

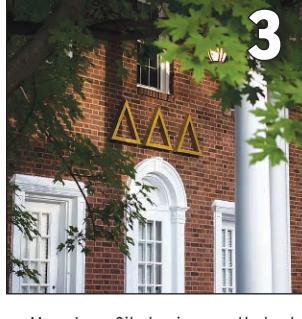
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A year after recruiting the 17th best class in the nation, the Iowa Hawkeyes have once again cracked the top 25 with their 2021 recruiting class. A.J. Ediger, Addison O'Grady, and Sydney Affolter will be the newest faces on the court in Carver-Hawkeye arena when the 2021 season rolls around.

Tide changing for collegiate men's gymnastics



NCAA men's gymnastics will be down to 12 teams after the 2020-21 academic year, after three programs, including Iowa, have been cut as a result of the pandemic.

Goodson good to go as Iowa's running back



The game has slowed down for Tyler Goodson out on the football field, and after a breakout freshman season he's prepared to be Iowa's featured running back in 2020. Now a sophomore, Goodson is confident he can build off his breakout freshman season. His teammates Mekhi Sargent and Ivory Kelly-Martin will also be crucial to the Hawkeye backfield this season.

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Land acknowledgement statements recognize tribal nations

The Native American Council continues to work on their land acknowledgment, creating a version that is briefer than their original statement so it can be easily used in classes or before meetings.

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now sits, and the nations that are still thriving in the state.

"As an academic institution, it is our responsibility to acknowledge the sovereignty and the traditional territories of these tribal nations, and the treaties that were used to remove these tribal nations, and the histories of dispossession that have

allowed for the growth of this institution since 1847," the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences states on its website.

The UI's Native American Council began drafting its land-acknowledgment statement a few years ago, in response to internal council requests. Former director of UI Diversity and Outreach

Programs Tracy Peterson spearheaded the drafting of the land acknowledgment.

"We're a very small community here, so it's a document that, students, myself, and the Native American Council staff—everybody has had a say in it," UI Associate Professor in the Department of History Jacki Rand said.

Rand is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and a member of the UI Native American Council. The document had gone through multiple drafts because of the diplomacy challenges in writing the acknowledgement, Rand said.

"There are almost 30 tribes that have a historical footprint in what is

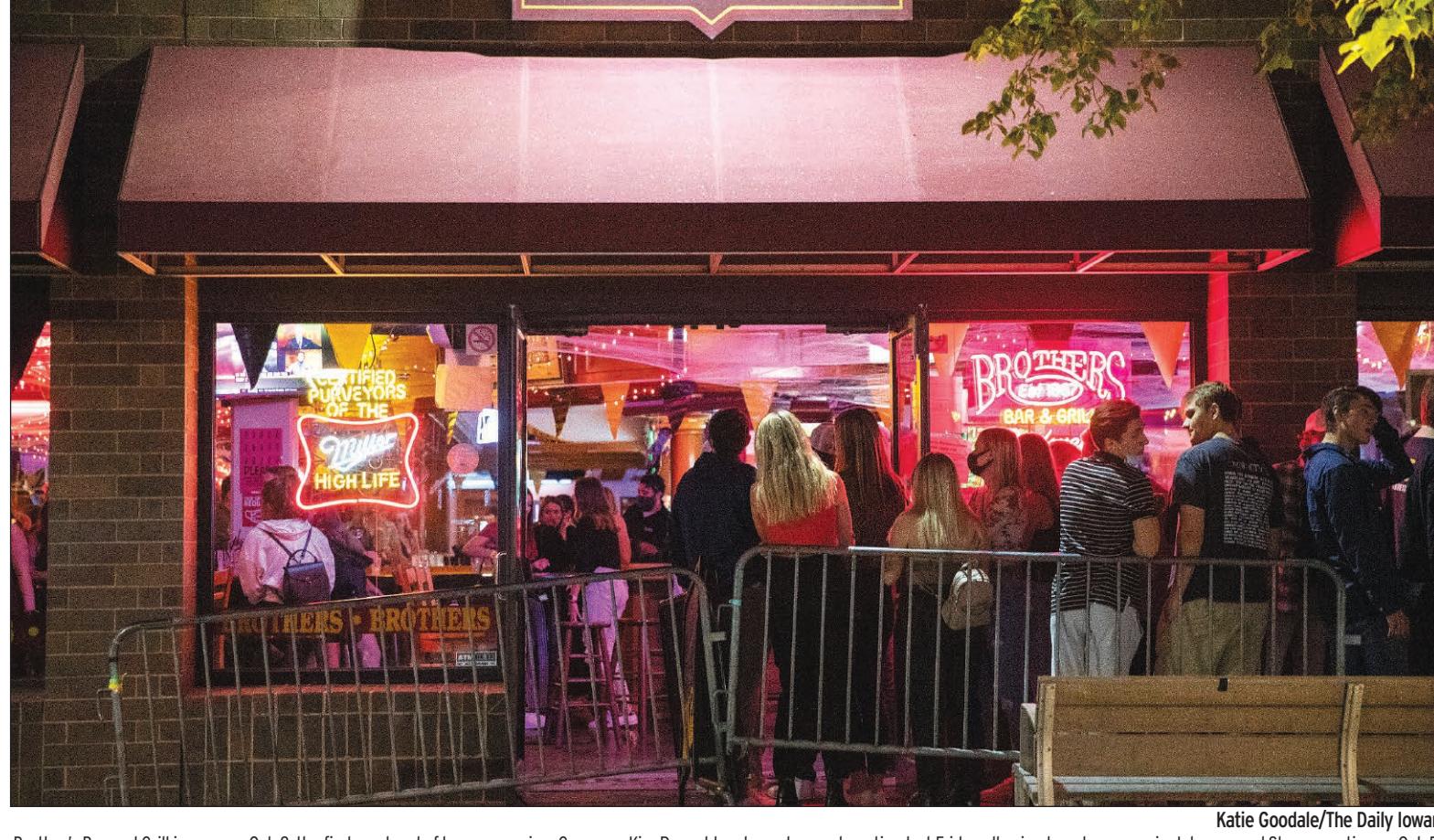
now called Iowa," Rand said. "So, a lot of work was done originally to reach out to each of the tribes and sort of let them know we're putting this acknowledgement together and making sure we had clear information."

Rand said the council is now working on a shorter

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Patrons flock downtown over weekend

Downtown bars saw large crowds over the weekend, the first since Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' closure order expired Oct. 4.



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Brother's Bar and Grill is seen on Oct. 8, the first weekend of bars reopening. Governor Kim Reynolds released a proclamation last Friday allowing bars to reopen in Johnson and Story counties on Oct. 5.

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Patrons stood often shoulder-to-shoulder in lines snaking outside of popular bars in Iowa City the first weekend in a month after Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds' closure order expired on Oct. 4.

Johnson County, home of the University of Iowa and Story County, home of Iowa State University, were the last two counties the governor lifted restrictions on Oct. 4.

Bars in Black Hawk, Dallas, Linn, and Polk Counties were allowed to reopen Sept. 16.

New COVID-19 cases have declined in Johnson Coun-

ty in the month since the order was put in place. Johnson County's 14-day positive case rate was 4.9 percent Sunday, down from as high as 42 percent in August, according to the state's coronavirus dashboard.

UI officials have praised Reynolds for making the or-

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UI Interim VP of DEI seeks to extend initiatives at Iowa

Former Associate Athletics Director Liz Tovar is adjusting well to her new interim position. Tovar said she hopes to focus on communication and providing a support system to every student on the UI campus.



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University of Iowa Interim Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Liz Tovar, poses for a portrait on Oct. 7.

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recently prioritizing communication, Tovar added.

"I think sometimes when you don't communicate, people think that you aren't doing anything, and that's quite the opposite," Tovar said. "We have staff members all over campus who are engaged in DEI work."

Tovar added she hopes to do this on a broader scale.

"So even though we're the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, I think our role is to network and to really help folks in different organizations and units across campus — help them with their strate-

gies and serve as a resource for them," Tovar said. "And then also kind of promote to them our vision for DEI campus-wide and to make sure that we're all on the same page and saying the same thing."

As a result of recent social unrest regarding systemic racism nationally and across the UI campus, Tovar said, people are engaging in conversations about diversity, equity, and inclusion now more than ever before.

This subject has taken a lot of time in her interim role, Tovar said, and she thinks it is a good thing because people need to learn how to respond to what's going on in the community and at the national scale.

"Cross-cultural communication is key to our success," Tovar said. "And we want to make sure that people aren't just talking but they are also educating themselves on topics that they may not have previously thought about in the past. And then also it's all about movement. What are you going to do differently now than what you have done in the past as well?"

Though the UI paused its diversity, equity, and inclusion training to evaluate its compliance with a White House executive order, Tovar wrote in an email to The Daily Iowan the values and goals discussed in this article remain the same.

"...the core principles that guide DEI efforts on campus, including our DEI action plan has not changed," Tovar wrote.

In a Faculty Senate meeting Sept. 2, Tovar said the UI has trouble re-

Voting by car, by mail, on foot

Eastern Iowa counties wrapped up their first weeks of early voting for the 2020 election this weekend, already seeing an uptick of mail-in ballots compared to past years.

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Johnson and other area counties are seeing an influx of early voting after the first voters of the 2020 election cast their ballots this week.

In its first week of early voting, Johnson County averaged 700 in-person voters a day and counted over 14,000 ballots, including mail-in, said Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert. The county offered drive-up voting for the first time this year, so voters could complete and turn in their ballots from their cars.

Early voting in Iowa began Oct. 5, and Weipert said the county is seeing more voters in the first week than he expected.

"I was worried that people would show up and turn away after seeing the long lines," Weipert said. "But instead it went off without any hitches and each car got through the line quickly and smoothly."

For the county home to the University of Iowa, John Deeth, Johnson County elections official, said 879 of the 14,389 returned ballots in Johnson County are from voters 25 and younger. It's not a large share, but Deeth expects that number to surge once an early voting site opens up next week on campus.

"We expect that young voter number to jump a lot the week of the 19th through the 23rd during the IMU satellite site," Deeth said.

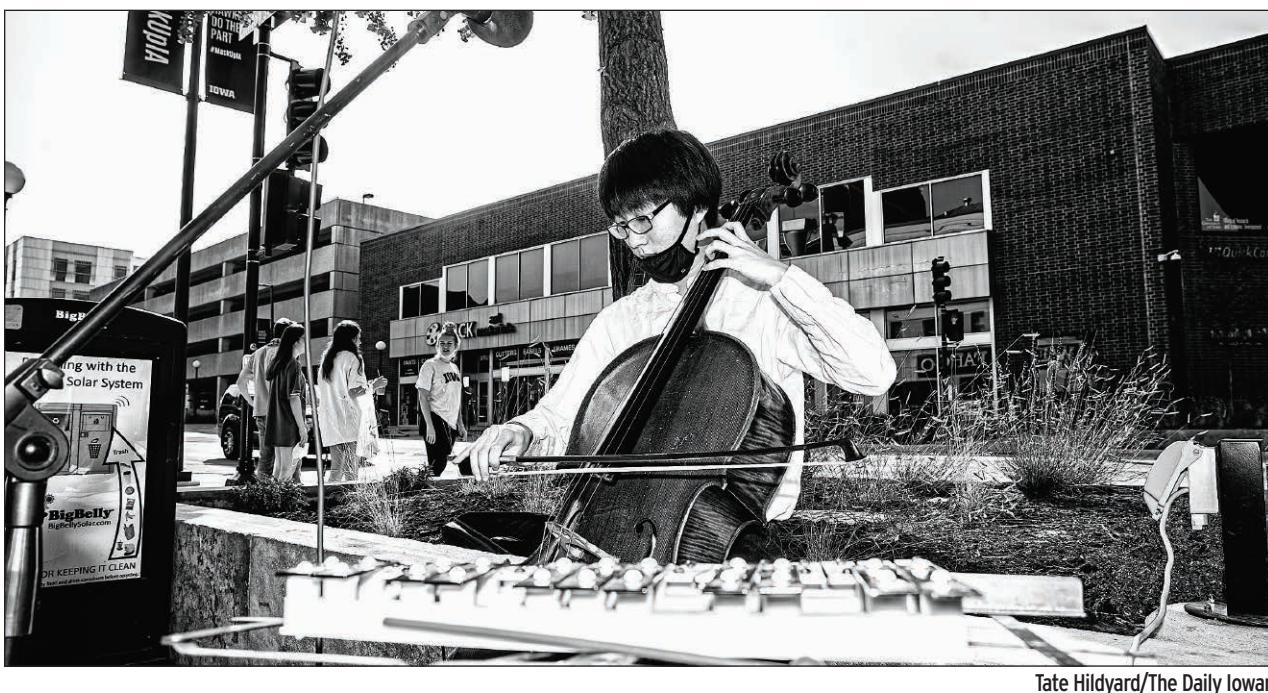
And fewer students are on campus — more than three-quarters of UI undergraduate hours are online, and students have canceled housing contracts in residence halls after the UI extended its refund deadline.

Dubuque County Auditor Denise Dolan said she mailed a record number of absentee ballots. The largest number of early votes Dubuque County had seen previously was 24,000, and this year surpassed that within the first five days of early voting.

"Voting this week has been steady with no difficulties," Dolan said. "With COVID we have some new measures like wiping down booths and plexiglass between people, but I'm pleased everything has gone

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Iowa City citizen, David Syr plays the cello on the Pentacrest on Oct. 10.

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land-acknowledgement document that is easier to use, which would include a link to the full statement.

"We've had a lot of calls from any number of departments of colleges and other outside organizations that want to open all of their public meetings ... with

a land acknowledgement," said UI Professor Emeritus Joe Dan Coulter, who is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potowatomi Nation of Oklahoma, and UI Native American Council member.

Coulter said the statements summarize that organizations throughout Iowa are occupying the land of Indigenous people and that Indigenous people were forcibly removed, put on reservations, and had their land taken

from them.

He said the UI has not formally adopted a land acknowledgement, because professors are not required to share a land acknowledgement and it is at their discretion if and how they want to implement one.

Rand said some of her colleagues have written their own statements with the same goal in mind.

"There have been a lot of

wrongs and we can't fix them all, but we shouldn't erase them either," said UI College of Law Dean Kevin Washburn, a Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma citizen and UI Native American Council member. "We should recognize them, and the land acknowledgement is a recognition of that sort of thing, that we can't fix all wrongs, but we can at least recognize that they happened."

BARS

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der to close bars and requiring restaurants to stop serving alcohol after 10 p.m. The order also mandated that patrons who ordered alcohol must also purchase food.

But rent is still due for bars and establishments, which are trying to avoid another shutdown order.

CEO of the Corridor Entertainment Group Jason Zeman said before Reynolds shut down the bars, wineries, and distilleries, there were certain downtown bars that were not enforcing social distancing or mask wearing measures, which made it more difficult for the vast majority of the bars to successfully enforce these policies.

"Before [bars were allowed to reopen], we'd have four to five places that weren't doing it, and everyone else was," Zeman said. "It was much more difficult to enforce the rules compared to when everybody does the same thing and we're all doing what we're supposed to be doing, the best we can."

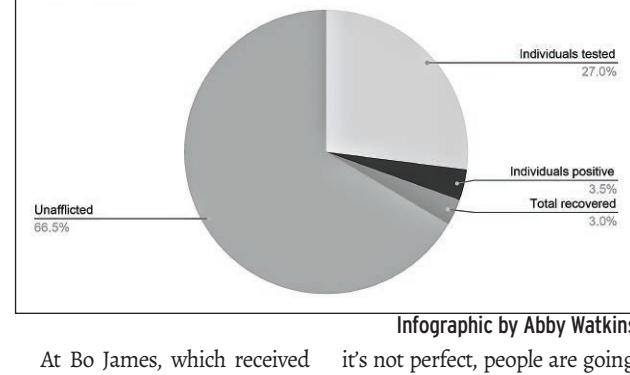
Bars are still required to keep patrons six feet apart inside. Zeman said because bars, restaurants, and other establishments have limited capacity inside their spaces, lines have been forming outside of the building on the sidewalk.

Over the weekend starting Oct. 9, long lines trailed from popular bars with employees at bars such as Sports Column attempting to herd patrons onto painted squares on the sidewalks, which are designated social distanced waiting spots.

Iowa City Nighttime Mayor Joe Reilly said in an email to The Daily Iowan that the painted squares outside the bars are merely a suggestion for patrons to follow and employees to enforce.

Reilly said since the sidewalks surrounding the bars are public property and not bar property, bars do not have the ability to control patrons gathering in that space. "Line queues are the public right of way and not bar property," Reilly said. "While they can offer a suggestion on where to stand, they cannot remove people from that space."

Cases in Johnson County out of Population of 155,354 on 10/11/2020



Infographic by Abby Watkins

At Bo James, which received an Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division citation in September for an Aug. 28 report of failing to social distance, containers of hand sanitizer and a mask station were set up outside the entrance.

Zeman said he believes bars and restaurants will be allowed to remain open as long as they continue to encourage patrons to stay up to date on the policies in place, and effectively enforce those same policies.

The biggest thing is just keeping the education going," Zeman said. "Reminding people and keeping the enforcement of the policies going, and like I said,

it's not perfect, people are going to not always do what they're supposed to do, but if you're constantly reminding them and you make it part of your policy...it makes a huge difference."

Nightclub Studio 13, one of the businesses managed by Zeman's Corridor Entertainment Group, set up plexiglass barriers between tables for the studio's first drag show Friday night.

Johnson County Community Health Manager Sam Jarvis said it's difficult to pinpoint the exact reason for the rise and decline of COVID-19 cases in Johnson County, but that bar closures and alarm at the rising number of

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cases contributed to the decline.

"Everyone saw the cases rising, and that caused a lot of community concern," Jarvis said. "Getting national attention also really puts it at the forefront of everyone's mind. Certainly, Iowa was a hotspot during that moment until a lot of attention was drawn upon it."

Zeman said he was downtown from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Oct. 9, giving him plenty of time to observe what practices and measures the different bars in the area were following. He said he found that most bars were following the appropriate guidelines, keeping patrons six feet apart and encouraging them to wear masks, as well.

"I was much more impressed than what I'd seen last time be-

fore we got shut down," Zeman said.

Zeman said he hopes if bars and restaurants continue to follow and enforce proper social distancing and mask wearing guidelines, they will be allowed to remain open and not cause another influx in positive COVID-19 cases in the Johnson County area.

"We just have to enforce the rules the best we can, and just keep it going, and hope that there's not another spike in [positive COVID-19 cases]," Zeman said.

Sarah Watson contributed to this report.

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Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan
University of Iowa Interim Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Liz Tovar speaks to the Undergraduate Student Government over Zoom on Oct. 6.



Jeff Sigmund/The Daily Iowan
Johnson County holds drive-in voting at 913 S. Dubuque St. in Iowa City. Resident Susan Horan goes over the ballot on Oct. 6.

Miller said most so far are from voters in the 35-50 age group. The low number of young voters is concerning in Linn County, Miller said. He said he's disappointed because it appears as though younger people in Linn County are engaged in politics but not participating — at least not yet.

"I know that younger people seem to procrastinate in general," Miller said. "Many wait until the last minute and when you wait until the last minute — especially when you aren't registered yet — you have to go through more steps, making the process more tedious."

Eva Sileo, a 22-year-old voter in Johnson County, said she decided to vote early and in-person this year

because she was uncertain if she would be able to make it to the polls on Election Day.

"There was a bit of a line, but overall I have been really

impressed with our county auditor who built a really effective system for this," Sileo said. "The drive up is a great way to vote in-person without risking exposure and it has expanded access for many voters like me."

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Downtown braces for cooler temps

With fall approaching, many Iowa City restaurants are puzzling over how to use outdoor patio seating or turn indoors.

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As October brings cooler temperatures to Iowa City, many downtown restaurants that heavily utilize and rely upon outdoor patio seating for socially distanced business during COVID-19 are being forced to reevaluate their plans for the upcoming season.

Iowa City Downtown District Director of Operations Betsy Potter said as of right now, businesses in the downtown district plan on using outdoor patios for as long as possible, weather permitting.

"At this point, we are keeping them out as long as the patio season will allow for," Potter said. "It will be a little weather dependent ... We know that there will be some cooler days and some rainy days, but that's with anything, and so, we are planning on keeping those out as long as possible."

Potter said when the weather in Iowa City becomes cooler and more difficult for restaurants to use outdoor seating, the downtown district is considering how it can aid those restaurants in still using outdoor seating or how to best accommodate guests during this time.

With temperatures mild still, Potter said this gives restaurants some time to weigh their options and create plans that will benefit them most when outdoor seating becomes more unreliable.

"With a lot of restaurants, you'll see the dividers that are up in the dining restaurants, you'll see them making a lot of changes to their inside layout and things, but there's been a little time now for people to be educated on how we can do this best, both indoors and outdoors. So that's what everybody is doing — figuring out what works best for them," Potter said.

Lindsay Chastain, co-owner of downtown restaurant The Dandy Lion, said using outdoor picnic tables over the past summer greatly boosted the restaurant's sales.

"Before the regulations were lifted for dine-in or outdoor dining, we were doing probably roughly 20 percent of what we'd normally be doing," Chastain said. "With the outdoor seating and the limited indoor seating, it's gone up to probably about 60 percent on average of what we'd normally be doing."

Chastain said she estimates The Dandy Lion will see its sales decrease to 35 percent of what it would normally receive, as a result of limitations from COVID-19 and scarce outdoor seating with the changing temperatures.

Chastain said coming up with feasible solutions to maintain sales, while not being able to utilize outdoor seating, has been difficult, as there is no unilateral solution that can be applied to every restaurant.

"There's not a lot of good solutions," Chastain said. "It's

just going to take a lot of creativity and all of the regulations are so different city to city and county to county, so there's not really a solution that works for every restaurant."

A section of North Linn Street was blocked off in April to provide outdoor patio seating for the restaurants in the area such as Goosetown Café, and will remain blocked off until Dec. 1.

Peter Kessler, owner of Goosetown Café located in the Northside Neighborhood of the downtown area, said added outdoor patio seating has boosted the restaurant's sales — prompting customers to visit the restaurant for both the food and the outdoor dining experience.

"We're the luckiest restaurant in town," Kessler said. "The fact that we have an entire street closed down to allow for anybody in the community to come down and utilize this seating in an outside capacity that's distanced very well is an amazing asset we have, and we've been able to capitalize off that."

Kessler said that, during a colder or rainier week, Goosetown's sales will be around 30 to 40 percent of what they were at this time last year. On nights with warmer weather, however, Kessler said the restaurant can make 80 to 100 percent of sales it would usually make during this time.

"It's been a bridge to help us make it through the pandemic,"

Kessler said. "It's given us extra revenue to take us into the winter, and it's a game of survival for March and April."

Kessler said, with limited inside seating options because of health and safety guidelines amid COVID-19, this has drastically affected the restaurant's employees and the size of its staff.

"Most restaurants, especially in a college town, we get many, many résumés of people looking for jobs, and there is just no work to offer anyone," Kessler said. "The patio seating allowed us to make sales, give people

hours, and to put a staff in the back of the house as well as the front of the house."

Kessler said Goosetown Café will continue to utilize, seat, and turn patio tables as long as customers are wanting to sit outside.

"As long as people show up, we will continue to seat tables outside and use tables outside," Kessler said. "It's a safer way to do service."

The Iowa City Downtown District and restaurants within it are encouraging customers who are uncomfortable with dine-in eating to consider take-

out or delivery options during the winter season, Potter said.

Potter said that downtown is currently seeking to collaborate with various restaurants downtown to come up with creative solutions that fit each restaurant best.

"Right now, we're starting to look at plans and what we can do for the winter season, or what would be best to implement downtown, or ways we can encourage people to still come downtown and support our restaurants during the colder season," she said, "but not concrete plans yet."



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The outdoor seating near Goosetown Café is pictured on Oct. 7. Downtown restaurants have been utilizing outdoor seating frequently during the summer months, but due to fall temperatures arriving, outdoor seating use is slowly decreasing.

Six UI Greek chapters on interim probation

University-wide, five students were put on disciplinary probation as university curtails off-campus COVID-19 spread.

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come as the university tries to curtail off-campus behavior that could risk spreading COVID-19. Guidelines issued in August ban student organization-sponsored gatherings of more than 10 people that do not follow social distancing or mask-wearing guidelines.

According to a letter from the Office of Student Accountability to Pi Kappa Phi requested by *The Daily Iowan*, it "surprised the chapter house residents" when 15 women came over in the evening of Sept. 24 to the fraternity because it violated the policy of allowing each resident one guest. Seventeen fraternity members live in the house currently.

"This was a case of too many invitations to 'come over' being extended or friends bringing friends," the letter stated. "Although the House Manager and House Director are responsible for chapter house policy management, it would be beneficial for an executive officer to reside in the chapter house in the future."

This is the second time this semester that greek organizations have been found in violation of COVID-19 guidelines. As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the university sanctioned four sororities — Alpha Phi, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Gamma, and Gamma Phi Beta — on Sept. 11 for social media posts that showed members

of the chapter gathered not wearing masks.

The UI is asking students on campus to report violations of the student code in a form. Since Sept. 25, the UI has received hundreds of reported violations.

In a campus-wide update sent on Oct. 2, the university reported that three students in the residence halls are in quarantine and eight students in the residence halls are in self-isolation.

Since the beginning of the semester, 2,044 students and 56 employees have self-reported testing positive.

There have been 314 reports of failure to social distance and 238 reports of failure to wear a face covering.

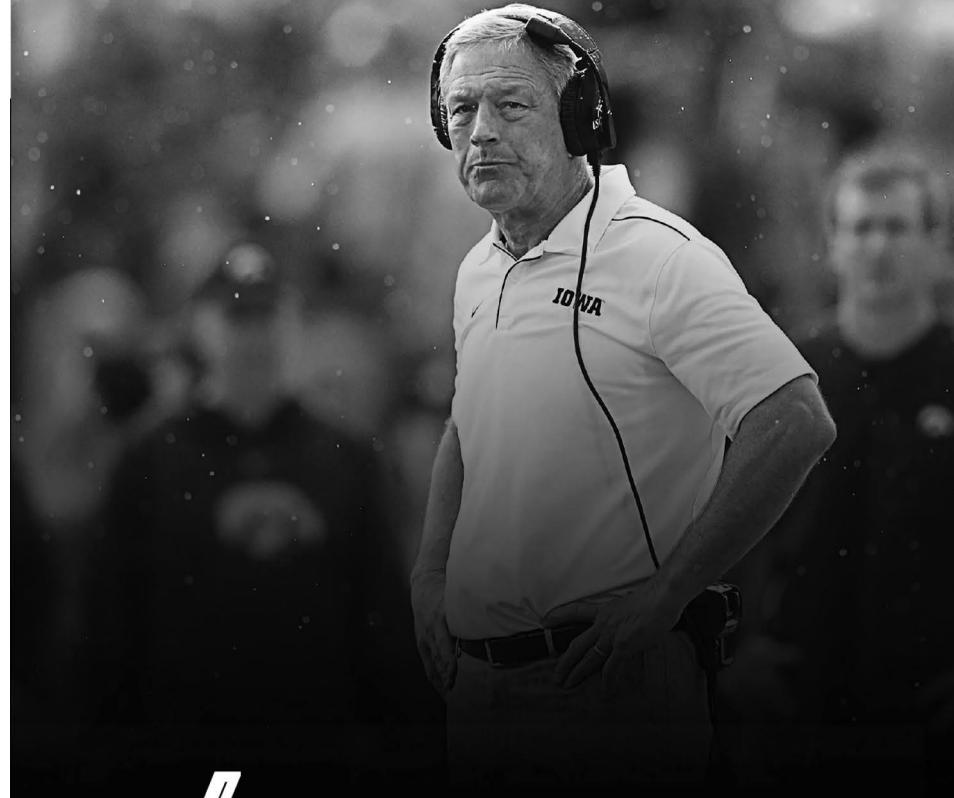
Five students were put on disciplinary probation for violating university COVID-19 social distancing or mask-wearing guidelines. The UI defines disciplinary probation as a two-semester-long period of time when a student is "not considered to be in good standing with respect to the non-academic disciplinary system."

"Students who violate university policy during the probationary period may receive more severe disciplinary sanctions, including the possibility of suspension or expulsion from the university," according to the UI's accountability website.

University officials have pointed to off-campus be-

havior, including a lack of bars, as part of the re-distancing at downtown son for a spike in cases on

campus in August and early September.



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Delta Delta Delta, a Panhellenic sorority on campus, is seen on Aug. 3.

Opinions

COLUMN

Lack of Iowa unity isn't helping COVID-19

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Marie Forleo says that 'success doesn't come from what you do occasionally. It comes from what you do constantly.'

Well Iowa, if we are going to successfully overcome COVID-19, we have to keep following safety procedures. But before we have consistency, we must have unity in these practices.

For example, local Iowa City schools have invested \$540,000 in PPE equipment for students and staff and created district guidelines on safety procedures and expectations.

However, these efforts will be in vain if the state government makes decisions that don't eliminate the spread of the virus.

At the end of September, Gov. Kim Reynolds recommended that school administration staff and students will not have to quarantine if exposed to someone who tested positive as long as both individuals were wearing masks.

This clearly contradicts

CDC guidelines which states that individuals who have been in close contact — within six feet for more than 15 minutes — should quarantine for 15 days unless they have already had COVID-19 the past three months.

The people we should be listening to are scientists, but Iowa politicians are making decisions that contravene safety procedures that have proven to help combat this virus.

While it is important for local schools to be investing in safety equipment and creating strict policies, the state's leaders need to first set a good example for Iowa people to follow. If politician and school district decisions contradict, people will start to question the merit of these safety procedures schools have set in place.

Johnson County extended the mask mandate until Nov. 6. In the Iowa City Proclamation made by the mayor, it requires residents in Iowa City to wear a face covering in public when it is not possible to stay six feet apart from others.

Somehow, Regina High School seems to think that

football is an exception to this order, which is illogical — especially due to the fact players are literally on top of each other when playing.

During these high school football games, Regina players have not been required to wear

masks and very little social distancing has taken place in the stands. Other local schools such as Iowa City High players have been asked to wear masks and decided not to allow fans inside their stadium.

You don't have to be a huge football fan to know that it is impossible for players to be six feet apart when the object of the game is to tackle each other and to score touchdowns. If Iowa City is requiring people to wear a mask when social distancing is impossible, you should wear it.

The excuses of 'it makes it harder to play' and 'I can't breathe' aren't valid. If Iowa City High players can do it, so can you.

Lastly, bars in Johnson county were able to reopen as of Oct. 5. While there is an understanding that local businesses need support, there are

other methods such as government funding that don't tempt college students to make poor decisions — especially what we saw in the beginning of the year that these temptations caused a spike in cases.

The UI recommends avoiding large gatherings and staying six feet apart which is hard to follow when students are stressed and bars open as an escape for a night out.

We all have a responsibility

to make choices that keep the Iowa City community safe, but first Iowa City and state government must implement policies and practices that align together as well as the CDC guidelines.



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Masks, hand sanitizer, and tissues are seen available in the Pomerantz Center on Sept. 15.

GUEST OPINION

Faculty must be involved in search for new president

As the University of Iowa embarks on the search for the next head Hawkeye, the American Association of University Professors writes that the next search process should follow AAUP guidelines.

Once again the University of Iowa begins its search for a new leader. But this search will be like no other, not only because it is happening in the midst of a pandemic, but because it happens in the dark shadow of the last search. The process that resulted in the hiring of President Bruce Harreld was so lacking in openness and transparency that, after investigation, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) placed the university on its list of institutions sanctioned for violations of time-honored principles of shared governance. To locals steeped in Iowa traditions of open, faculty-led presidential searches, as well as outside observers viewing that search to assess its compliance

with shared governance, that search was simply unacceptable. Its deficiencies continue to haunt us; in the intervening years, countless local and national news articles about the university have referred to the covert, authoritarian way in which that search was conducted.

Eager to restore the academic reputation of the University of Iowa, the university and Board of Regents formed a committee to attempt to have Iowa removed from AAUP's sanction list. The committee was composed of members of the Faculty Senate, the Board of Regents, and the local AAUP chapter. After working together for almost a year, the committee produced a document entitled Summary of Best Practice for Faculty En-

gagement in a UI Presidential Search. Representatives of all three participating bodies signed off on the document and presented it to the national office of AAUP; after further investigation, the university was removed from the sanction list in 2018. The document, drafted with the comforting specificity of a cookbook, may be read in its entirety on the Faculty Senate website.

So now everyone knows how to conduct the current search. The collective task of all who wish to see the University of Iowa retain its place among the nation's top tier of teaching and research institutions is to see that the best practices are followed carefully. And because President Harreld has signaled his willingness to remain on

the job until his successor is found, the process need not be rushed.

As the Summary indicates, the process begins with the identification of search committee co-chairs, at least one of whom is to be a non-administrative faculty member. The Board of Regents is then to consult with those co-chairs in determining whether a search firm is to be hired and, if so, which firm. To comply with the letter and the spirit of the Summary, the Board should follow those steps in as transparent a manner as reasonably possible, as it agreed to do only two years ago.

Quite apart from the need to adhere to agreed upon practices, there are important reasons to ensure that the faculty is fully engaged in and supportive of this

search. Crucial questions will confront the next university president and she or he must have the support of the faculty in answering them. Can the university do better in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion at all levels? Is the current tendency to focus hiring on short-term teaching faculty at the expense of tenured

of? Based on the university's track record to date in responding to the pandemic, is the university doing what it must in terms of crisis preparedness? There are many more. Iowa educational leaders should proceed carefully and deliberately to select the next president, being mindful of the great importance of their task.

"Iowa educational leaders should proceed carefully and deliberately to select the next president, being mindful of the great importance of their task."

— Lois Cox, Clinical Professor of Law Emerita

Writing on behalf of the Executive Committee, University of Iowa chapter, AAUP

GUEST OPINION

UI must release pesticides report

The University of Iowa Environmental Coalition leaders write that the UI should take clear and transparent steps to decrease pesticide use on campus

lead intern to focus on research surrounding pesticide use on campus. The main goal of this position was to create a fact sheet about what pesticides are being used, where, and how much. When finding out about this, UIEC was excited to see initiative taken from the OSE and CHEEC to address the concerns about pesticide use that we and many other environmental groups had. We are now writing this letter to address the OSE and CHEEC about our concerns.

It is October of 2020, and the pesticides-focused intern is no longer working for the university, as her job has finished as

well as the report. However, the pesticides report has not been released to the public. UIEC's main goal this year is to address pesticide use on campus, but we have encountered several roadblocks due to the OSE and CHEEC not releasing the report. This is very troubling to us, because every year students sit on the Pentacrest grass that has been sprayed with chemicals, potentially endangering the health and wellbeing of our community. This is especially concerning considering the use of neonicotinoids in some areas of the University of Iowa campus, which have been proven to have a devastating effect

on bees, birds, and other wildlife.

The University of Iowa Environmental Coalition calls on the OSE and CHEEC to release the pesticides report to the public and be held accountable for the environmental damage they have caused by not releasing the report sooner. Our demands include:

- The hiring of a new pesticides intern to continue to address pesticide use on campus.

- The release of the pesticides report by Oct. 30.

- Clear steps taken by the OSE and CHEEC to decrease the use of pesticides on campus by the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

— The University of Iowa Environmental Coalition



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A sign warning students to stay off the grass sits on the Pentacrest on Sept. 4, 2019. Despite the warning about chemical treatment, some students continue to sit.

The University of Iowa Environmental Coalition (UIEC) is the longest running and well-respected sustainability organization on campus. As a group of student activists, we take on many initiatives to make our campus and the Iowa

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Hawkeye commits include A.J. Ediger, Addison O'Grady, and Sydney Affolter, giving Iowa the No. 20 ranked class in the latest ESPN rankings.

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The Iowa women's basketball 2021 recruiting class is ranked 20th in the nation, according to ESPN.

The Hawkeyes have signed two players in the ESPN HoopGurlz top 100, A.J. Ediger and Addison O'Grady, along with four-star recruit

Women's basketball cracks top 25 with 2021 recruiting class

Sydney Affolter.

"What I really enjoy about the top rankings is that it gets a lot of buzz," associate head coach Jan Jensen said. "Now they have seen Iowa in the top 20 back-to-back years, and that is when you start to really see that we are attracting great young women back to back, and you can prevent drop-off years."

This year's highest ranked

The 2020 Iowa women's basketball recruiting class was ranked 17th in the nation by ESPN, making this the second year in a row that Iowa has cracked the top 25. That class was led by the five-star recruit and McDonald's All-American point guard from West Des Moines Caitlyn Clark.

recruit for the Hawkeyes is Ediger, a 6-foot-2-inch small forward from Hudsonville, Michigan.

"With our offense, we really like big guards that can do a little of everything, and we feel [Ediger] is really going to fit in well," Jensen said. "When we need her to have a matchup problem and post up a smaller guard, she

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— Jan Jensen, Iowa associate head coach

can do it. But if someone is guarding her that is a little bit bigger and maybe not as quick in the perimeter, she can take them outside and drive on them or hit the three."

Ediger is ranked No. 39 in the nation for the 2021 class and is third in the nation at her position, according to ESPN.

The Hawkeyes have shifted to a four-out one-in, read and react type of offense that really utilizes the guards and wings as opposed to using two true post players. The Iowa coaching staff believes Ediger's versatility will work well in this fast-paced offense as she continues to improve.

"She has great size and great versatility," Jensen said. "She can hit the three, but she's not there yet, and she can post up, but she is not quite there yet."

O'Grady is a physical 6-foot-4-inch post player ranked No. 92 in the nation from Centennial, Colorado.

"I'm really excited about [O'Grady], she has just got amazing potential," Jensen said. "I feel like with Addison, her skillset and her po-

tential are really high."

O'Grady is a phenomenal passer that runs the floor well and has good hands. Jensen said her perimeter game is a bit stronger than Megan Gustafson when she arrived at Iowa.

"Her post-up game is where we are really going to grow her game," Jensen said. "We haven't had a post like her for a long time that has, I think, the ability to be as lethal outside as she is inside."

Affolter, a 5-foot-11-inch wing and Chicago native, has not cracked the top 100 rankings. But Jensen said it's a shock that Affolter is not ranked higher.

"This kid is great, she is so fundamental, and she is so versatile," Jensen said. "She can finish, she can hit a three with ease, she's calm, she handles the ball and never gets rattled — I mean this is a kid that everyone would want on their team."

Affolter's consistency and love for the game is what makes her an exciting prospect for the Hawkeyes, and Jensen said that she symbolizes what Iowa basketball is all about.



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Iowa Associate Head Coach Jan Jensen chats with Special Assistant Jenni Fitzgerald during a game between against Wisconsin on Feb. 16.

COVID COACH

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family aside to focus on her athletes.

"My job was to keep them safe and keep them healthy — to get them ready to train," Libby said. "I think that people eliminate the faction of — the head coaches are drowning. It's really hard ... I am putting everything, including my own family, aside to make sure that someone else's kids are taken care of. And I know that, I've always done that ... I think I've aged 25 years in one week."

Despite the hardships and concerns for their

families and teams, Libby and Bluder commended the athletics medical team for their vigilance in developing regulations for practice.

Bluder said the medical team has done a great job of handling regulations and testing, and Libby said athletic trainers are working overtime to make sure the teams have proper safety measures in place at all times.

When their seasons start, Cellucci, Bluder, and Libby anticipate being tested every day.

Bluder said that, while she isn't worried about being at different schools, she is worried about needing to fly in airplanes or stay at hotels. She said she is confident

that the opposing team will have the same strict testing protocols as Iowa, but can't say the same for other people, such as flight attendants or hotel employees.

Libby, however, said the main concern she has about traveling to different schools is making sure the opposing team follows the same protocols that the Big Ten will put in place.

"By the time we get to that point, a lot of the Big Ten has been talking for months about the types of things that are required, so there is a standard protocol," Libby said. "I think that that is the concern everywhere, like how will we know that somebody else hasn't done what we've done."

GOOD TO GO

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slowed down, with the help of the coaches, I had some success."

Goodson's rise up Iowa's depth chart meant others had to fall.

Mekhi Sargent lost his starting job last season, but he was critical in the development of the running back who took his spot.

"Mekhi has been a great mentor for me personally," Goodson said. "I came in and he's helped me with the play book, helped me with defensive schemes, allowed things to slow down for me."

"Tyler coming in and being very competitive, that was huge," Sargent said. "We had guys like Toren Young there and Ivory Kelly-Martin, but Tyler brought a whole different type of skillset to the room. We're still giving each other tools to get better. Still learning the game of football. Tyler's a really good kid and he has a bright future."

Kelly-Martin was another running back who didn't see the amount of touches he may have been expecting last

season. He only appeared in three games before spending the rest of the season on the sideline, taking a redshirt year.

Foster described Kelly-Martin as an extra assistant coach in the backfield last season and commended the redshirt junior for his attitude despite not being on the field.

"I'm very lucky to not have a group of guys in our room that have selfish attitudes," Foster said. "They are team-first guys and very supportive of one another. You see it in practice, you see it in a game. And that makes me proud as a coach."

Sargent and Kelly-Martin will both have roles — on and off the field — for Iowa this season, but Goodson is set to be the star at running back.

Goodson is on the Doak Walker preseason watch list and is a popular All-Big Ten pick. The sophomore is confident in himself going into the 2020 season. But he may be more confident in his team.

"I can see us going to win a Big Ten Championship," Goodson said. "And if it happens to go further, we can go further. That's what I see in this team."

Goodson



Derrick Foster, Iowa running backs coach



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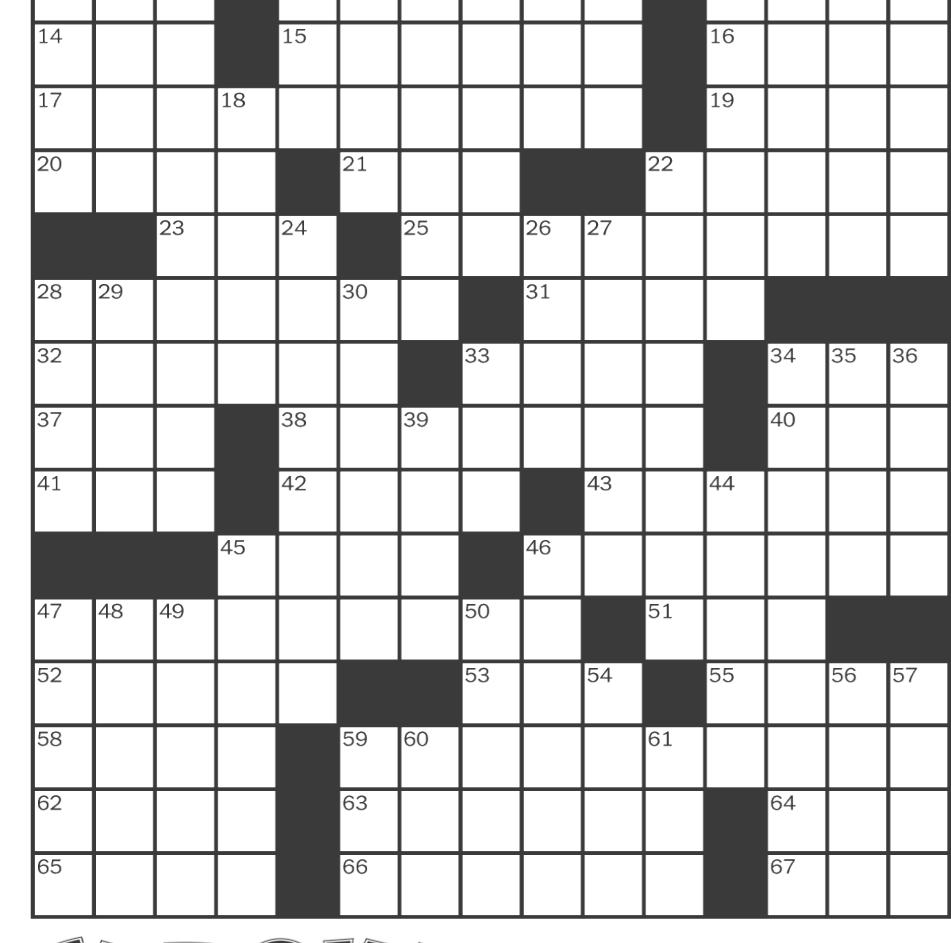
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 - First Nations tribe
 - Author Gay
 - "__, matey!"
 - Disappeared
 - Alternative to an elevator
 - UPS alternative
 - Staple of Asian cooking
 - German auto
 - Sunbathe
 - Start over
 - Aides, collectively
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 - Like passwords, one hopes
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EMPTY NEST

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"I really hope that they survive it through this next year," Reive said regarding NCAA men's gymnastics. "But right now, I'm not obviously in a whole optimistic period. I don't know how much longer we have. I think it's only going to be a couple years if we make it through this year."

The current landscape

Two days after knee replacement surgery, Minnesota men's gymnastics head coach Mike Burns was being interviewed by *The Daily Iowan*, which was before he found out his sport was being discontinued at his own institution on Sept. 10.

After returning from a call with his school's administration, Burns found out during a meeting with the College Gymnastics Association Executive Committee on Aug. 21 that the men's gymnastics team at Iowa was being cut.

"I was like, 'You gotta be kidding me,'" said Burns, who was an assistant coach at Iowa from 1980-91. "Obviously, [it] hijacked our agenda for the meeting and kind of put us on pretty high alert."

Burns is the president of the College Gymnastics Association whose mission statement is "To raise the profile of the sport of NCAA Men's Gymnastics by setting the standard for collegiate sports organizations and providing additional opportunities at the college level."

His association is trying to keep NCAA gymnastics alive, but that's becoming difficult with no revenue coming into many collegiate athletic departments.

On Sept. 14, the College Gymnastics Association released a post about its "STRONGER TOGETHER CAMPAIGN," described as a nationwide fundraising program to help college men's gymnastics survive.

Only hours after Minnesota announced its own men's gymnastics program was being cut, Burns said in his second interview with the DI that it's up to each team to help themselves out to a certain extent.

"There's probably two priorities," Burns said in his first of two interviews. "Money is one and the philosophy of providing for student-athletes at the collegiate is the second one. I think that aspect of college sports is really a critical one."

"There's an awful lot of student-athletes at the college level that don't get the notoriety or publicity, maybe because they are doing a lot of great things and then they're moving on to great careers outside of the sport," Burns said. "I think any way you can salvage and save those opportunities, I think you need to take a look at that really closely."

The complicated scoring in men's gymnastics is also of concern because it makes it hard for TV viewers to follow.

John Roethlisberger, a multiple-time NCAA champion and a three-time USA Olympian who now works as a TV commentator, said men's gymnastics is the hardest sport to follow, understand, and tell who's winning, even more so than women's gymnastics. In 2018, the women's finals of the U.S. Gymnastics

Championships had over three times as many viewers as the men's competition, according to *Sports Business Daily*.

Roethlisberger believes people want to know the score in real time and what needs to happen in the next turn for a team to take or retain the lead.

"As someone who's been around gymnastics my whole entire life, I can watch a meet and don't have any idea," Roethlisberger said. "I'm guessing and I'm speculating, and I can come pretty close. But if it's hard for me, how about just the layman who watches gymnastics once every four years? They're not going to know."

The meets also take too long, Roethlisberger said. He said he would shorten all events to three-up, three-count. This means that three people from each team would go up for each event and all their scores would count for the meet.

Roethlisberger would also make changes to how the teams are structured.

He said he would downsize the gymnasts on teams to 12 and use a club program as the junior varsity program. Many programs have more than 20 on their roster.

There's an awful lot of student-athletes at the college level that don't get the notoriety or publicity.

— Mike Burns, former Iowa assistant coach

"I honestly would go as far as cutting the entire budget, other than the coach and maybe three scholarships," Roethlisberger said. "And then you fundraise all of your travel and all your uniforms and all your equipment. And maybe the university has dis-

main pipelines for the USA Olympic team, along with the US Olympic Training Center for USA's resident program, Woodnick said. Unlike female gymnasts, where the average age for an Olympian is in their late teens, the average age for male gymnasts in the

The NCAA programs are one of the two

I believe that the programs will be there," Woodnick said. "I believe that some of them may be in a different capacity than they're in now, but I believe they're going to be there and I still believe that we will have male gymnasts going to these programs and then making it to the National team and World Championships team and Olympic teams.

"I don't see this as like the downfall of men's gymnastics so that is not what I see here," Woodnick said.

Some prominent figures in the world of gymnastics believe a transition from varsity-based NCAA programs to

ing for it. His wife owns Eyas Gymnastics, which is a community program for recreational and competitive gymnastics that operates out of the Iowa Field House.

Eyas Gymnastics was started, in part, as a contingency plan, Reive said. Should Iowa's men's gymnastics team ever fold, Eyas Gymnastics could serve as a safety valve for athletes to fall back on and utilize to train.

Rieve said he hopes to know within the next month if he can start a gymACT program at Iowa. If it does end up happening, Reive said he can start it almost immediately because he's got a good

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Hawkeye gymnast Addison Chung competes in the vault during the Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships on April 6, 2019.

He said USA Gymnastics and the USA Olympic Committee are proposing ideas to athletics departments across the nation on how to save the sport at their institutions.

The NCAA programs are one of the two main pipelines for the USA Olympic team, along with the US Olympic Training Center for USA's resident program, Woodnick said. Unlike female gymnasts, where the average age for an Olympian is in their late teens, the average age for male gymnasts in the

meet on screens, and judges could judge from home. Burns gave an example of how much money Minnesota could save, such as how it might spend between \$16,000 to \$17,000 on a trip to Penn State.

Programs have been saved before. In 2002, Minnesota was going to cut men's gymnastics, along with men's and women's golf before a fund-raising program saved them, according to the *Star Tribune*. Michigan was going to discontinue men's gymnastics in the '90s, but was postponed after intense lobbying from the team, coaches, and supporters, according to a 1994 article in the *Michigan Daily*.

Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education activities that receive federal financial assistance, plays a role once athletics departments need a solution to overcome their budget deficits.

The NCAA website indicates there are no exclusions or exceptions allowed.

"Under Title IX there are no sport exclusions or exceptions. Individual participation opportunities (number of student-athletes participating rather than number of sports) in all men's and women's sports are counted in determining whether an institution meets Title IX participation standards."

Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta said the discontinuation of men's gymnastics is final. Minnesota Athletic Director Mark Coyle said the department doesn't believe a realistic funding goal could be set to keep the sport, and the Minnesota Board of Regents approved the cut by a 7-5 vote on Friday.

William and Mary's interim Athletic Director Jeremy Martin said he welcomed unexplored and viable options for the seven sports the university will be cutting after this year, according to a *Richmond Times-Dispatch* article published Friday.

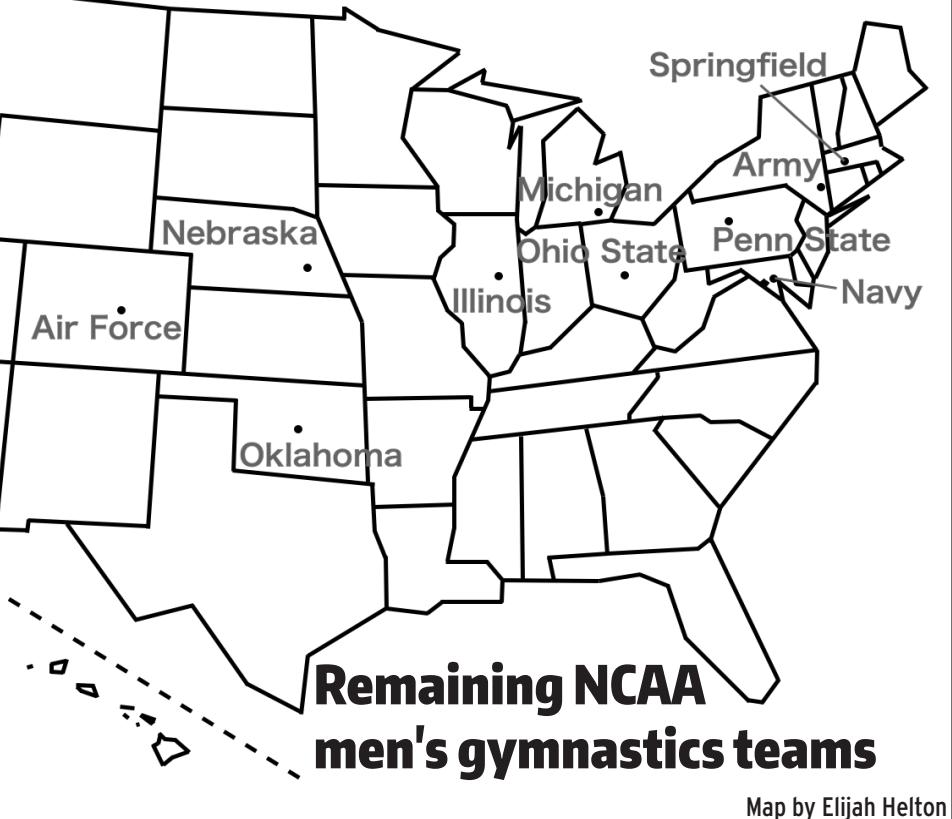
As for the NCAA Championship in men's gymnastics, there's no set minimum for how many NCAA teams there has to be for that to take place, Burns said. He said it could survive with the current 12 teams.

In an email to the DI, Greg Johnson, Associate Director of Communications for the NCAA, said, "The National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships will continue as scheduled. If any additional details occur, we will share with our membership and the public."

Barclay said that gymACT will likely be the future of men's gymnastics if the NCAA doesn't stand up.

Though it appears men's gymnastics could soon look different in America, there is optimism from one of Iowa's own.

"I have hope for the future of the sport that it will somehow grow," redshirt freshman Reuben Anderson said. "Especially through those gymACT programs. I also really enjoyed my time competing and I hope we get to go again and if not I just really loved my experience competing for Iowa and my time being a Hawkeye."



cretionary income in a year."

The athletic department then could help subsidize the program, Roethlisberger said.

Iowa's athletics department said that a \$20 million endowment to the men's gymnastics program would generate an \$800,000 operating budget, which would keep the program afloat.

If something isn't done soon to save men's gymnastics, the sport could change drastically in future years.

The Olympics

Jason Woodnick was named vice president for men's gymnastics at USA Gymnastics in February. Complications from the pandemic have impacted his work.

Olympics is in their early-to-mid 20s, according to a 2017 study.

"So if NCAA programs are gone, or are going, that changes our entire focus, our entire structure and where does that new pipeline come from and how we can develop it," said Woodnick, who's participated in many conversations about contingency plans should the current model fold.

If NCAA programs do eliminate men's gymnastics, Woodnick still said collegiate club programs can still fill in the gaps without the university-sanctioned varsity teams.

He said USA Gymnastics just finalized its four-year plan, which he thinks will lead to international success.

college-affiliated club teams is a major problem.

Roethlisberger contends that the effects of such a change would be felt at the 2028 Olympic Games.

Scott Barclay is one of the

premier men's gymnastics club coaches in the NCAA, having worked as the head coach of the Arizona State program since the school dropped it from the NCAA level in 1993. His program is one of nine gymACT programs, which makes it stand out from NAIGC programs because it has a coach, facility, funding, and the athletes, Barclay said.

Under his program, Arizona State is devoid of the typical benefits of an NCAA program except an ad hoc facility to host a meet.

In terms of the Olympics, Barclay said he thinks if more men's gymnastics teams go to a club-level model that the USA Olympics team would lag for a couple quadrenniums.

"Like I say, I think whenever this stuff happens, somebody comes in and they take advantage of the opportunity to produce something and figure a way to do it," Barclay said. "I mean, that's the American way. So, even though I think we might lag for a little bit, I think we'll come back."

Reive said that he's interested in starting a gymACT program at Iowa but doesn't know yet if he'll have fund-

roster and has gymnasts who want to stay at Iowa with a gymACT program.

"The NCAA does create a significant amount of restrictions," Reive said. "And with the limiting opportunities on our side, it was just com-

pounding gymACT programs to have as many kids as you want. There's ASU as an example but they've got 60 kids on their gymACT program. They've got two full squads. So, it's pretty wild and would be exciting to have that here too."

What's next

It's clear that there will be some changes to collegiate men's gymnastics within the next several years.

The College Gymnastics Association is trying to do virtual gymnastics meets, on which Burns said the group has made a lot of progress. The NCAA currently doesn't allow virtual meets, according to a March 2004 interpretation that said an event must be held on the same day at the same place to satisfy the requirements for conference championship competition and/or sports sponsorship.

Under this format, teams would compete in their own facilities and livestream the



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Photo of Minnesota Men's Gymnastics Head Coach Mike Burns.

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Doors closing, tide changing in college men's gymnastics



Athletes warm up during the Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships in Iowa City on April 6, 2019.

Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Only 12 NCAA men's gymnastics teams will remain after the 2020-21 academic year, creating an uncertain future for those who care about the sport.

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It is no secret that NCAA men's gymnastics has been struggling for a long time, but the struggle for its existence is now more real than ever.

In the 1981-82 academic year, there were 79 NCAA men's teams. At the start of the 2019-20 academic year, there were 15. Seven of them were in the Big Ten.

Looking beyond the 2020-21 academic year, there will be only 12 teams, with Iowa, William & Mary, and Minnesota all discontinuing their programs because of financial struggles caused by the pandemic.

Despite the feeling of shock and disappointment after Iowa cut its program, there's hope from coaches and athletes that club teams will be the way of the future at the collegiate level, ensuring the Olympic dream is kept alive.

Iowa was the first domino to fall. Its announcement came on Aug. 21. The week after that decision, all the Big Ten head coaches in the sport joined in on a conference call and expressed fear about their own teams getting the axe, Iowa head coach JD Reive said.

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HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Football brackets released

The Iowa high school football playoff brackets were released on Saturday.

Every team made the playoffs and are grouped into 16 different pods in each of the six classes for the first two rounds.

As for local teams, Iowa City Liberty (2-2) will start its play in the second round in pod five of the Class 4A playoffs at Dubuque Hempstead (6-1) on Oct. 23.

Iowa City High (1-3) will host Ottumwa (0-6) in the first round in pod seven of the Class 4A playoffs on Friday. The winner will travel to Iowa City West (4-0) on Oct. 23.

Iowa City Regina (6-1) will host the first-round winner of Columbus Community (2-5) and Wapello (3-3) in pod 12 of the Class A playoffs on Oct. 23. All previously listed games start at 7 p.m.

After the second round, teams will be bracketed again into four brackets with four teams each. The third round will take place on Oct. 30 and the quarterfinals on Nov. 6. The semifinals will take place from Nov. 12-14 and the finals from Nov. 19-20. Both those rounds are at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you need a spare tire, you don't care if it goes in the front, the back, the right or left, just get it on the car, right?"

- Kelvin Bell,
Iowa
football
defensive
line coach

STAT OF THE DAY

16.4

yards per reception last season from senior receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette

Goodson set to lead Iowa's ground game

Now a sophomore, things have settled into place for running back Tyler Goodson on the football field and, with the help of his teammates, he's ready to be the Hawkeyes' star in the backfield.



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Tyler Goodson isn't a freshman anymore — not that he hasn't heard that already.

The Suwanee, Georgia, native impressed in his

first season as a Hawkeye in 2019. Now the team's

featured running

back at the top

of the depth

chart, Goodson's

coaches are

expecting even

more from him.

"What I told him is 'Last year is over,'" running backs coach Derrick Foster said. "You're not a freshman anymore, you're a sophomore — an older player. You've got some game experience under your belt now."

"I'm looking forward to him leading out front and understanding, exactly, this offense. Sometimes coming in as a freshman it can be a little bit overwhelming to a certain extent. I think

what has happened for him is he's been able to slow the game down, understand what we do conceptually as an offense, and then go out there and apply it to his ability."

Goodson received a varying amount of touches for most of last season before taking over the starting job in Iowa's victory over previously

unbeaten

Minnesota.

In the

Hawkeyes' regular

season finale

against Nebraska,

Goodson

scampered for a

career-high 116 yards, including a 55-yard burst

down the sideline for a score.

"Last year, my mindset at the beginning of the season was mostly just to get comfortable and earn the coaches' trust so they'd be able to trust me down the road and trust me to have the ball in my hands," Goodson said. "Once the game

Coaches convey COVID-19 concerns

Coaches from multiple Hawkeye sports discussed the personal risks with their teams and families in order to hold their respective seasons during the pandemic.

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After an abrupt end to many seasons in March because of COVID-19, Iowa teams are back to practice.

Both athletes and coaches put their health at risk to play the game they love coming back to practices. Despite stringent protocols, including weekly testing and mandatory mask wearing, 237 student-athletes and others within the athletic department have tested positive for COVID-19 as of Oct. 5.

Coaches are doing everything they can to keep themselves and their families safe.

Lisa Bluder, head women's basketball coach, is worried about getting COVID-19 not only for personal health reasons, but also for the sake of her team.

"The reason I don't want to get [COVID-19] is not just for health reasons, but also for our competitive season," Bluder said. "Because we'll be removed from practice, whether that happens now and you miss two or three weeks of practice, or whether it happens during the season and you miss six games, none of that is any good."

Bluder said any of her coaches getting COVID-19 would be severely detrimental to practices and running the team.

Lisa Cellucci, head field hockey coach, is committed to making sure her family and her team is safe.

"I try to be as careful as possible, just to protect myself, my family, and most importantly the team and my staff that I'm around," Cellucci said.

Head women's gymnastics coach Larissa Libby emphasized the difficulty of putting her

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