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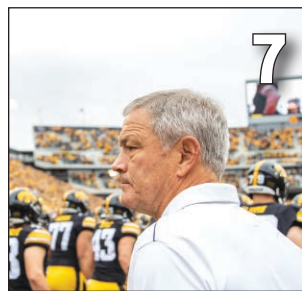
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The University of Iowa training review committee has lifted the campus-wide pause on departmental diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings which was prompted by President Trump's Executive Order.



First-year students move home
The Class of 2024 Hawkeyes are having a college experience like no other – from social media to break out rooms on Zoom, they're finding ways to connect.



Shalisa Gladney adjusts to Afro House Coordinator in virtual format
Starting in her newly appointed role as the coordinator for the University of Iowa Afro-American Cultural Center, Shalisa Gladney is adjusting to a new virtual format.



Hawkeyes determined to push forward
Despite being upset by Purdue 24-20 on Saturday, Kirk Ferentz and his Iowa football team will not let a season-opening loss define the 2020 campaign. The last time Ferentz lost a season-opener was in 2013.



ESPN's Wright Thompson hosting virtual event with Prairie Lights
In conjunction with Prairie Lights and Big Grove Brewery, ESPN writer and storyteller Wright Thompson will be hosting a virtual event to promote his new book, Pappyland. Thompson will be joined by distiller Julian Van Winkle and former Iowa kicker Nate Kaeding for the Nov. 12 event.



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Big Ten's daily dose

Athletics programs across the Big Ten are testing players and staff daily to keep everyone safe as they gear up for the beginning of the season.



Chief Infection Officer for Iowa Athletics James Torner poses for a portrait outside of the College of Public Health Building on Oct. 22.

Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

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When the Hawkeyes faced off against Purdue Oct. 24, the Boilermakers' head coach was absent from the sideline. Jeff Brohm received a positive COVID-19 antigen test during daily testing on Oct. 18, and it was confirmed the next day. Big Ten regulations require players and staff to self-isolate for 10 days after a positive test, so Brohm sat the first game of the season out.

As Big Ten football kicks off, the league has implemented guidelines across each athletics program to ensure the safety of players, coaches, and staff members amid the spread of the novel

coronavirus.

The University of Iowa athletics department, along with the other 13 universities in the Big Ten, began daily COVID-19 testing Sept. 30. Each university has also appointed a chief infection officer to report this data to the Big Ten.

UI epidemiologist and Chief Infection Officer for Hawkeye Athletics James Torner said he's used to doing surveillance on the virus, as he has been tracking the pandemic since late February. The new protocols are not far off from what UI Athletics implemented in June when athletes began returning to campus to train.

The Big Ten paused all team activities on March 13 because of the pan-

demie. The Iowa football team was the first Hawkeye program to return to its facilities on June 8. COVID-19 testing began for the team on May 29, and other athletes and coaches would be tested as they returned to campus too. Now, the football team has access to daily testing, as will other Hawkeye sports when they start competing again.

"I think they're proceeding with caution," Torner said of the Big Ten. "As long as things are positive, they'll go ahead."

A core group of no more than 170 people, including players and a select number of coaches and staff, use a point-of-contact (POC) test for daily testing, Torner said.

Universities are not allowed to buy

more tests, and there are around 120 players on each team, leaving around 50 staff members to be tested daily, Iowa Team Physician Andrew Peterson said. There are currently 124 Hawkeye Football players on the roster, leaving 46 tests for coaches and staff.

Head Coach Kirk Ferentz said at a Tuesday press conference that everyone is tested at a set time daily and before travel on certain Fridays. They also test Saturdays before games. He noted that tests across the conference have a 98.9-percent accuracy, and that while the programs cannot be perfect, they have allowed programs to keep playing.

SEE FOOTBALL, 2

Dey House sprouts 'literary grove'

UI Arborists planted eight saplings from trees connected to famous authors, including Mark Twain, William Faulkner, and Edgar Allan Poe.



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University of Iowa graduate student, Josh Leonard (left), reads aloud some of Edgar Allan Poe's work as University of Iowa arborists, Andy Dahl (center) and Alan Allgood (right), plant a hackberry tree from Poe's garden during the Literary Grove tree planting by the University of Iowa Arborists and Writers' Workshop at the Dey House on Oct. 23

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Beneath an overcast afternoon sky, University of Iowa Writers' Workshop student Santiago Sanchez read Robert Frost's poem, "The Wood-Pile," to a masked crowd gathered outside the Dey House. Beside the writer, UI Arborist Andy Dahl and partner Alan Allgood planted a small birch sapling from the tree that once belonged to Robert Frost himself.

Students and faculty of the Writers' Workshop gathered to celebrate the planting of eight historic trees on Friday, which all now stand around the perimeter of the Dey House. Armed against the 40-degree weather with coats, scarves, and hot cider, members of the workshop watched as the saplings were planted, each growth descended from the original tree owned or

connected in some way to a famous author or poet.

The project is over a year in the making. Dahl approached the Writers' Workshop with the idea to plant a literary grove last fall, planning to purchase a set of saplings from American Heritage Trees, a nursery in Tennessee that sells seeds and clippings from historic trees. Each sapling ranges from \$50 to \$125.

In the spring, Dahl purchased eight seedlings, including a Hackberry from Edgar Allan Poe's garden, a White Oak from William Faulkner's garden, and a Sycamore from Mark Twain's garden, which has stood for over 300 years.

"I just think it's very fitting," Dahl said. "These trees are very fitting for the landscape around them — the world-renowned Writers Workshop. There are sto-

SEE DEY HOUSE, 2

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine expected in November

As the site of one of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine trials, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics says they expect to distribute the vaccine in the third week of November.

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One of the University of Iowa's lead COVID-19 response coordinators Brooks Jackson says the coronavirus vaccine may be delivered to the hospital network as early as the middle of November. However, it will take a few months before everyone will have access to vaccination.

Since the start of the pandemic, health care workers and governmental officials have been working to treat the disease using a variety of methods, including a vaccination. President Trump said on Oct. 21 that the coronavirus vaccine will be ready soon, and he expects the entire population to have the vaccine by June of next year.

With the upcoming election in November, some are skeptical about the validity of this statement.

"I think that any politician who's saying that a vaccine trial is going to be ready within a matter of weeks is making a desperate attempt to stay relevant and stay in power. If the vaccine is successful at building the antibodies and doing what it's intended to do, it's not going to be ready by the end of the year," Cedar Rapids City Councilor Ashley Vanorny said. "I don't foresee that happening until spring or the summer."

Vanorny is a participant in University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics' Pfizer vaccine trial. She

SEE VACCINE, 2

FIRST TAILGATE OF THE SEASON



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University of Iowa junior, Ben Ling tosses a football outside of a friend's home while tailgating on Oct. 24. Despite it being an away game, a handful of Iowa City residents still decided to celebrate with their own, small scale tailgates.

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"[Daily testing is] what allowed us to start practicing, to limit the contact tracing issues that were causing so many problems and so many challenges," Ferentz said.

If the POC test returns a positive result, the person then takes a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test to confirm the result. Torner said the POC test weeds out negative cases, and the PCR test is used to confirm a positive result.

The rapid tests are manufactured by Quidel and onsite testing is managed by Biodesix, both of whom have entered strategic partnerships with the Big Ten.

Quidel has also partnered with the Pac-12.

Torner and other chief infection officers report this data to the Big Ten weekly. A medical subcommittee receives this data and uses it to make decisions on gameplay and other matters. As The Daily Iowan previously reported, over the week of Oct. 12-18 the UI athletics department conducted 660 COVID-19 PCR tests and received six positive tests and 654 negative tests.

Head Football Athletic Trainer Kammy Powell said in an Oct. 8 press conference that athletic trainers have been in charge of testing for Iowa, though with the POC tests people are able to swab their own nose. Between watching out for test results and checking in on players, Powell

said she's never really off the clock.

"Our jobs have definitely doubled as far as workload and kind of what we've been responsible for," Powell said.

If a player or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 with the POC test on game day they are not allowed to participate, even if results of their PCR test comes back negative. This decision came down to fairness, Peterson said, since some teams might get PCR test results back faster than others. The UI usually sees test results returned within four to six hours.

Once someone has a confirmed positive coronavirus test, it will be 21 days before they return to the field. For everyone, whether they are in athletics or

not, it's expected to self-isolate for 10 days following a positive test. After that period, they can come out of isolation, but players cannot return to competition, Peterson said.

Around the 14-day mark, athletes will go through cardiac testing, including visiting a sport cardiologist and having an echocardiogram and cardiac MRI. If all looks well, Peterson said, the players begin a seven-day return to play.

The Big Ten made this process a requirement across the league in its Sept. 16 announcement that a fall football season would be played, but Peterson said this was already standard practice for universities.

"It really just codified what was standard procedure anyway," Peterson said.

The Big Ten developed thresholds for rates of positivity in athletic programs given by chief infection officers to determine changes to practices or games. For teams, if the positivity rate is from 0-2 percent, they're in the green. Anywhere from 2 to 5 percent lands teams in the orange, and red is any rate over 5 percent.

The thresholds vary some with the whole team population. If the population positivity rate ranges from 0 to 3.5 percent, they are green. The range of 3.5 to 7.5 percent puts them in the orange, and anything over 7.5 percent is red.

The thresholds these two rates land on at any given time determine whether practices need to be altered, or if teams can even play. If both are in green or only one rate is in orange, no practices need to change. If both rates are in the orange or

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Graffiti reading "we want football" is seen on the railing of the IMU bridge on Oct. 22.

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ries to tell in the halls of that building, why not out on the grounds?"

While the planting date — originally set for Arbor Day — had to be postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic, Dahl said he felt happy to be able to plant the trees before winter overtakes Iowa. The UI Arborists' "Tree Team" maintains around 8,000 trees on campus and will continue to keep a close eye on the saplings' health as they begin to take root in the cold.

Event organizer Sasha Khmelnik said the Writers' Workshop said they were delighted by the idea of planting a literary grove

when Dahl approached them a year ago. Even though it feels like such a small thing, she said, it means a lot to be able to gather outdoors to celebrate even small moments of community.

"It's nice that the tributes to writing are living things that will grow and will be there for longer than most of us will be alive," she said. "And there is something really lovely just about creating a natural space that celebrates the lineage of writing and gives that physical embodiment to the community that lives here of humans who are writing."

Student volunteers from the workshop read works by or inspired by each of the famous writers as the arborists worked their way around the Dey House. Fiction writer Belinda Tang

read an excerpt from William Faulkner's The Sound and the Fury while Dahl and Allgood planted his tree.

"It's really amazing that in 50 years or however long it takes to grow, this garden is going to be filled with trees," Tang said. "And it's incredible to think that these trees came from Mississippi and all of these far-away places to be planted here. It's really great."

For Dahl, having trees descended from ones owned by so many inspiring writers — some that authors like Mark Twain may have even sat or walked beneath — means bringing their histories along with them.

"They're small, they're saplings really, but what they lack in size they more than make up for in history and a story to tell," he said.



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University of Iowa graduate student, Belinda Tang, reads "The Sound and the Fury" by William Faulkner during the Literary Grove tree planting by the University of Iowa Arborists and Writers' Workshop at the Dey House on Oct. 23.

VACCINE CONTINUED FROM FRONT

said she has appointments into next year to receive injections and safety checks for the trial.

But, health experts say, there are good signs that a vaccine could be available to critical populations in a matter of weeks. Jackson, dean of the UI College of Medicine and the UI's vice president for medical affairs said UIHC expects the Pfizer vaccine to be ready in as little as two to four weeks. As one of the leaders in vaccine distribution, Jackson said they are preparing for the freezers to store the vaccine, which will arrive Oct. 26.

Jackson said the Pfizer vaccine trial has moved faster than any previous trials for vaccines, which may be why people are skeptical that the vaccine will be

ready so soon. He said there are a couple of reasons why this vaccine will be ready this year.

"This new virus is causing a significant amount of hospitalizations and mortality," Jackson said. "Additionally, the technology has advanced incredibly quickly from being able to come up with a vaccine within a couple of months."

With the successes from the first two phases of the trial, the Pfizer vaccination should be safe after receiving emergency approval from the Food and Drug Administration in a few weeks, Jackson said.

Jackson said Pfizer expects to determine the efficacy of this vaccine as early as next week, but they want at least half of the trial subjects to have received their second dose of the vaccine at least two months before they release it to the public.

Despite the vaccination being ready as early as the middle of November, it will be a few more months until everyone could receive the vaccine, Jackson said.

"Ultimately anyone who wants it, we would want to give it to," Jackson said. "We don't have millions of doses right away, and even if we did, it would be very difficult to get them all in a month."

Jackson said UI Hospitals and Clinics expects to receive a small amount of vaccines, meaning they are working to prioritize who receives the vaccine first.

As previously reported by The Daily Iowan, the Johnson County Department of Public Health is preparing to distribute the vaccination to health care workers first.

Johnson County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planner Steven Button said because there won't be millions

of vaccines right away, Johnson County Public Health is working with UIHC to provide the vaccination to the most vulnerable people.

"There is initial speculation that this will be the critical workforce that provides health care and maintains essential functions of society, as well as, staff and residents of long-term care and assisted living facilities," Button said. "National pharmaceutical chains will work with the CDC to provide vaccination services directly to long-term care facilities to vaccinate residents and staff."

Vanorny said it's important for people to get the coronavirus vaccine as soon as it's available.

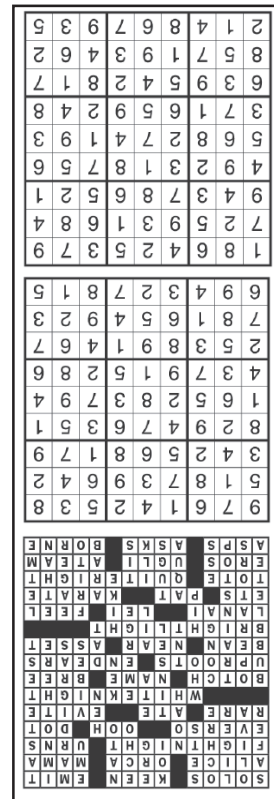
"It's the only way that we're going to return to whatever our new normal looks like," she said. "Until we have enough people who are vaccinated and can get

COVID under control, we're not going to get back to things we love, like concerts and large gatherings."

Jackson said no vaccine works for every person, but they work for most. The neutralizing antibodies and the cellular immunity needed to protect the body against the infection and symptomatic disease are present in this vaccine, he said.

Once the vaccination is available and distributed to the entire population, Jackson said he is confident that the virus will be under control.

"I'm very optimistic that we will be able to control this virus through vaccines and treatments," he said. "Right now, we're seeing sort of a surge in Iowa. The sooner we get a vaccine, the better. I do think there are good reasons to be optimistic about this."



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 While waiting for delayed results of the Hawkeye State's first-in-the-nation nominating contest, Democratic candidates made hasty claims of winning the caucuses as they packed up for New Hampshire.

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Progressives split the ticket in Iowa
 Progressive Iowans showed up to support 2020 Democratic hopefuls Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., on Monday night, with both candidates splitting the liberal vote.

President trumps Republican caucuses
 Regardless of an incumbent president from their party, Republicans still came out to show their support at the Iowa caucuses on Monday night.

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New Afro House coordinator uplifts students

A Hawkeye grad and former coordinator for RVAP, Shalisa Gladney is transitioning to her new role as Afro House coordinator, seeking to provide support for students of all identities.

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Shalisa Gladney, the newly appointed coordinator for the University of Iowa Afro-American Cultural Center, is working to center students and uplift the foundations of the cultural center through community-building and creativity.

Gladney, a UI alum, holds a degree in communications and Gender Women's and Sexuality Studies. Most recently, Gladney worked as the university prevention education coordinator at the Rape Victim Advocacy Program. Prior to that, Gladney worked as an international teacher focused on social justice in Kurdistan.

"I think I've always worked with education in one form or another," Gladney said. "I've been an advocate for a very long time — it's a big part of my identity."

Gladney has also taken on various roles over the past five years within the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, she said, and is still active with the organization.

ly, my rule of thumb is being who I needed when I was younger," Gladney said. "And so I think about—as I serve either younger students or college students, really wanting to be the resource that I needed when I was that same age."

Gladney is the president of the UI African American Council and Vice President for Sankofa Outreach Connection, an organization that provides social events for women of color in the Iowa City area.

Gladney began the position on Oct. 1 following the departure of previous coordinator Shirleena Terrell. Gladney said she was thrilled to be named coordinator of the Afro American Cultural Center — also known as the Afro House — and feels honored to serve in this capacity.

"After meeting with the students and the staff at [The Office of Multicultural and International Student Support], I just knew that this is where I was supposed to be," Gladney said.

Gladney said so far, working as the coordinator has been a great experience, de-

laid, so I really appreciate the onboarding," Gladney said. "I'm excited to see what will be next."

Gladney said she is focused on uplifting students within all of the programming the cultural center provides on campus.

"I would say that my primary goal is centering Black students in the programming that will come out of the Afro House, and very broadly thinking of Black diaspora," Gladney said.

Maintaining community within the Afro House, Gladney said, is not only important but necessary right now.

"Black students and staff deserve to have a space where they call home, a space where we can all get together, whether that's virtually, or whether that's in person when we are back in person that affirms our identities," Gladney said. "That affirms our Blackness, that affirms our right to be here."

She said while the virtual atmosphere and having to engage in work remotely poses challenges to effectively building a community, it does not limit the center's capacity.

"I'm pretty creative," Gladney said. "I'm working with a lot of students who are also creative and willing to think outside the box."

Interim Associate Director for the Office of Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement Thomas Arce said they were involved in the



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University of Iowa Afro House Director Shalisa Gladney poses for a portrait in Oak Grove Park on Oct. 22.

process to select Gladney for the coordinator position.

Arce said they were looking for a leader who could engage with the stability of the Afro House community, so hiring internally — rather than launching a whole new search process — made more sense.

"We wanted to think about who a current staff member within our Division of Student Life is, and to think about how we can uplift that individual," Arce said. "And think about—kind of elevate, thinking about folks within our division, in terms of the work that they have already engaged with our campus community."

Gladney was already an individual who was working

among the cultural centers through her work with the African American Council and the Race Victim Advocacy Program, Arce said.

The Office of Multicultural and International Student Support and Engagement has witnessed recent turnover, Arce said, when they served as the fill-in coordinator. Arce said they are looking forward to having a staff member that can devote time and energy to the students themselves while conducting purposeful programming and engagement.

Center Programming Assistant for the Afro House Samer Suleman said from the first initial meetings, Gladney was dedicated to collaboration and making the space

into what it is meant to be.

Suleman said although he's only known Gladney a short time, he feels as though he has gotten to know her well in her capacity as coordinator. He said Gladney is constantly looking for ways she can continue to get involved with the community.

"She's always looking out for us as students, and it lowkey feels like the closest thing to a mentor that I know that I have," Suleman said. "So, it's nice to just feel safe and like we're in good hands with Shalisa as our coordinator. I'm excited to keep working with her. I've only known her for probably a month and a half, but I'm a big fan."

"I just knew that this is where I was supposed to be.

— Shalisa Gladney

Gladney said part of what drives her is her ability to give back to the community.

spite having to undergo a busy transition.

"I've been learning a lot, and the foundation is already

First-year students navigate virtual campus

The Class of 2024 is using social media, break out rooms, and student organizations to find an online community.

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When Ashlyn Pearson envisioned her first year of college, she never imagined she would be living in a different state than her school.

She said she canceled her housing contract less than a month after moving to the University of Iowa

campus, making it more difficult to build connections and integrate into the community.

The international relations and Spanish student said she came to campus in August, expecting her experience to be different and distanced because of COVID-19, but those hopes unraveled quickly.

"My roommate decided

she wanted to move out and I didn't want to stay on campus without a roommate," Pearson said.

"Then we found out we possibly could've been exposed [to COVID-19] and I was frustrated with the whole situation and how the school was handling testing. I got tested separately and ended up going home because I didn't want to put

my friends or family at risk. We've already lost most of our college experience, why keep going?"

Since moving back to Illinois last month, Pearson said she has leaned on social media by following or adding people from the UI.

For the short time she was on campus, she lived in the Political Matters Living Learning Community in

Catlett Residence Hall, and she said she now uses platforms such as Snapchat and Instagram to communicate with the students she used to share a floor with.

"I've never had to rely on social media to make friends because I usually had group projects in class and such, but I don't have in-person classes," she said. "I couldn't meet people. A lot of my friendships have come from social media. Even when I was on campus, I relied on it the most to find friends."

Pearson was one of many students who took advantage of University Housing and Dining extending the deadline to cancel or defer housing contracts in September.

UI first-year Sam Eliassen also deferred his contract in August and moved back to Le Claire, Iowa, just an hour away from campus.

He said he's focusing on developing relationships by joining student organizations that suit his interests. Within a month of starting classes, Eliassen has joined with the Medicus Pre-Medical Society, French Club, and the editorial board of Ink Literary Magazine.

"Joining organizations and connecting with other students through them makes a difference between if my freshman year is in a vacuum or not," he said. "It has allowed me to have the full college experience, even

when I'm not on campus."

Eliassen said he cannot wait to meet his new friends from his student organizations and his classes in-person when he moves back to campus for the upcoming spring semester.

While Pearson and Eliassen are navigating building a virtual community while living off campus, UI first-year Tara Kielkopf said she opted to remain on campus and build connections face-to-face and six feet apart.

Kielkopf, a business major, said she has relied on living in the residence halls and being outgoing in classes to develop a community that will keep her at the university for the years to come.

"I've met a lot of friends in my dorm, especially on my floor," she said. "Meeting people in class has been more of making a lot of contacts for future years, but I haven't really formed a lot of relationships yet because I haven't met people face-to-face."

Whether other first-year students are living in Iowa City or not, she said making friends is what keeps her excited about her future years as a Hawkeye.

Making connections has made losing certain parts of her first year on campus because of COVID-19 a little easier, she said, and she hopes other students in the class of 2024 are doing the same and remaining optimistic.



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Freshman Tara Kielkopf poses on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway on Oct. 22. Tara, like many other freshmen, has not had a typical start to college because of COVID-19. Freshmen are utilizing student organizations, social media, and many virtual methods to find a sense of a community during the pandemic.

UI lifts pause on DEI trainings

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A University of Iowa training review committee has lifted the campus-wide pause on departmental diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings — which was prompted by a White House Executive Order that aims to "combat offensive and anti-American race and sex stereotyping and scapegoating" in workplaces.

The UI released a statement on Oct. 22, saying the

"committee continues to review a handful of programs but feels comfortable moving forward with our faculty and staff trainings, which are a vital part of our commitment to recruit, retain and advance a diverse campus."

However, the UI did not elaborate on which trainings are still being evaluated.

Interim Associate Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Liz Tovar told *The Daily Iowan* two-dozen training programs were reviewed by the committee, but

were not halted. She said they are still reviewing programs and waiting for consultation, but did not specify which programs are still being reviewed.

"We're just waiting for further guidance on the Executive Order," she said.

The UI formed the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training Review Committee after President Trump issued an Executive Order Sept. 22 that threatened to cut federal funds to public institutions that facilitate diversity, equity, and inclusion workplace

trainings that "inculcates in its employees any form of race or sex stereotyping or any form of race or sex scapegoating."

Because the UI uses federal contractors and federal grants to carry out some DEI training, Tovar sent an email to the UI President's Cabinet and Council of Deans on Oct. 2 announcing a two-week pause in programs such as certain trainings from the UI's Diversity Resources unit.

According to the Office of the Vice President for Re-

About two-dozen trainings were evaluated, the UI's head diversity officer said.

search, the UI has 923 active federally funded projects on campus, and in fiscal 2020 was awarded \$346,721,973 in federal dollars received directly from a federal agency.

Departments on campus were encouraged to submit their DEI trainings to the Training Review Committee to ensure they are in compliance with the Executive Order. On Oct. 14, the UI announced that the review committee created a disclaimer statement that departments can use before a training.

"The university provides this training in support of its core values. No part of the training is intended to cause anyone discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of their race, sex, or any other protected classification," the disclaimer says, according to a statement from the UI.

The Oct. 22 statement says that the committee worked with "a number of constituency groups" while navigating the Executive Order.

Opinions

GUEST OPINION

Outlook is promising for COVID-19 vaccine

A UI research assistant is joined by the Carver College of Medicine dean for an update on some rapid developments of coronavirus vaccines the United States.



The new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) was discovered last December in China and has since infected over 42 million people and caused over 1.2 million deaths worldwide. In Iowa, there have been over 115,000 cases and over 1600 related deaths. At least 2,100 University of Iowa students have been confirmed infected since the beginning of the semester.

Despite excellent timely testing and treatments for COVID-19 at UIHC (convalescent plasma, Remdesivir, dexamethasone, monoclonal IgG COVID-19 antibodies (Regeneron), and exceptional supportive care), the number of deaths nationally are occurring at a rate greater than 33,000/month. A vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection or at least symptomatic disease is desperately needed.

since July involving mostly health-care workers and students. It is likely that the number of transmissions in the trial necessary for review will be achieved in the next couple of weeks. If safety and efficacy are shown, the FDA could approve emergency use 2-4 weeks later according to Moncef Slaoui, head of the federal Operation Warp Speed COVID-19 vaccine initiative.

Anticipating we will have an effective vaccine, the federal government has already contracted with Pfizer and Moderna to manufacture and purchase hundreds of millions of doses. These would be distributed to the states for distribution to various health-care providers within the next few weeks. Freezers to store the anticipated 60,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine and 90,000 doses of Moderna vaccine

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Currently there are over 45 vaccines in trials worldwide, but only four in randomized placebo-controlled Phase III trials today in the U.S. (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, and Johnson and Johnson). However, the last two are on hold by the FDA due to at least one serious patient adverse outcome each.

Both Pfizer and Moderna have completed enrollment of their initial 30,000 subjects in their trials and use a new technology involving the injection of a lipid nanoparticle with a messenger RNA that encodes the COVID-19 spike protein to elicit an immune response.

The Phase I/II studies of these two vaccines have recently been published and show excellent generation of neutralizing antibody titers in both young and old subjects after a two-dose regimen given several weeks apart. Side effects were seen with each vaccine, primarily pain at the injection site and fatigue for the first day or two for the vast majority of subjects, but no serious adverse events.

FDA approval for use of the vaccine will require that the Phase III trials demonstrate safety and at least 50 percent efficacy. The Pfizer trial is a month ahead of Moderna having enrolled close to 44,000 subjects, including 265 subjects enrolled at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

have already been shipped to UIHC so that we could start vaccinations perhaps by the end of November.

The Iowa Department of Public Health, with UIHC input, is currently establishing the priorities concerning who should get the vaccine first. We anticipate that health-care workers, older residents and staff in retirement communities, and first responders will likely be high on the list, but could include students, faculty and staff at high risk for serious COVID-19 disease. We plan to vaccinate individuals here at UIHC and at our Iowa River Landing clinic.

Many have expressed reluctance to take a COVID-19 vaccine or vaccines in general, but history has shown vaccines have saved millions of lives over the past 200 years with only very rare serious adverse events. We encourage everyone to take advantage of a vaccine should the data show them to be safe and efficacious as it will protect individuals from this virus and decrease the disease's spread to others who are more vulnerable.

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COLUMN

Unmasking the disinformation

Some Americans don't believe masks are effective at slowing COVID-19 transmission. Our country's right-wing media machine is a top culprit for this dangerous delusion.

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Most Americans know that COVID-19 is real and dangerous. Most Americans think it is unsafe to go to large gatherings without social distancing, or even some small gatherings for that matter. And most Americans believe that wearing masks reduces the spread of the virus.

But not all of them do, and that's bad for the rest of us.

We need to be as close to "all" as we can get. According to a ABC News/Washington Post poll, a significant portion of the population is not on board with masks for one or multiple reasons. They believe that the face coverings are dangerous to your health, are a political statement, or are unnecessary because the virus is "not a serious threat."

If you've been watching Tucker Carlson Tonight, the most watched cable news show in the world, you will have seen some astonishing takes on mask-wearing and other safety measures.

As recently as last week, Carlson was on his show lambasting the idea of "consensus" around mask wearing, and mocking those who think they are an effective way to protect ourselves and others from disease.

Going back to July 7, we can see him decrying school safety measures as "bizarre health theater" that have "no basis in science."

And Carlson is not where the misinformation ends. We can trace it up even higher. How does the president of the United States sound?

Over the course of the pandemic, President Trump has retweeted articles suggesting that coronavirus guidelines are more about social control than public health, has refused to wear one in public, and has continued to mock their use and question their effectiveness even after contracting the virus himself.

He has held large rallies throughout the pandemic — encouraging masses of mostly unmasked people to show up — and continues to hold rallies after his positive COVID-19 test.

It should be no surprise that people are taking cues from the President, as well as cues from Fox News, and defying the overwhelming scientific consensus when it comes to basic public-safety measures.

This isn't just some national issue. Iowa's own Gov. Kim Reynolds has been inconsistent about her views on public health, and has been photographed without a mask at crowded events.

Those who do not believe in the efficacy of face coverings are far more likely to socialize in public. According to a Morning Consult poll, 27 percent of non-mask wearers are "very comfortable" socializing in public places, compared to just 6 percent of everyone else.

And those non-masking people tend to be from a particular side of the ideological spectrum. In fact, there is a strong correlation between support of Trump and a belief that masks aren't effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

So, as one might suspect, a large gathering of people tends to have an overstated population of non-mask wearers, precisely because they find it more acceptable to congregate in the first place.

The combination of masklessness and large gatherings is a recipe for disaster when it comes to this pandemic.

A COVID-19 projection map predicts 389,000 coronavirus deaths by February 2021. Universal public masking reduces that projection to 314,000 — and that measure would have stopped us from getting to this horrendous point already.

Right-wing rhetoric has contributed to the loss of tens of thousands of lives needlessly lost and will contribute to many more.



Photo illustration by Jenna Galligan

COLUMN

The climate crisis threatens Iowa ag

Our farmers need some vital changes to save the industry from an ecological collapse. Government backing can help ease the financial barriers to saving our environment.

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The Climate Clock in Manhattan Square sparked important conversations across the nation about tackling climate change, such as Iowa City Climate Activists have called out UI scientists for taking too long for the UI to commit to being coal free. The ways that Iowa farmers can impact climate change need to be funded by government programs to ensure that they can be followed.

Vice President of the UI Environmental Science Club Owen Baldwin has also advocated for students to lower their environmental impacts, educate themselves on what's going on, and to hold the UI accountable for their environmental actions.

Coal is responsible for 32 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S.. While it is important for corporations and institutions to limit burning of fossil fuels, we must also acknowledge the contribution agriculture has made.

Climate change must involve Iowa farmers using sustainable practices.

However, it's important to realize that the government must be investing money and education for Iowa farmers to help them switch to these practices. We can't just expect farmers to be able afford these new practices and expect them to change what they've been used to for years. That's like telling a doctor to perform heart surgery but taking away all the medical equipment.

Farmers are going to need a financial boost in order to make these switches.

Studies have shown that 9 percent of greenhouse gas emissions are caused by agriculture industry.

Iowa farmers like Mitchell Hora have switched to planting cover crops which prevents erosion and contains the nutrients inside of the plants. In the long-term, this will lead to better soil and less contamination in the streams.

Other practices like Carbon Capture traps carbon in the soil instead of being released into the atmosphere and creating carbon dioxide which is one of the greenhouse gases that warm the planet.

More people in Iowa agriculture need to replicate Hora's practices because it improves sustainability by lowering the emission of greenhouse gases and improves the health of soil and water.

However, farmers are going to need a financial boost in order to make these switches. While the practice reaps benefit over time, Iowa farmers are reluctant due to

difficulty to produce food.

While organizations such as General Mills and Cargill are willing to pay farmers to use sustainable practices, the state government must start investing in farmers to protect Iowa's environment.

Politicians such as Rita Hart support cover crops and understand they need government effort to switch to these sustainable practices. We need leadership like hers to protect our planet.

Iowa, we are running out of time. Our environment is in danger and while we must hold corporations and ourselves responsible, we must also make sure that agriculture is also doing its part. Farmers need to start making these changes to sustainable practices, but they are going to need investment in order to do so.

The environment needs leaders who are going to protect the planet and prioritize sustainable practices in every contributing factor to climate change. We must choose politicians who understand science and are committed to investing in changes in order to protect the future of our environment.

the fact that these seeds can cost about \$30 per acre.

In addition, crops like cereal rye won't die when it's time to plant commodity crops again and would mean they would have to kill the crop in the spring. This means they wait for the crop to mature to harvest and wouldn't be able to plant commodity crops in the spring which isn't an option.

Many farmers can't afford these practices because their economy relies on acreage rather than soil. In addition, extreme weather that Iowa is continually facing has already burdened farmers with the

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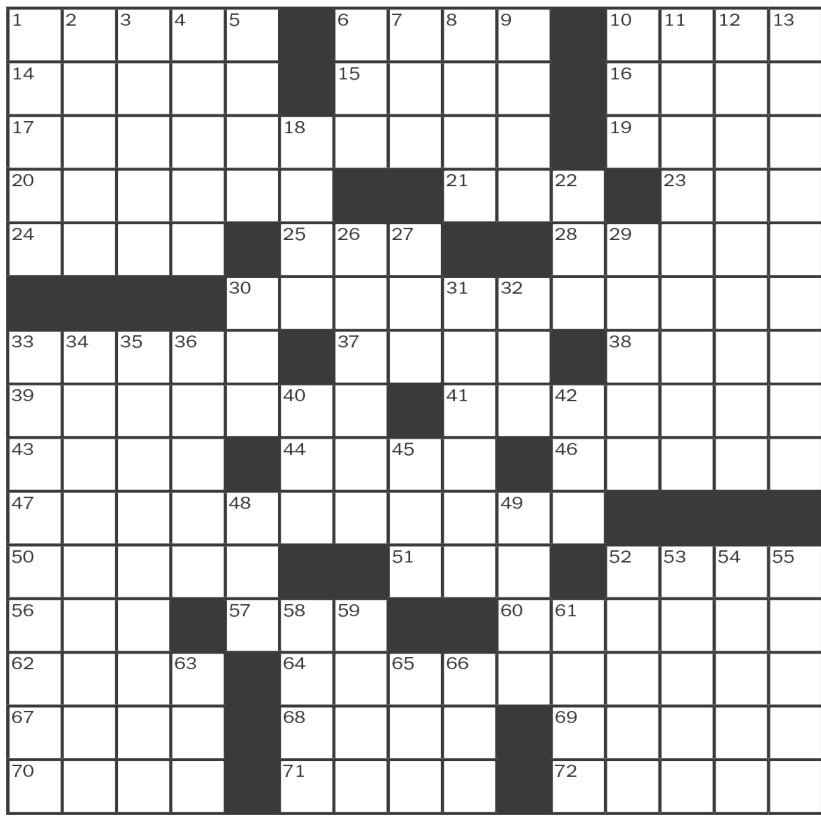
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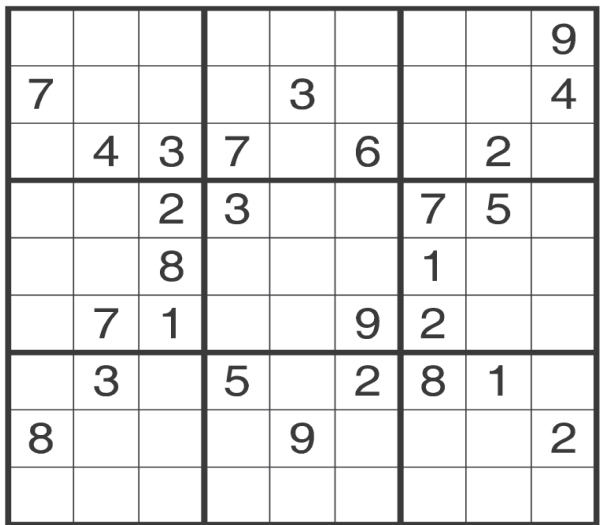
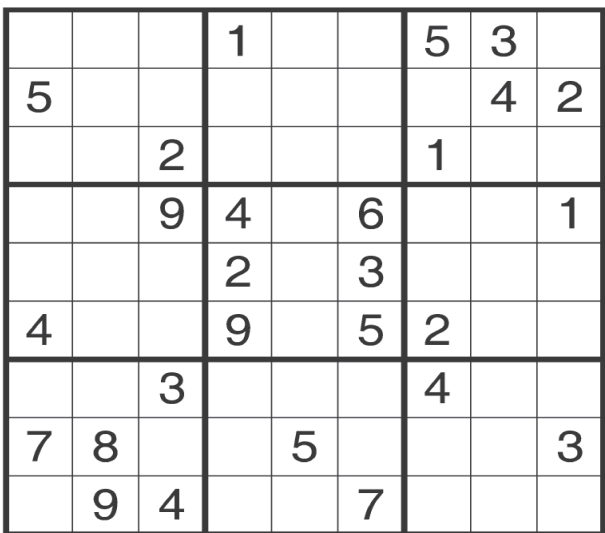


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HAWKEYE UPDATES

First Week of Big Ten action concludes



Mertz

After a great deal of anticipation across the nation, the Big Ten Conference officially returned to the gridiron over the weekend, and it did not disappoint.

Play began on Friday evening as the Illinois Fighting Illini met the Wisconsin Badgers in Madison. The Big Ten's opener wasn't very competitive as Wisconsin blew past Illinois, 45-7.

However, the did see a breakout performance from redshirt freshman Graham Mertz. The former four-star recruit completed 20 of his 21 pass attempts for 248 yards and five touchdowns.

Play opened on Saturday with a few blowout victories in the early window. The Ohio State Buckeye dismantled the Nebraska Cornhuskers in Columbus. Meanwhile in East Lansing, Michigan, Rutgers and Michigan State met for a game that pitted two new head coaches against each other. Ultimately, the Scarlet Knights and their head coach Greg Schiano grinded out a 38-27 win over Mel Tucker and the Spartans.

Schiano had previously coached at Rutgers from 2001 to 2011 before leaving to coach in the NFL. He returned to Piscataway, New Jersey, to coach the Scarlet Knights once again in December.



Schiano

The afternoon slate of Big Ten matchups proved much more compelling than the early games, and Indiana's upset of Penn State may have been the most interesting game of the day, not just the afternoon.

The Hoosiers tied the game up at 28 apiece after a touchdown and a converted two-point attempt with just 22 seconds remaining in the game. Then, in overtime, down 35-28, IU quarterback Michael Penix Jr. delivered a nine-yard strike to wide receiver Whop Philyor to pull within one.

However, instead of kicking the extra point, the Hoosiers decided to go for two and the win. Fortunately for Indiana, the gamble paid off.

Penix Jr. rolled to his left and stretched for the goaline to convert the two-point try. He barely knocked down the left pylon, and the official ruling of a converted two-point attempt was debated by college football fans, players, and coaches alike for the rest of Saturday evening.

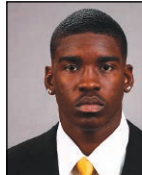
Capping off the day of Big Ten action were two blowouts. Michigan demolished Minnesota, 49-24, claiming the Little Brown Jug in commanding fashion. Then, in a bit of a surprising finish, the Northwestern Wildcats dispatched the Maryland Terrapins, 43-3.

BIG TEN WEST STANDINGS:

- 1-0 Northwestern
- 1-0 Purdue
- 1-0 Wisconsin
- 0-1 Iowa
- 0-1 Minnesota
- 0-1 Nebraska

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"[My interception] really don't matter if we didn't end up with a W."



- Iowa defensive back Matt Hankins on his first-half interception.

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa football committed **10** penalties on Saturday

Weak one

Iowa is determined to brush off its loss to Purdue at West Lafayette and move forward.



Megan Nagorzanski/The Daily Iowan

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz watches his players swarm the field before a football game between Iowa and Middle Tennessee State University on Sept. 28, 2019.

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For the first time in seven seasons, the Iowa football team has a mark in the loss column after its first game.

The last time Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes suffered a season-opening loss was in 2013. An unknown quarterback named Jordan Lynch and his unknown Northern Illinois University Huskies defeated Iowa at Kinnick Stadium, 30-27.

A lot has changed since then, but on Saturday, Ferentz and the Hawkeyes were reacquainted with the bitter taste of a Week 1 loss as Iowa fell to Purdue, 24-20.

"This season is different than any one we've been through," Ferentz said. "What is similar is... we've had disappointment early in the season or first game [before]. What really counts is what we do moving forward.

We've got a lot of good guys on our football team, they've worked hard. I think they've shown a lot of character and a lot to be encouraged about as a coach."

While the loss to the Boilermakers will continue to sting, sophomore running back Tyler Goodson believes he and his teammates will learn from their experience Saturday.

Especially considering how Iowa lost. The Hawkeyes committed 10 penalties and fumbled twice. Players postgame said there was a lack of physicality against Purdue, and that the team didn't play with sound fundamentals. That has to change moving forward.

"We're not going to let it stick with us," Goodson said. "So, we're going to go into [this] week knowing that we can win this upcoming game and the game after that. But once again, losing a game like this goes into penalties and turnovers, and that's what the main thing we got to work on and work on the fundamentals of the game. So, we'll progress throughout the season."

Goodson and fellow running back Mekhi Sargent both fumbled once, resulting in a loss of possession for the Hawkeyes both times. Wide receiver Bran-

SEE FOOTBALL, 8

Self-inflicted mistakes doom Hawkeyes

Iowa had its opportunities to pull away from Purdue, but turnovers, penalties, and questionable clock management prevented that.



Trevor Ruskowski/USA TODAY

Iowa Hawkeyes running back Mekhi Sargent (10) runs the ball while Purdue Boilermakers try and tackle him in the first quarter on Oct. 24, at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Indiana.



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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Two lost fumbles, 10 penalties, questionable clock management at the end of the first half, and an inability to convert on third down late in the game — that's football.

It's just not very good football. At least not good enough for Iowa to win its season opener against Purdue. The Hawkeyes, once seemingly in control of the game, made too many self-inflicted errors at Ross-Ade Stadium and allowed the Boilermakers

to take the late lead and secure a 24-20 victory.

"It's discipline," Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras said. "Attention to detail. We kind of pride ourselves with being brilliant with the basics, and I don't think we were that [against Purdue]. Self-inflicted wounds are never easy."

The Iowa offense, lauded throughout the off-season for the potential it has, did gain 460 yards on Saturday. But the Hawkeyes only managed 20 points. How is that possible? Let's review.

The Hawkeyes started slow on offense, but given the challenges of the offseason practice schedule, maybe that isn't totally surprising. On the third drive of the game, the offense started moving the ball, in large part thanks to a 40-yard catch and run by running back Tyler Goodson.

Iowa didn't score deep in Purdue territory when, later in the drive, Goodson fumbled after

ESPN's Thompson, Prairie Lights hosting virtual event

Thompson, in partnership with Prairie Lights, will host a virtual event to promote his new book, Pappyland.

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In association with Prairie Lights Books and Cafe and Big Grove Brewery, ESPN writer and storyteller Wright Thompson will host a virtual event to promote his new book, Pappyland, next month.

The University of Mississippi graduate connected with Prairie Lights, Big Grove Brewery, and Iowa City for the first time in 2013 when he was brought to the area on assignment by ESPN.

Tickets for the event — set for Nov. 12 via Zoom at 7 p.m. — are \$40. Each ticket automatically enters purchasers in a raffle to win a bottle of Pappy Van Winkle whiskey — valued at around \$3,000 per bottle. In total, three bottles will be raffled off during the event. Each purchaser will also receive a copy of Pappyland.

Thompson will be joined by a third-generation distiller and member of the Van Winkle family — Julian Van Winkle. Former Iowa kicker Nate Kaeding will also be joining in on the virtual fun.

Pappyland is about the Van Winkle Family and its whiskey. However, Thompson also examines the meaning of home and family.

"The Van Winkle Family has been making Bourbon since the 1960s," Thompson said. "They used to own a really famous distillery in Louisville, [Kentucky], called Stitzel-Weller. They were well-known for making the finest bourbon ever made. The family lost the distillery in the '70s through an inter-family business squabble. So, Julian and his dad just started over and they built up this new thing from scratch."

"This is a very weird book," Thompson said. "It's a genre-bending, weird literary experiment. . . At some point I realized I didn't need to write



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Iowa running back Tyler Goodson carries the ball during the football game against Illinois on Nov. 23.

FOOTBALL
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don Smith also fumbled once, but Iowa recovered on that occasion.

The Hawkeyes also compiled 100 yards worth of penalties on Saturday. In fact, a Jack Heflin hands-to-the-face, 15-yard penalty helped set up Purdue's game-winning touchdown with just 2:15 remaining in the game.

"Penalties most definitely changed the game, penalties and turnovers," Goodson said. "That was our main thing. We beat ourselves

[Saturday]. We will get those corrected [this] weekend. We'll become a better team [this] week. But, penalties and turnovers are most definitely a part of the game."

In the modern college football landscape, every loss seems to be monumental, but the Hawkeyes and sophomore quarterback Spencer Petras don't view things that way.

Petras has been described by his teammates as a natural-born leader. His leadership will be important as the team tries to rebound against Northwestern next weekend.

"The biggest thing to re-

member, it's important for all of us, but the only goal of our's that's off the table at this point is being undefeated," Petras said. "There's still plenty of things to play for, starting with beating Northwestern this week. That's the next thing. All of our goals still apply, you know, of getting better each day and being the best team we can be to play to our potential."

"So, there's still plenty out there. It's going to hurt, it's going to be hard. We always talk about the 24-hour rule. We'll watch the tape [Sunday], let it hurt, but then come Monday, we're on to Northwestern."

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his own offensive lineman — Cole Banwart — ran in to him and popped the ball loose. Purdue recovered the fumble.

On the team's second-to-last offensive drive of the game, with the Hawkeyes up three and driving to make it a two-possession game late in the fourth quarter, running back Mekhi Sargent burst free for a 13-yard gain but fumbled the ball at the Boilermakers' 28-yard line. Purdue recovered and quarterback Aidan O'Connell led a game-winning drive.

Those two drives were

chances for points on the road in the Big Ten, which are always crucial, even if the road environment Iowa played in didn't have fans in attendance. But Iowa dropped the ball, literally.

Purdue scored seven points off of turnovers. Iowa only scored three. That hurts in a four-point defeat.

There was also an instance at the end of the first half where Iowa settled for three points, but had a real chance at scoring seven if it were not for questionable clock management.

After cornerback Matt Hankins intercepted O'Connell's pass with 31 seconds remaining in the second quarter, Iowa tried to score. The game was tied

at 14-14, but the Hawkeyes wanted the halftime lead. They got it. But it could have been more.

Petras fired a strike to Sam LaPorta for a 20-yard gain to Purdue's 10-yard line. The offense hurried to the line of scrimmage. Instead of spiking the ball or calling a timeout, offensive

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— Iowa Head Coach Kirk Ferentz

coordinator Brian Ferentz called a running play for Tyler Goodson around the right side of the line. It was stopped for no gain. Timeout Iowa. Four seconds re-



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Iowa Hawkeyes defensive back Matt Hankins (8) intercepts the ball in front of Purdue Boilermakers wide receiver Amad Anderson Jr. (10) in the second quarter on Oct. 24 at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Indiana.

maintaining in the half. Keith Duncan hit the chip-shot field goal and put

in a four-point Iowa loss.

"I think if we had to do it over again, we'd probably take a shot at the end zone," Ferentz said. "We had time for one more throw back down in there and then go for the field goal. We were hoping the run would pop through there, too. Sometimes that happens. But we were not playing for the field goal."

From turnovers to clock management to inconsistent quarterback play, Iowa didn't play the crisp brand

of football it is known for. Four false starts by Iowa's offense killed the momentum of drives. The team failed on its final five third-down conversion attempts.

Iowa had flashes of being a team that could compete for the Big Ten West, especially in a season where nobody knows what to expect. And that will show on film. On the scoreboard? Not so much.

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Writing about whiskey

is a somewhat new venture for Thompson. Before joining ESPN, he wrote for the Kansas City Star and the

Times-Picayune in New Orleans. During his time at ESPN, Thompson has covered some of the biggest stories in all of

sports.

"I've seen India and Pakistan play cricket twice," Thompson said. "I stood on the field when Alabama played No. 2 LSU at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge. The crowd was so loud, I was screaming at the person standing next to me and we couldn't hear each other. I've been very, very fortunate. The best thing I've ever seen? I mean I saw Tiger Woods win [The Masters] at Augusta twice. I saw Phil [Mickelson] win his first major there. I don't know, I've seen some cool stuff."

Not only did Thompson's 2013 ESPN assignment bring him to Iowa City and connect him with locals, it made him fall in love with area. Spending his days on Dan and Kathy Gable's farm and his nights in Iowa City, Thompson got an authentic Iowa experience.

"I came there to spend some time at Dan and Kathy Gable's farm outside of town,"

Thompson said. "...Then I stayed in Iowa City and I went to George's [Buffet] and I went to all those bars you read about the famous writers hanging out at. I went to The Sports Column. I had Paglia's [pizza]."

During his time in Iowa City, Thompson fell in love with the town and Prairie Lights, which has kept him coming back to Iowa for years.

"I love Prairie Lights," Thompson said. "It's one of those bookstores. It's one of the ones that you're just honored they even sell your book, much less are willing to host an event for you. . . It was just very important to me that if we were going to do [the event] that one of the places we do it be Iowa City and that it be at Prairie Lights. . . It's just a chance to help some local businesses and some really good people who love their town, and I'm proud to be able to help do that."

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Photo of Wright Thompson (right).

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No fans are allowed in the stands for this fall's Big Ten football season.

Outside the stadium

Those who would typically watch the game in person found other ways to tailgate and enjoy the Iowa-Purdue matchup on Saturday from beyond the gridirons in Iowa City and West Lafayette, Indiana.

The year kicked off with a 24-20 loss for the Hawkeyes, but — even though it looks like no other season before it — football is back.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan
An event staff member sits idle before the game at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette.



Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan
UI seniors Brandon Schleder and Justin McIntosh play a game of catch outside. Despite the game not being in town, lots of Iowa City residents still celebrated with their own small-scale tailgates.



Jeff Sigmund/The Daily Iowan
Two Hawkeye fans shotgun their drinks before kickoff. For many in Iowa City, a new football season marks the return of social gatherings, which have become much less common during the ongoing pandemic.



Jeff Sigmund/The Daily Iowan
A group of UI students celebrate during a game-before-the-game in Iowa City. Pre-kickoff festivities in college towns across America have come back alongside the action on the football field.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan
Purdue's spirit teams and marching band performing for a watch party prior to the game at an indoor facility in West Lafayette.

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