

Bruce Harreld talks retirement, regents, reign as president

The Daily Iowan spoke with University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld last week, where he discussed his recently announced retirement, the search to appoint his successor, and what he thinks of his time as the head Hawkeye.

The full interview is available to read at dailyiowan.com.

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President J. Bruce Harreld: A few years ago, I extended my contract and I have been worried, as some of you may have heard me talk about, that we don't do succession planning very well at the university. And so, I started thinking a lot about how long it would take to find a successor for my position.

And I got the point of view that takes nine to 18 months normally [to] find a president, to run a presidential search. I started asking people, might it take longer or shorter now? And certainly, [I] got the view that it was certainly not short. And so, I started working this summer with the Board [of Regents] to say that we should start that process now ...

We can search the country, the world, for a great leader that fits us. And if that takes a little longer, we have the time. So, I've committed to stay with the board, all the way through my contract. Actually, I've even committed to stay longer if that's necessary.

The Daily Iowan: So, you agreed to your contract extension a year ago. Were you planning on continuing and what changed?

Harreld: Oh, I'll still be here. I'll still be here. I think what changed in my mind — I originally thought I needed to have this discussion with the board and this announcement probably nine months from now, to start the process. And then COVID-19 came around and I started talking to other people in the industry, saying, what's, what's happening with searches at the presidential level. And most people said, well



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UI President Bruce Harreld speaks during a virtual interview with Daily Iowan staff members on Sept. 29.

they're taking a lot longer. So, I think I started saying, with the board, we're going to the board saying, maybe we should just start sooner, rather than later. In a sense, nothing's changed, other than [COVID]-19, and it may have changed the mobility in the market for presidential searches to see.

The DI: Just to clarify, you signed your contract extension until 2023, so you'll still be here until 2023?

Harreld: Yes, if I'm wanted. So, I want to be very careful. I don't want to get in the way of the new president and the new president doesn't need to have me kibitzing, unless they

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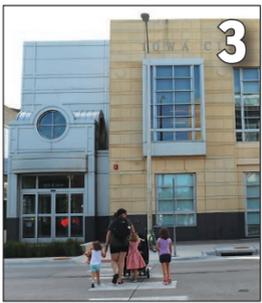
— Harreld on improving life at the UI

would like me to, but also the board has raised whether I'd be willing to work on some issues at the board level, strategically ...

Will I be president the entire period? I doubt [it]. I think we'll find a new president pretty quickly and get them installed. Now of course, even if we found somebody tomorrow, they also need to make the transition in wherever they are. So, you've got to factor all that into it.

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Library releases alternative objectives to policing

The Iowa City Public Library plans to commit to providing more resources dedicated to underrepresented populations and make police intervention less common in library policy violations.



Field hockey prepares to start in February

The NCAA announced spring start dates for postponed fall sports, with field hockey beginning on Feb. 12.



Iowa State hosts thousands for football opener

Amid the pandemic, 13,724 fans were let into Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Saturday night for the Cyclones' first home game of the season. ISU President Wendy Wintersteen led public-health efforts such as masking and social distancing.



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Shared governance prepares for search

Branches of the University of Iowa's shared governance are preparing for what a new president search will look like after President Bruce Harreld announced his retirement plans on Thursday.



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Harreld talks with Daily Iowan staffers during an interview at the Adler Journalism Building on Feb. 13, 2019.

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As the University of Iowa prepares for a new university president search, representatives of students and faculty are prepared to fight for their voices to be at the table.

The 21st President of the University of Iowa Bruce Harreld announced his plan to retire on Thursday once a successor is selected by the state Board of Regents, which governs the three state universities. His goal, he told *The Daily Iowan*, is to give ample time to search for the next head Hawkeye and remove the need for an interim president.

As the process to find a new president begins, members of UI Faculty Senate, Faculty Council, Staff Council, the Graduate and Professional Student Government, and Undergraduate Student Government, are looking to make the process as simple and transparent as possible. That follows backlash from students and faculty for a search process that including an American Association of University Professors sanction and a vote of “no confidence” in the state Board of Regents after the board selected Harreld in 2015, suggesting the regents didn't follow shared-governance guidelines.

Regents president Michael Richards was not a member of the board when Harreld was selected, but he told the DI the regents would commit to meetings with shared governance groups. An Oct. 5 regents meeting will address the details of the next steps in the search process.

Richards said the selection of Iowa State University president Wendy Wintersteen did not face the kind of backlash Harreld's selection process did, and he wants the

process at the UI to be similar.

“We will sit down and we will take into consideration the commitments we have made to faculty in regard to shared governance. I was president with the Iowa State process, which was considered to be very acceptable,” Richards said. “I personally would commit that we'll have the same type of search or better at the University of Iowa,” Richards told the DI.

The regents have not yet announced a search committee. The board will meet Oct. 5 to discuss the search.

Harreld told *The Daily Iowan* he plans to retire when his contract ends, but in order to account for COVID-19 and mitigate the need for an interim appointment, the state Board of Regents and the UI are starting the search for a new university president now.

As the DI previously reported, Harreld's contract ends in June 2023, but he plans to remain at the university until his position is filled.

After working with Harreld for three years, Undergraduate Student Government President Connor Wooff said the selection of the next president will be a crucial moment of change for the university.

“We want to thank him for his time as president and his leadership he has provided the university,” Wooff said.

Then-student government president Liz Mills said the backlash Harreld received when he initially started his term made the transition period more difficult. She said she hopes that can be avoided this time around.

“Our shared governance opinions were considered,”

“We want to hire somebody who will be a good addition to the team that people believe in and will follow.

— GPSG President Mackensie Graham

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Bars open again in Johnson County

Per proclamation by the governors, alcohol-centric establishments reopened again on Monday.

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Bars, taverns, breweries, and wineries in Johnson and Story Counties were allowed to reopen on Monday, ending a coronavirus mitigation strategy that slowed virus spread on the University of Iowa campus.

Reynolds issued the proclamation Oct. 2, which allows wineries, breweries and distilleries in the two counties to reopen at 5 p.m. that day. Bars and taverns reopened at 12:01 a.m. Monday. The proclamation extends through Oct. 18.

On Aug. 27, Reynolds closed bars in six counties as a surge in new coronavirus cases, especially among young people, was reported coinciding with the beginning of the school year at Iowa's colleges and universities.

Bars in Black Hawk, Dallas, Linn, and Polk Counties were allowed to reopen Sept. 16. In Johnson and Story Counties, home of the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, respectively, restrictions had remained in place until Friday.

Restaurants in the two counties, which were previously required to stop serving alcohol after 10 p.m., will be able to operate at full hours starting Monday as well. Restaurants and bars are required to follow health precautions, including keeping 6 feet of distance between parties, requiring patrons to order food with an alcohol, and requiring patrons to be seated while eating or drinking.

Johnson County Public Health Community Health Manager Sam Jarvis said he is “cautiously optimistic” the reopening doesn't lead to another rise in cases in the county. He noted that a majority of bars and restaurants are following the social distancing guidelines, but the few that aren't could cause the virus to spread among patrons. Iowa City's Bo James was cited by the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division for violating the governor's proclamation.

Johnson County's percent positivity rate over the past 14 days is 4.8 percent, according to the state's coronavirus website, down from single-day rates as high as 42 percent in August.

“We hope that trend continues,” Jarvis said.



THEY GOT IT ON LOCK



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Love locks, as seen here on the Roller Dam Bridge on Sunday, are placed on the rails and then the keys are tossed into the river to symbolize love.

HARRELD

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But I think the bigger issue, that I just want to keep coming back to, is I think, we now have the luxury of not doing it in a rushed fashion. And we can actually have a permanence of our strategic plan, we need to update it.

The DI: When you first took the position, as the DI has reported before, you've often said that you'd bring the UI from great to greater. With the backdrop of coronavirus

budget cuts, racial injustice, protests, do you feel like you've done that?

Harreld: No, I think we still have a long way to go.

And in fact, if you took a look at the rankings here, U.S. News' report, I'm sure you folks looked at it, you can see in a lot of key places with our overall score – the peer review and peer ranking of the university, the graduate retention rank – I can keep going, all those years we improved and improved meaningfully.

And on the other hand,

“The first thing that needs to happen is the board needs to let the university run the process and find and define what they're looking for.”

– Harreld on the search for the next UI president

“We now have the luxury of not doing it in a rushed fashion.”

– Harreld on announcing retirement with years left on his contract

when you look at the financial resources overall per student per faculty member, and as well as alumni, giving rate, we're moving backwards. And so, I think this issue of fiscal support, once again I hate to keep going to that, but the, the P3 will help, but this year the state decided to de-appropriate us once again and freeze tuition ...

So, we've still got a lot to do — a lot to do. I would not declare victory on anything at this stage.

The DI: What do you think will be the biggest challenge in looking for a new presi-

dent? As you came into the University of Iowa, there was some dissent. What can be, what should be, changed throughout the search process or what can the next presidential search do to get a new candidate?

Harreld: Well, I think first and foremost, this year, I think the board has already started to deal with, which is, clearly, I report to the Board of Regents, but on a day-to-day basis, I'm part of this community.

So, I think that the first thing that needs to happen is the board needs to let the uni-

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Mills said. “Faculty, students, and staff are welcome to their own opinions, and I think it is crucial that shared governance is allowed to have a voice, and typically that isn't an issue at the [UI]. I hope shared governance is open minded and treats candidates fairly and is welcoming to whoever comes to campus next.”

In June 2016, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) added the UI to its sanction list after finding that the selection by the regents of President Harreld “seriously infringed Association-supported standards of college and university governance.”

In 2017, the Best Practice for Faculty Engagement in a UI Presidential Search guidelines were released to address the concerns in the AAUP sanction report. The report recommended that at least 50 percent of the search committee be made up of faculty, and to allow adequate time for feedback from the committee and community on the final candidates.

In 2015, only a third of the search committee were faculty members, and Harreld's ap-

pointment was voted upon by the regents only one day after a contentious public forum on campus.

In an email to the *DI*, Hans-Joerg Tiede, Senior Program Officer and Researcher at the American Association of University Professors said “We expect that the next presidential search at the University of Iowa will be conducted according to AAUP principles.”

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– former student government President Liz Mills

Yockey said the best search practices document highlights shared governance guidelines for search committees to follow while selecting a candidate for the UI's next president.

“At least half of the search committee members need faculty from multiple disciplines and tracks to be included so that the search process adheres to the university's goals for diversity, equity and inclusion,” Yockey said. “Those will be our primary points of emphasis.”

Though it wasn't expected when she initially started her

position, Graduate and Professional Student Government President Mackensie Graham said she is prepared to begin the search process and plans to ensure students' voices have a seat at the table.

“We want this process to be open and accessible to all [UI] students,” Graham said. “It's really important to be transparent...We want to hire somebody who will be a good

addition to the team that people believe in and will follow. I hope there are numerous opportunities for round tables and public comment.”

Because of the pandemic, Yockey said planning a search to hire a new UI president could take anywhere from 12-24 months. He said the Faculty Senate's primary focus for the search is to advocate for the best practices to be followed by the Iowa Board of Regents and committee staff.

“I'm hopeful that we'll get started, relatively soon,” Yock-

ey said. “At the same time, I think one of the lessons from the prior search is that we want to do it carefully and deliberately.”

Wooff said USG has been given a chance to make a lasting impact on the university to help select the university's next president.

“I think that as we look at the challenges that we're dealing with as a university such as COVID-19, to Black Lives Matter, to the severe budget implications of the economy ... I think that what we'll have to look for in potential candidates is their ability to work on these issues across the university,” he said.

As a part of the presidential search committee, Yockey said the Faculty Senate has expectations for the next president to have experience in an administrative position within higher education as well as someone who can be tenured as a full professor in his or her discipline. He said that he is open minded in using an internal or external search to find candidates for the position.

“I think sometimes we overlook really highly qualified people in our own community. Perhaps, bringing a level of innovation that is not as easy to

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versity run the process and find and define what they're looking for ...

And I think the country is still going through it, which is this issue of do you need to, how much academic experience? Do you need to have a

career that's been dedicated in the academy? Or actually, a career where you've moved back and forth, or something that's totally different ...

And that's why we're going to have a search committee, they will wrestle with that.

find internally,” Yockey said.

Regardless of who the committee selects as the UI's next president, it is clear that shared governance will have a seat at the table – something Graham says is a necessity in a presidential search.

“We will definitely fight for

a place at the table and I think that the [UI] places value on the concept of shared governance,” Graham said. “Most of the time that concept is honored. I would hope that is the case with this process. too.”

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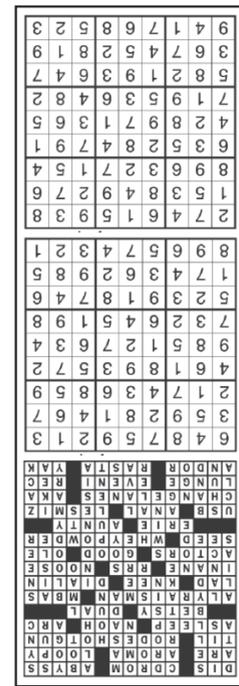
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NESTS nurture students learning English

Online learning challenges students and parents to be more tech literate, and is particularly difficult for English language learners.

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Students of all ages are struggling to stay motivated and organized during online classes — a feat made especially challenging for English language learners (ELL) navigating Zoom meetings and modules offered only in English.

It's already difficult for students to stay motivated and organized when completing classes virtually. For ELL students, the Zoom meetings and modules shared in English add another challenge.

Families in the Iowa City Community School District are adapting to online and hybrid classes while dealing with a language barrier.

"It's been a huge learning curve for all of us, but for people who don't speak English, there are a lot of barriers for them to be able to help their kids," said Deb Dunkhase, co-founder of the Open Heartland Neighborhood NEST.

Neighborhood NESTS (Nurturing Every Student Together Safely) have popped up in communities across the district to provide services during the pandemic the school cannot. The Open Heartland Nest serves members of the mobile home community in Johnson County, many of whom speak Spanish.

The NEST is located in the Pepperwood Plaza in a space

donated by Parkview Church. The NEST, composed of students from different schools and at all grade levels, has desks for students to study next to their peers or parents. Beyond the classroom there is a seating area with chairs, pillows and a rug.

The NEST also has a room full of clothes, groceries, cleaning supplies and other supplies, available to anyone in the mobile-home community. One wall has a collection of artwork from a student in the mobile home community that is learning at home, but made drawings of creatures for the NEST space.

Dunkhase, her colleague Elizabeth Bernal, and high school students go to the NEST to help the younger students and their parents navigating the online programs. "We've done some training to teach parents how to use the computer, because a lot of parents haven't even used a computer before," Dunkhase said. "And then there's all the interpretations, so we do a lot of interpretation of what the computer says, what the teacher is saying, and then we've also started teaching English classes."

The Iowa City Community School District returned to a hybrid model of teaching Sept. 26, but students enrolled in the hybrid option still study from home 2-3 days a week.

In the morning when students are online with their

teachers, Dunkhase and Bernal will give an informal lesson to the parents on conversational English, covering scenarios like ordering at a restaurant or visiting the doctor's office.

Bernal, who also works as a cultural liaison at the district, helps parents at the NEST get technological support from the district. Parents and students working at home who contact the district will sometimes come by the NEST to get help from Bernal in person.

"If the parents cannot navigate it at home I call them and I say, 'Can you come here?' because we have the space, the internet, and the people," Bernal said. "If I don't know something I can ask the other kids and all together, we are able to figure out new stuff."

Shannon Miner, a student family advocate at Alexander Elementary School, said the NEST "gives me another vehicle by which to support families in a way that is different because I can't home visit like I used to right now."

The district is also working to provide more resources to ELL students. Iowa City schools Director of Learning Supports Lora Daily said ELL teachers have put together videos for navigating online learning that don't use words, just visual demonstrations, so the videos can be shown to students who speak a variety of languages. These tutorials wordlessly show

students how to start up devices, troubleshoot and log onto platforms.

"It's just simple, but very helpful for our families to be able to just see that and not need to have that verbal explanation," Daily said.

ELL Curriculum Coordinator Sheila Neels said holding online lessons synchronously is also helpful so students can have a teacher presenting live virtually. Miner said some ELL teachers are using symbols and colors for class subjects on their virtual calendars and in Seesaw, the online learning platform for elementary students.

Students have had mixed reactions to this new learning set up.

"I kind of like it, because at school it's really hard because there's sometimes 20 kids in a class and the teacher can't help everybody at once," said Kevin Dominguez, a sixth-grade student who attends the Open Heartland NEST. "And [in] online school you can come to places like [the NEST] and there's volunteers to help you around, so it's a lot easier for you to learn when there's more volunteers to help you out."

Kevin's little brother Edwin was not feeling as opti-

mistic. As he sat in front of his textbook and computer, he said his teachers couldn't help him as much over the computer.

Joshua Hurtado, a junior high school student, said the transition to online school is going pretty well for him and he is able to split up his time at the NEST between doing his own work at helping the younger kids like Edwin.

Said Hurtado: "A lot of these kids didn't know what their classes were or their schedule and then, when they got here they got used to it and now it's a habit for them to come each day."



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Elementary students do their school work at a community nest in the Coralville Recreation Center on Friday, Sept. 18. This community nest evolved from four Before and After School programs in Coralville through Coralville Parks and Recreation.

Library releases alternatives to police-intervention

The plan commits to more resources dedicated to underrepresented populations and an intention to rely less on police for library policy violations

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The Iowa City Public Library is working toward committing 30 percent of library resources to BIPOC communities by fiscal 2022 and looking for alternatives to police intervention for library policy violations.

The Iowa City Public Library released its strategic

plan for 2021-23 on Sept. 23, which outlined these objectives.

Director Elsworth Carman said the objective to commit a certain percentage of resources for and with BIPOC populations was a response to the Black Lives Matter movement and an acknowledgment that public libraries can do more to represent

their communities.

He said this objective would be difficult to measure, but that it was important to name the objective's intention from the beginning.

"The key word to me in that whole statement is the 'with,'" Carman said. "It's not the idea that we'll have a bunch of librarians thinking, 'Oh, what program

can I do that will draw more people of color?' It's more thinking about how can we engage community members in the creation of our programs, and in the decision-making around our collections to make sure that those voices are heard and amplified."

Carman said the plan gives the library a year to develop a framework for how it will measure progress on the objective.

"We track a tremendous amount of data at the library about what we spend our money on, who we serve, and how we serve them," Carman said. "So, some pieces of this will be much easier than others ... I think programming and other non-physical item-based services will be much trickier."

President of the Library Board of Trustees Wesley Beary said the search for alternatives to involving police for Library Use Policy violations comes from an understanding that police involvement can sometimes unnecessarily escalate situations that can be resolved in other ways.

"Trying to do what we can to resolve things in a way that will avoid that escalation seems like a good way to better keep the peace and avoid potential issues," Beary said. "There are already issues happening, so just trying to make sure that we do what we can to resolve them in a way that is not worse than the problem itself."

Carman said the point of this objective was to move police intervention further down on the library's list of issue-resolution strategies, but that the objective does not mean the library is cutting ties with the police.

"When I was writing it, I was very aware that it could read as if we're trying to make a departure from partnering with the police or something like that, and that's not the case," Carman said.

Iowa Freedom Riders organizer Raneem Hamad said she was glad to see parts of the community addressing and taking action on the future of police intervention, but was disappointed the library wasn't ending its partnership with

the police entirely.

"I wish it was more confident action in terms of completely cutting ties, but I also appreciate the work that folks are doing," Hamad said.

Carman said the library was originally slated to create a five-year plan but shifted to a three-year framework when COVID-19 caused it to close earlier this year.

Though recent events, such as the Black Lives Matter movement, highlighted the need to include objectives that focused on social justice, Carman said significant community feedback as early as the fall of 2019 had already pointed the library in that direction.

"We heard a lot of comments from the community about interest in social justice, interest in equity, interest in diversity, and making sure that community resources were used in a way that all people felt welcome," Carman said, "and that it would speak to everyone in the community and not just a specific group."



The Iowa City Public Library is seen on September 16, 2019.

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President Bruce Harreld's time at the University of Iowa

Former UI President Sally Mason announces her retirement

Mason announced she would retire in August 2015. She stayed on at the UI as a faculty member in the Department of Biology a year after she stepped down as president.

Presidential search committee selected, process underway to find a new president

Former UI Vice President for Medical Affairs Jean Robillard selected as chair of the Presidential Search Committee in February 2015. The rest of the search committee was selected later that month and the group had its first meeting in

Final president search forum, Harreld speaks

The final forum became heated as Harreld spoke, with members of the audience asking him if he could support state funding at the UI and if he was qualified for the position.

“ I am here because I have helped other organizations, big and small,”

– Harreld during the forum

Regents select Harreld as new president

The choice was intended to shake up the 'status quo' at the UI and bring the institution from 'great to greater.' Harreld – known for his experience with corporate turnaround, growth, and culture change – held leadership positions at Boston Market, Kraft Foods, and IBM but has no academic administrative experience. He also taught at Harvard Business School. Virgil Hancher is the last UI president who served without prior administrative experience.

UI Faculty Senate votes 'no confidence' in regents

The message was plain and simple: the University of Iowa was betrayed. Other words used publicly during the Faculty Senate meeting in 2015 to describe the search process and decision: Flawed. Disrespectful. Devastating. Waste. Failed.

Harreld begins tenure as President

After the two months of controversy over his selection, Harreld began his time as president. Prior to his first day, he sat down privately with university stateholders and had his first interview with *The Daily Iowan* on Oct. 30, 2015.

Judge rules regents' private meetings with Harreld prior to his selection as president did not violate law

During the presidential search process, multiple members of the state Board of Regents met with Harreld in private meetings. Questions were raised over the legality of these meetings, and a trial was held to determine if their meetings were in fact legal.

Harreld said 'yes' he'd like to continue to be UI president after his contract expires

In an interview with the *DI*, Harreld said he'd like to stay on as president of the University of Iowa if the regents extended his contract beyond the five years of his original one. "Of course, and I love it," he said at the time. "... I think my wife and I love that charm and love that energy, love that passion, and you know I think you all know I love students, I love being around them. I'd rather be with students than anything else all day long, so yeah, that certainly wouldn't be the issue."

Regents extend Harreld's contract until 2023

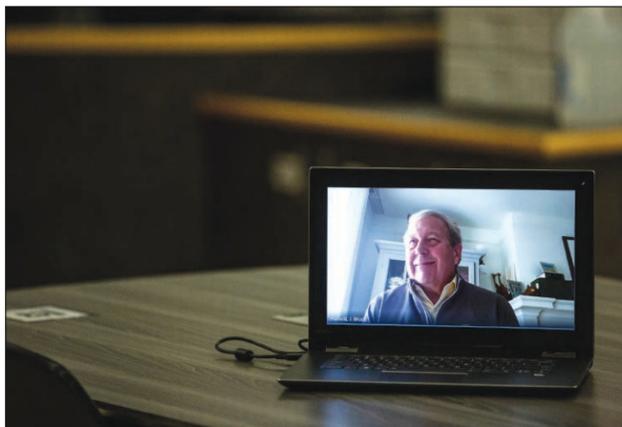
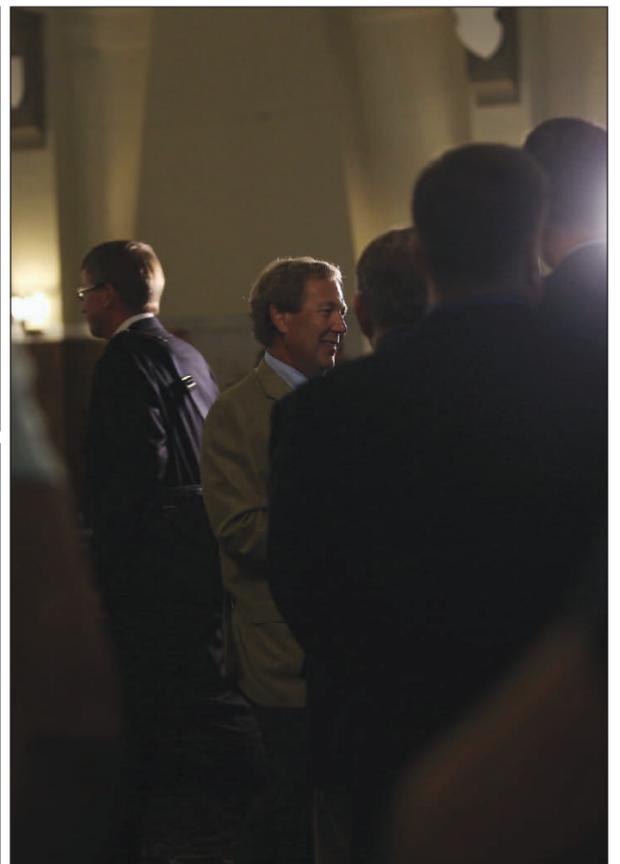
Harreld's contract, originally set to expire in 2020, was extended to June 2023. With the extension he kept his \$590,000 salary but received an increase in his deferred compensation.

Regents sign UI public-private partnership

Harreld proposed a public-private partnership on the UI utilities system to open an alternative revenue source to help fund strategic priorities. The 50-year agreement with French energy conglomerate ENGIE and Paris-based investment firm Meridiam was signed by the regents in 2019.

Harreld announces his retirement

Harreld announced that a presidential search will begin in the next year and he plans to stay at the UI until the end of his contract in 2023 if the new president will have him. In his retirement, he plans to spend time with his family.



Clockwise from top: UI President Bruce Harreld answers a question in the Adler Journalism Building on Sept. 23, 2019. President Harreld discussed his contract extension, the resignation of the Associate VP for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the UI marching band investigation regarding incidents taken place during the Cy-Hawk football game (Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan). The newly appointed UI President Harreld talks to people of the community after a regents meeting in the IMU on Sept. 3, 2015. Harreld is the 21st president of the University of Iowa (Margaret Kispert/The Daily Iowan). Harreld speaks to the audience during the announcement of the Plant-wide Applicability Limit at University of Iowa's Office of Sustainability on April 12, 2016. The Plant-wide Applicability Permit will give the university flexibility in managing emissions collectively from sources campus wide (Anthony Vazquez/The Daily Iowan). Bruce Harreld speaks during a virtual interview with *Daily Iowan* staff members on Sept. 29 (Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan). Bruce Harreld waits to begin a presentation during a Faculty Council meeting in the Old Capitol Town Center on April 11, 2017. Harreld's presentation was given during a closed door executive session (Joseph Cress/The Daily Iowan).

Opinions

COLUMN

Stop defending Trump

The childish behavior of our sitting president deserves beratement, not excuses and covering — especially from our elected officials.

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After watching what felt like a Dance Moms episode the night of Sept. 29, I feel embarrassed that instead of having a productive discussion about important issues in America, the two presidential candidates passed off as the new Abby Lee Miller and Kelly Hyland in their debate.

Whether you want to call this debate a hot mess or 90 minutes of your life you'll never get back, one thing is clear: Trump's behavior proves he is unfit to be our nation's leader and it's going to cost him the election.

Furthermore, Iowa Republicans need to stop defending Trump because there are no excuses or justifications for his behavior.

Secretary Karen Fesler of the Social Committee for Johnson County Re-

publicans recently praised Trump for his performance because she believes that he was "debating" not only Biden but also Chris Wallace.

In addition, David Barker, who is a member of the Iowa GOP central committee in Johnson County, claims Wallace should've been silent and let the candidates have an open discussion.

First, Trump deserves anything but praise for his performance. Second, Wallace wouldn't have had to talk as much if Trump hadn't interrupted him or Biden at least 128 times.

Besides his intolerable behavior, two actions stood out to me that should cost Trump any praise for his performance: his refusal to condemn white supremacy and his attacking Biden's sons.

When Wallace asked Trump if he was willing to condemn white supremacist groups, he said he would do it. However, when Wallace told him to do it, Trump instead argued that all the violence is caused by the left wing and told the Proud Boys to "stand back and stand by."

There is no "pro" or "anti" white supremacy. There is no argument that it is an immoral concept, and it clearly needs to be addressed and denounced. We cannot expect to solve racial inequality if our "leader" refuses to clearly condemn it let alone acknowledge it.

Why then are Iowa Republicans praising a man who is supposed to lead a country with the ideals of justice and equality that betrayed the core values on national television, when



President Donald exits Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 1. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images/TNS)

he failed to recognize a concept that rejects those ideals?

Trump's degrading comments about Biden's sons were also not only un-presidential, but disgraceful too.

Trump crossed a line as soon as he started to attack Biden's son. Even if this wasn't a presidential debate, you never in any circumstance bring up a parent's deceased child, and you certainly don't speak ill of them.

To make matters worse, Trump first demeaned Beau after Biden defended him when referencing dead American troops, and then he falsely accused Hunter of being dishonorably discharged due to cocaine use.

Iowa Republicans, you cannot defend a man while ignoring his remorseless actions when he crosses a line that displays inhumanity. This isn't just about pol-

itics. This is about human decency and respect, and that's clearly something that Trump doesn't have.

Instead of applauding Trump and scapegoating others for his behavior, Iowa Republicans need to hold him accountable for his impermissible actions. Just because he is the candidate for your party does not mean you get to excuse his poor and inhumane behavior not just as a candidate, but as a human being.

COLUMN

We lost the debate

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Like many of my fellow politically-minded citizens this past week, I watched the debates relevant to Iowa's electoral choices this November. And, like many of my politically-minded citizens, I was abhorred to see what happened.

Let's start off with the Presidential debate, in which our current incumbent president berated his opponent by claiming his son was dishonorably discharged for cocaine use, someone who shouldn't use the word "smart," and that Biden was running to install socialized health care.

This was absurd. Blatantly false statements flying left and right, overblown claims, and personal attacks were center stage that night, not policy. The debate was such a disgrace that even other countries couldn't help but comment on it.

"A national disgrace," from the UK; "worrying for American democracy" from France; "never had American politics sunk so low," from Italy, and more.

Is this what we as Americans want from our politics? To be a glorified circus?

And the fact that it's on the national stage is no excuse — because we do just the same here at the state level too.

The Senatorial debate between Joni Ernst and Theresa Greenfield was also incredibly disappointing.

Ernst consistently made false claims about Greenfield's policy posi-

tions, not even bothering to accurately quote her opposition.

Characterizing her opposition as a woke, out-of-touch progressive, Ernst claimed that Greenfield called every police officer a racist — a claim which Greenfield had to debunk by pointing out that critiquing systemic racism is not the same as calling individuals racist.

Ernst claimed Greenfield was in support of Medicare for all — something Greenfield has said she is not in support of several times.

But Greenfield is not an innocent victim either. She pivoted talking points multiple times to simply repeat the statement that Ernst had turned her back on Iowans in favor of Washington donors.

The both of them also devolved into arguing so much that the moderator David Yepsen had to step in several times, at one point asking the question, "Do either of you think you're acting like a US senator? Is this the way Iowans expect their senator to act? I want to

ask a question and get a response."

I think Yepsen's comment here gets at the heart of what's wrong with modern political interactions at this point. We've become so dogmatic in our team, our narrative, that we've built a straw man on the other side of the fence to shout at instead of an actual discussion on the merits of policy.

Conservatives seem to think that all liberals are communists seeking to paint the White House red, and liberals seem to

think that conservatives are all billionaire-funded stooges trying to get an extra five bucks before retirement.

Where's the policy? Where's the debate? These are less discussions on what the government should do and more so shouting matches hurling insults at the enemy to build up an image for their base to attack later.

Why can't Ernst criticize what Greenfield's actually proposing instead of vaguely gesturing at this grand conspiracy the Democrats have to install

Conservative or liberal, left or right, one thing's for sure — the display that occurred during last week's presidential and Senatorial debates left everyone sore.

universal healthcare? Why can't Greenfield point at specific policies Ernst has passed or let die that harmed her constituency?

We need to change this. Someway, somehow. Contact the campaigns, go to town halls and appearances and question them why their rhetoric is so charged against the person rather than the policy.

They may be the politicians running for office, but they're supposed to represent us. And frankly, I'm afraid that they do.



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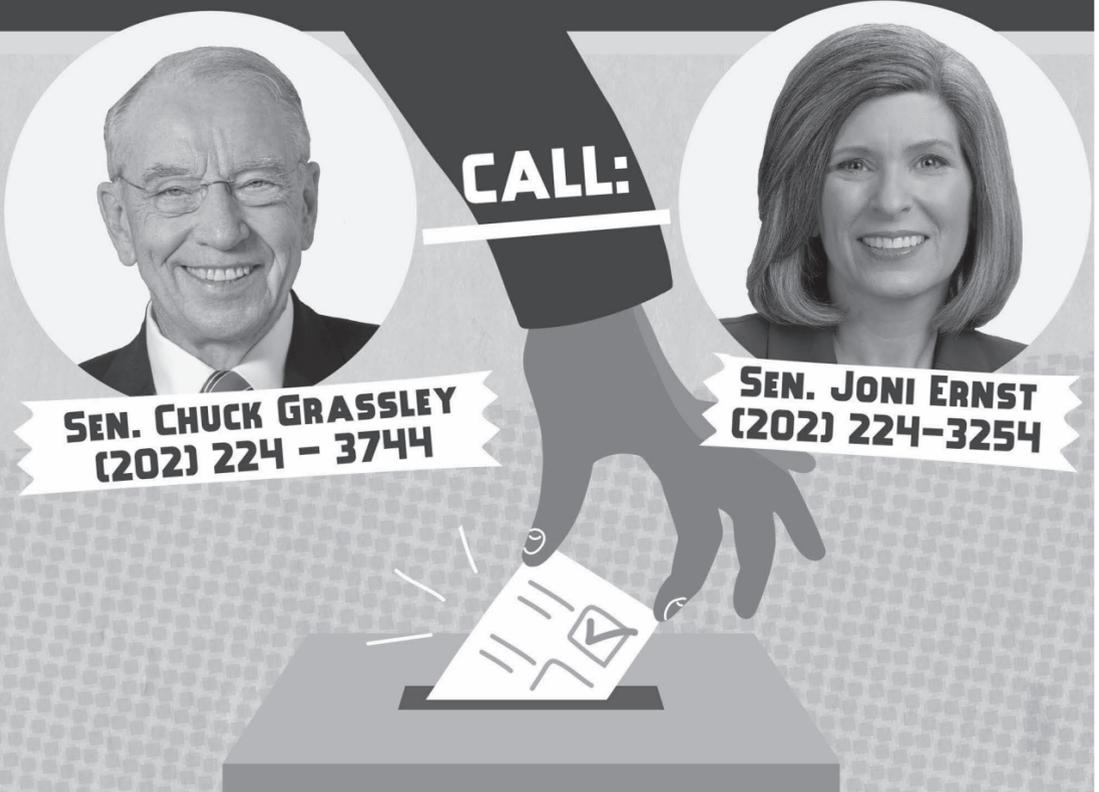
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- 22 Lye, chemically
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- 24 "Heavens to ___!"
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- 28 Captain of the 2012 and 2016 U.S. women's Olympic gymnastics teams
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- 36 Pants part that might need patching
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- 41 Monopoly properties you can't put houses on, in brief
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- 46 Rating between excellent and fair
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- 61 Hit Broadway musical set partly in Paris, for short
- 64 What you might do to pass on an Interstate ... or a phonetic hint to the starts of 18-, 28- and 50-Across
- 67 Letters before an assumed name
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- 72 Believer in Jah, informally
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- 8 Ancient fortification overlooking the Dead Sea
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- 57 Avoid
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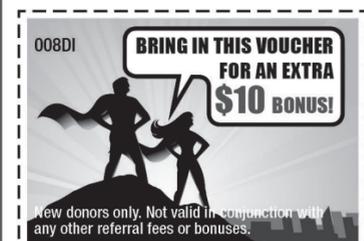
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they could still end up with a heavier-than-usual course load for the season.

Finally, Iowa weather in February is very different compared to Iowa weather in September and October. If the Hawkeyes are to play a conference-only schedule, they won't have many opportunities to play in the south. The team does have an indoor practice field in the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center, but Holley said that it is not the same size as a normal field.

Right now, the team is trying to keep in shape and simulate normal games as best they can.

"In the beginning, we had to kind of adapt to treating it as an in between of an offsea-

son and an actual fall season, and like the way that we're doing that is that we get to play games on the weekend with the team," Deuell said. "We're going to have a walk-out, we're going to have probably the anthem, so it's going to simulate a real game."

The NCAA also provided a blanket waiver for all fall sport athletes, whether the season is played or not, to have an extra year of eligibility.

Both Holley and Deuell are considering staying another year. Holley is looking into applying for graduate school for next year. Deuell is considering pushing back her graduation from May 2021 to December 2021, but she also knows that circumstances can change at any moment.

"I've actually been going back and forth about that a lot myself," Deuell said. "I think that I, of course, would

love the opportunity to play again next year and finish out my senior year strong, but I also understand just that you never really know how next year is going to go, even with COVID, so I think for me the biggest part will just be not making too many plans and taking what opportunities present themselves."

Senior midfielder Nikki Freeman has already decided to take advantage of the extra year of eligibility and pushed back her graduation to December 2021 to play a final fall season.

"I've been playing field hockey since I was six, and I really wanted to finish out my career and play my four years," Freeman said. "I'm just really happy to get the chance to play with the team for another year, because I know that we have a great opportunity ahead of us and that we can go really far."



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan
Iowa defender Emily Deuell reaches for the ball during a field hockey game against Michigan State at Grant Field on September 29, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans 5-0.

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routine. Our coaches [normally] have kind of a set plan for when to wake up in the morning, usually we work out in the morning before we even go play in a tournament. So, it's just weird in that sense, being with those guys and not doing that."

"Other than that, if you're committed to playing good golf, then that's the stuff you've got to do," Schaake said. "Getting up early, getting a good breakfast, getting out there an hour before to warm up. For me, [the lack of a set team routine] has definitely been

the biggest difference." Whatever the Hawkeyes did to prepare for each day of the Zach Johnson Invitational worked.

Junior Gonzalo Leal Montero won the event at 2-over-par, and five of the other seven competing Hawkeyes in the field all finished within the next ten spots on the leaderboard.

"The Zach Johnson was a good tournament," graduate transfer Charles Jahn said, who finished 11th overall. "The field wasn't great, if we had been competing as a team, we would've won by like 60 shots."

With the team-score format, totaling the top-5 scores from a team each day, Iowa would've won the team

competition by 45 shots. Leal Montero was happy to win the tournament as an individual, but disappointed that the team couldn't and still can't compete in team-based competitions.

"It is frustrating, to be honest," Leal Montero said. "To see these other teams, in this tournament, for example, they're playing, they're competing, and nothing happens, but because we're in the Big Ten, we can't compete this fall. It's frustrating, we're practicing every single day, we're training, we're doing everything we can, and we can't compete as a team. It's frustrating but we're excited to compete again next spring."



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Alex Schaake poses for a portrait at Hoak Family Golf Complex on April 24, 2018.

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was a swimmer as well."

During his time at Iowa, Butler excelled in the 100 fly and 100 back, swimming collegiate-best times and qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2012 in those events. Butler was also part of the first Iowa swim team to use the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center pool when it opened in 2010.

Now, the program Butler and Fierke love so dearly is being cut at Iowa at the end of the 2020-21 academic year - as announced by UI President Bruce Harrel and Athletics Director Gary Barta on Aug. 21

Butler strongly disagrees with the cuts, saying that he believes that other things could



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan
Iowa swimmer Andrew Fierke competes in the 1,000 freestyle during a swim meet at the CRWC on January 11, between Iowa, Illinois, and Notre Dame.

have been done to save the program.

"I don't think that it was the

right decision, I don't think that other sports should have been cut," Butler said. "I am a firm

believer that there were a lot of things that could've prevented it from happening, maybe at

the administrative level or maybe even on the team level." Despite the loss of Division

I men's swimming in the state of Iowa, Butler said that he thinks boy's swimming is still a growing sport in Iowa, and will continue to grow.

Fierke, however, thinks that the state will lose a lot of talented swimmers. He said that walk-on swimmers may not be able to afford out-of-state tuition, forcing them to leave the sport altogether.

Despite all the adversity and outside noise, Fierke and the Hawkeyes are determined to make the swim and dive team's last season one for the books.

"We are going to show them that they will be losing a lot, losing us, so we're going to make sure that this year is our best," Fierke said. "And if we can place high in the Big Tens to kind of send off a big ole' firework and show them that this could be an every-year kind of thing."

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After a great deal of debate, deliberation, and consideration, Iowa State Athletics Director Jamie Pollard, President Wendy Wintersteen, and other members of the administration elected to allow up to 15,000 fans inside Jack Trice Stadium ahead of the Cyclones' matchup with Oklahoma.

In total, 13,724 fans walked through the gates into Jack Trice Stadium Saturday night. This after Iowa State did not allow any fans inside the stadium – with the exception of athlete's and coaches' families – for the season-opener against Louisiana – which the Cyclones would end up losing, 31-14.

Prior to the season-opener, Iowa State planned on allowing 25,000 fans into each home game. However, ahead of the opener, Wintersteen and other members of the community raised concerns about the decision. Thus, the opener was played with no fans in attendance.

Wintersteen argued that

**Wintersteen**

Pollard and the athletics department proposed too much too soon. Pollard later chalked the decision on the opener up as a

political move.

To gain entry into Jack Trice for the Cyclones' matchup with Oklahoma, fans had to wear face coverings at all times. Those that refused to do so were denied access or removed from the stadium.

No tailgating was allowed on university-owned property, and fans were encouraged to arrive early and proceed directly to the stadium and their seat.

"[Having fans in the stands] was definitely noticeable," Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy told ESPN. "Obviously, when you have explosive plays, it's nice to have people behind your back and going crazy."

As of now, the Big Ten will not allow fans in its stadiums when play begins on Oct. 23-24. However, Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said Friday that there's "wiggle room" that may allow fans in Big Ten stands to some capacity.

Cyclones upset Sooners

On Saturday night, the Cyclones donned alternate black uniforms and competed on a specially painted black field. The changeup from the normal aided the Cyclones in their 37-30 victory over No. 18 Oklahoma.

Running back Breece Hall was Iowa State's bell cow out of the backfield, rushing 28 times for 139 yards and two touchdowns. Coupled with 254 air yards from quarterback Brock Purdy, the Cyclones' offense outperformed a high-powered Oklahoma team.

In fact, Hall outrushed a combination of four Sooner rushers by himself. In total, Oklahoma only netted 114 rushing yards.

Redshirt freshman quarterback and former star of Netflix's "QBr" Spencer Rattler threw for 300 yards and two touchdowns with one interception.

The Cyclones will host Texas Tech next week at 2:30 p.m. The game can be viewed on ABC.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He's literally like my dad"



– Former Iowa runner Aaron Mallet on UI Track and Field Coach Joey Woody

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nationally ranked college football teams fell to unranked foes on Saturday

Field hockey preparing for Feb. 12

The NCAA announced spring start dates for postponed fall sports, with field hockey starting midwinter.

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Iowa midfielder Ellie Holley runs after the ball during a field hockey game between Iowa and Duke at Grant Field. The Hawkeyes were defeated by the Blue Devils, 2-1 after two overtime periods.

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Fall sports were postponed by the Big Ten Conference on Aug. 11 because of COVID-19. The NCAA announced on Sept. 23 that field hockey will have a spring start date of Feb. 12.

Given that, the Hawkeyes will need to adapt to playing in the spring instead of the fall by changing their training regimen, adjusting their classes, and faring with the winter weather.

Since field hockey is typically a fall sport, February

is usually the middle of the offseason. Senior midfielder Ellie Holley said that it is usually the point in the offseason when the team is the most out-of-shape, so it is going to be an adjustment to stay game-ready through the spring.

"It's going to be very dif-

ferent coming back after Christmas break, where everyone likes to rest and eat a lot of food," Holley said. "I think it's going to be very weird coming back in February ready, usually that's when we come to our lowest fitness state and work up."

Senior Emily Deuell said

that the players also backload their classes for the spring semester, making sure to take their easier courses in the fall so they can better focus on the season. While the players could possibly push some of their courses to Fall 2021, they

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Iowa players find success in individual play

To comply with the Big Ten's protocols, Iowa's men's golfers have competed unattached from the UI in fall tournaments.

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Gonzalo Leal putts during a golf invitational at Finkbine Golf Course on April 20, 2019. Iowa came in first with a score of 593 against 12 other teams.

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Over the offseason, many of Iowa's men's golfers participated in summer tournaments individually, whether it be state-sanctioned amateur events, amateur events run by the United States Golf Association (USGA), or even tournaments managed by the PGA TOUR.

Typically, after the conclusion of the summer season, players return to Iowa City to play the fall season as a Hawkeye team, practice in the winter, and start back up with competition in the early spring.

This year is different. With the Big Ten's most recent decision on Sept. 16 to postpone all fall sports – with the exception of football – the men's golf team can't participate in tournaments under the "University of Iowa" umbrella. However, the golfers are allowed to participate as individual players that just so happen to

play golf for the UI.

Competing as individuals means that Iowa can't submit a team score to count toward the team-based tournament competitions, but players can still participate in the overall tournament and submit their own individual scores.

The Hawkeyes have burst through this loophole early in the fall competing in two tournaments as of Oct. 4, with more events on the horizon.

Last week, eight men's golfers made their way to the Zach Johnson Invitational and while the on-course golf was virtually the same as it would be in a team competition, everything else was vastly different.

"Usually when we go and get food and stuff like that, the University pays or the athletic department pays for that," senior Alex Schaake said. "We had to get our own hotels this week and in Minnesota. Usually, that's not the case, we just show up and coaches have our rooms ready. The main difference is getting on a tournament

Hawkeyes reflect on time in swim and dive program

Junior Andrew Fierke started swimming for the Hawkeyes in 2018, and Iowa City West coach Byron Butler swam for Iowa from 2009-12.

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Junior freestyle/breaststroke swimmer Andrew Fierke is a walk-on recruit with the Iowa swim team. A native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, he is three hours away from home. Fierke said that he had an interesting recruitment process to Iowa because the program didn't notice him until his senior year of high school.

"Compared to a lot of other people on the swim team, who were recruited like their sophomore, junior year, I wasn't recruited until my senior year," Fierke said. "I started getting the coaches' attention, they brought me on after they saw my performance at Iowa's high school swim state meet, and I was just adopted into the fold and I just love the atmosphere that the team gave off – they reminded me a lot of my high school team because they had jokes, they had fun, they were all a family."

Fierke decided to come to Iowa for two big reasons: he didn't have to leave his home state to swim collegiately, and Iowa has a great engineering program.

"I've gotten calls from other colleges, but it's like, 'you didn't have what I was looking for,'" Fierke said. "And then Iowa called and it's like, in-state, engineering program, swim team, kind of fit all three right there."

Byron Butler, the head coach of boys' and girls' swimming at Iowa City West, swam for the Hawkeyes from 2009-12. A New Berlin, Wisconsin, native, Butler has fond memories of his time with the Hawkeyes, staying in the area after graduation.

"It gave me good structure in college, I worked a ton, pushed my limitations, and met tons of people, tons of friends who are still my friends today," Butler said. "I even met my wife on the team, she

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