

## Second round of Tippie dean candidates visit

The Tippie College of Business is hosting three finalists for the next head of the University of Iowa's business college this week. The UI relaunched its external search in June with a second round of finalists to "recruit a new and diverse pool of strong candidates."

Campus heard from Interim Dean of Cass Business School at City, University of London, Paolo Volpin, in an Oct. 29 forum, where the interim dean emphasized that he would use the business school's strengths to help the institution as a whole operate during a global pandemic, financial strain, and a reckoning on racial justice.



Volpin

The second candidate, a familiar face to those in the business school, is current interim dean of the Tippie College of Business, Amy Kristof-Brown. The UI named her interim leader of the college after Sarah Gardial ended her tenure at the helm of Tippie in March to lead Belmont University's business school.



Kristof-Brown's public forum is today at 8:30 a.m.

Brown

The third candidate for Tippie College of Business Dean will be announced on Tuesday, 24 hours ahead of the finalist's virtual visit to campus Nov. 4-5. That candidate's forum will be Thursday at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Public forums are open to students, and Tippie faculty and staff. Students interested in participating in the forum should email the Office of the Provost provost-office@uiowa.edu for the link to participate.

## University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics officials warn of hospitals overcrowding

Iowa has seen a surge in new COVID-19 cases over the last few weeks, averaging 1,978 cases per day according to the *New York Times* COVID-19 data tracker. That's an increase of 82 percent from the average two weeks earlier. The state reported a new record number of hospitalizations in the month of October, the number of Iowans hospitalized climbing to 500 for the first time to land at 718 people as of Sunday night. Health officials from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics are warning of potentially overwhelmed hospitals. UIHC epidemiologist Jorge Luis Salinas warned on Twitter Sunday that local hospitals must continue preparing for more patients: "What are we supposed to say or do; as Iowa rapidly moves towards >3000 infections per day and >1000 Iowans hospitalized? This was predictable and remains preventable," he tweeted.

# Early voting breaks records

Some county auditors are confident Iowa will have results on election night as officials prepare to count a record number of absentee ballots.



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Johnson County holds Drive-Up early voting in the parking ramp of the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building on Oct. 23. Voters follow signs and wait in a line of cars to cast their ballot.

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Hundreds of thousands of ballots have already been cast in Iowa prior to Nov. 3, and county auditors are preparing to count a record number of early ballots by the end of election night.

Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said more than 50 percent of active voters in Johnson County have already voted, and that he was seeing sometimes up to 1,000 cars a day in the county's drive-through polling locations.

"I still don't know how many people dropped their ballot off at our dropboxes, or how many voted at our library satellite site," Weipert

told *The Daily Iowan* on Oct. 28.

The Iowa Legislative Council approved a provision that allows county election officials to begin processing ballots the weekend before Election Day and to begin processing them Monday, the day before the election. This new provision, requested by the Iowa Secretary of State, will exponentially speed up the vote-counting

process.

"We'll have people counting ballots, we'll still have people dropping them off ... we'll still have mail-in ballots coming in that need to be processed by another group — so, it'll be a small army that day," Weipert said.

He added that he's confident Johnson County will have results on election night.

In some states, such as Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, election officials can't start tabulating ballots days in advance. The pandemic caused an influx of mail-in ballots across the country, so results in some states will likely be delayed.

The number of early votes cast in the November election has already blown past 2016 numbers, and ballots that are postmarked by Monday still have until Nov. 9 to reach a county auditor's office.

In total, 924,533 absentee ballots in Iowa have been returned as of Saturday, according to data from the Iowa Secretary of State, and more than 75,000 ballots that were

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Look online at dailyiowan.com for updates throughout Election Day

## INSIDE



### In Week 2, Nixon a bright spot against Northwestern

Junior defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon had one of the best games of his Iowa football career in the team's home opener on Saturday afternoon against Northwestern at Kinnick Stadium. But, since the Hawkeyes lost, he is not satisfied. Despite Nixon's stand-out performance, Iowa is now 0-2 on the year, dropping close games in each of the first two weeks of the season.



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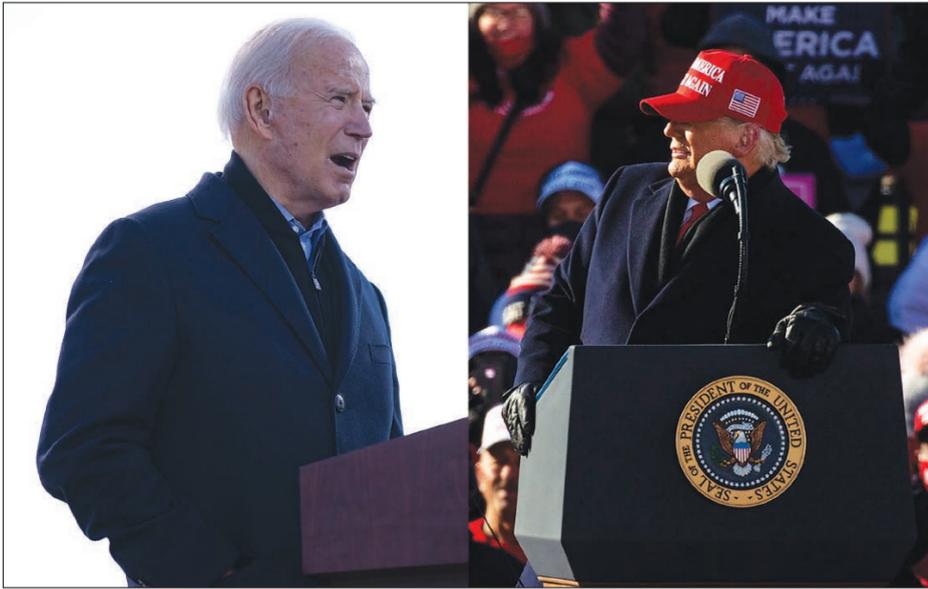


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## ETHICS & POLITICS NATIONAL POLITICS

# Presidential candidates, surrogates storm Iowa

In the final days before the election, Biden and Trump attempt to secure the state's six electoral votes.



Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden (left) speaks during a Biden drive-in rally on Friday, Oct. 30 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines (Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan) and President Donald Trump (right) speaks during a "Make America Great Again" rally held at the Dubuque Regional Airport on Sunday (Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan).

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Presidential candidates and their surrogates made stops in Iowa in the days before the presidential election, holding rallies across the Hawkeye State to sway voters and energize supporters.

Polling in Iowa suggests a tight race, but a Satur-

day poll from Selzer and Co. showed President Trump ahead by seven percentage points, with 48 percent support to Democratic candidate Joe Biden's 41 percent.

Here's what Daily Iowan reporters gathered from the week of campaigning — marked by back-to-back visits from the candidates themselves.

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# What you need to know ahead of Election Day

The *DI* has put together a reminder of how to find your polling location, what to bring with you, and resources Iowa City has set up to help voters get to the polls.

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Tuesday is Election Day, and nearly a million people across the state have already cast their ballots. There's still time to vote in person on Nov. 3 — here's what you need to know about voting in-person the day of.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. in every county

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. in every county, and you must bring a valid form of identification, such as an Iowa driver's license, U.S. passport, or a U.S. Military ID card.

If you don't have an Iowa driver's license, you need to bring your valid voter ID card issued by the county auditor's office, in addi-

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CRAWFISH, KICK OFF, AND COSTUMES, OH MY!



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A group of University of Iowa students prepare a pot of crawfish at a home tailgate in Iowa City on Saturday. Despite it being a home football game and Halloween weekend, local activity is much lower than in recent years.

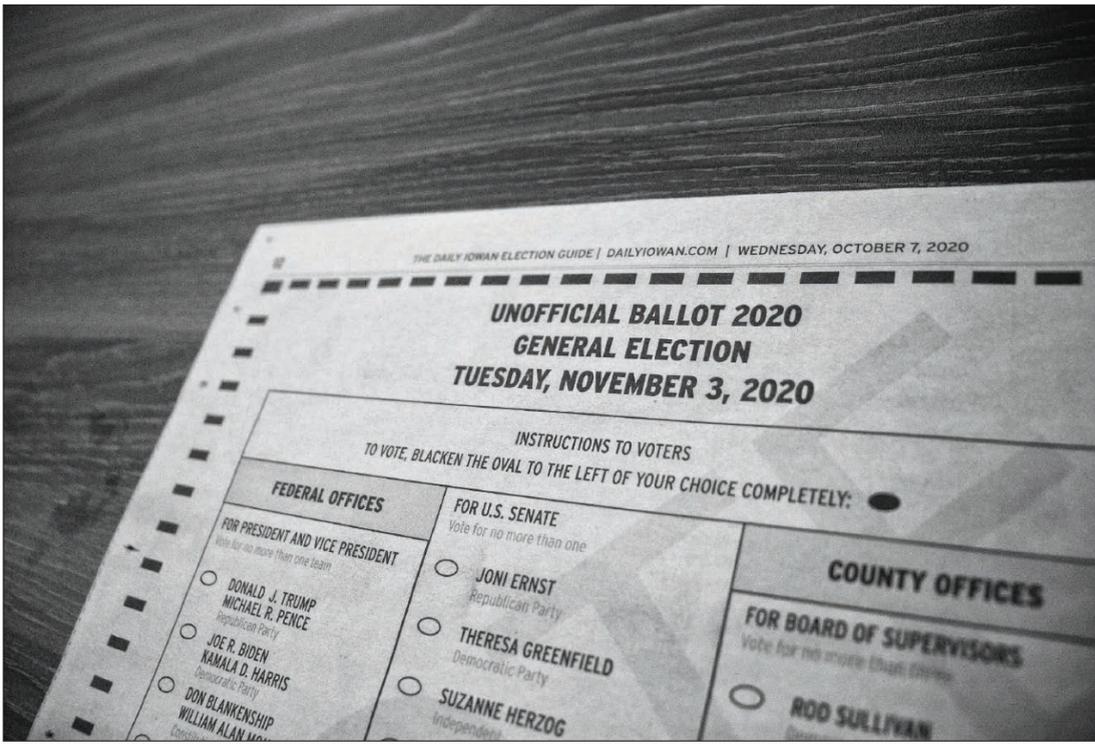


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sent out to voters have not yet been returned. More Democrats have voted absentee than Republicans. Forty-six percent of ballots returned in Iowa have been from Democrats, 33 percent have been from Republicans, and 21 percent of ballots have been from independent or third-party voters. In comparison, nearly 650,000 people voted absentee in the 2016 general election. The early vote tal-

ly this year represents 59 percent of total turnout in 2016, which came in at 1.57 million votes. Linn County Auditor Joel Miller said his office possesses about 67,000 absentee ballots, and they expect that number to increase to 70,000 on Election Day. Miller said Linn County has two high-speed scanning machines that can process about 18,000 ballots an hour. Under more normal circumstances, he said he would have a primary machine and a back-up machine on Election Day, but now he has two primary machines and no back-up.

Johnson County also has two machines, but both auditors are nevertheless confident their counties will see results on Nov. 3. "We normally didn't start the process of counting and opening [ballots] until Monday," Miller said. "That worked before the pandemic ... we now have substantially more ballots. The most [absentee ballots] we had in a previous election was probably around 45,000. So, if you have 70,000, obviously it's just a matter of volume and that you need more time to count the ballots." Several early voters in Iowa City listed the pandemic

as a reason they decided to vote before Nov. 3, hoping to avoid crowds and lines at polling places on Election Day. People voting early at the Iowa City Public Library said they found the process easy, and that they appreciated the health precautions taken at the site. "It was super easy, it wasn't crowded. There wasn't even a line," Kate Smith, a 25-year-old Iowa City resident, said. Iowa State University political-science Professor David Peterson said, while opportunities to vote early in Iowa weren't widely expanded in this election compared to previous cycles, the opportunities were promoted more heavily, especially from Democrats. The most notable change from 2016, he said, is that Secretary of State Paul Pate sent out absentee ballot requests to all registered voters. Peterson said the Democratic advantage in absentee votes could be a double-edged sword, as early votes have a higher rejection rate than traditional votes. In 2016, 4,238 absentee ballots in Iowa were rejected, or about 0.65 percent of all absentee ballots cast, according to a report from USA Today. That's lower than the national rate, which was about one percent in 2016, according to a report from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. Early voting also ensures that votes get sent in before Election Day, however, which can help voters avoid problems that could deter voting on Nov. 3. "Things can happen on Election Day, people get busy," Peterson said. "Something happens where people may not show up to vote, so if the votes are banked, and they're in, that helps."

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tion to a valid form of identification. Voters can find their precinct location through the Iowa Secretary of State's website — sos.iowa.gov. Click on the tab labeled "Elections" and then click on "Voters" in the drop-down menu. Then click "Find your precinct/polling place," and type in the area code that matches your voter registration. You can find polling locations in Johnson County at gis.johnsoncountyiowa.gov. For those located on or near the University of Iowa campus, just a few Iowa City polling locations include Carver Hawkeye Arena, the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center (CRWC), the UI Visual Arts building, and Iowa City West High School. Some precincts have announced location changes. The Clear Creek/Tiffin precinct location has changed to the Clear Creek Amana West Campus Building. Iowa City precinct's 5 and 11 have moved to the CRWC, Iowa City precinct 15 has changed to the Kirkwood Community College Iowa City Campus, and precinct 22 has moved to Parkview Church.

Transportation

If transportation to the polls is a challenge on Tuesday, Iowa City Transit will offer free bus rides all day. The buses follow their normal routes, which stop by most polling locations. Shuttles have been added to get voters to precinct locations that do not fall on the traditional bus route. These shuttles will take voters to precinct 10 at the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area's Park Lodge, and precinct 12 at Alexander Elementary School. Shuttle stops can be found on the Iowa City Transit section of the City of Iowa City website — icgov.org. Each route will be serviced every 30 minutes starting at 7 a.m. and signs will be posted at bus stops where shuttle services will be available.

Can I still mail in my ballot?

Monday is the last day for mail-in ballots to be post-marked, so if you miss that deadline you can surrender your mail-in ballot at your precinct location and still vote in-person on Election Day. If you did not vote early, or mail a ballot, find your precinct and head to the precinct on Election Day to cast your vote.



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Jakeline Morello (furthest left), Sara Cello (furthest right), and their friends pose for a portrait in front of the Iowa City Public Library on Oct. 29. They had all recently just voted, with Morello and Cello voting all Democrat.

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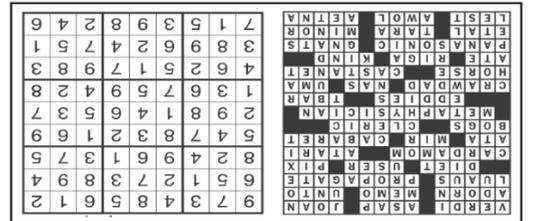
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**Joe Biden**

Four days out from Election Day, Joe Biden delivered a scorching review of the Trump administration, including the president's response to the coronavirus pandemic at a drive-up rally in Des Moines — Biden's first trip to Iowa since the February caucuses.

Biden said Trump failed in his response to the virus, claiming the president has given up on trying to control the pandemic.

"Donald Trump has waved a white flag. He's surrendered to this virus," Biden said Friday. "But the American people don't give up."

Held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Biden's remarks were delivered to more than a hundred cars in a parking lot, a format that has become commonplace among Biden's rallies to mitigate the risk of the coronavirus spreading among crowds. Instead of applause, people in the cars honked to show their enthusiasm.

Iowa went for Trump by 9 percentage points in 2016, but the candidates are virtually tied

in polling averages as of Thursday, with Biden holding a 0.3 point lead on FiveThirtyEight's polling average for the Hawkeye State.

Biden positioned himself as a champion of the working class, saying he grew up in an Irish Catholic neighborhood. He targeted Trump's wealth, referencing a recent report from the *New York Times* that Trump paid \$750 in federal income taxes in 2017.

He pledged to make corporations and the wealthy pay more in taxes, pointing to an Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy report which shows 91 Fortune 500 companies paid no taxes last year.

"Why should a firefighter, an educator, a nurse, a cop, pay at a higher tax rate, which you do, than a major, multi-billion-dollar corporation," he said. "Why should you pay more taxes than Donald Trump, who paid \$750 dollars."

**Donald Trump**

President Trump made a final pitch to voters in Dubuque two days before Election Day, where several thousand voters from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and elsewhere packed the stands in 30-degree weather and 17 mph winds.

Midwestern voters within the stands and staging area at the Dubuque Regional Airport listened in to the president discuss his plans for reelection, while commenting on the pandemic and the possibility of a vaccine.

The Dubuque Make America Great Again rally was scheduled last week after Joe Biden announced he was having a rally in Des Moines on Friday. Trump's campaign played a video that cut together clips of Biden's gaffes and instances where his speech trailed off.

"The guy has no clue," Trump said. "You know it, I know it. He's not a nice guy. If he was, I wouldn't talk this way."

Crowds of people stood shoulder-to-shoulder with fewer than half of attendees wearing a mask in a Daily Iowan scan of the audience. Trump pointed out during the rally that Gov. Kim Reynolds was wearing a mask while sitting in the crowd of people.

Trump also commented on Biden's stance to end the American oil industry claiming it as a "death sentence on ethanol." Biden's climate plan calls for the U.S. reaching net-zero carbon emissions over the next 50 years.

"We had the greatest economy in the history of our coun-



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

The president's son and Executive Vice President of The Trump Organization Donald Trump Jr. speaks during a Trump rally on Oct. 27 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids. Trump Jr. encouraged around 200 people who were in attendance to vote in the upcoming election and to support all of the Republican candidates on the ballot.

try and then we got hit by the China plague, which we're not going to forget," Trump said. "So, we closed it up, we closed it up, and then we opened it up and I'll tell you we saved 2 million lives...but what happened, there shouldn't have been one life. We can never forget what China did to us."

A Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll released Saturday put Trump ahead by seven points in the Hawkeye State, with 48 percent of support to Biden's 41 percent. It was the best poll for Trump in weeks, with other recent polls in Iowa placing the candidates within only a few percentage points.

The poll, conducted by Selzer & Co., surveyed 814 likely voters and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

**Vice President Mike Pence**

At a rally with Vice President Pence in Des Moines on Thursday, the Iowa Corn Growers Association named President Trump and Pence as honorary members of the organization — becoming the first sitting president and vice president to receive the honor.

Pence accepted the award just five days from Election Day, where he also rallied Io-

wans at the Des Moines International Airport to garner support for Trump's reelection campaign.

"After you leave here today, I want you to find a family member or neighbor that hasn't decided what they're doing," Pence said. "I want you to tell them you were out in the airport and you ran into Mike, and he just said...for our families, for our future for a great American comeback, we need four more years of President Donald Trump in the White House."

Keynote speakers included Gov. Kim Reynolds, Republican candidate for Iowa's 3rd Congressional District David Young, Republican candidate for Iowa's 1st District Ashley Hinson, and Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst.

Pence said at the rally he wanted to give credit to Reynolds for controlling the pandemic in Iowa. Iowa has one of the highest per-capita infection rates in the nation.

"I've worked with governors in all 50 states and in our territories and I must tell you that Governor Reynolds' innovation on testing early on, the distribution of PPE to doctors and nurses, even up to this very hour and moment," he said. "I'll tell you the president and I are grateful. The people of Iowa are

blessed to have Gov. Kim Reynolds in the governor's office in a time such as this."

**Donald Trump Jr.**

Donald Trump Jr. rallied more than 200 people in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday, slamming Joe Biden and the Democratic Party as being a "socialist, Marxist party."

"The Democrats have nominated the most compromised candidate in the history of the U.S. presidency," Trump Jr. said.

Trump Jr. is Donald Trump's eldest son and a trustee and executive vice president of the Trump Organization. Trump Jr. was a boardroom judge on Donald Trump's reality television show *The Apprentice* and now serves on his presidential campaign.

While PolitiFact and other political operatives have identified Biden as a moderate Democrat, Trump Jr. said he won't be moderate with Kamala Harris as his vice president. Trump Jr. said Biden would implement the Green New Deal and eliminate American energy.

Biden's climate plan says that the Green New Deal offers a "crucial framework," but Biden has not endorsed the Green New Deal legislation.



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Vice President Mike Pence speaks during a rally at the Des Moines International Airport on Oct. 29. Vice President Pence discussed several topics including religion, Supreme Court Judge Amy Coney Barrett, and the importance of voting.



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# Opinions

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# How we plan to handle Election Night



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The Daily Iowan is seen on March 12.

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Planning election night for a news organization means months of meetings, spreadsheets, and organized chaos to plan and put out accurate information on the night polls close, and in the days to follow.

Iowans have faced a lot of uncertainty, grief, hardship — and hopefully at times joy — in the months leading up to this election. Iowa began the process years earlier with a whopping 25+ Democratic hopefuls seeking to unseat the U.S. president, and in the final few months a pandemic, job losses, and a racial justice reckoning have

stretched our Hawkeye State thin.

This year, with several battleground states apprehensive about result totals being available quickly, it's possible we won't know who wins the White House on Nov. 3, or even in the days to follow.

And that doesn't mean there's a problem with voting, or evidence of voter fraud. A high percentage of mail-in votes lengthens the process because volunteers must first open envelopes before tabulating ballots. Media organizations, including *The Daily Iowan*, are taking extra care to report winners once we're sure results are clear.

In Iowa, election officials are confident that Iowa's

statewide races and presidential tallies will be reported quickly Nov. 3. That's in part thanks to a rule change which allowed auditors and teams of volunteers to start

Other states however, including battleground states, say they won't have all the ballots tabulated on election night — possibly delaying the final electoral vote wins.

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opening absentee ballot envelopes days ahead of the election. Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert told the *DI* earlier this week that this would speed along the process as opening envelopes takes longer than actually tabulating results.

Michigan expects to have its unofficial results by Nov. 6, and possibly earlier. Pennsylvania can't open ballot envelopes until Election Day, despite its state legislature asking for more time. The top election official in the Keystone State

expects an initial tally to be reported days later or by the weekend.

But we've almost never had “official” results on the day of the election.

Our politics coach Lyle Muller drills into reporters he trains that the vote totals on election night are always “unofficial results” until the official vote canvass, which in Iowa takes place 27 days after Election Day.

And the Associated Press called the 2016 presidential race at 2:26 a.m. on the day after Election Day.

For the Hawkeye State, waiting for a winner in politics isn't new. The 2020 Democratic caucuses in February — administered by the Iowa Democratic Par-

If this year has taught journalists anything, it's that we can't predict the future.

From the Iowa caucuses to the pandemic, we have had to learn to live with uncertainty.

*The Daily Iowan* is preparing for a results process where it might not be possible to call the winners on Tuesday night.

We ask our readers to wait and be ready with us.

ty — ended without a clear winner for weeks after a botched reporting system and technical difficulties delayed the results.

Our paper's banner headline that day read IOWA CAUCUS CHAOS to appropriately capture uncertainty after national and local media left Iowa without the state's anticipated results.

It should be noted, too, that Iowa's primary elections — run by the Secretary of State's Office, not the party — went off without a hitch.

But nationwide, it's not clear whether we will know who our next president will be on election night. This year, we want readers to be prepared for that possibility.

## COLUMN

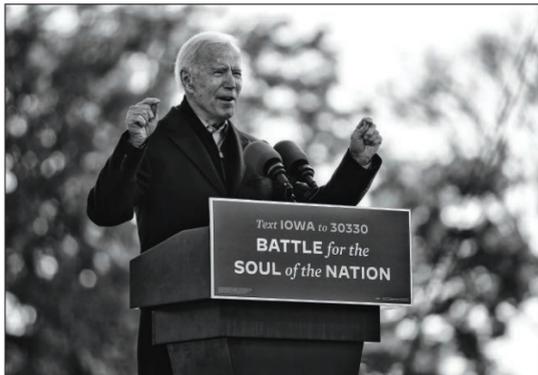
# Hold the confetti and concession speeches

The candidates and country must respect the results after the votes are counted, and President Trump threatens that respect.



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President Donald Trump speaks in Des Moines on Oct. 14.



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden speaks in Des Moines on Friday.

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Tomorrow marks one of the most important elections in America's history. The future of the environment, human rights, and health care are all at stake.

But both presidential candidates have a responsibility on Election Day — or Election Week(s) — but one has already attacked the process.

President Trump must commit to conceding should it be evident he loses. Ballot counting in some swing states may take a little longer than normal, so even if (or when) Trump claims victory without results, Biden also cannot concede too soon if ballots in battleground states are still being counted.

Trump has been desperately holding on to his position for the past couple months by doing everything from encouraging the postponement of the election to complaining about nonexistent voter fraud. Last month, Trump refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power should he lose on Nov. 3.

However, research has proved that voter fraud isn't

a major concern, thus lacks merit of blame should Trump lose. First off, many places (including Johnson County) are investing money into election security to ensure safety and accuracy. State and local leaders are taking the time and effort to prevent voter fraud which is protecting a truly democratic and fair election.

“Should Trump lose — and if he wants to stand for American values — he must concede to Biden and commit to a peaceful transfer of power as soon as the vote totals make it clear.

In fact, the only threat to American democracy caused by voting is actually the Republican Party placing fake ballot boxes around California (and refusing to comply with state orders to take them down).

As of Oct. 23, at least 56 million people have voted in the 2020 election. Of the 56 million votes, 38.6 million of those were cast by mail.

It's no shock that we have a high turnout for mail ballots due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite claims made by

Trump, absentee ballots made are not a threat to the legitimacy of the election. In fact, an analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice found that Americans are more likely to be struck by lightning than to commit voter fraud.

The only reason why Trump may lose is because some Americans don't want him as president. His false claims

they will start counting postal votes and how long they will accept them. For example, most states will only count ballots that are received before the polls close, but California accepts them weeks later as long as they have a postal date by Nov. 3.

The timeline of acceptance of ballots isn't the only thing impacting postal counts. While Florida will start to count postal votes before Election Day, many others won't start until the polls close.

Even though Biden has committed to accept the result, he should follow Hillary Clinton's advice that he shouldn't concede unless the results show a clear loss.

With the delay of absentee ballots, many news sources predict we may not know results tomorrow night which is why it's important for Biden to stick it out for all ballots to be processed in order to determine the final count.

We are moments away from a historical election. While we must do our part and vote, both presidential candidates have individual responsibilities to practice this Tuesday.

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# UI gap-year applications tick upward

Admissions recorded 26 gap-year request applications in 2020. In 2019, 13 students filled out the gap-year application.

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University of Iowa sophomore Maya Heckart was living in a sorority house with over two dozen other students at the start of the school year. Two weeks into the semester, Heckart said she realized that attending college during a pandemic was not going to work for her, so she moved back home to Jefferson City, Missouri, and decided to take a year off.

"I decided that it just wasn't realistic for me with classes being online and just not getting the full experience," Heckart said. "I am not from Iowa, so I was paying out-of-state [tuition] for things and not getting them."

UI media-relations Director Anne Bassett said the UI received 26 gap-year applications for the fall 2020 semester, from students admitted for the fall 2020 term requesting a delay until fall 2021. Thirteen students submitted a gap-year request form in 2019, and 15 in the previous year.

The UI saw a slightly smaller incoming freshman class, in line with previous efforts to shrink enrollment. Full enrollment numbers — which could indicate whether the UI's enrollment remained steady or dipped — will

be released ahead of the November meeting of the state Board of Regents, the governing body of Iowa's public universities.

According to the UI's gap-year policy, an approved gap-year application allows students to retain first-year admission status for the following year. Financial aid from the UI Office of Student Financial Aid is canceled for that year, however, because it is awarded separately for each academic year.

"Students will be reconsidered for those merit scholarships awarded by the Office of Admissions using the scholarship criteria and dollar amounts being used for the new term of entry," the policy states. "Scholarship-awarding criteria and dollar amounts are subject to change."

Heckart said she was not aware that a gap-year application existed. She said she called her UI advisor and was told to drop all her classes and withdraw from the university.

She had scholarships and financial aid when she was a student at the UI, Heckart said, and does not know if she will be able to reapply when she returns.

According to the UI Office of Financial Aid policy webpage, semester withdrawals will result in the cancellation of future scholarships, but a student can make

an appeal if the reason dropping below full time is because of a move to online classes, serious medical condition, death of family member or friend, assault, or other circumstances.

Losing her scholarships and financial aid does not make her regret her decision to take a break from college temporarily, Heckart added.

"I told myself that it is going to work out because the decision itself was difficult and so adding another stressor to that wasn't good for me," Heckart said. "I am thinking that I am going to have to reapply. I don't know though. My mind has been elsewhere."

Right now, Heckart works at a sports bar in Kansas City, Missouri, while living with her sister.

UI junior Tim Globokar, who is majoring in nursing, said he's taking a gap semester right now because he took enough classes to be ahead of schedule in his major for graduation.

Although it's difficult to find work because of the pandemic, Globokar said his goal for this semester is to make money that will pay off his college expenses.

"It was very difficult to find work," he said. "I had a job that was set for this semester, and then I lost the job because of COVID-19. Then I applied for like

seven or eight different jobs."

In a couple of weeks, Globokar plans to work at the Iowa City VA Health Care System as a certified nursing assistant. Globokar said that he has been able to take time for himself this semester and develop close relationships but will be glad to go back to school for the spring semester.

"I'm kind of excited to have better routines, something a little bit more scheduled, and hopefully, slowly getting back to a little bit more of the pre-COVID-19 world," he said.

Recent graduate from Clear Creek Amana High School CJ Sherlock said they always had a plan to take a gap year or two before going to college to save up money and travel. Sherlock's plans changed, however, after the pandemic.

Sherlock now takes care of their great-grandmother and works at a Depot Express gas station in their hometown of Tiffin, Iowa.

"I was planning on going down to Tennessee to see my friend there as well as go to Disney World, but now that has been put on hold," Sherlock said. "I am saving up to hopefully go next Halloween."

Although they are not traveling across the country this year, Sherlock said they have learned a

lot about their family and how to take care of themselves as an adult.

Similar to Sherlock in not having a traditional gap-year experience, Heckart said that, while saving money, she has been planning small things to look forward to, such as visiting her friends in Iowa City.

In the meantime, she said she is hoping that taking time off from school will give her a good

idea of what she would like to major in or what she wants for the future.

"I would like to have, I guess, those crazy gap-year experiences and epiphanies," Heckart said. "I think that I am learning a lot about myself, at least I hope that I am, and can look back on this time and think that this was a decision that I am glad that I made."



Contributed

Photo of UI sophomore Maya Heckart.

# Search committee advises next diversity leader report to president

After UI President Harreld announced his retirement, candidates for DEI associate vice president for DEI withdrew, which led the search committee to disband. In a letter to administrators, the search committee laid out recommendations for structuring the position.

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The search committee to fill the University of Iowa's top diversity job has disbanded, but many members first made recommendations for upgrading the position's status at the UI.

In response to the end of the search for the associate vice president of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the UI, members of the disbanded search committee addressed a letter to central campus leaders, shared-governance groups, faculty, staff, and students on Oct. 22. Nine of the 19 committee members signed the letter, which called for the next person to hold the position to have "necessary authority, resources, job security, and regular access to senior leadership to catalyze DEI-related change and help create an anti-racist campus and community."

The group recommended the UI change the reporting structure of the head diversity officer, which leads three campus units, to report to the president instead of the provost, as is the structure now.

In the statement, the committee wrote that its work has been highly invested to help bring transformative results in DEI leadership to the UI over the last several months.

"We recognize that efforts to achieve equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout our institution have fallen short of our aspirations," the committee wrote.

Russell Ganim, associate provost and dean of International Programs, and DEI search committee co-chair, was one of the members who signed it.

"The purpose of the statement is to provide a forward-looking,

constructive document that serves as a campus resource for future searches," Ganim wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Moala Bannavti, a former Graduate Professional Student Government DEI Chair and a DEI search committee member, said that — as an individual committee member — she thinks the disbandment of the committee was the right thing to do given the circumstances of the search.

Candidates for the position — the names of whom are customarily not made public until a campus forum — withdrew after UI President Bruce Harreld announced he planned to retire.

When she first learned about the committee's disbandment, Bannavti said she felt shocked and a little disappointed.

Bannavti, a signatory to the letter, said everything that the UI deems as important, such as the UI vice president of student life and vice president of research offices, has a vice president's office, but the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion does not.

"When the position is an associate vice president position, compared to a vice president position, it doesn't mean that it's not important," she said. "Things that have an AVP [associate vice president] are important, but they are just less important in my opinion."

As a recommendation for the future of the three-unit Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the letter writers stated the position should act similarly to other high-level administrators at the UI.

"It is critical for the person in this position to report to and meet regularly with the President, to serve as a Vice President, rather than as an Associate Vice President; and to be

a member of the President's Cabinet," the letter read.

The position of associate vice president for DEI, previously titled chief diversity officer, did report to the university president for some time at the UI — as recently as 2017, when Georgina Dodge filled the role.

During the search for the associate vice president of diversity, equity, and inclusion — which began after Tajuan Wilson stepped down from the position after a two-month stint in August 2019 — several campus community members expressed that the next director of diversity, equity, and inclusion should report to the president instead of the provost.

Before Liz Tovar's summer appointment as an interim associate vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion, UI President Bruce Harreld wrote in a message to campus that the search committee did not want to delay the search for a permanent candidate any further by changing the reporting structure, which would have triggered a new search.

In a 2019 *DI* review of organizational charts at the UI's peer universities that outlined the reporting structure of university administrators, similar roles in seven of the 10 schools report to the president instead of the provost or a vice chancellor. The UI often looks to peer institutions for comparisons on funding-per-student when making pitches to state lawmakers.

Harreld told the *DI* in September 2019 that the UI embraced this structure of reporting to the provost instead of the president, so the position can better advance areas of the campus Diversity, Equity, and

Inclusion Action Plan that relate to faculty.

As one of the letter signatories, Paul Gilbert, committee member and assistant professor at the college of public

health, said the DEI position reflects a movement across academic institutions to raise the status of the position in proximity to the President's cabinet.

"Having the future DEI

leader serve as Vice President instead of Associate Vice President would underscore the central role of the position on campus," Gilbert wrote in an email to the *DI*.

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The Old Capitol is seen on Thursday, March 12.

# Students flock downtown to watch Hawks

With no fans allowed in the stadiums, students gathered at bars, restaurants and at home to watch the Hawkeyes play.

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Iowa football hosted its first home game of the 2020 season on Halloween, which ended in a tight loss against Northwestern. Hawkeyes still took the field with AC/DC blaring and marching band beats echoing for miles. But other traditions inside Kinnick — such as the burrito lift — had to be taken elsewhere. Though students were not allowed to watch the game in Kinnick Stadium or tailgate outside, that did not stop large gatherings of students watch the game from forming.

Downtown Iowa City was filled by students wearing black and gold and heading to bars and tailgates to watch the Hawkeyes on television.

Summit, Brothers, Sports Column, and The Airliner were among the many bars that had lines of students and Hawkeye fans waiting to get in.

“It is going to be crowded downtown today,” said Ryan Prowhig, a senior studying engineering. “Especially with it being Halloween and stuff like that, it is going to be a plain mess.”

The University of Iowa has been promoting game-

day safety over the last two weeks, sending emails to students and setting up street signs indicating that parking lots won't be available for RV or tailgate parking.

While students are no longer allowed to tailgate around Kinnick Stadium, that has not stopped them from gathering at houses or other areas unrestricted by the UI, in order to continue game-day traditions.

“We will watch it wherever we can, we will try to still have some people over,” Prowhig said. “Tailgate, have some fun, and try to watch it with some people.”

With so many students gathering in large numbers, fears of further spread of COVID-19 are increased.

While bars and restaurants have protocols in place like mandatory mask-wearing, staying at a table, and only allowing in under 50 percent capacity, house parties and outdoor tailgates do not have such measures.

“It is half and half because I think some people are just over [the pandemic],” said Megan Gillenwater, a senior studying psychology. “Then there are people who are still like protective and are careful.”

Prowhig said he hopes students are taking the pandemic seriously and practicing social distancing on game days.

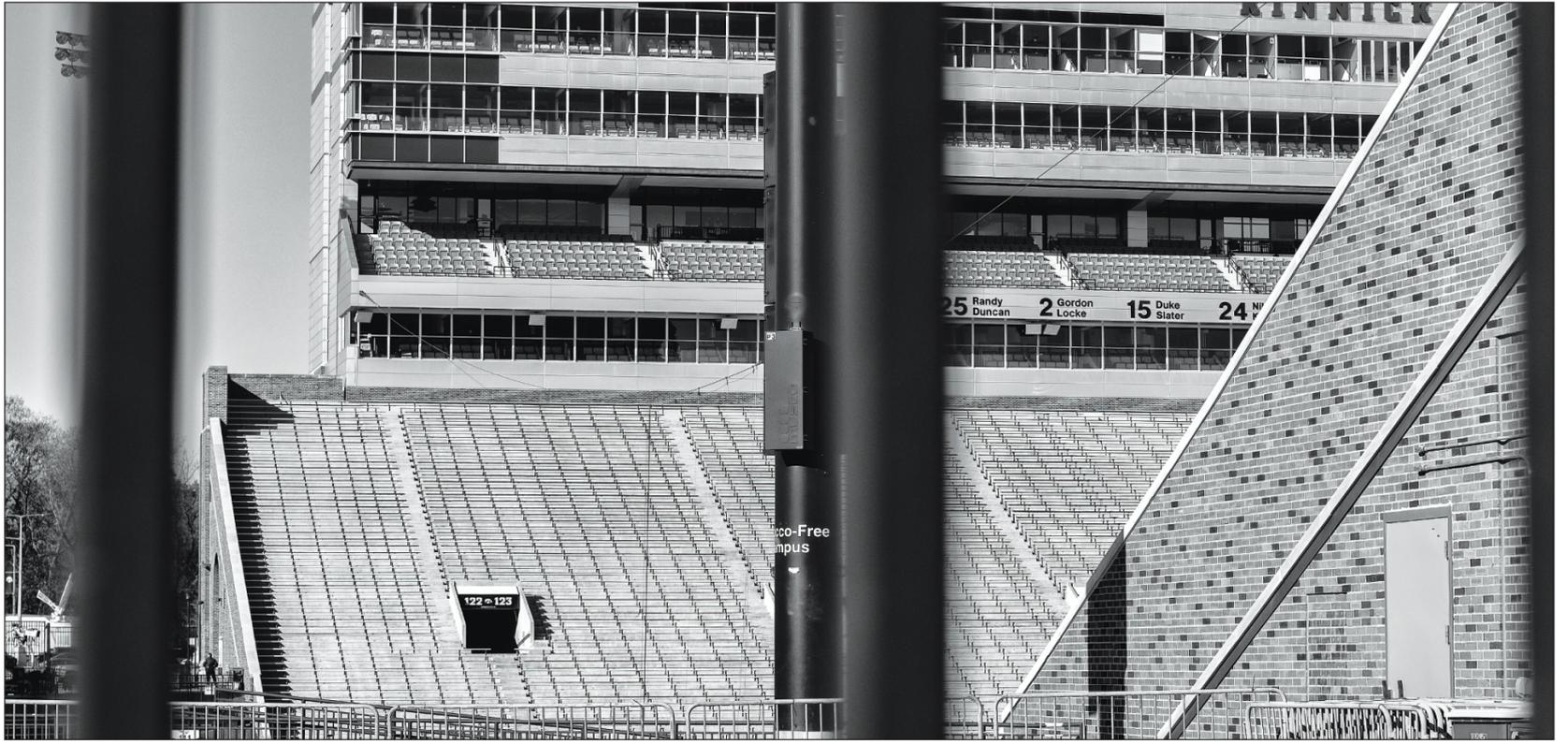
As seniors, this was the last year that Gillenwater and Prowhig would have been able to go to the games as UI students. Both said they were disappointed that they couldn't buy season tickets for this year's games like they have in the past.

“I usually do [buy season tickets] because the school gives you a good discount on them, so why not?” Prowhig said. “It was so sad, especially with this being my last year

because I was like ‘Yes, final time.’”

Bars and restaurants in downtown Iowa City look to be the main attraction for students looking to find a good atmosphere to watch the Hawkeyes this season. The big question will be whether or not COVID-19 cases rise after these large gameday gatherings.

Iowa will take on Michigan State at home on Nov. 7 before a matchup on the following Friday at Minnesota. The Hawkeyes are still searching for their first win this year, and fans are hoping that the team can turn things around.



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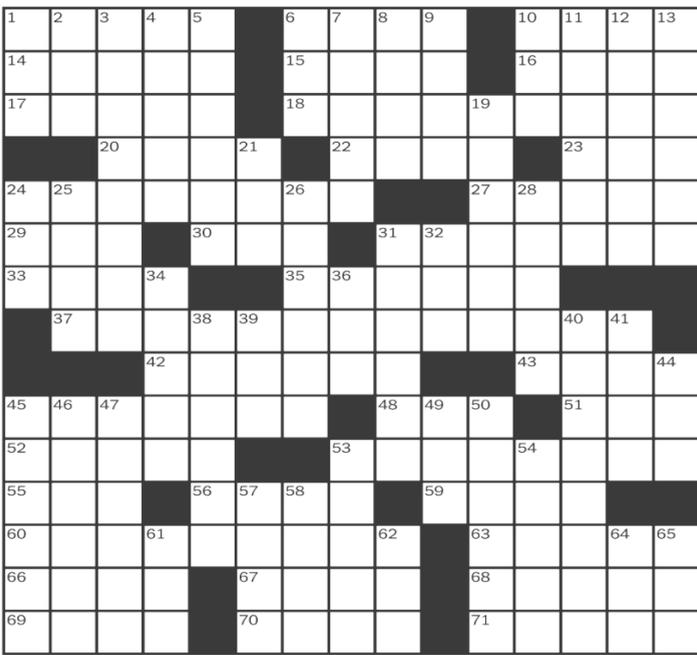
Kinnick Stadium, home to the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, is seen on a sunny game day afternoon, Oct. 31. Tailgating has looked a lot different recently in the light of COVID-19, as both the streets and the stands remain empty. The Hawks played Northwestern.

## The Daily Break

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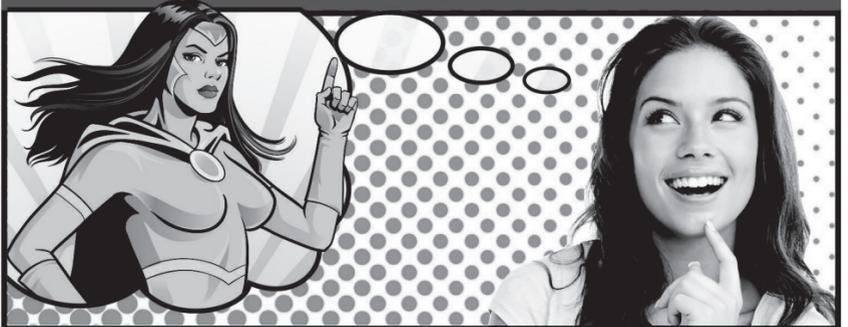
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## HAWKEYE UPDATES

### Second week of Big Ten action concludes

The second week of Big Ten play started right where it left off the week before, with some exciting and unpredictable action.

In the Friday night game, which was Minnesota vs. Maryland, it came down to OT when the score was tied at 38. On the first drive, Maryland quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa extended the ball to the pylon in the end zone for a TD, and Terapins made the ensuing extra point attempt.

Minnesota's drive took four plays and Seth Green scored a TD on a two-yard run. But a second OT period didn't happen because kicker Brock Walker missed the extra point, allowing Maryland to win its first game of the season, 45-44.

The game was a roller coaster throughout. Maryland was up 21-7 at the end of the first quarter, but then Minnesota scored three TDs in the second quarter to put up a 28-21 for it at halftime. Minnesota then didn't let up in the third quarter, scoring a TD and a field goal to extend its lead to 17.

But Maryland came right back with two TDs and a 51-yard field goal to send the game to OT.

In the early slot on Saturday, Michigan State seemed to have its work cut out for it after losing to Rutgers the week before in East Lansing and now having to play No. 13 Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Despite that perception, Michigan State scored the first TD of the game and kept it close throughout and came out with a 27-24 victory. Michigan State quarterback Rocky Lombardi threw for three TDs and 323 yards. One of his receivers, Ricky White, had 196 receiving yards on eight catches.

In the ABC primetime game, No. 3 Ohio State went to Happy Valley to clash with No. 18 Penn State. Ohio State showed again who it was throughout, as quarterback Justin Fields threw for four TDs and 318 yards in a 38-25 win.

Ohio State receiver Chris Olave had two receiving TDs along with 120 yards. One of his counterparts, Garrett Wilson, had 111 receiving yards but no TDs. Running back Master Teague III had one rushing TD with 110 yards.

Though Penn State struggled, it did have a bright spot in receiver Jahan Dotson, who had three receiving TDs with 144 yards on the night.

### BIG TEN WEST STANDINGS:

2-0 Northwestern  
2-0 Purdue  
1-0 Wisconsin  
0-1 Nebraska  
0-2 Illinois  
0-2 Iowa  
0-2 Minnesota

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was a team loss"



- Kirk Ferentz after losing to Northwestern, 21-20

### STAT OF THE DAY

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Average yards per punt from Iowa's Tory Taylor in the Northwestern loss.

# Nixon shines against NW

The junior defensive tackle was a monster in Wildcats' offensive backfield on Halloween.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Iowa Defensive Tackle Daviyon Nixon raises his fist as the Hawkeyes take to their home field for the first time in the season during the Iowa vs Northwestern football game at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 31.

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Iowa has had its share of problems two games into the 2020 football season, but defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon hasn't been one of them.

The 6-foot-3, 305-pounder recorded one of his best games in a Hawkeye uniform Saturday against Northwestern. Nixon tallied 11 total tackles, six solo stops, 1.5 sacks, three tackles for loss, and a forced fumble.

Because the Hawkeyes came out on the wrong side

of the final score, though, in Nixon's mind, his performance could've been better.

"It wasn't enough," Nixon said postgame. "It just wasn't enough. If we don't get the win, I never feel like I did enough from the defensive standpoint."

Nixon had to fight through double-teams from Northwestern's offensive line for most of the game. As a first-year full-time starter at Iowa, that's new for Nixon in his time as a Hawkeye. But it's a situation he's faced before his time in the Black and Gold.

"I did get double-teamed a lot this game," Nixon said. "It's something I'm used to now. You know, growing up with my stature and my size, I'm always getting double-teamed. I've had it in high school where teams would watch film and change the whole game plan because of me. I still just got to be as productive as possible."

Nixon's ability to eat up space on the defensive line and to force Northwestern to commit more than one player to blocking him opened things up for other members

of Iowa's defense against the Wildcats.

One of the beneficiaries of Nixon's big presence on Saturday was sophomore linebacker Seth Benson. The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, native - making his first start as a Hawkeye - recorded 13 total tackles, with 10 unassisted stops. He also got to Northwestern quarterback Peyton Ramsey twice for two QB hits.

"Daviyon's a good player," Benson said. "When he gets back there in the backfield it really helps us out. When he's playing blocks, he keeps

the offensive linemen off of us. He allows us to be able to make plays - he just brings a great energy every day. He sparks a fire in us."

Nixon didn't only bring that energy to the field against Northwestern but, in crunch time, he did it from the sideline.

The redshirt junior tried his best to pump up his teammates and the players' friends and family in the stands before quarterback Spencer Petras led the offense onto the

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# Ready for quick start

With only five non-conference games this season, the young Hawkeyes will need to be prepared for the high level of Big Ten competition immediately.



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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder talks to her team during a women's basketball match between Iowa and Indiana at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 12.

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With just under a month until the 2020-21 Iowa women's basketball season gets underway, the Hawkeyes' young roster this year is working to gain continuity.

There's still no official schedule for the Hawkeyes, as the coaching staff races to put together a non-conference game slate.

"We have talent, but we are missing experience," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "We're missing those game reps, and nothing can really re-

place that except for game reps."

There will be less of a gradual increase in quality of competition this season, as the Hawkeyes will only play five non-conference games, compared to the typical 10-game non-conference season. Some of the non-conference games may occur after the Big Ten season starts, so Iowa could play Big Ten opposition within right out of the gate in 2020-21.

Typically, the Hawkeyes use their 10 non-conference games to gauge their progress, make any adjustments they need, and build confidence with wins against weaker competition. That will not

# Iowa in hole after 0-2 start

Two close losses in two weeks are costly for the Hawkeyes in an eight-game season.



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The Big Ten West is a mess. The same can be said about Iowa through two weeks of the season.

The division is as open as it could be. Wisconsin could be sidelined for weeks because of a COVID-19 outbreak on the team.

Minnesota is clearly not the team it was last year and sits at 0-2. Nebraska and Illinois likely aren't going anywhere, despite what one of those fan bases might say.

At the top of the standings in the West right now are Northwestern and Purdue. Both teams are 2-0. Both teams beat Iowa. And Iowa should have beaten both teams.

Despite the excitement surrounding this year's Iowa team, the Hawkeyes sit at 0-2. In an eight-game regular season, that's tough to overcome.

Iowa appeared ready to take control over Purdue, until a Mekhi Sargent fumble set up a game-winning drive by the Boilermakers. Against Northwestern, an early 17-0 apparently wasn't enough as Iowa lost 21-20 at Kinnick Stadium.

"They finished the game and we weren't able to," head coach Kirk Ferentz said following the Northwestern game. "That's kind of where it's at right now ... We certainly have a lot of improvement to make, and that's got to be our focus."

The Boilermakers and the Wildcats finished in the bottom two spots of the West

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last season, combining to go 7-17. Both seem to be much improved this season, but that's not an excuse for blowing two games.

A theme the past two weeks, and longer than that, has been Iowa's offense shutting down in the second half. The team's final seven drives of the game proved costly. Three punts, three interceptions, and a turnover on downs.

Iowa's only two touchdowns of the day came after Northwestern fumbled deep in its own territory. But those mistakes by The Wildcats didn't continue, and neither did the Hawkeyes' scoring.

Iowa is lacking an identity on offense right now. The Hawkeyes ran the ball on 26 times in a close

game against the Wildcats and quarterback Spencer Petras threw 50 passes.

"I think if you look historically, if you look at those kinds of numbers, it means the outcome wasn't good," Ferentz said. "We didn't run the ball effectively enough. Certainly, we had a couple good runs, hit on a couple of them, but with consistency not enough. So that's something we're going to have to get addressed because we don't want to play that way. I'll go on record saying that — we don't want to play that way. Looking for a lot more balance than that."

The Hawkeyes averaged only 3.3 yards per rushing attempt. Tyler Goodson had only 13 carries the entire game. Northwestern, for the most part, wasn't much better on the ground. The Wildcats averaged 2.4 yards per rush.

But Northwestern quarterback Peyton Ramsey,

even though it was a quiet day for him on the stat sheet, showed the poise Petras lacked.

It's been the same story for Iowa in two different weeks.

This season should be a prime opportunity for Iowa to make it to the Big Ten Championship Game. But the season already seems to be unraveling — both on and off the field.

Two close, ugly losses to start the season has the team behind in the standings. The arrest of star wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette on Sunday for operating while intoxicated is an unacceptable act from a player Iowa depends on.

There are still six weeks remaining in the Big Ten regular season. It's 2020, so anything could happen in the race for the Big Ten West. But right now, Iowa isn't part of that race. And there's a long way to go before it is.



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(Top) Iowa's Defensive Tackle Daviyon Nixon (54) and Defensive Back Jack Koerner (28) tackle Northwestern Running Back Isaiah Bowser during the Iowa v Northwestern football game at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 31. (Bottom) Iowa Defensive Lineman Zach VanValkenburg (97) and Defensive Tackle Daviyon Nixon tackle Northwestern Quarterback Peyton Ramsey during the Iowa v Northwestern football game at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 31.

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field for the final, potentially game-winning, drive.

"I'm telling them 'We just gotta finish,'" Nixon said. "It's a family thing and if we all come out there together and stay, even on the sideline, we gotta stay together as a unit and stay

together as a team and we just gotta finish. I need everybody participating, I need everybody hyped up, I need all the juice from the sidelines, fans, anybody that's out there.

"We came out here for a reason and that's to get the job done. So, if we're out there, you gotta be out there in the moment and you gotta love it."

The offense didn't score,

and the Hawkeyes are now 0-2. But Nixon has been disruptive on seemingly every defensive play this season. Through two games, Nixon may be the team's best player.

Iowa and Nixon will have another chance to win at Kinnick Stadium next week against Michigan State before the Hawkeyes are on the road for two weeks straight versus Minnesota and Penn State.



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Iowa Head Coach Kirk Ferentz looks down on the stadium before addressing members of the press during football media day in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 8.



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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder calls out a play during a women's basketball game between Iowa and Nebraska at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 6.

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the case this season, as Iowa may be playing Maryland instead of teams like North Alabama early in the year.

"Not having those non-conference games is going to hurt us a little bit to help us catch up to everyone else's experience," Bluder said.

The non-conference games before the real competition picks up will be critical for the Hawkeyes to learn how to sort everything out.

The Hawkeyes are feeling confident in the mix of experience and youth they have and are going with the mindset that everyone is going through the same thing they are, so there is less of a

reason to focus on the negatives.

Many of the players said they're excited to get straight to the big games in the season this year and face off against the best in the country.

"We'll have to be ready from the get-go — we don't have time to mess around and learn from your mistakes," freshman guard Caitlin Clark said. "It's definitely exciting. Who doesn't love playing in big and exciting games?"

The Hawkeyes' leaders have had to step up and provide the team with encouragement and motivation to ensure the team is prepared for an unprecedented start to the season, diving right into Big Ten play with no non-conference warmups. This year's captains — senior guards Alexis Sevillian and

Zion Sanders, plus sophomore guard Kate Martin — are mostly new to leadership positions on the team.

"We have done a great job of overcoming the obstacles we have faced and not making excuses for anything we have been given," Sevillian said. "We're trying to enjoy each other and have fun during this process."

The team's solid leadership is one of the reasons its freshmen have done well so far. Some freshmen will become crucial to the team's success this season, so the sooner they're acclimated, the better they'll play for the team.

"I am sure it's not going to be perfect right away, but that is why we have been working so hard in pre-season, and coach is going to get us ready for those Big Ten games," Martin said.

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# Kinnick, under quarantine

The Hawkeyes returned to their home turf a bit later than in past years.

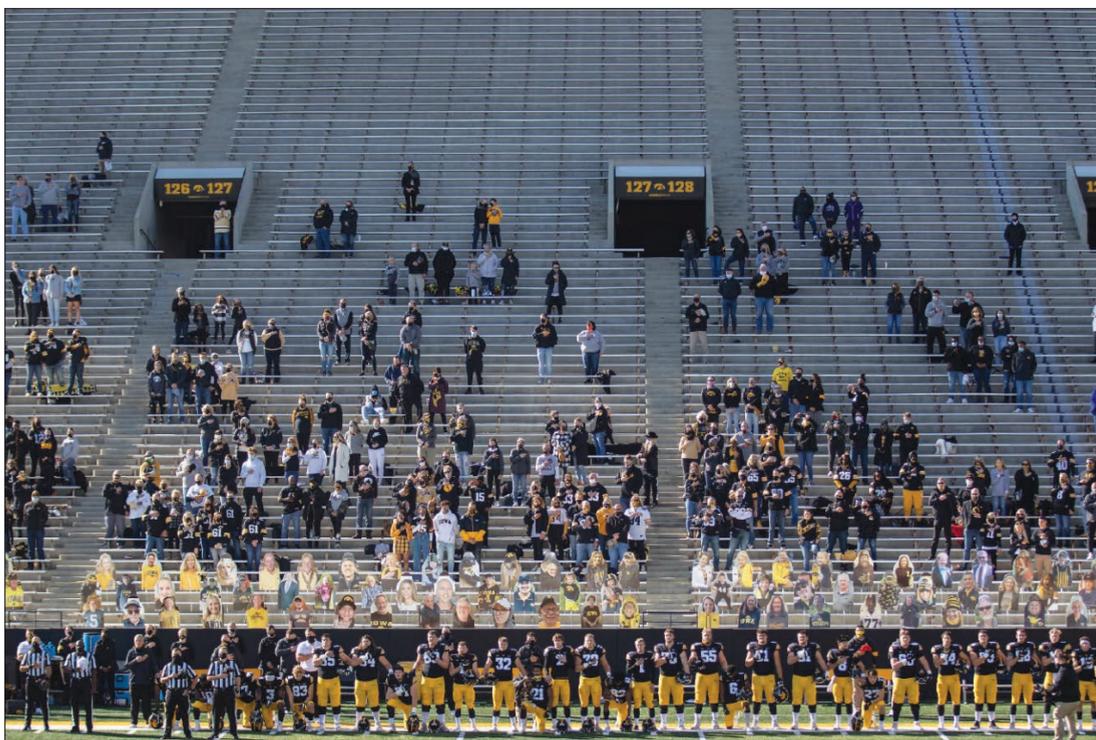
The Iowa football team's first game in Kinnick Stadium saw a drastically smaller crowd, a team-led protest during the national anthem, and a nailbiter that ended in a 21-20 loss.

The reduced attendance was because of COVID-19.

The kneeling was for racial injustice.

As for Iowa's strategy pertaining to the game itself, it didn't go quite according to the script.

DI Visuals Editor Katie Goodale captured the best-laid plans in action.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa running back Tyler Goodson moves the ball downfield while teammate tight end Sam LaPorta sets a block.

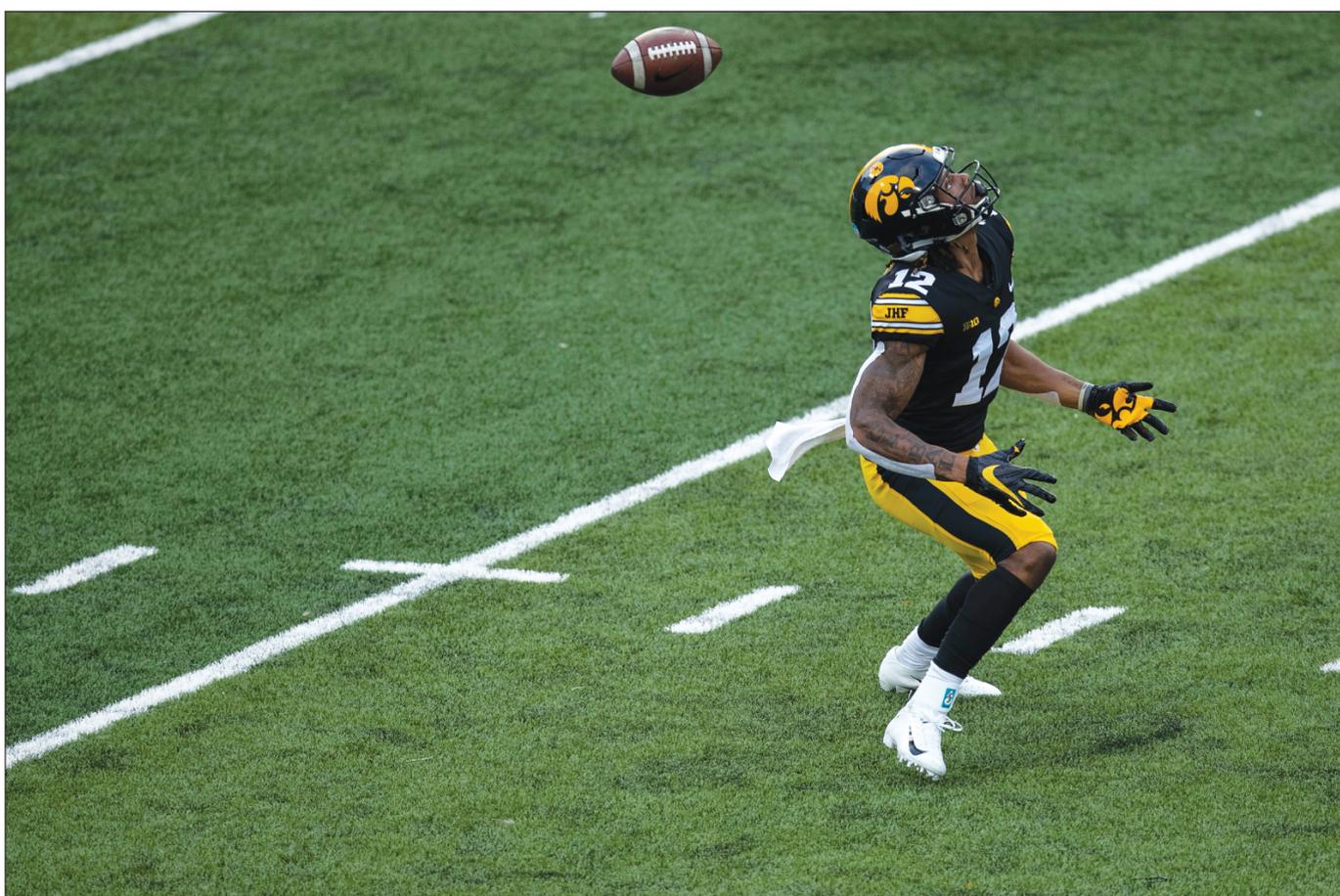


Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Players kneel and stand for the national anthem before the Iowa-Northwestern football game at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday. Head coach Kirk Ferentz did not kneel.

Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette dodges Northwestern's defensive back Cameron Ruiz.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Northwestern defensive lineman Joe Spivak smiles through a cut on his face while he celebrates with teammates after the Wildcats finished the win over the Hawkeyes.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa wide receiver Brandon Smith misses a pass.

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