

COVID campaign

Candidates in some of Iowa's most competitive races are trying to navigate campaigning during a global pandemic and push their messaging through virtual platforms.

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Republican and Democratic candidates for the U.S. House and Senate in Iowa are navigating a new culture of campaigning in contentious races many election experts consider to be toss ups.

These candidates, in races crucial to their party's efforts to either hold or flip a seat, are pushing their messages through social media, Zoom rallies, and socially distanced events.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced campaigns to put limitations on in-person gatherings and shift to virtual events as a way to bring together large groups of voters. With less than two months until Election Day, these final weeks would typically be spent shaking hands in local restaurants and stumping at campaign rallies to call on Iowans to actually go to the polls Nov. 3.

While large, in-person events are currently being avoided, many campaigns nationally have seen how virtual events can increase accessibility for voters who don't typically make it out to hear candidates stump.

Rita Hart, Democratic candidate in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, launched her "backyard talks" tour on Sept. 18 after not holding any in-person events since the pandemic unfolded. Hart is meeting with small groups of Iowans outdoors and socially distanced.

Iowa State Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, is the Republican nominee for the U.S. House in the 2nd District, and unlike Hart, Miller-Meeks has been running a door-knocking campaign and traveling the district since late July.

"We wear a mask, we step back from the door, so we're very respectful of anybody who comes to the door," Miller-Meeks said of her campaign's door-knocking efforts. "I personally haven't interacted with anybody who ... told us to get away or

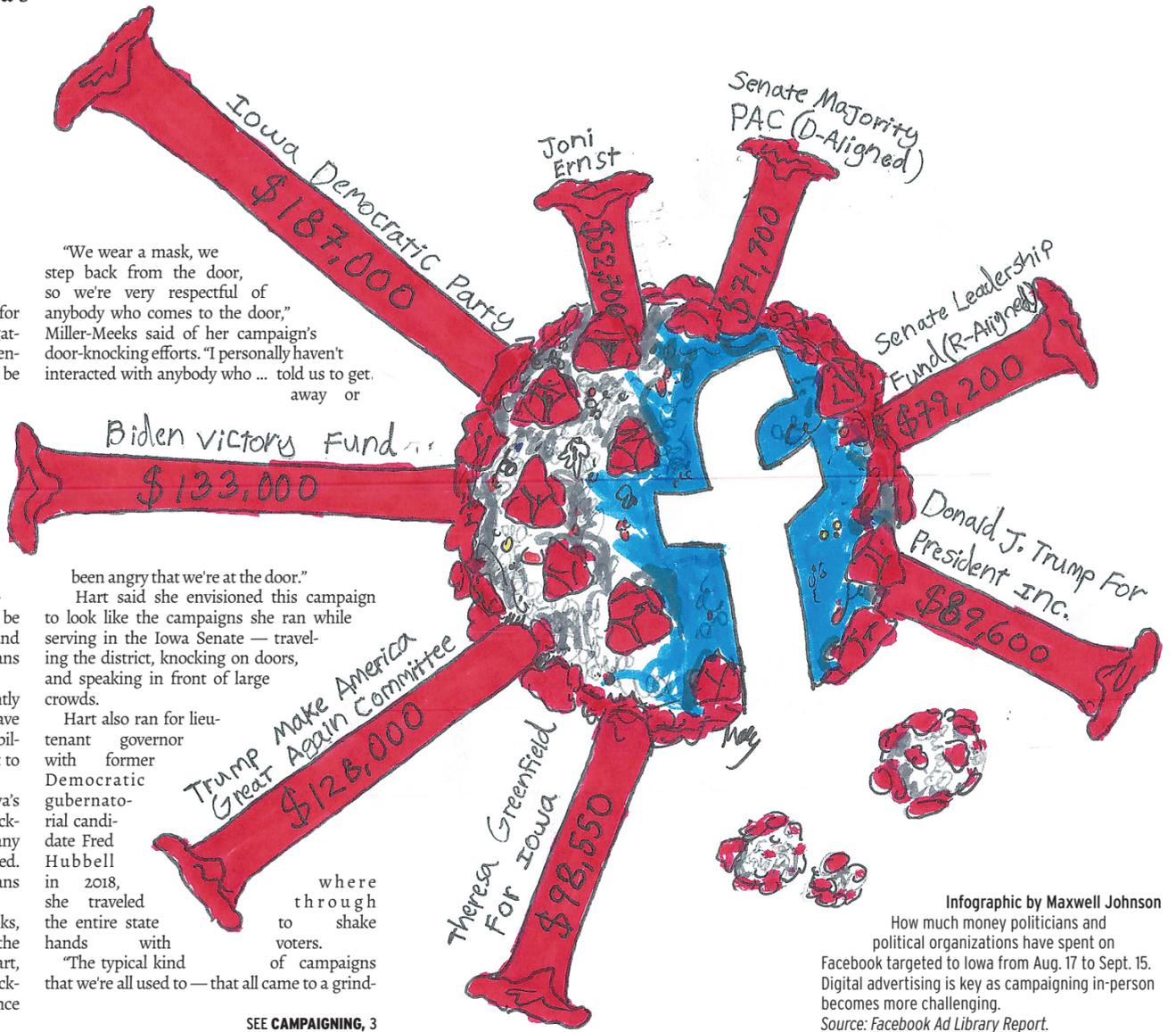
been angry that we're at the door." Hart said she envisioned this campaign to look like the campaigns she ran while serving in the Iowa Senate — traveling the district, knocking on doors, and speaking in front of large crowds.

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Infographic by Maxwell Johnson
How much money politicians and political organizations have spent on Facebook targeted to Iowa from Aug. 17 to Sept. 15. Digital advertising is key as campaigning in-person becomes more challenging.
Source: Facebook Ad Library Report.

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Cultural Centers provide a virtual home for Hawkeyes

The University of Iowa's four cultural centers will not open this fall, so the centers are currently navigating ways to develop a community virtually.



Class of 2025 Hawkeyes recruited virtually

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Iowa Admissions Office is navigating ways to recruit new Hawkeyes virtually.



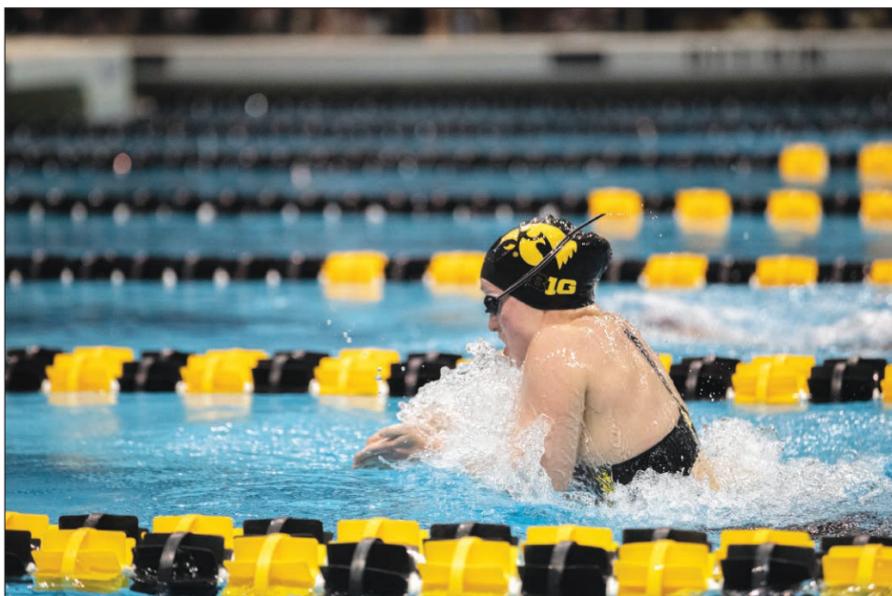
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Swim and dive file Title IX

Four female student-athletes are contesting the University of Iowa's decision to discontinue women's swim and dive at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.



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Kelsey Drake competes during the first heat of the 200 yard individual medley during the Women's Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships on Feb. 20 at the CRWC. Drake finished second in her heat with a time of 1:59.41.

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Christina Kaufman, Sage Ohlensehlen, Alexa Puccini, and Kelsey Drake have filed a Title IX complaint following the University of Iowa's decision to discontinue its women's swimming and diving program at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

The complaint was submitted the morning of Sept. 25 by attorney Jared C. Larew of Larew Law.

"The University of Iowa's actions have caused harm to the plaintiffs, and those who are similarly situated, and constitute intentional, prohibited discrimination based on sex in violation of Title IX of the education amendments of 1972 . . ." the complaint states.

UI President Bruce Harreld and Athletic Director Gary Barta announced on Aug. 11 that four Hawkeye sports — men's and women's swimming and diving, men's tennis, and men's gymnastics — would be cut at the end of the 2020-21 academic

year. At the time, Barta said the department was facing a \$75 million deficit because of COVID-19, largely because of lost revenue from football. Barta said these cuts will save the department \$5 million annually.

Now that a Big Ten football season is being played this fall, Barta told the state Board of Regents on Sept. 23 that the department's deficit will now be between \$40-60 million. The cuts, however, are still final.

Detailed later in the complaint is the UI's obligation to provide equal opportunity and treatment in athletics with regard to gender as it receives federal funding.

"[The University of Iowa] has failed to provide student-athletes with athletic opportunities at a rate that is 'substantially proportionate' to their undergraduate and full time enrollment rate; and it has failed to show that the interests and abilities

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Status uncertain for UI grad

Celine Kusnadi, Class of 2020 graduate, is currently working three different positions to pursue her career goals in the U.S. and native country.

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Celine Kusnadi was frantically seeking a job and conducting informational interviews in May. The University of Iowa graduate from Jarkarta, Indonesia, needed to find work that related to her major in order to stay in the country.

More than four months later, Kusnadi is working three different jobs virtually from an apartment in North Hollywood. Her status, however, is still not secure.

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, graduating international students in the country on F-1 visas can be permitted up to 12 months of temporary work employment as long as it is in their major's sector, under the Optional Practical Training program.

Although regulations concerning international students in the U.S. have been tumultuous, in an email to *The Daily Iowan*, UI Associate Director of International Student and Scholar Services Michael Bortscheller said this rule has not changed.

"...The rule that students on Optional Practical Training must have at least 20 hours per week of work in one or more jobs to be considered employed has not changed," Bortscheller said.

After graduation, Kusnadi said she moved to Washington, D.C., and began networking and meeting people.

Now, Kusnadi said she is currently interning part-time for the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area, which is in Washington, D.C. She also holds a contract position with a Washington-based think tank, and a full-time Indonesia-based internship for the United Nations Development Program, which she works at night.

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A group poses for a portrait at T. Anne Cleary Walkway after Ben Ong hosted a Engagement Flashmob marriage proposal to ask Jenny Choung to marry him. As seen on Sept. 26.

A virtual home away from home

The University of Iowa's four cultural centers will not open their physical spaces this fall, prompting centers to create community online with events, drop-in hours, and study sessions.

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When Isabela Flores first walked into the Latino Native American Cultural Center last fall, she felt safe and valued. Just a year later, she's assuming the position of the center's interim coordinator, while living at home. She is working toward creating a virtual sense of belonging, rather than in a physical space.

The University of Iowa's four cultural centers will not open their doors to students this fall because of COVID-19. Flores, who graduated in the spring with a degree in elementary education, said she has been working alongside leaders in each center to continue their programs even when they can't see each other in-person—a feat she said has been eye-opening in terms of the collective learning of how to alter programming.

"We are all in a new reality, so I get to start out new," she said. "There's power in that, but there's also nervousness, like any job. I know I'm supported by the people around me and we are all exuding patience and flexibility. I would love to be in-person and be physically in a space, but I'd rather everyone be safe."

As Latinx Heritage Month continues, Flores and Latino Native American Cultural Center Student Lead McKrina Lopez said they are surprised by the innovation that has

come from planning events to celebrate their heritage.

Although programming looks different this year than it has in the past, Lopez said the center is still highlighting the month's purpose.

"We are students, so we understand the Zoom fatigue—we have since March—and we don't want to have another lecture," Lopez said. "We just want engagement within our community. We want to make sure they are able to take part in events. It's a lot of thinking and seeing how things work."

Lopez and Flores said they experimented with digital platforms such as Zoom and Instagram to develop the best events possible this month. Both said Instagram Live worked the best to interact with the community they serve.

When Prisma Ruacho became the coordinator of the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center in 2018, she said she never imagined she would have to organize online programming.

She said the move online since March has been disheartening, but she's trying to preserve the sense of community students had when they went to the center in past years.

"Some of the students who are returning still have connections and they can still do study sessions on Zoom and be in community with each other and hold one another

other accountable," Ruacho said. "It's sad to see the loss of an authentic community, because new students don't have that. It's harder for them to join a Zoom call or any type of virtual event not knowing anybody in that space. It's a little bit awkward and exhausting to try and make friends on Zoom."

While some freshmen have reached out, it's now a daunting and lonely experience compared to the casual, open system where students could just walk into the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center house, Ruacho added.

While most of the centers are starting up more virtual programming, Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement as a whole is getting started later than usual due to the derecho that swept through Iowa in early August, said Interim Associate Director Thomas Arce.

Because of the August derecho, Arce said, training for students and staff members at the centers had to be pushed back to ensure everyone could access sessions. It is important to Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement and the individual cultural houses that the delayed start does not impact their future events, they said.

"We are taking it slow and not rushing to get something out of the gate," Arce said. "We are being really calculated and making sure [our programs]

are very calculated. We are trying to have an impact and looking at what makes sense for each center. The cultural centers are not doing a one size fits all approach, [programming] will be specific to what the communities of the centers need."

One of these programs, Arce said, is the Afro-American Cultural Center's Black Student Support Group. They said this specific group came from Healing Spaces, a bi-weekly space that was created this summer for students to share in community and conversation.

Arce said individualization in events is important during 2020, because every community needs something different.

"Each of the centers are still working on their calendar [of events] right now," they said. "To gauge how students are feeling right now and in terms of support features, we are using data from the Excelling at Iowa survey to see what students need and trying to connect students to multicultural student organizations."

The Pride Alliance Center—which did get programming off the ground—has opted to do weekly virtual support hours over Zoom.

Joseph Haggerty, UI Spectrum President and Undergraduate Student Government LGBT Constituency Senator, said he knows the Pride House's events will have

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the same energy as in past years, even with the virtual format. He said that engaging over video call can be difficult, but it is still how people make connections.

"That's how I made friends," he said. "It is hard to transfer completely online, but we've been working through it together and everyone is learning ... I'm excited to see what can be done."

As programming continues, Ruacho said it is difficult to plan events without thinking about what's miss-

ing. Even though things are extremely different at the cultural centers, she said students will still be supported and she's excited to see where things go.

"I think people really miss the space," Ruacho said. "Student organizations want to use the space—students have asked to study on our lawn. We're trying to figure out how things can be. It's sad, and my house isn't the same because it doesn't have the people or the voices, but we will get through this together."



Raquele Decker/The Daily Iowan Latino Native American Cultural Center is seen on Sept. 21.

UI admissions recruits the class of 2025

Because of COVID-19, virtual visits and one-on-one meetings via Zoom are the norm for prospective students looking at the University of Iowa.

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As prospective students begin applying to the University of Iowa for fall 2021, normal campus groups that tour around the Pentacrest and eat at a dining hall, will tour the campus virtually this year.

With no in-person tours, the inability to meet advisors, and representatives of specific colleges, and for some students, no option to take standardized testing, the university has had to

change their way of recruiting students.

"We truly did not have a way in which to predict how COVID-19 would impact enrollment," Associate President for Enrollment Management Brent Gage said. "But we did know that for some students the decision to enroll would be challenging due to personal health factors, family members at risk, and changes to their financial situation."

The 2024 freshman class saw a slight dip in enrolled students—456 fewer stu-

dents than the class of 2023, with a total of 4,530. In a June survey from the Art and Science Group, a consulting company that advises higher education institutions found at the time that most students in the high school graduating class of 2021 said they were at least somewhat confident colleges would be able to hold classes in-person in fall 2021. The study, which surveyed 1,975 collegebound high school seniors, found 43 percent of the group thought the pandemic affected their qualifications.

Gage said admissions' goal from the beginning was to provide as much flexibility as possible, and work with students and their families as they tried to make the decision that was best for them.

Director of Admissions Kirk Kluger said the department was able to make a swift transition from in-person visit programs to virtual visit programs almost overnight.

Gage added that virtual programs have drawn students from a wide geographic area.

"We have had hundreds of opportunities for virtual programming for students from across the state, around the country, and around the world to engage

and learn about the University of Iowa," he said. "It was common to have students from 20-30 different states to attend our virtual admissions programs over the summer."

Kluger said there are multiple opportunities each week throughout the fall 2020 semester for prospective students to learn more about the campus, the community, and the academic programs.

"Every academic college is represented at these virtual Hawkeye Visit Day Programs," Kluger said. "Students can then be put into a breakout room and learn about the college that most interests them."

One of these students who has been admitted into the class of 2025 is Paris Fietsam from Bettendorf. She said she is planning to major in English and possibly double major in education.

She said the application process was very easy and only took her about 10 minutes. She was also able to take the ACT in August, after it being canceled twice before because of COVID-19, she said.

"I emailed an admissions counselor to set up a Zoom call so I could ask any questions that I had, and they sent me a lot of links so I could virtually

tour the campus," she said.

The university gave Fietsam a lot more resources and offered to set up more Zoom calls as well, she said.

Fietsam said she hopes by the start of her freshman year, classes can be in-person and that students will not be sent home.

"I am really excited to hopefully start my first year of college on campus and in

the dorms," she said.

She said she was drawn to the UI because it was close to home and she wanted to be able to visit family often. She said she decided to apply early, as well, because she knew that the UI was her top choice.

"I knew that regardless of where I chose, I wanted to have [The University of] Iowa as an option," she said.



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The University of Iowa Admission Visitors Center, which is located in the Pomerantz Career Center, is pictured on Sept. 27. With no certainty that campus tours will be in person due to COVID-19, the university finds new ways to recruit the class of 2025 including zoom meetings and virtual visits.

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of the historically underrepresented sex have been fully and effectively accommodated," Larew and the plaintiffs wrote.

According to the complaint, the plaintiffs are seeking immediate declaratory and injunctive relief via the reinstatement of the women's swim and dive program at Iowa. The plaintiffs are also seeking additional relief, commanding Iowa to establish more athletic opportunities and programs for women.

The complaint also alleges that Barta has failed to establish more women's sports programs. Additionally, the UI is accused of not making meaningful advancements to provide equal opportunities to women in athletics.

The complaint argues that women are paid disproportionately in comparison to men. The average men's head coaching salary is \$998,000

and the average women's salary is \$230,000.

The complaint also states that women made up 53.56 percent of the UI student body in 2018-19, but were only provided with 50.77 percent of the athletic opportunities.

The report also accuses Iowa of stashing "benchwarmers" on its women's teams to improve its gender-equity statistics. For instance, the women's rowing team housed 89 student-athletes in 2014. The average rowing squad size among NCAA Division I programs was 64 at the time. The Hawkeyes' team was nearly 40 percent larger than other average programs throughout the NCAA.

"By using such masking and distorting practices, the women's participation statistics in the Barta Era have been significantly inflated and the substantial failure of the UI to have provided equal athletics opportunities for men and women have been obscured," Larew and the plaintiffs wrote.

After the cuts are made at the end of the 2020-21 academic year, Iowa's athletics department will house eight men's sports and 12 women's sports.

In a frequently-asked-questions document released in tandem with Barta and Harreld's statement on the cuts, it is said the Title IX implications of the sports cuts were considered by the UI's administration.

A group called Save Iowa Sports has started a pledge-based fundraising campaign in an effort to reinstate the cut sports. As of Sept. 22, the group said it had raised \$1.65 million. Harreld and Barta have said outside fundraising will not be enough to reinstate the programs.

Following the filing of the complaint, the UI issued the following statement:

"We understand the pain and frustration from our student-athletes but unfortunately the lawyer for the plaintiffs has omitted key facts," the statement reads. "First, the programs in question are still ongoing at this time so they cannot be 'reinstated.' Second, the Uni-



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Iowa's Christina Kaufman competes in the 200 Butterfly during a swim meet at the CRWC between Iowa and Rutgers on Nov. 8, 2019. Kaufman finished fourth with a time of 2:11.17.

versity of Iowa last recently completed a four-year review of the Office of Civil Rights compliance with Title IX in the Athletic Department. In 2019, the Office for Civil Rights closed its investiga-

tion with no findings of any violation in the 13 categories of Title IX. The university remains committed to staying in compliance with Title IX."

The statement also says that the UI's diversity, equity,

and inclusion efforts will not be negatively impacted by the sports cuts.

Cutting the four sports will result in the loss of 20.7 men's scholarships compared to 14 female scholarships.

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ing halt," Hart said.

Since the launch of their campaigns through June 30, Hart has raised more than \$1.8 mil-

lion and Miller-Meeks has raised just under \$900,000. These fundraising numbers are not low for what the 2nd Congressional District typically sees — in 2014, Miller-Meeks raised about \$940,000 during her entire campaign, and incumbent Democrat U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack raised more than \$1.7 million.

Jeremy Busch, director of campaign communications for the Iowa Democratic Party, said Democratic candidates in Iowa and the state party have focused on virtual outreach to voters, specifically to get Iowans registered to vote.



Daniel McGregor-Huyer/The Daily Iowan

Democratic candidate for Congress Rita Hart arriving at Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan's house for her backyard campaign tour in Iowa City on September 26. Hart talked about her campaign promises and addressed issues related to gun control, healthcare, the economy, and police reform.

represented the area of Iowa's 2nd Congressional District for 15 terms before Loebsack took office.

This is Miller-Meeks' fourth run for Congress in the district after losing to Loebsack in three elections. Miller-Meeks, an ophthalmologist, ran the Iowa Department of Public Health from 2011 to 2014 and was elected to the state Senate in 2018, where she currently serves.

Miller-Meeks said that, before the June primary election, the pandemic added a layer of complexity to her dual-roles as state senator and candidate for Congress. The state Legislature was in session in the spring with some breaks caused by COVID-19, and Miller-Meeks was running against four other Republican opponents.

She said she was focused on helping small businesses apply for the Paycheck Protection Pro-

gram, working with people who needed unemployment benefits, and making sure people received their stimulus checks.

"[My campaign] felt that it was more important to address the needs of people and how to help people navigate to the pandemic than it was that we actual-

ly campaign," Miller-Meeks said. The most recent *Des Moines Register*/Mediacom Iowa Poll showed Hart leading Miller-Meeks 50 percent to 46 percent. A group of 658 likely voters were polled between Sept. 14 and Sept. 17 with a margin of error of 8.7 percentage points.

The Hart campaign has produced 11 video advertisements that have aired on television, streaming services, YouTube, and Facebook, and other digital platforms, according to the campaign.

The Miller-Meeks campaign has aired two campaign advertisements on television and streaming services. Miller-Meeks spokesperson Eric Woolson said the campaign's "focus has been largely on television viewers across the district," and it's not had a large number of digital ads and could not give an estimate.

goal of having a healthier environment for all of us, and getting through this in the best way possible," Hart said of Republican candidates holding events that do not follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

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Iowa Republican Party Communications Director Aaron Britt wrote in an email to the *DI* that Greenfield has yet to visit half the state, and is "doing as she's told by her de facto campaign manager Chuck Schumler" and is "avoiding taking questions from Iowans at all costs."

Greenfield spokesperson Izzi Levy wrote in an email to the *DI* that Greenfield has held more than 250 virtual and small in-person events while "honoring the risks and sacrifices of our health care heroes by doing her part to stop the spread of the pandemic."

Greenfield has voiced support for a statewide mask mandate. Ernst has not endorsed the mandate, even though the White House Coronavirus Task Force recommended Iowa adopt the policy.

Wapello Republican County chair Trudy Caviness said for fundraisers and events she's been involved in organizing, they have tried to choose large, outdoor locations that allow people to social distance and have always encouraged mask wearing.

Once you gather people in a space, however, it can be difficult to enforce social distancing, she said. Caviness has attended events with Ernst and helped organize events for Miller-Meeks and other local Republican candidates.

"I think part of it is there are people that have been together in certain areas, and they don't feel the need to social distance as much — they're friends, you know, and so they have made that decision," Caviness said.

Caviness said, with this new way of campaigning, she's noticed that coworkers and voters she interacts with on the phone or over Zoom will often check in and ask how she is doing.

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Because all of her positions are virtual, she added that she was able to move in with a friend in California and operate from there.

Networking, determination, and persistence with applying and writing cover letters, Kusnadi said, are what she credits in securing all these positions.

President of the UI United Nations Association chapter Carolina Herrera said Kusnadi was a key figure in the organization as it took off in the spring 2020 semester.

While it was sad to see Kusnadi go, Herrera said she is not surprised the recent graduate found work with UN initiatives.

"I think it shows our members that with having those relationships you build here

in college, and within the UN organization, you get a lot of different networking and connection opportunities," Herrera said. "So, you can see a future working for the United Nations after you graduate, by keeping in contact with those connections with the networking. All of the volunteering and events we did for the United Nations also just gives you a good background, and it gives you a good way to just get prepared for the types of jobs you would be doing."

Because all of the positions are temporary, she said, there's still a chance Kusnadi will return to Indonesia.

"It's a lot to juggle all this responsibility, but then again, I feel like maybe that's part of being an international student and being in the pandemic — utilizing what's best right now," Kusnadi said. "Cause if I had to be in the office right now, I wouldn't be able to work all

these positions in Indonesia and in D.C."

While the work she is doing right now is great for building her career path, Kusnadi said she is still seeking a full-time position, and nothing is guaranteed or secured yet. She is balancing all her different positions because she wants to be prepared to either stay in the U.S. or return to Indonesia, Kusnadi added.

As of right now, all of her positions finish at the end of the year, Kusnadi said, so she will have three months after that to find a full-time position or return home.

Right now, Kusnadi said it is important for international students to network.

"Talk to people — don't be afraid to kind of reach out of the blue, email them, connect on LinkedIn, because that's what I did," Kusnadi said. "That's what I did when I didn't have anything when I graduated."

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Opinions

COLUMN

Opening bars is counterproductive

Doing so will cause COVID-19 to spike again, extending this never-ending pandemic.

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For the past few weeks, COVID-19 cases at the University of Iowa have improved. The 14-day rolling total of positive cases in Johnson County on Sept. 23 was 363, down from 708 a week ago on Sept. 16. The positivity rate dropped from 50 percent in mid-August to the single digits. That same day, 31 new cases were reported in a three-day period, a far cry from when new campus case counts topped triple digits.

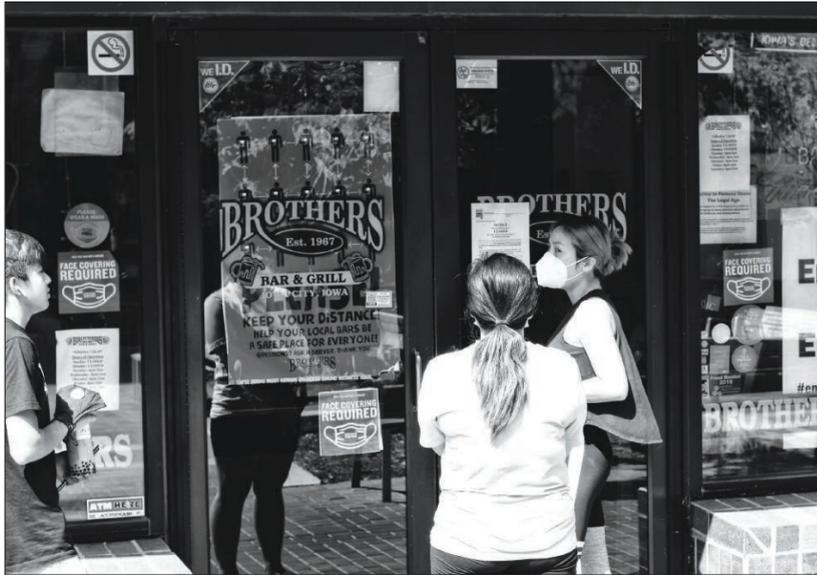
However, there is a foreseeable problem that could move us back to square one — reopening the bars too soon.

Last week, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds decided to extend bar closures in Johnson and Story Counties to Sept. 27, but decided to open them back up in Black Hawk, Dallas, Linn and Polk Counties.

While there is a concern for these local businesses to be able to remain functional after the pandemic, this move will create more problems not only for the UI but for the greater Iowa City area.

The sad truth is that college students don't make the best decisions. We have already seen the effects of bars remaining open in the beginning of the year when reported cases were in the triple digits. At one point, the UI saw an increase of over 500 cases within a week. Hawkeyes are a big driver for Johnson County seeing high positivity rates.

If bars open and cases spike again, professors will have to move back online just like they had to in the beginning



Kate Heston/The Daily Iowan
A statement announcing temporary closure because of COVID-19 is seen at Brothers Bar & Grill on Aug. 27.

of the year. These businesses do need support, but there are other ways other than just reopening them, such as government aid and funding.

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Reprimands from the UI don't work either. No matter how many times they tell us to make good decisions and that it's our responsibility to keep the community safe, some people still think that a night

is worth risking the lives of others.

It's not a matter of refusing to live in fear, as some people have said. Some students

are just blind to the fact that their choices have an impact on others; the vulnerable are paying the price for others' irresponsible actions.

There's no vaccine yet, and there probably won't be one for a while. Yet people seem to think they get to decide that COVID-19 is no longer a concern, despite the heartache and fear that many families

have had to live through the past six months.

House parties are still happening. Social distancing and wearing a mask in public is still not being followed. We don't need to add another catalyst for poor decision making. Especially when we have already seen the consequences of them being opening in the beginning of the school year.

It's bad enough that students aren't following current precautions to stop the spread of the virus. If bars reopen, there will be more problems on top of struggling local businesses. There are other methods that can support local businesses that don't risk the lives of people in Iowa City because of irresponsible decisions.

COLUMN

Don't burn yourself out just to get ahead

Working hard in school is a good thing, but too much extra stress isn't worth it.

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I have always been one to explore and take advantage of and my options at college. My freshman year course work was evidence in that regard — for good measure, I took classes in kickboxing, psychology, and gender in sci-fi class. However, because of my schedule's layout, I could only squeeze in around 15 credits.

I know, I know. That sounds like a whiny thing. But for someone who is trying to double major, having a low course load spells disaster in the long run. So, since then, I have been trying to stuff my schedule to the brink every semester, teetering on 16 to 18 credits each time.

Now, as COVID-19 has forced me back into my house with nothing to do except homework, sleep, and eat, my parents and I have been looking over my schedule. We all realized that with my interests, I could maybe snag the publishing track alongside my English and creative writing; journalism and mass communication degrees.

But this feat would mean adding five classes to my workload. I could do it, with a few summer or winter classes here or there, and getting rid of extra curriculars and elective classes that keep my head on straight.

What dawned on me after that conversation was, because of the languidness I had developed while being at home for COVID-19, all of us were under the impression that the rest of my college career would be like this, and that I could do so much more with my extra time.

Let us put a pause on that unhealthy thinking.

While I praise you for reaching out and finding classes that satisfy your in-

terests, please do not use this time to overstuff your semesters. In an effort to relieve some stress for my future self, I tried begging my adviser to let me take 19 credits this semester. Thankfully, she set me on the right course, and I still went against her advice and added one more credit to make my course load an even 18 credits.

College Cures effectively lists the pros and cons of taking the max amount of credits in one semester. They do not sugar coat their reasoning. It is plain and simple — you will burn yourself out in one way or another.

I talked with a friend, Kely Lawrence, who goes to University of Wisconsin-Madison, over her course load this college year. She had a reputation in high school of taking all of the AP classes she could get her hands on, in addition to clubs, sports, and a job. I wondered if she had followed the path of overstuffing her schedule.

As it turned out, she did not. “I'm taking 12 credits right now.”

She learned her freshman year — after taking 16 credit hours — that she would have to balance a lot more on her plate. She is currently in a club, runs another one as a leader, has an internship and is working a part-time job.

“Growing up, I felt like I was not doing enough,” she said. “But now, well, I am triple majoring, but one class can qualify for all three majors. So, it's not as big as it would seem.”

I asked her what changed her mind to make sure she balanced schoolwork and her own work.

“I don't want to double the stress I have on myself,” she answered. “Even if I have quiet moments now, I won't have them later.”

COLUMN

Immigration shouldn't be this hard

The current process to come into the U.S. is one that causes undue amounts of stress and frustration for those trying to include themselves in the great American project.

BY ZEINA ABOUSHAAR
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The process of acquiring citizenship in America is an emotional roller coaster and an organizational nightmare, marked by endless paperwork and instructions that are deprived of any actual instructions.

After fleeing Syria in 2011, my fear blossomed into hope — hope that upon my arrival into the U.S., there would be peace and opportunity waiting. When our plane boarded and I took my first step, I felt free. I was finally able to let go of the fear that has taken over my life, the fear that every breath could be my last. Little

did I know that instead of being greeted with warm smiles and welcomes, we would be greeted with dark interview rooms and bombarded with questions in a language that was foreign to us.

For many immigrants and prospective citizens seeking to live and work in the U.S., the real stumbling block comes

upon their arrival, when they have to obtain the “green card.” Every immigrant that comes to the U.S. has to go through a risky, tedious, and most importantly a costly process. Many immigrants come here with limited amounts of money, and are left with nothing when they have to spend it all in order to get a job and earn the basic rights of every American.

The fees for obtaining a green card, which is only the first step in acquiring citizenship, run into the thousands. According to U.S. Immigration, most immigration lawyers charge between \$5,000 to \$8,000 to simply accompany a client throughout this process, not including application fees and potential family members.

The current filing fee for the application for naturalization costs \$725 per family member, which adds up to an amount that not many can afford. The naturalization process fee discourages many legal residents from becoming U.S. citizens.

Ever since the Trump administration assumed office, there has been a shift toward more severe immigration en-

“ The citizenship process of should be easier and more welcoming, especially to those people who work to help the nation prosper and grow.”

forcement and detention tactics. The president's immigration policies aim to appease nativists views that state that black and brown foreigners are taking American jobs. The Trump administration has introduced rules and policies such as requesting additional paperwork and tightening the scrutiny of applicants to make it harder for people to become citizens. Even before the pandemic, processing rate for citizenship has been at its highest and wait times have doubled.

However, the real cost is immeasurable, and the uncertainty and the unknown marks a feeling of lost hope as immigrants wait for the infinite process to conclude. This never-ending wait is not only distressing for immigrants, but for America.

In Cedar Rapids alone, the immigrant population has created a significant finan-

cial benefit worth millions of dollars for our local economy. According to *The Gazette*, “Modern neighborhoods such as the Czech Village and New Bohemia districts got their cultural roots from immigrants who moved to Cedar Rapids in the 1870s.” This proves that immigrants are always willing to enable growth in a society and allow for the assimilation of valuable workforce resources.

The citizenship process of should be easier and more welcoming, especially to those people who work to help the nation prosper and grow.

Immigrants that come to America willing to work hard, pay full taxes, and stay out of legal trouble should have an easier pathway to obtain citizenship. They didn't come to America to have their opportunities drained away by the harsh process of trying to live freely in the land of the free.



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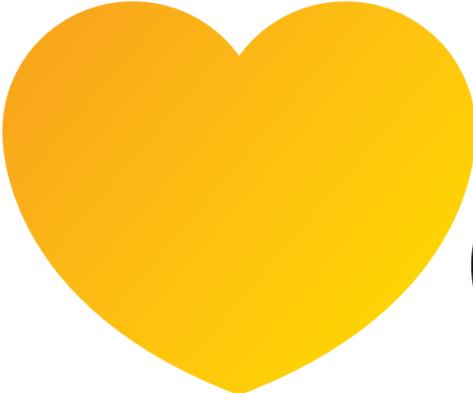
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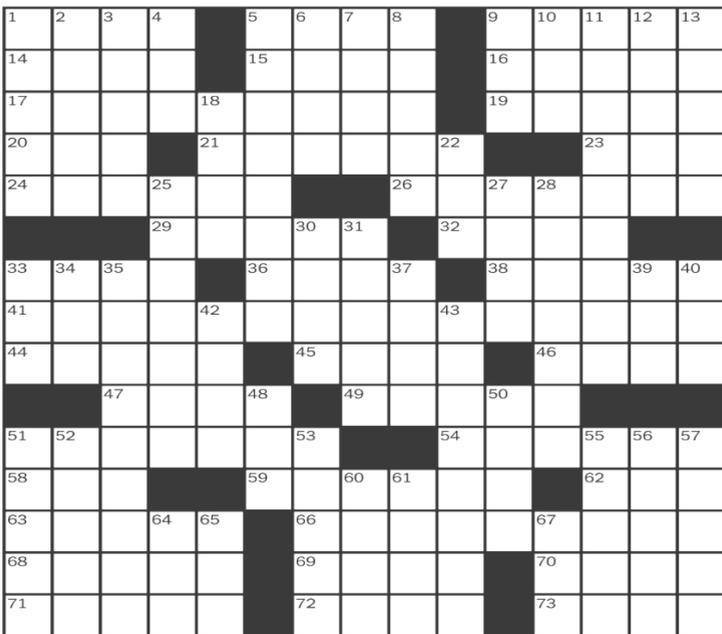
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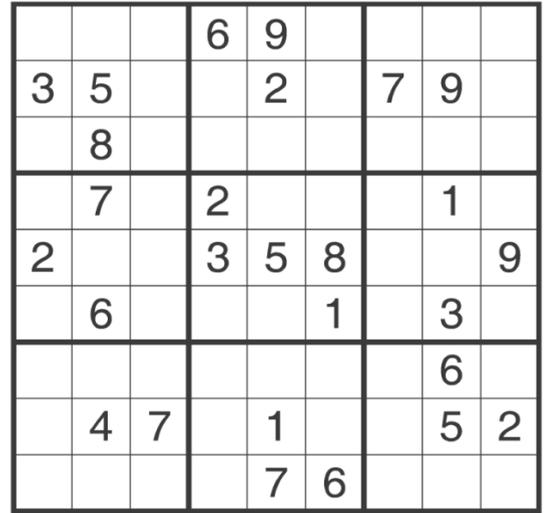
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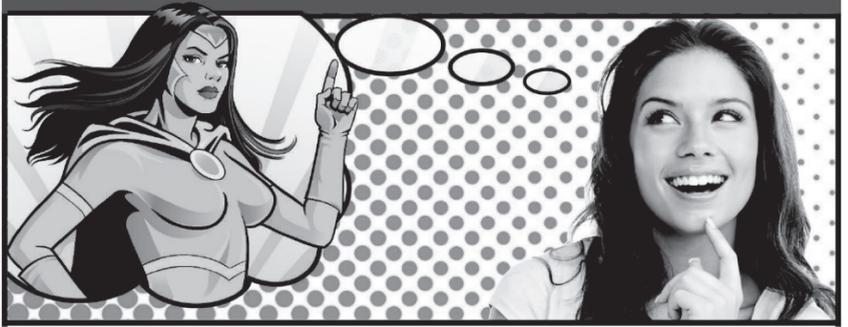
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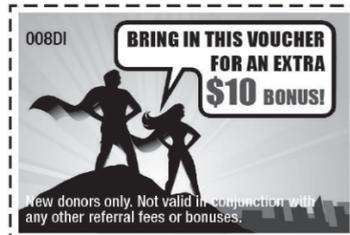
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- People not on HIV treatment (antiretroviral therapy or ART)



FACT 2

There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Insure that you refill and take all of your medications as prescribed
- Stay home as much as possible

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- Avoid public transportation
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4 and held a 4-2 record at the No. 3 spot in the lineup in 2020.

"Her confidence became organic and not by virtue of me telling her how good of a player she was," Schmid said. "She was really embracing the challenge to play better players."

Schmid said that Bacalla thrives on using her versatil-

ity and quickness along with an elite cross-court backhand in order to wear players down.

"Growing up, I was pretty small compared to all of the players in my area, so I really had to rely on every tool in the toolbox that I had to grind out these matches," Bacalla said. "I really never had to focus on one stroke or one strategy at all, and I just tried to have as flexible a game as possible."

The Hawkeye women's tennis team finished with a

6-6 record last season and a 1-0 record in conference play.

In 2020, Bacalla and the Hawkeyes aim to reignite their success from last year.

"My expectations for this spring really are just as a team to win the Big Ten tournament, have an amazing record, and move on to the NCAA tournament," Bacalla said. "Personally, I want to just build my game even more and not let the pandemic hold me back as much as I feel it would for any other player."



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Iowa's Michelle Bacalla hits a backhand during a women's tennis match between Iowa and Kansas State at HTRC on Feb. 23. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats 4-3.



Katrina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Iowa tight end Sam LaPorta dives after losing his grip on the ball during the Iowa vs. Northwestern football game at Ryan Field on Oct. 26, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats 20-0. The pass was later ruled incomplete.

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of Southern California in the Holiday Bowl.

LaPorta was named to the John Mackey Award preseason Watch List ahead of his upcoming 2020 campaign.

Robert Read

Daviyon Nixon

Drawing the interest of Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide is a pretty good sign for a college football prospect.

That's what defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon did in his lone year dominating at Iowa Western. But the three-star recruit stuck with the Hawkeyes, the school

he committed to out of high school, however he could not play immediately because of his grades.

Nixon took a redshirt year at Iowa in 2018. The Kenosha, Wisconsin, native was a key rotational player on the Hawkeye defensive line in 2019. Heading into his junior season, Nixon is set for a breakout year.

Iowa lost both of its starting defensive tackles from last season after Cedrick Lattimore and Brady Reiff graduated. Nixon, senior Austin Schulte, and graduate transfer Jack Heflin are expected to take the majority of snaps on the interior of Iowa's defensive line in 2020.

Despite being 6 feet, 3 inches and 305 pounds, Nixon is very explosive off the line of scrimmage. He's capable of using a quick burst to blow by an opposing offensive lineman,

or use his strength to set up a good bull rush.

Nixon appeared in all of Iowa's 13 games last season and compiled three sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss. In Iowa's shutout victory over Northwestern, Nixon dominated and tallied two sacks.

Defensive tackle should be a position of strength for the Hawkeyes in 2020, even with the key losses from last season, and especially with the addition of Heflin — Northern Illinois' defensive player of the year in 2019. But a breakout season from Nixon will be the highlight from this positional group throughout the upcoming season.

Nixon is a potential star, and with an increased workload this season, he could remove "potential" from that description.

MURPHY
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workout. You tell him one time what the goal is and how he should execute, he knows it.

"He's patient, he understands the ideas. He's going to get better over time and just be patient, but a lot of fun to work with already."

All that considering Murphy didn't run his first varsity race in high school until his junior year. He said that he had good coaches at his high school with a good team, where his teammates helped push him to become the best he could be.

Murphy said he didn't know he'd be a Division I runner until midway through his senior year as he was deciding between Iowa and Washington University in St. Louis — his final two choices on where to go to school.

He's very glad he chose Iowa.

"I really like the team environment and coaches and all the other kids in my grade and I also like the engineering school a lot here," Murphy said.

Murphy's majoring in biomedical engineering and would like to do something in that field that helps a lot of people.

Hasenbank said that the coaching staff wants him to develop all his skills in a variety of distances. In the indoor track and field season, he'll run the 3,000m. In the outdoor season he'll run the 5,000m, which Hasenbank said he'll be very good at. Murphy will also be running the 10,000m a couple years down the road in track and field.

The team is preparing for track and field this season.

"It will be really exciting to finally have a normal season again and have lots of races," Murphy said. "I know I'll run lots of fast times so I'm excited to compete again."



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan

Runners maintain a competitive field in the men's 6k during the Hawkeye Invitational at Ashton Cross Country Course on Sept. 6, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated six other teams to finish first overall for both men's and women's races.

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After watching from the sidelines for the last three weeks, the Southeastern Conference is officially back in action. The SEC joins both the Big 12 and the ACC as the only Power Five conferences to play football so far this fall as the Big Ten waits to make its return Oct. 23-24, followed by the Pac-12 Nov. 6.

The first week of SEC football in 2020 did not disappoint. In College Station, Texas, the Texas A&M Aggies narrowly evaded a huge upset, defeating the Vanderbilt Commodores, 17-12. The Aggies' Heisman Trophy hopeful quarterback Kellen Mond threw for 189 yards and a touchdown.

Elsewhere, the Alabama Crimson Tide rolled past the Missouri Tigers, 38-19. In his first game as the Tide's first-string quarterback, Mac Jones produced 249 yards and two touchdowns through the air. Alabama was also successful on the ground as running back Najee Harris rushed for 98 yards and three touchdowns.

The conference's only AP Top 25 matchup of the day took place at Jordan-Hare Stadium as the No. 23 Kentucky Wildcats traveled to Auburn, Alabama, to face the No. 8 Tigers. For the first three quarters, the Wildcats kept it close. However, Auburn pulled away in the fourth quarter, scoring 14 points and allowing zero. Behind quarterback Bo Nix's three touchdowns, the Tigers won 29-13.

Despite throwing three touchdowns, Nix's performance couldn't contend with that of two other quarterbacks. Florida's Kyle Trask totaled 416 yards and six touchdowns through the air in the Gators' 51-35 victory over Ole Miss. Meanwhile, Mississippi State's K.J. Costello's aerial assault of the LSU Tigers' defense ended with 623 total passing yards and six touchdowns.

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FanDuel 2020 Heisman Trophy betting odds

1. Trevor Lawrence (+500)
2. Justin Fields (+500)
3. D'eriq King (+500)
4. Sam Ehlinger (+700)
5. Kyle Trask (+1400)
6. K.J. Costello (+1400)

AP TOP 25 POLL

1. Clemson
2. Alabama
3. Florida
4. Georgia
5. Notre Dame
6. Ohio State
10. Penn State
19. Wisconsin
23. Michigan

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think for Halloween he might go as Bob Ross"



— Head cross country and assistant track and field coach Randy Hasenbank on runner Max Murphy's holiday plans

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa football kicks off its season in

27

days

Bacalla aims to make impact in 2020

After a breakout 2020 spring season, Michelle Bacalla is looking forward to helping the team be a top competitor in the Big Ten.



Iowa's Michelle Bacalla hits a forehand during a women's tennis match between Iowa and Nebraska at the HTRC on April 13, 2019. The Hawkeyes, celebrating senior day, fell to the Cornhuskers, 4-2.

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Hawkeye women's tennis head coach Sasha Schmid took the reins of the Iowa program in July of 2016, and one of her first orders

of business was to recruit Skokie, Illinois, native Michelle Bacalla.

In her two-year career at Iowa, Bacalla has a career singles record of 14-13 in dual matches and 23-20 overall. She also has a

6-10 doubles record in dual matches with a 3-2 record in conference.

"[Bacalla] is a really balanced tennis player, and she has a game that is pretty similar off of the forehand and backhand side," Schmid

said. "She also has really good movement, so she doesn't have any deficiency in her game."

Bacalla finished the shortened 2020 season with a 6-3 dual match singles record, a 1-0 record in-conference,

and a four-match win streak before the rest of the season was canceled because of COVID-19.

Bacalla's first season for the Hawkeyes in the spring of 2019 was not so glamorous, however. After playing in 18 of the Hawkeyes' 25 matches, she finished with an 8-10 singles record and a 2-2 doubles record.

"She came in with a lot of what I call a junior tennis mentality, which is kind of self-deprecating and you can kind of be hard on yourself and be negative with yourself," Schmid said. "That was holding her back as a freshman, especially in matches where she could beat an opponent from an athletic standpoint, but we were struggling to win the mental battle."

While the start of Bacalla's career was not as strong as she had hoped for, her confidence did not falter. She instead focused on improving the mental side of her game in order to put herself in a better position to succeed on the court.

"After the first year, I was very humbled," Bacalla said. "After having a lot of talks and a lot of matches where it didn't go my way, I just had to self-reflect and really dig deep in finding out what the obstacles were holding me back from reaching the goals that I wanted."

Not only did Bacalla come back and win matches during her breakout 2020 season, but she did so against opposing teams' top players. Bacalla won two out of her three matchups at No.

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Murphy ready to shine for Iowa

An Iowa state champion in cross country last year, the Bettendorf, Iowa, native is training hard for the track and field season.



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The Iowa men's team huddles up before starting the 6k during the Hawkeye Invitational at Ashton Cross Country Course. The Hawkeyes defeated six other teams to finish first overall for both men's and women's races.

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Max Murphy won the Iowa Class 4A state cross country meet by two-tenths of a second last November, representing Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Before becoming a member of the Iowa cross country and track and field teams this fall, however, Murphy accomplished more. He participated in the Nike Cross Regionals in South Dakota eight days after winning state and finished fourth.

That punched him a ticket to the Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon, on Dec. 7, where he finished in 112th place.

"That was a really cool experience getting treated really well by Nike, getting lots of gear and things like that," Murphy said. "And then it was a really fun race, racing all the best athletes in the nation, and those are the guys I'm going to be competing against for the next

four years."

Murphy competed in a 1600m race in Brooklyn, Iowa, over the summer, and finished with a personal record of four minutes and 17 seconds.

Recently, he ran a 3k time trial with his teammates and finished in eight minutes and 33 seconds—another personal record for him.

"It was really exciting, and it was great having the upperclassmen to help push me to run a fast time," Murphy said.

Associate head cross country and assistant track and field coach Randy Hasenbank said the trial time Murphy ran is likely six seconds off what is likely the USA Junior qualifying mark.

"He's really, really crushing his training," Hasenbank said. "We need to get him in a race soon just to see what he can do. I think he's going to be really good at these longer races. He's got a lot of ability. He's very coachable and listens very well. A lot of the young guys have to be reminded over and over how to execute a

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PCP | Which Hawkeye is due for a breakout season in 2020?

Two DI staffers debate which Hawkeye will become a breakout star in 2020.

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Sam LaPorta

A native of Highland, Illinois, Sam LaPorta not only looks the part of Iowa football's next great tight end, he is the Hawkeyes' heir to the tight-end throne.

LaPorta is listed at 6 feet, 4 inches tall and 249 pounds — not dissimilar to Iowa tight ends past.

While at Iowa, T.J. Hockenson clocked in at 6 feet, 5 inches tall and 230 pounds. George Kittle was 6 feet, 4 inches tall and 210 pounds while he was at Iowa. Noah Fant was 6 feet, 5 inches tall and 220 pounds as a Hawkeye.

Physical prowess aside, LaPorta also proved he is more than capable of contributing on the field. He was one of just eight true freshmen to take the field for Iowa in 2019. He participated in 12 of Iowa's 13 games, missing one due to injury.

While LaPorta only corralled 15 passes for 188 yards in total last season, a late-season surge seems to suggest that bigger things truly are coming in 2020.

LaPorta remarkably earned two starts, despite being listed behind veterans Nate Wieting and Shaun Beyer on the depth chart.

At Northwestern's Ryan Field on Oct. 26, LaPorta caught two passes, one of which was good for 41 yards. Against Nebraska on Nov. 29, LaPorta's late 22-yard connection with now-alum quarterback Nate Stanley set kicker Keith Duncan up for a game-winning field goal.

Most impressively, LaPorta's best performance of the year came on the biggest stage the Hawkeyes played on in 2019. LaPorta hauled in six passes for 44 yards in Iowa's 49-24 route of the University of

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