guided his team to a 2019 NBA Finals title and won the 2020 National Basketball Association Coach of the Year award.

After being named Coach of the Year on Aug. 22, Nurse led the Raptors to a 4-0 sweep over the Brooklyn Nets in the Eastern Conference quarterfinal round of the NBA playoffs on Aug. 24.

Nurse's Raptors have impressed in the NBA bubble in Orlando, Florida, going 11-1 since arriving.

Nurse and the Raptors will play the Celtics in the Eastern Conference semifinal round. Semifinal action will begin on Aug. 27.



### College Football Playoff Schedule Announced

Despite the Big Ten and PAC-12's decisions to postpone their respective football seasons, the College Football Playoff will press on as normal. With the Big Ten and PAC-12 absent, teams from the ACC, SEC, and Big 12 will have to fight through thinner competition to earn a spot in the playoff.

The first official College Football Playoff rankings will be released on Nov. 17 and updated on a weekly basis until the College Football Playoff Committee selects the 2021 College Football Playoff participants.

College Football Playoff semifinals will take place on Jan. 1, with the National Championship to follow on Jan. 11.

The Big 12 and ACC will get the Power Five football season kicked off on Sep. 12, with the SEC following on Sep. 26.

## ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 POLL

1. Clemson
2. Ohio State
3. Alabama
4. Georgia
5. Oklahoma
6. LSU
7. Penn State
8. Florida
9. Oregon
10. Notre Dame
- ...
23. Iowa State
24. Iowa

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"To whoever reads this, just know that you're taking away a special group that would've done something for you. Not only for us, but for the city, for all Iowa alumni, for our coaches, for anyone that doesn't even know where Iowa is."**



-Preston Planelis on the discontinuation of Iowa swimming and diving.

## STAT OF THE DAY

2020-21 will be Iowa swimming and diving's

# 103rd season

of action.

# Iowa swimmers reflect on 'heartbreaking' program cuts

Members of the Iowa swimming and diving programs criticized the athletic department's approach to cutting four sports.



Swimmers warm up before competition begins during the preliminary round of competition of the 2020 Women's Women Big Ten Swim & Dive Championships on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. Swimmers competed in the 500 Yard Freestyle, the 200 Yard Individual Medley, and the 50 Yard Freestyle.

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University of Iowa President Bruce Harrel and Athletic Director Gary Barta announced in an open letter that day that four sports programs — men's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and diving, and men's tennis — will be discontinued.

Sage Ohlensehlen was 9 years old when she attended a swimming and diving camp hosted by head coach Marc Long and the Iowa program. That was when she knew she wanted to be part of

the program. Now, as a senior swimmer and team captain for the Hawkeyes, Ohlensehlen had to hear that the program was being cut. Ohlensehlen woke up to a message on her phone saying there was an urgent meeting being held the morning of Aug. 21. At that point, the Bettendorf, Iowa, native knew bad news was coming.

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# Barta favored late fall season

Iowa's athletic director said Monday that he was in favor of delaying the season rather than postponing it, which the Big Ten did Aug. 11.



University of Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta discusses former Iowa basketball player Megan Gustafson's career during the

BY ROBERT READ  
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In his first media conference since the Big Ten announced on Aug. 11 that fall sports in the conference were postponed due to ongoing concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta said Monday he was in favor of delaying the football season rather than postponing it.

The Big Ten's new football schedule had been released on Aug. 5, and Barta said he thought it allowed the conference to push the start of the season back and wait longer to make a final decision, in hopes that a fall

season could take place.

"We had created a schedule starting on Sept. 5," Barta said on a video conference Monday. "It could have been pushed probably all the way to the first week in October to wait longer. To see if we could solve the issues related to COVID-19 that we didn't have answers to yet."

Barta said that the Big Ten Presidents and Chancellors voted to postpone the fall sports seasons on Aug. 11. He said he and other athletic directors were not in the room when the decision was made.

The exact vote from the Presidents has not been made public.

"I'm not prepared or qualified to say who voted which way, and I don't think there's an intention for that to become public," Barta said. "But once the vote occurred, even though I disagreed maybe with

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# Nedved named Baseball Congress All-American

Nedved was an essential part of the Hutchinson Monarchs' semifinal run in the National Baseball Congress World Series.

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After a semifinal finish with the Hutchinson Monarchs in the 86th annual NBC World Series, the National Baseball Congress honored Iowa's Dylan Nedved as an All-American at the shortstop position.

The Shawnee, Kansas native finished the tournament with a .318 batting average, four RBIs, one home run, and two stolen bases. Nedved managed to go the whole tournament with no errors in the field, despite playing the most innings (48) at shortstop out of anyone in the league.

"I did not really know that [the National Baseball Congress] was doing that, and I honestly did not know how I played," Nedved said. "I mean I thought I played well, but it was definitely a shocker that I got the award."

The NBC World Series brings together top collegiate and semi-professional teams from across the country to compete against each other in a double-elimination tournament. This year's event included 13 teams from Texas, California, Colorado, Mississippi, and Kansas, and took place at Wichita State University's Eck Field and Hutchinson's Hobart-Detter Field.

Nedved was coming off a summer season in the Sunflower Collegiate League where he hit .355 with 4 home runs, 21 RBIs, and only nine strikeouts in 31 games. He would also receive MVP honors at the Every Sunflower Collegiate League All-Star Game after going 2-for-5 with 4 RBIs.

The Hawkeye infielder said he has ap-

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Nedved