

Football is back in a B1G way

A Big Ten football season will take place this fall, but it will look different than ever before for the Hawkeyes.

Players might opt out, and those on the field could decide to kneel during the national anthem.

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The Iowa football team will take the field this fall, but the season will be anything but normal.

Players may opt not to play, the regular season will extend into December, there will be daily COVID-19 testing, and the team is deciding if it will kneel during the national anthem.

The Big Ten announced Sept. 16 that its Council of Presidents and Chancellors unanimously voted to resume the conference's football season starting Oct. 23 and 24. The conference previously announced on Aug. 11 that all fall sports were postponed in the conference because of ongoing concerns with the pandemic.

Now, the 14 teams around the conference are preparing for a season they didn't necessarily anticipate would happen.

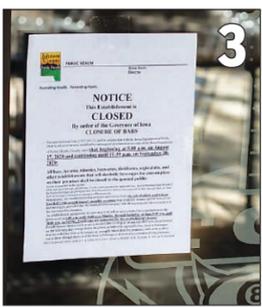
"We're raring to go," Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz said on a Sept. 17 video conference. "But we're hardly ready to go. That's really the challenge that's in front of us right now."



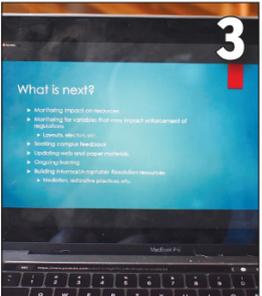
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IC students navigate online classrooms

Parents, child care providers, and nonprofits are working to provide students with the resources in-person school usually provides as children learn virtually.



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Elementary students do their school work at a community NEST in the Coralville Recreation Center on Sept. 18. The group evolved from four before and after school programs in Coralville through Coralville Parks and Recreation.

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Every night, Iowa City parent Angela Clark reviews the next day's schedule with her daughter Fiona. In the morning, Fiona gets ready like she would for a regular, in-person day of school, and then heads downstairs to the mini classroom her mother set up for her to attend her first-grade Zoom classes.

The Iowa City Community School District, which began fall classes virtually for all students, announced on Sept. 18 that schools would begin adopting a hybrid learning model on Sept. 28.

Online instruction was only required for high-school students last spring, so the online format required in the first weeks of school this semester was new to both junior high and elementary students.

Clark spoke to *The Daily Iowan* before the school district announced the hybrid transition, and said she was hoping kids would be back in school soon.

"I think that that's where they need to be, and I think we're at the point where I don't think COVID-19 is going anywhere. I really don't," she said. "And I think we need to kind of figure out how we can safely do this — and I do think there are ways."

She said teachers are doing their best, but that it's hard for young kids to stay engaged in online classes. Clark describes her daughter as a calm kid, but even she will get antsy on a 20-minute call.

"She'll be trying to do the Zoom call and then she'll start sharpening her pencil, and then it's just like she's

not interested for a few minutes, so it's hard," Clark said. "It's just such an unnatural thing for this age to just sit them in front of a computer and think that they're going to pay attention."

Interim Superintendent for Iowa City schools Matt Degner said engaging young students online has been more difficult than engaging secondary students.

"They have to get a little bit more used to that format, so I think that's been part of the challenge," he said.

In the hybrid model, standard-enrollment students will be in school on certain days depending on the group they are in. Group 'A' students will attend school in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays, and group 'B' will attend Thursdays and Fridays. The groups will alternate attending in-person on Wednesdays each week.

Clark said she is fortunate to sit with her daughter and help her do her work. Other resources have become available or adapted to meet children's needs when they cannot be in school.

Local nonprofits have come together to provide services to at-risk youth and address gaps in the Return-to-Learn plan through Neighborhood NESTS (Nurturing Every Student Together Safely). The network began on the South side of Iowa City a few weeks before instruction began.

"As we kind of got those stood up, we realized that there was much greater need outside of that small area of town," Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce Vice

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— Angela Clark, Iowa City parent of first-grader

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Senate set for SCOTUS scuffle

Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst have been split in the past on whether they would support hearings for a potential Supreme Court nominee from President Trump — positions which carry new weight with the Friday death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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All eyes are on the U.S. Senate after the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg created an opening in the nation's highest court less than two months before Election Day.

Ginsburg, who was nominated to the court by President Bill Clinton and served in the office for 27 years, died Friday from complications of pancreatic cancer. The 87-year-old jurist was a fierce advocate of women's rights, and the 2018 documentary "RBG" depicted Ginsburg as a feminist icon who pioneered the way for other female legal scholars.

Now, the Republican Senate is weighing the decision to confirm President Trump's eventual nominee to replace Ginsburg during an election year. After Justice Antonin Scalia's death in 2016, Republicans in the Senate blocked hearings and a vote on President Obama's nominee Merrick Garland, saying the American people should have a say in the next justice.

Iowa's U.S. Senators are split in past statements on whether they would support taking up hearings on Trump's appointment in an election year.

As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2016, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, drew fire from Democrats for not holding hearings for Garland.

Since then, Grassley, who is still on the judiciary committee, has held to that position. He said in 2018 and again in July that the Senate shouldn't hold hearings for a vacancy on the court that happens during the last year of Trump's first term, citing

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DANCING THROUGH LIFE (AND A PANDEMIC)



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Melinda Jean Myers (foreground), assistant professor of contemporary dance and choreography, works with students in Hubbard Park on Sept. 19.

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the 1992 "Biden Rule," when then-Senator Joe Biden said President George H.W. Bush should not nominate a justice during an election year.

"They set the pattern, I didn't set the pattern," Grassley said on Iowa Press in May 2018. "But it was very legitimate that you can't have one rule for Democratic presidents and another rule for Republican presidents."

Grassley didn't update his position or make a statement on a potential Trump nominee since Friday, but he released a statement commemorating Ginsburg's career and praising her legal mind and tenacity.

"For more than a quarter century on the highest court in the land, Justice Ginsburg fought tirelessly for greater justice, equality and opportunity for all people," the statement said. "She was a trailblaz-

er in so many ways and for so many people." Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, who is also on the judiciary committee, said on Iowa Press in July that she would support holding hearings for a Supreme Court nominee during the election year, including in a lame-duck session if Trump does not win re-election in November.

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- Sen. Chuck Grassley, in 2018 on Supreme Court nominations

Ernst said the fact that Republicans hold the White House and the Senate means there won't be disagreement on a nominee, and that makes the situation different from 2016.

"This is a different scenario where you have a Republican president and a Republican Senate," she said in July. "There's likely not to be a lot of

disagreement when it comes to the selection of a justice." Ernst, who is in a high-profile race with Democratic challenger Theresa Greenfield, drew criticism on Sept. 18 when a campaign fundraising email went out shortly after Ginsburg's death.

"If Conservatives fail to protect the White House and the

Tonight, my prayers are with the family of Justice Ginsburg." Greenfield released a statement on Sept. 19, saying the vacancy shouldn't be filled until after the election.

"The next Supreme Court Justice will have power over our access to health care, protections for pre-existing conditions, workers' rights, and the rules of our democracy for the rest of their lives," Greenfield said. "The only way to truly respect our independent voices in Iowa is by waiting to fill this seat until the next U.S. Senate and President we're about to vote for take office."

Other Republican Senate leaders who led the fight against confirming Garland have made clear their intention to hold hearings on Trump's nominee. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the chair of the Senate judiciary committee, said he would move forward on considering a nominee to succeed Ginsburg.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., evok-

ing arguments similar to Ernst, said in a statement Friday night that Trump's nominee would receive a vote in the Senate.

"Americans reelected our majority in 2016 and expanded it in 2018 because we pledged to work with President Trump and support his agenda, particularly his outstanding appointments to the federal judiciary," McConnell said. "Once again, we will keep that promise." Senate Democrats are echo-

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Iowa's season is scheduled to start Oct. 24 in West Lafayette against Purdue. The team's eight-game regular season schedule will conclude Dec. 12 in Iowa City against Wisconsin.

The schedule leaves no margin for error. Eight games need to be played in eight weeks, leaving a chance that some contests are canceled and can't be rescheduled because of COVID-19. There's

also an added ninth game against a cross-divisional opponent the same week as the Big Ten Championship Game.

None of these games, as of now, will take place in front of fans. The Big Ten announced that public tickets will not be sold to any games. Only family of athletes or staff members will be allowed to attend.

"Normally you come out of the tunnel with that adrenaline rush from the fans anticipating the swarm and all those things you're accustomed to," Ferentz said. "It'll probably be a little bit of an adjustment for all of us."

Iowa may start the season without its entire roster. Ferentz said a "small number" of players have expressed concerns with playing this season.

The Hawkeyes haven't been in pads since their Holiday Bowl victory in December. The COVID-19 pandemic eliminated Iowa's spring practices before they even started. Ferentz said the team's training camp, which usually takes place in August, will likely be less intense than usual because his players are also currently in classes.

The Big Ten was expected to compete in a football sea-

son in the winter or the spring after its decision to postpone. The conference has adopted daily antigen testing for all athletes, coaches, and staff members that are on the field for practices or games as part of its return to play.

"Having the availability, the reliability, the opportunity to test daily was the game-changer," Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta said Sept. 17.

A team COVID-19 outbreak could prevent a game from happening, and a positive test will keep a player out for at least 21 days. Daily testing will begin by Sept. 30.

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ing Republicans in 2016, saying a nominee shouldn't be considered until after the 2020 election.

"The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., tweeted, repeating a statement issued by McConnell in 2016. "Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president."

Despite all the uncertainty that still remains with COVID-19, perhaps the biggest question mark for Iowa heading into a season full of them is what the team will do while the national anthem is played.

An investigation into the program's culture took place over the summer after several Black former players said they experienced racism and were mistreated in their time with the Iowa football program. Former strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle, who many players specifically mentioned as being a

problem, reached a separation agreement with the University of Iowa that will pay him \$1.1 million.

Since then, part of the team's discussions have turned to using its platform to promote racial justice. Ferentz has said the team has considered kneeling during the anthem, but has not yet come to a final decision.

"Obviously that's been tabled because we didn't think we were playing until January so it really hasn't been an object of focus," Ferentz said. "But we'll have plenty of time to revisit that now."

E-SCHOOL CONTINUED FROM FRONT

President Jennifer Banta said. "So we very quickly pulled together a group... and we created this network, where on Tuesdays at noon you could call in through Zoom and we could talk through how the South Side NESTS got launched and help other

nonprofits that wanted to really pull together NESTS all throughout Johnson County."

The NEST network is helping provide personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, lunch programs, and background checks on volunteers. If someone wanted a NEST in their community, Banta said, that person would need to figure out a location and decide what nonprofits they would like to partner with

and what resources they want to provide kids.

"Each community is taking a look at what their little micro community needs," Banta said. "For example, Deb Dunkhase with Open Heartland, she is serving a lot of the residents of mobile home communities, and one of their major challenges was just the language barrier of getting logged on. A lot of them are Spanish speaking, and so she

was hosting some in-person, socially distanced workshops prior to the first day of school to kind of make sure that everybody knew how to get logged on."

Iowa City West High graduate Austen Mattingly said he works at an after-school program at Wickham Elementary School. Before the pandemic, he said, students with parents unable to pick them up right after school were able to stay

until about 5:45 p.m. It was free time for the kids, and they weren't required to do any homework, he said.

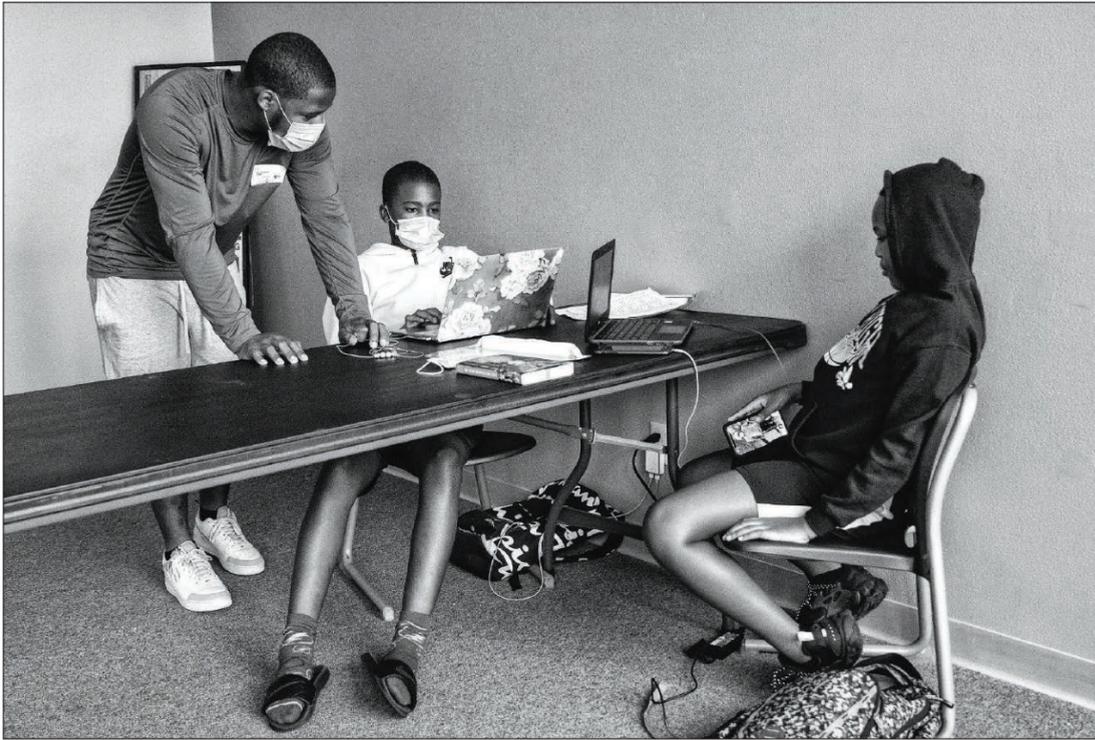
Now the program is available all day, and Mattingly said he feels more responsibility to be an educator in addition to being a child-care provider.

Once a teacher presents a concept over Zoom, the kids are on their own to do their work, so they turn to the program staff members for the support a teacher would usually provide in a physical classroom, Mattingly said.

The young kids are also getting used to operating

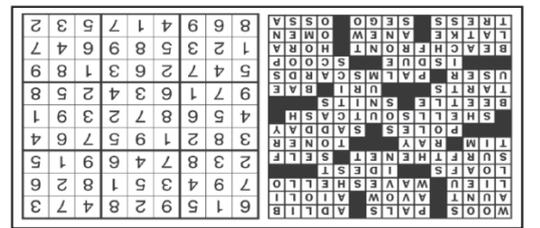
Chromebooks and new on-line programs, Mattingly said, which can make them frustrated.

"It feels like I am a teacher, when I wasn't expecting to be," he said. "So, I feel like I have a lot more responsibility to play in the education of children and their future, which is extremely important," Mattingly said. "And so, I think that more than ever, the people that work in these programs need to do the best job they can to instead of trying to control the kids, to bond with them and make sure that they are feeling happy and safe."



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Fredrick Newell, executive director of the Dream City NEST, interacts with students in one of the community's classrooms on Sept. 17.



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Bars will stay closed next week

Bars and nightclubs in Johnson County will continue to be closed through next week per an order from Gov. Kim Reynolds.

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Gov. Kim Reynolds extended the closure of bars in Johnson and Story Counties for another week and continued the Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa for another 30 days on Friday.

On Aug. 27, Reynolds restricted bars in six Iowa counties after seeing a spike in coronavirus cases, mainly in those between the ages of 19 and 24. Reynolds opened bars back up in Black Hawk, Dallas, Linn, and Polk Counties after less than three weeks on Sept. 15.

A press release from the governor's office says the governor signed a new proclamation extending the bar closures in Johnson County, home of the University of Iowa, and Story County, home of Iowa State University, until Sept. 27. Restaurants in these counties may remain open, it says, but must stop serving alcohol after 10 p.m. Bars can also continue to sell to-go alcoholic drinks.

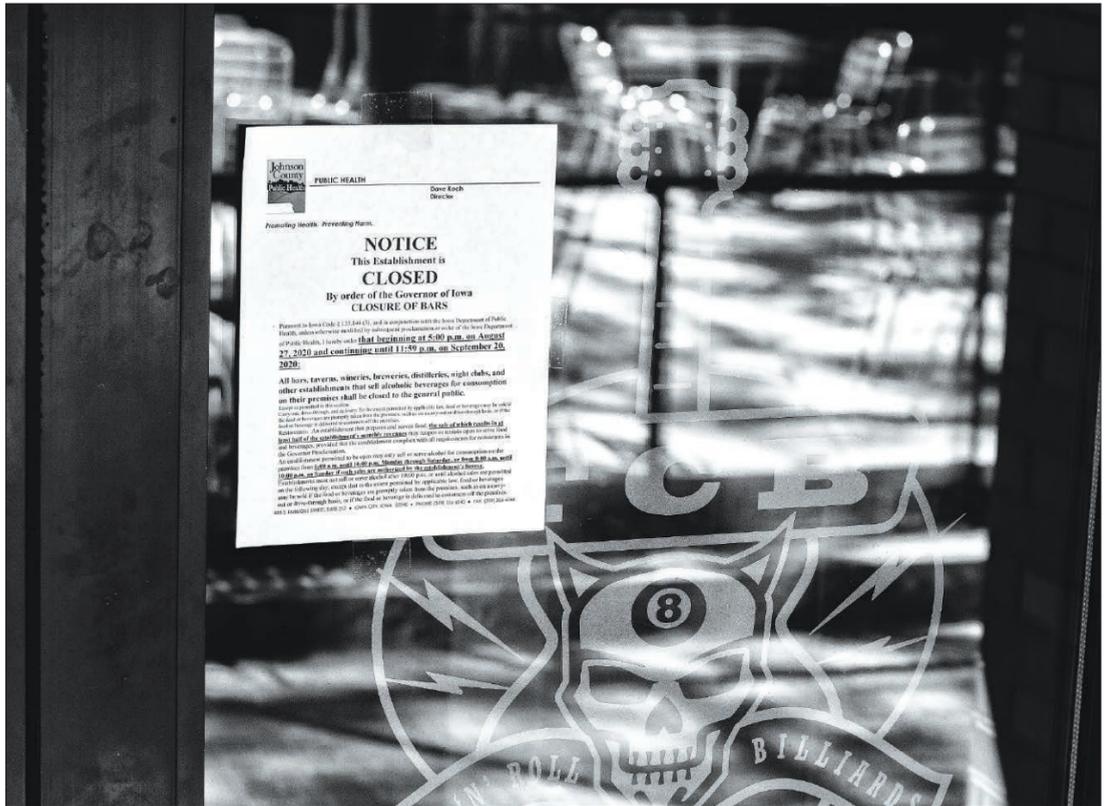
The other public health mitigation measures currently in place for businesses and other establishments, such as hygiene and social distancing re-

quirements, have also been extended until 11:59 p.m. on, Oct. 18, 2020.

Dean of Student Accountability at the UI, Angela Ibrahim-Olin, sent out a message to the student body before the closure was extended that said individual students and organizations that are found to be engaging in behavior that the university has deemed unsafe — such as gatherings that exceed the stated capacities of a space and gatherings where people are not wearing face coverings or maintaining six feet of physical distance — may result in disciplinary action.

"The responsibility is on all of us to continue to engage in the behaviors that help mitigate the spread of the virus. This includes wearing face coverings whenever inside university buildings or whenever social distancing is not possible, as well as avoiding large group gatherings on and off campus," Ibrahim-Olin said. "We are able to continue to work together to create the culture we desire at the University of Iowa."

Jeneane Beck, Assistant Vice President for External Relations at the UI, said in an email that the



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The Johnson County Public Health posted signs announcing bar closure in Iowa City on Aug. 27.

university is pleased with the governor's proclamation and will continue to work with local and state officials to implement policies to slow the spread of

the virus. "The responsibility is on all of us to continue to engage in the behaviors that help mitigate the spread of the virus," Beck said.

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group gatherings on and off campus. We are able to continue to work together to create the culture we desire at the University of Iowa."

Iowa's state universities updated their Title IX policies in response to federal changes set to begin this semester. The University of Iowa will collect feedback on its year-long interim policy.

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The University of Iowa's new interim policy on sexual harassment and misconduct will maintain the same standard of evidence for such cases, despite changes in guidelines from Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

Colleges and universities were required to adhere to the regulations from DeVos' department by Aug. 14. Iowa's three state universi-

ties shared the changes to the sexual misconduct policies on Sept. 17 at the state Board of Regents meeting.

Title IX is the federal law that outlaws discrimination in education on the basis of sex.

One of the new regulations by the Department of Education under DeVos was changing the evidentiary standards of sexual misconduct cases. It allowed universities to choose between a "preponderance of evidence"

UI will maintain same standards for Title IX sexual misconduct cases

standard or a new, stricter "clear and convincing" standard. The UI retained the preponderance of evidence standard in its new policy.

Iowa State University Title IX coordinator Margo Foreman said universities

are required to use a formal grievance process for types of allegations.

"The formal processes have to include the investigation, a live hearing, the questioning of parties throughout by using an adviser, and a determination by the objective decision maker whether or not that allegation is substantiated and that there are responsible parties to be named," Foreman said.

University of Northern Iowa Title IX Officer Leah Gutknecht said the new policies use "emergency removals" if they see the need to remove a respondent student entirely or partially from their education program during the Title IX process.

Gutknecht said the new regulations emphasize the need for a well trained team including investigators, decision makers, appeal officers, and the Title IX coordinators.

"Schools are now required to post that training that each team member receives along with the actual content of the training,"

she said.

The UI, ISU, and UNI coordinated over the summer to develop the new regulations. Gutknecht said all of the institutions have been trained on the new requirements, created feedback opportunities for students and faculty on the new policies, and revised policy and procedures.

In a notice sent to all UI students and faculty, the UI's Interim Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct was replaced by two university policies including the Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Dating/Domestic Violence and the Stalking Involving Students, and the Policy on Sexual Harassment.

The UI said its new policy on sexual harassment and sexual misconduct, "created a single interim sexual harassment and sexual misconduct policy and procedures to ensure compliance with the new Title IX regulations while upholding the university values of excellence, learning, community, diversity, integrity, respect, and re-

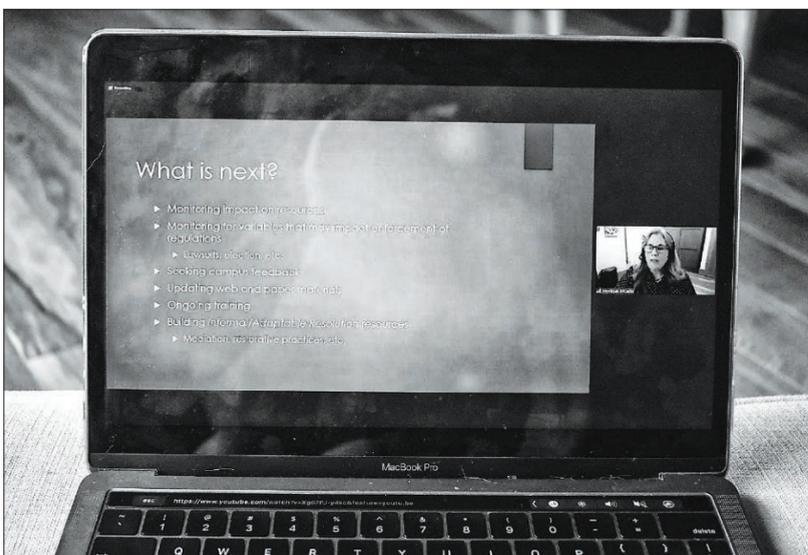
sponsibility."

"We all worked with one another and with the Board Office staff throughout the summer to discuss elements of the regulations and how they would be addressed by each of our institutions," Gutknecht said.

The regulations still include rules regarding sexual assault, stalking, and domestic and dating violence. The new rules define sexual misconduct as "any unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature that is committed without consent or by force, intimidation, coercion, or manipulation."

The university will seek feedback on the new rules during an interim period of no longer than one year.

"We recognize that the time to date by which the regulation was issued and when it was enforceable was very short and recognizing that we are going to continue seeking feedback from our campus constituencies," UI Sexual Misconduct Response and Title IX Coordinator Monique DiCarlo said.



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Monique DiCarlo presents to the Board of Regents over Zoom on Sept. 16. DiCarlo spoke about the changes to Title IX and how the schools are coping with the changes.

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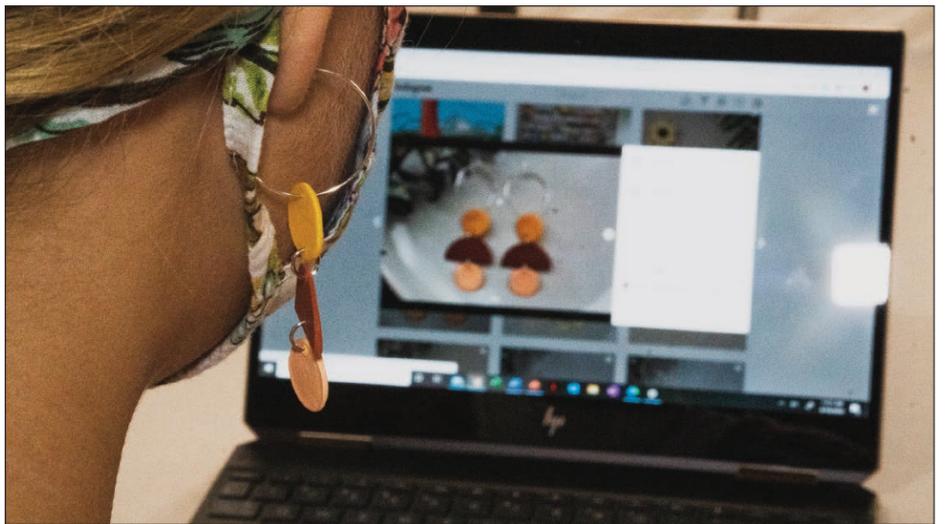
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Starting a new shift



Clockwise from top: Adriana Swiatek putting a shirt on a hanger while she's working at Ragstock clothing store on Sept. 10. Swiatek said her perspective on how people view COVID-19 has been changed by her interactions with customers (Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan). Fabiola Alsina works as the Facility Supervisor at the University of Iowa Campus Recreation and Wellness Center on Sept. 16. Alsina says although she misses certain aspects of her job, it has been easy for her adjusting to her new work environment. "It has made me realize how much I miss the face to face interactions and because of the new policies that we've enforced, [such as] capping the amount of people in the facility, it has allowed for me to work comfortably but still be able to enjoy the job that I have here at the recreational services," she said (Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan). Emily Ellinger shows off earrings from her business she created during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the same pair on her Instagram in the Tippie College of Business Bizhub on Sept. 10. She started selling her earrings on Instagram after her friends showed fascination with them (Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan). Tyler Serbousek grabs some bread during a shift at Heirloom Salad Co. on Sept. 19. Serbousek is a junior at Iowa studying environmental science (Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan). Thomas McDowell cuts a pizza during a shift at Falbo Bros Pizzeria on Sept. 19. McDowell is a fifth-year student at the UI studying physics and computer science. "We've been doing a lot more deliveries," McDowell said (Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan). Holly Haberman works at the Power Cafe inside the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center at the University of Iowa on Sept. 16 (Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan).

Opinions

GUEST OPINION

Dropping sports programs destructive

A former University of Iowa diving coach writes that the swim program's elimination has far reaching consequences.

In the summer of 1975 I was hired by Bump Elliott and the new swim coach Glen Patton as the head diving coach at the University of Iowa. Little did I know that I would be retiring after 37 years in Iowa City. In five years we took a program that was 10th in the conference for many years to stopping Indiana's 20 year championship run. Iowa then had a program that was nationally ranked for

over a decade. I was fortunate to work for a great swim coach and the best directors of athletics in the country, Bump Elliott, Christine Grant, and Bob Bowsby. I was lucky to have been involved in four Olympic Games as a coach, team leader, and as Chairman of the Board of USADiving; from 2009-2016.

I don't know if I can express in words the anger, betrayal, and disappointment in the

University of Iowa dropping swimming and diving and men's tennis and men's gymnastics. I also am embarrassed for the University of Iowa administrators (president and athletic director) because I think they are lying about how the decision was reached.

The main reason I am writing this is because I have the perspective as a coach, administrator, and a former athlete

that graduated from a school that dropped swimming and diving; the University of Maryland. It is impossible for anyone to know how destructive dropping a program is. The older you become the feeling of emptiness toward your alma mater is very real. All of our history and traditions of our team are gone. In 1970 we won the last ACC title for Maryland. Today no one knows we

had a swimming program. In 15 years no one will know we had a swimming and diving program at the University of Iowa; and the history of our great athletes, coaches and great teams will be lost. The reunions and many friendships will get to be fewer and fewer. The worst thing is neither the athletic director or president will be in power in 15 years, yet they are the reason this debacle

happened.

It was a privilege to have coached at the University of Iowa and to have known the great student athletes; you were an inspiration to me, and to all of our loyal supporters, we are all part of the Iowa swimming and diving family.

— Coach Bob Rydze, University of Iowa Head Diving Coach (1975-2012)

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How a social justice movement and a pandemic are changing the way applicants choose medical schools and residency programs.



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In the wake of the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and countless others, this generation of future physicians is waking up and paying attention to the systems that promote racial inequality, including healthcare. In the middle of a pandemic that is dis-

proportionately affecting Black, Brown, and low-income communities, health disparities have become so glaringly obvious, we can no longer ignore our contributions to that inequity. Current physicians-in-training see that medicine cannot be separated from social, cultural, and eco-

nomics factors, and we are choosing to engage with communities working for equality. We volunteer as medics for BLM protests. We bring voter registration to Emergency Departments. We look beyond the clinical diagnoses and treatments inside the walls of our hospitals.

While social justice movements continue, medical students and medical student hopefuls enter application and interview season. Because of in-person limitations, residency programs and medical schools are relying on social media for recruitment efforts. Programs are hosting sessions over Zoom – casual hangouts with residents, Q&A sessions with program directors, focused panels on diversity and inclusion and more. They are using Instagram and Twitter to advertise these events and to highlight the unique aspects of their programs. Across platforms, one topic has come up again and again from programs and applicants alike – social medicine. As I attend these events and follow social media posts, I am paying close attention to which pro-

grams have spoken out about diversity, racial injustice, and social and structural determinants of health and which have shown support for their residents who are trying to actively fight against these injustices. I am also taking note of the programs that have nothing to say on these matters, as well as those that have actively worked to suppress the voices of their trainees. I am not the only one paying attention; in public forums and in private conversations, my colleagues across the country are asking these same questions. In the same way social media has changed interactions between programs and applicants, it has also facilitated exchange between applicants from all over the country that may not have otherwise taken place.

What I have to say is this: Any accredited program and medical school can train a clinically competent physician. But I want to become more than

just clinically competent; I want to learn about the ways I can best advocate for the health of my patients and community. It is clear which programs have long prioritized social medicine and which programs are unprepared to address these difficult questions. Programs and schools that want to attract passionate candidates who will work to make the world of medicine more equitable are going to have to step up and show that they are listening and responding to our concerns. They must show that they will support their trainees both in their development as physicians and as people in both their formal and informal curriculums. Applicants are paying attention to the intersection between medicine and society. Programs need to be paying attention, too.

— Destinee Gwee, MS4, UI Carver College of Medicine

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COLUMN

School districts should decide when to reopen

Governor Reynold's decision to force school districts to open up on her timetable unnecessarily endangers the lives of children and their families.

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This past week, the Iowa State Education Association and Iowa City Community School District's request for control of school reopenings was denied by Judge Mary Chichelle. Chichelle's reasoning was that the risks of opening schools did not outweigh the risks if schools were to close.

However, Iowa City Schools should have complete control over school reopenings because they know what's best to keep the community safe instead of the governor's office pushing an agenda.

In late July, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced that Iowa schools would need to have at least 50 percent of classes in person. However, this decision was not based on students' wellbeing,

but rather Reynold's support for President Trump's push to reopen schools.

Every school district is in a different county, and each county knows what's best for their community. The state government should not interfere with these decisions because those officials don't know what's best for each individual community and therefore won't know how to make the best decisions.

Currently, Johnson County has a 7.1 percent 14-day positivity rate according to the state's COVID-19 website. That low rate has improved significantly, which prompted the school district to choose to switch to a hybrid learning model next week. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the lowest risk of transmission is online classes only

while the hybrid model is considered medium risk, and in-person learning falls on the high risk.

Without a vaccine or substantial treatment, everyone needs to do their part and make sacrifices to slow the spread and wait for scientists to do their job in order to make progress.

There is no question that quarantine has had effects on students' mental health. However, to ensure and help children cope with mental health, we must first be sure that they are in an environment where they are physically safe and capable of dealing with these struggles.

Opening up schools too soon can create a spike in cases and risks the physical health of students, teachers, and their families. How can we expect students' mental health to improve when

their physical health could be in jeopardy? Students are not the only ones risking their physical health; they also risk spreading the virus to their families when they return home.

In addition, opening schools is asking teachers to risk their own lives just so students can experience in-person learning.

We have already seen the effects of schools opening too soon. At least six teachers in five states have died from contracting COVID-19 from school reopenings. The lives of our educators is not a risk worth taking if schools were to even go back to a hybrid model which is what the state government wants to do. It's best for each community to decide what's best depending on its positivity rate, ability to make accommodations, and if they can take proper



A sign for the Iowa City Community School District is seen outside the district's administration building on April 28.

precautions to follow CDC guidelines.

If the reopening of schools is left in the state government's hands, their decisions will be

made out of their own self-interest. To protect students, teachers, and slow the spread, the reopening of schools should be left in the hands of individual districts.

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UI Law School Anti-Racism Committee creates report for action

The University of Iowa College of Law created a summer committee to generate change regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. The committee presented a 22-page report in just two months.

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The Iowa Law Anti-Racism Action Committee produced a report two months after its initial creation with immediate action plans that are being implemented at the University of Iowa's College of Law.

UI College of Law Dean Kevin Washburn said the UI, the College of Law, and the Iowa School Foundation started the summer committee in June. Within two months, the 16-person committee published their report that isolated eight areas that need improvement in the College of Law — some of which Washburn said he has already started implementing.

"In late spring [the UI College of Law] realized that this was a historical moment of reckoning with this country's history and racism," he said. "...We are a law school, so we want to be part of the leadership on these issues. We expect our graduates to become lawyers and leaders. We had an opportunity to lead and we took it."

Anti-Racism Action Committee Chair and Associate Dean Adrien Wing said she helped write the 22-page report that isolated eight areas — including funding, curriculum, and recruitment — the UI College of Law will be focusing on in terms of expanding diversity, equity, and inclusion and anti-racism.

Wing said she is proud of the action element of the committee and their report



The University of Iowa's College of Law is seen on Sept. 17, 2020.

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as well as the immediate action that has already been taken by the UI College of Law to execute the report's guidelines and suggestions.

"The University of Iowa is going to stand out when [people] look back," she said. "We have the leadership...to make this work. When you have a leader, like Dean Washburn, who is committed to using resources to handle DEI issues... What makes this work is the buy in from the faculty, staff

and students."

One of the changes already made at the College of Law was the creation of the new Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Global Engagement and Senior Human Resources director position, Wing said. Neda Barrett filled the position in late August.

Barrett said her current goal is creating project management tools to make the committee's report into actionable steps. Even

though the committee has since disbanded, she said the things that change going forward will be incredibly important.

"All of the sections of the

report are equally important," she said. "But some projects will take longer... This position to me is really important so DEI issues are focused on. It needs to be a

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cornerstone in everything that we [in academia] do."

Another change that has already been implemented was the creation of an alumni council oriented in diversity, something second-year law student Meddie Demmings IV said he was involved in. He said the council has been discussed for years, but was officially created this fall.

Demmings also serves as the student chair of the UI College of Law's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and said the college's commitment to action is unique and proves its commitment to its students.

"We are definitely pushing for a lot of change very quickly," he said. "We're already getting started on initiatives. To me, it means everything. I'm only here for three years and being able to get things off the ground and see them be implemented while I'm here makes me feel proud."

While many schools are making statements of support for the Black Lives Matter movement, Washburn said it was crucial for the UI College of Law to add actionable steps. He said he wants to shake up the fall semester and start where the committee left off to implement change as soon as possible.

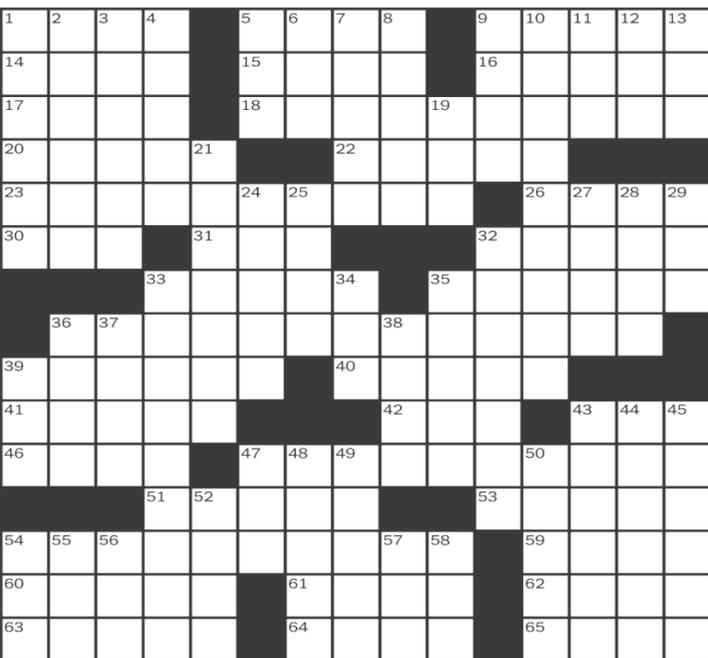
"We don't want to waste time," he said. "This was an action committee...Action is the most important thing. Words are hollow without action. We wanted to make sure we are taking steps to implement change."

The Daily Break

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Across

- 1 Goes a-courting
- 5 Buddies
- 9 Off-the-cuff remark
- 14 Em, to Dorothy, in "The Wizard of Oz"
- 15 Openly acknowledge
- 16 Garlic-flavored mayonnaise
- 17 "In ___ of flowers ..."
- 18 Greets from across the way, say
- 20 Lollygags
- 22 That is to say, in Latin
- 23 Casually browse online
- 26 Word before taught or effacing
- 30 "Tiny" Dickens boy
- 31 Drop of golden sun
- 32 Skin care product
- 33 Extremes of the earth
- 35 Time of lament
- 36 Spends moolah
- 39 Little VW
- 40 Displays of huffiness
- 41 Fruit-filled pastries
- 42 Illusionist Geller
- 43 Modern term of endearment
- 46 ___ ID
- 47 Demonstrates some sleight of hand
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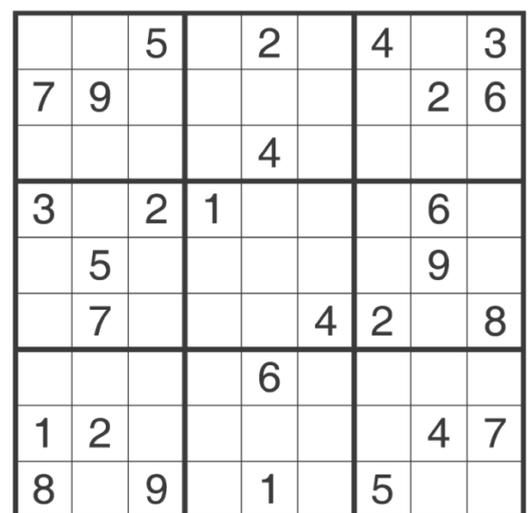
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- 61 Again
- 62 Shooting star, some might think
- 63 Lock of hair
- 64 ___ lily
- 65 Greek peak in Thessaly

Down

- 1 Financial ctr. in Manhattan
- 2 "Most definitely, monsieur!"
- 3 Feature of a Las Vegas "bandit"
- 4 Things, collectively
- 5 Dog's foot
- 6 Director DuVernay of "Selma"
- 7 The ___ Spoonful (1960s pop group)
- 8 Stockholm native
- 9 Companion of "oohs"
- 10 Low-calorie drinks
- 11 Ha-ha, online
- 12 Sick
- 13 Info in a Who's Who listing
- 19 Cry between "Ready" and "Go!"
- 21 Leisurely walks
- 24 Actress Berry
- 25 Centers of hurricanes
- 27 Extremities
- 28 Jacob's first wife, in the Bible
- 29 Cook in oil
- 32 Elements of a strategy

- 33 "Stupid" segments on old David Letterman shows
- 34 "We need help!"
- 35 Mixes with a spoon, say
- 36 Caspian and Caribbean
- 37 Reply in a roll call
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- 39 Air-conditioning meas.
- 43 Needs for playing Quidditch
- 44 Is gaga over
- 45 Madrid's land, to locals
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FOOTBALL

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from Big Ten West champions in 2018 to the bottom of the division last season. Indiana transfer Peyton Ramsey should help an offense that had plenty of quarterback struggles a season ago.

Nov. 7: vs. Michigan State (7-6)

Mel Tucker is leading the Spartan program now after longtime head coach Mark Dantonio resigned in February. The Spartans' starting quarterback

from last season, Brian Lewerke, graduated, so it will likely be up to Valley High School alum Rocky Lombardi to lead an offense that has struggled in recent years.

Nov. 14: at Minnesota (11-2)

Quarterback Tanner Morgan threw 30 touchdowns last season as a sophomore and led the Gophers to its best season in decades. Morgan's top target and one of the premier receiver prospects for next year's NFL Draft, Rashod Bateman, is another player who originally opted out of the 2020 season but is now seeking to play.

Head coach P.J. Fleck is 0-3 in

his career against Iowa, including a loss last season that ended Minnesota's perfect season.

Nov. 21: at Penn State (11-2)

Sean Clifford seamlessly took over for longtime starting quarterback Trace McSorley last season. The second-year starter will be working with new offensive coordinator/quarterback coach Kirk Ciarrocca, who came over from Minnesota.

One of the nation's top line-backers, Micah Parsons, is another name to watch for as he may attempt to rejoin the Nittany Lions after previously opting out of the season to prepare for the

draft.

Iowa has lost six in a row to Penn State, including a 17-12 loss in 2019. The usually lively crowd at Beaver Stadium is now a non-factor, however.

Nov. 28: vs. Nebraska (5-7)

Maybe year three is the time for Scott Frost at Nebraska. Or maybe not.

Iowa has defeated the Cornhuskers five times in a row, including the last two years on game-winning field goals. Nebraska's quarterback Adrian Martinez was not fully healthy last season and took a step back after an impressive freshman

season.

Dec. 5: at Illinois (6-7)

The Illini were much improved last season. Quarterback Brandon Peters threw for 18 touchdowns as a junior and has weapons back for 2020. The team's defense has potential to be among the best in the Big Ten West.

Dec. 12: vs. Wisconsin (10-4)

Iowa and Wisconsin playing in December just seems right. Jack Coan looked the part in his first season as Wisconsin's full-time starter under center, but he

won't have the luxury of handing the ball off to Jonathan Taylor (now a member of the Indianapolis Colts) anymore. The Badgers are a popular pick to win the West.

Dec. 19: Champions Week

Big Ten East opponent TBD
A new wrinkle in this schedule is that it concludes with Champions Week. Either Iowa will compete in the Big Ten Championship Game, or the same week it will matchup with an opponent from the East division. Games will be paired by standings (second-place team vs. second-place team, third vs. third, etc.).

SWIMMING

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including the four sports no longer continuing at Iowa, are all still in place. Those decisions won't change, because the financial crisis is certainly still in play. And the [losses] are still going to be very significant.

"We are going to have more revenue at the end because having these games televised will bring more revenue," Barta said. "But it will be a much-reduced amount, because we're not playing a full schedule. With no fans, we don't have ticket revenue. We don't have the donations that go with the seats. And we're going to have much-reduced revenue in all other categories."

A former Hawkeye football player and parent of current swimmer Ryan Purdy, Matt Purdy weighed in on Iowa's decision to uphold the discontinuation of the four sports.

"It's disrespectful if the president and the athletic director don't come out in the next few days and reinstate

these sports knowing that there's going to be revenue coming in from ESPN and the Big Ten [Network]," Purdy said.

The former Hawkeye football captain went on to note that he knows the football program is not to blame for the budget cuts.

Purdy also detailed an email exchange between himself and President Harreld.

The email exchange was obtained by *The Daily Iowan*.

Harreld wrote in the Sept. 15 exchange, "Thank you for your passion and meaningful support. However, we are in the midst of a financial crisis in Hawkeye Athletics that requires closure of these sports to cover the interest and principal on significant loans."

In a second email, Harreld asked Purdy to understand that other universities have taken similar steps to save money by cutting sports. Harreld also noted that UI Athletics has been transparent throughout the process, citing a Frequently Asked Questions document that was released immediately following the discontinuation of the four

sports.

Father of Iowa swimmer Christina Kaufman, former Hawkeye athletic trainer, and current Iowa Center for Advancement board member Mark Kaufman believes Iowa's decision to cut four sports contradicts its purpose for being.

"You're an athletic department," Kaufman said. "An athletic department exists because there's athletic teams and coaches and athletes to support. That's the big question I keep asking myself. Your first big move as the brain trust of our administration to solve this problem in the athletic department is to cut teams?"

Kaufman and others have also attempted to be heard by the state Board of Regents to appeal Iowa's decision. Their request was denied ahead of the regents' upcoming meeting on Sept. 23.

Now, Iowa swim and dive's parent and alumni bases are developing new fundraising models aimed at reviving the four discontinued sports. Barta and Harreld have already stated that no outside funding for the cut sports would be accepted.

Former Iowa diving coach Rob Rydzye said he's seen this scenario play out before during his time at the University of Maryland.

"That's what happened to me at Maryland," the former Terrapin student-athlete

said. "It was about 15 years after I left there. All of the sudden, they dropped the sport at Maryland. We tried to get it back. I was on a committee, and we got lied to constantly. We raised the money [to save the program]."

[The administration] said, 'well, we can't right now.'

"Once it's gone, it's gone. I hate to say that, but every swimming program I know that's been dropped has never been reinstated at the schools."



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Matt Purdy speaks at the save swim meeting outside the IMU on Aug. 29, 2020. He is the father of sophomore swimmer Ryan Purdy.

ROWING

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rowers requesting to go in the water under supervision.

For today's practice, Carter said he can assign his team to go into the water.

"I think they're going to be so excited," Becker said. "Especially for the rowers that don't go home [to] club teams where they could practice. [It's the] first since March that they're going to be on the water, and I think they're all just so excited to finally get back to be back on the water and doing the thing that they love."

The entire team isn't back in Iowa City, however. Some international rowers have decided to stay home until January.

"I think it's been going



Michael Guhin/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's second varsity crew rows back after losing to Wisconsin by 6.07 seconds in the first session of a women's rowing meet on Lake MacBride on April 13, 2019. Iowa won 3 out of 12 races with the varsity 8 crew winning both races for the day.

pretty well," Carter said. "I think that there's some good things that actually came of that. Several of

them are involved at their programs at home. So, for example, Eve Stewart, she was rowing with the

Dutch National Team. She just competed a couple weeks ago in the European Championship because they

ran that regatta and others are at their home close with their home coaches.

"And those places, those

programs are in a little better situation than here at Iowa and they've been able to train with a little more regularity," Carter said.

There are high expectations for the rowers coming into next spring. At the 2019 Big Ten Championships, the Hawkeye I Varsity Eight finished third. In the NCAA Championships, that same crew finished ninth, good for a program best.

Overall, the Hawkeyes finished 13th at NCAAs. Carter said the top-end speed from that crew needs to trickle down to the other crews, which are the II Varsity Eight and Varsity Four so they can finish higher at NCAAs.

"I'm really excited," Bowman said. "It's going to be one of our strongest lineups we've ever had."

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Big Ten schools to collectively share cost of rapid COVID-19 tests



Barta

Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta said in a video conference Thursday Sept. 17 that all 14 Big Ten schools will collectively share the cost of rapid COVID-19 testing for student-athletes equally.

When the Big Ten announced on Wednesday Sept. 16 that its Council of Presidents and Chancellors had unanimously voted to resume its football season starting Oct. 23-24, the conference said it had adopted significant medical protocols, which included daily antigen testing.

Barta said the cost of these tests will be significant. The Big Ten has "handshake agreements" in place with a few companies for rapid tests, but Barta would not speculate how much they will cost.

The Big Ten had postponed all fall sports on Aug. 11 because of ongoing concerns with COVID-19. Following that announcement, the conference's football season was expected to occur in the winter or spring. The access to rapid testing, Barta said, was a major factor in the conference voting to start a season in October.

The Big Ten will require athletes, coaches, trainers, and other individuals that are on the field for all practices and games to undergo daily antigen testing.

Rapid antigen tests are commonly used in the diagnosis of respiratory pathogens. This diagnostic test looks for COVID-19 in samples taken from the throat or nasal swab to determine if the individual has an active infection.

Test results must be completed and recorded prior to each practice or game. Daily testing will be available to football programs around the conference by Sept. 30.

Other sports will also have access to testing – eventually.

The earliest an athlete can return to game competition is 21 days following a COVID-19 positive diagnosis.

Teams must stop regular practice and competition for a minimum of seven days and reassess metrics until improved if the team's positivity rate is greater than five percent or if the "population's positivity" rate is greater than 7.5 percent.

The population metric does not refer to the student body positivity rate or the positivity rate of the county, Barta clarified.

"The five percent rolling average every seven days is about what percentage tested positive during those seven days. Now, when someone tests positive they go into a protocol that lasts longer than seven days, so you accumulate the number of people who are in that potential positive count. That, at any time, has to be below 7.5 percent.

The site where the Iowa athletic department's daily tests will be processed is still to be determined. The department has not yet named its Chief Infection Officer, who will oversee the collection and reporting of data for the Big Ten Conference.

Full story available at dailyiowan.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We are raring to go. But we are hardly ready to go."

- Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz on preparing for the new fall football season



STAT OF THE DAY

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NFL players tested positive for COVID-19 before the league's first and second weeks of action.

Schedule breakdown: Take three

The conference's third version of its 2020 football schedule was released on Saturday and the season is set to start Oct. 23-24.



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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz and members of the Iowa football team walk onto the field before a football game between Iowa and Minnesota at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Gophers, 23-19.

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The third (and final?) version of the 2020 Big Ten football schedule was released on Saturday, and the season is set to kick off in just over a month. No teams have any bye

weeks in their schedule and COVID-19 could very well prevent some games from happening. All games are currently scheduled for Saturdays, though some may be moved to Fridays at a later date, said an Iowa spokesperson. No fans will be in the stands at any Big

Ten games.

As the anticipation for the once unlikely fall season continues to build, here's what the schedule looks like for the Hawkeyes.

Oct. 24: at Purdue (2019 record: 4-8)

A quarterback competition and a defense looking to rebound under new coordinator Bobby Diaco are storylines to follow for Purdue. But the real story in West Lafayette is whether star receiver Rondale Moore will choose, or even be allowed, to opt back into the

season.

Oct. 31: vs. Northwestern (3-9)

The Wildcats may have an advantage playing in front of no fans. Northwestern went

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Push to revive Iowa swim and dive continues

A campaign to have Iowa swim and dive reinstated continues to press forward, despite adversity



Mark Kaufman speaks at the save swim meeting outside the IMU on Aug. 29. He is an alumni and was a student athletic trainer at the University of Iowa.

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This last month has certainly been challenging for all that are connected to Iowa swim and dive. UI Athletics Director Gary Barta and President Bruce Harreld announced on Aug. 21 that four sports programs would be discontinued at the end of the 2020-21 academic year to help make up for financial losses brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hawkeye men's and women's swim and dive, men's tennis, and men's gymnastics all got axed by Iowa's administration.

Since then, alumni, parents of student-athletes, and former coaches have spearheaded efforts to bring back the four discontinued sports. Those associated

with Iowa swim and dive had made a particularly strong push, holding daily and weekly meetings to strategize new ways to revive the program.

So far, those efforts have not initiated a reconsideration of Iowa's decision to cut the four sports.

Barta and Harreld cited a loss of football revenue as a factor in the cuts the department announced on Aug. 21.

Big Ten football has since returned, as the conference announced it would return to play by Oct. 24. Despite football's comeback, Barta said the four sports in jeopardy would not be reinstated.

"I spoke with our staff [Wednesday]," Barta said in a Thursday video conference. "The position eliminations, the furloughs, the salary reductions,

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Rowing back in the boathouse

After their season was canceled in March, members of the team have come back to campus to start training together again.

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When Iowa rowing had its season canceled in March, its rowers were spread out all over the world.

The rowers had voluntary workouts, and received suggestions from head coach Andrew Carter.

"I'm sure if I had to guess that there is a wide spectrum of how much people did," Carter said. "And I think there are probably a variety of reasons behind that, access, concerns over exposure, and things like that."

Some of the rowers checked out rowing machines from the athletics department. Izzy Bowman, a senior from Leesburg, Virginia, didn't get a rowing machine. She said the coaching staff gave them cycling, running, or body circuits to maintain their strength in a way that could be done at home, such as lifting buckets or cases of water.

The team has stayed in contact through a Facebook group and Zoom. Bowman said the rowers would post updates on the Facebook group to keep each other accountable and to motivate and support one another. The coaches joined them for those meetings but weren't there for the entire time.

"The coaches have left and we kind of hang out and talk," senior Katherine Becker said. "We've also been trying to reach out to each other and see how everyone's doing and keep in contact that way."

Even when the fall semester started, the remote workout situation stayed the same. Carter said the team had dry-land training on Sept. 19, with

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