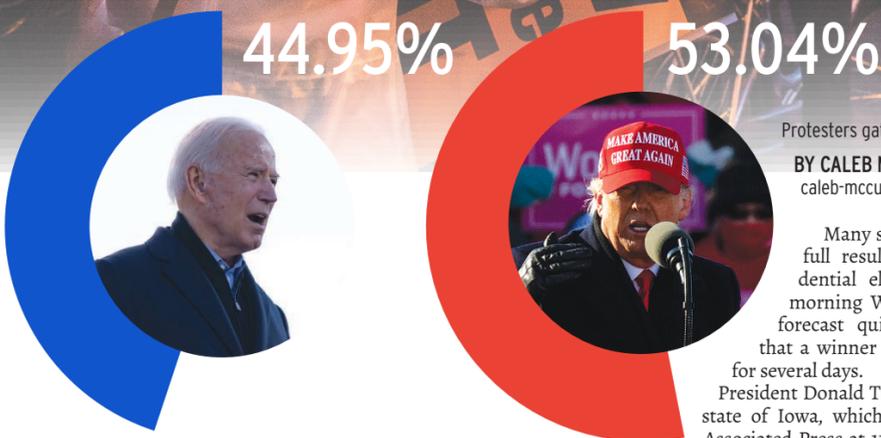


THE NATION HOLDS ITS BREATH



Iowa results



Source: Iowa Secretary of State as of Nov. 3 at 1:06 a.m.

Protesters gather on Black Lives Matter Plaza in front of the White House in Washington DC on Tuesday.

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Many states did not report full results from the presidential election as of early morning Wednesday, and the forecast quickly became clear that a winner may not be known for several days. President Donald Trump picked up the state of Iowa, which was called by the Associated Press at 11:21 p.m. He won 53 percent of Iowa's vote, while Democrat

Joe Biden won 45 percent, with 99 percent of precincts reporting. "Tonight we have proven without a doubt that Iowa is a red state," Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said at the state's GOP watch party in Des Moines. "I've said all along that you were going to get the results that you're seeing tonight because everywhere we went we saw energy, excitement, enthusiasm, momentum." As of 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Trump had 213 electoral votes to Biden's 224, and many states still have to count absentee ballots. Trump won several key swing states, including Florida, Ohio, and Texas. Biden won Minnesota and had the upper hand in Arizona, with 78 percent of votes counted. The race will likely come down to a few key Midwestern states

SEE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, 2



Senator Joni Ernst speaks at Iowa GOP election night watch party in Des Moines on Tuesday.

Ernst keeps seat

After a competitive and expensive race, Ernst will reprise her role in the Senate for another six years.

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Sen. Joni Ernst will hold on to her seat in the U.S. Senate after defeating Democratic challenger Theresa Greenfield Tuesday night — marking the end of the second most expensive senate race in U.S. history. Ernst won 51.6 percent of the

vote and Greenfield fell behind with 45.4 percent as of midnight, according to the Associated Press. Ernst spoke at an Iowa GOP election-night party in Des Moines following her win, saying that in her next six years in Congress she will continue to work on trade deals with foreign countries, support the use

of biofuel, and roll back regulations that she said hurt American jobs. "I will spend the next six years working every single day to live up to what you have given me," Ernst said. "I also want to say something to every Iowan whether you supported me

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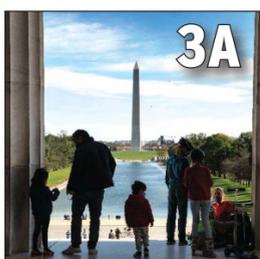
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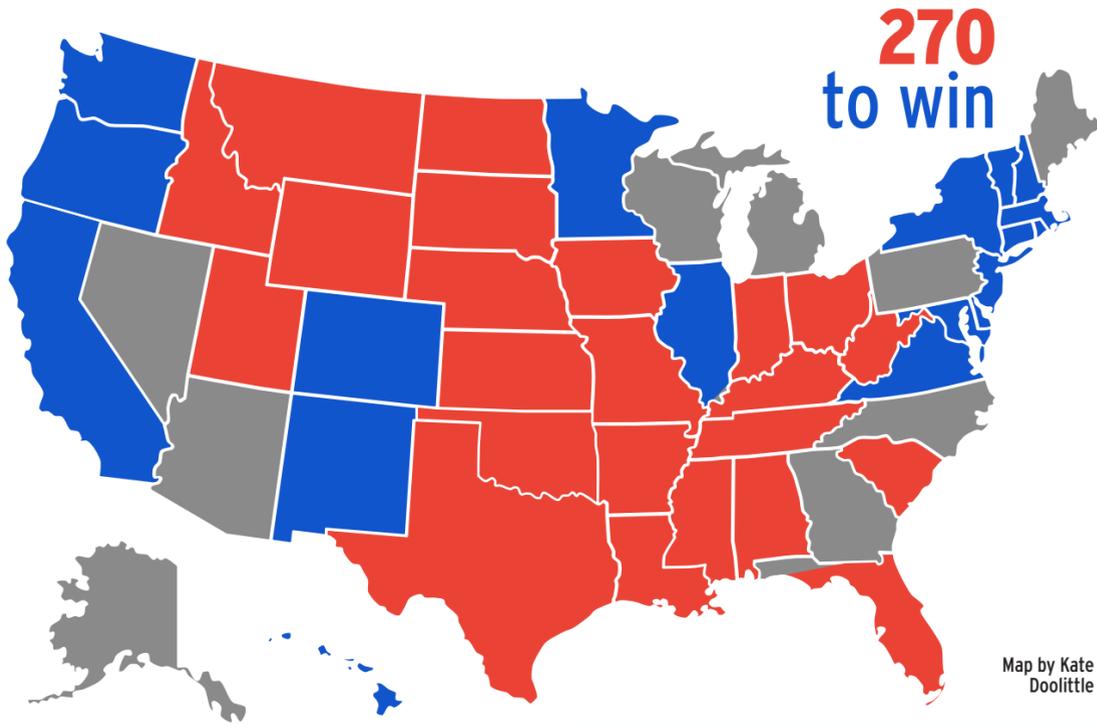
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Miller-Meeks leads narrowly in 2nd District
Former state senator and physician Mariannette Miller-Meeks led Democrat Rita Hart by a razor-thin margin of less than 300 votes.



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Map by Kate Doolittle

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which didn't report full results on election night. Votes in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin were too close to call, with Trump taking an early lead but hundreds of thousands of votes still not counted. For example, in Wisconsin, almost 3 million votes have been reported as of 12:40 p.m. This is only 78 percent of total votes in the state.

In those states, mail-in ballots could not be opened until Tuesday, and Michigan's Secretary of State said she doesn't expect to have full results until Friday. Polling indicates that absentee ballots favor Biden.

The coronavirus pandemic dominated the 2020 election, becoming a focal point of both candidates' messaging and leading more people than ever to cast their ballots early.

Trump placed major stock in a speedy development of a vaccine against the virus, often ignoring the advice of public-health experts and insisting that his presidency would bring quick economic recovery. Biden's message in the closing days — including in a stop in Iowa — zeroed in on the Trump administration's response to the coronavirus pandemic, saying the president had given up on fighting the virus, and placing the blame for the more than 230,000 American deaths from COVID-19 on the president's shoulders.

Both candidates pounded these messages in swings through Iowa ahead of Elec-

tion Day.

The pandemic also led to a surge in early voting — both in person and by mail — and more than 100 million Americans had already voted by Tuesday, according to the U.S. Elections Project. The record-breaking numbers slowed the vote count in some states.

From Wilmington, Delaware, Biden said he thought he was on track to win the election, and that the results would take some time to be fully documented.

"We knew because of the unprecedented early vote and mail-in vote that it was gonna take a while, that we're going to have to be patient until the hard work of tallying the votes is finished," Biden said. "And it ain't over till every vote is counted, every ballot is counted."

Trump did not make a public appearance by 12:30 Wednesday morning.

On Sunday, Trump criticized the U.S. Supreme Court for deciding not to review a decision from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that allows ballots to be accepted after Election Day. Republicans in several states have been challenging voting laws that extend the deadline to accept ballots or expand voting access.

"We're going to go in the night of, as soon as that election is over, we're going in with our lawyers," Trump told reporters about Pennsylvania at a campaign stop on Sunday.

The focus throughout the night moved from the South to the upper midwest as Trump won several early states. Both candidates fought heavily for the upper hand in the midwest in the days leading up to the

224 Biden

election.

Trump won handily in the rust belt in 2016, campaigning as an audacious anti-establishment candidate who would "drain the swamp" of Washington insiders.

Coralville resident Mark Shershen voted for the first time on Tuesday at age 61, casting his vote for Trump. He said he leaned Democratic for his whole life, but that he no longer agreed with the way the party was going.

"I was always Democratic," he said at Coralville City Hall after he voted. "I felt Joe Biden, he's had 40-plus years, he was vice president for eight years. I don't think he got little to no accomplishments done, and I just didn't like what he had to say in the debates in all."

Aisha Myers, 42, was a Bernie Sanders supporter in the Iowa caucuses. She said she disapproved of how Trump handled the coronavirus, and that he was a threat to women's and LGBTQ rights.

"Right now just for the safety of women, minorities, I'm voting for Biden and Kamala because the current administration has not been about all people

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Source: The New York Times as of Nov. 4 at 12:45 a.m.

and being inclusive," she said. "It's a very divisive time and it's scary."

Several people interviewed by The Daily Iowan said they weren't expecting to see election results on Tuesday night.

"I think it's premature to expect results tonight. We still have to wait for everyone's votes to come in the mail. It would be great if it was,

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Protesters gather on Black Lives Matter Plaza in front of the White House in Washington DC on Tuesday. Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

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or not; this has been a very difficult year and a very difficult election for all of us... but the election is over and it's time to start the healing."

Ernst said she spoke to Greenfield and congratulated her on a hard-fought campaign.

Greenfield addressed reporters in Des Moines, as well as viewers at home, where she said she counted over 500 days that she was in the race and hopes the nation continues to move forward despite the results.

"While the votes have been counted and our race has fallen short, I did call up Senator Ernst a little bit ago and congratulated her. We always knew this was going to be a close race," Greenfield said.

After Greenfield's win in the June Democratic primary election, Ernst struggled to remain in the lead on polling, consistently falling three to five points behind Greenfield throughout the summer and fall months, according to various polls averaged by FiveThirtyEight.

Polling of the race varied throughout the election season, but a late Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll proved fairly accurate, falling only a few points behind the final result. The poll was a large shift in favor of Republicans across the state compared to previous polls, showing Ernst with 46



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

Democratic candidate for senate Theresa Greenfield speaks during a watch party for her campaign on Tuesday at the Renaissance Hotel in Des Moines. With the event closed to the public, about 40 members of the media waited for the election results and Theresa Greenfield to arrive, who gave remarks at 11:45 P.M. after the state unofficially reported the results that she lost the senate race.

percent of support to Greenfield's 42 percent.

In the months leading up to the election, Ernst tied her reelection chances to the president and his base, which saw President Trump winning the state with 53.1 percent of the vote as of midnight. She appeared with Trump at a Dubuque rally in the days leading up to the election.

Her campaign aired advertisements that leveled inaccurate claims that Greenfield called police officers racist, and that she's far to

the left on health care and the environment. Both candidates flooded streaming platforms, websites, and mailboxes with campaign advertisements.

Spending on the race for the Senate seat from Iowa reached a fever pitch. Ernst beat back a well-funded Democratic opponent, who outraised her four to one in the third quarter of 2020, which took place just a few weeks before the general election.

Open Secrets reported that various groups independent of the candidates' committees spent a total of

\$107.2 million on the Senate race in Iowa — 53 percent of which went toward supporting Greenfield while 47 percent went toward supporting Ernst.

Ernst served on the Senate Judiciary Committee during Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett's hearings in early October, which took place just a few weeks before the general election.

Several Iowa agriculture groups endorsed Ernst's reelection campaign including the Iowa Farm Bureau, the

Iowa Corn Growers Association, and the Iowa Cattleman's Association.

The Iowa Farm Bureau named Ernst a "Friend of Agriculture" in an early September press release, saying Ernst has a proven voting record that aligns with the interests of Iowa farmers and that she supports Farm Bureau policies.

In March, Ernst voted in support of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which provided limited paid sick leave for workers, free COVID-19 testing, and

increased funding for Medicaid. She also supported the CARES Act several days later, which allocated \$2 trillion toward a nationwide stimulus package.

Bykermark Carver, a 67-year-old retired pastor from Des Moines who attended the watch party, said he wants more Republican control in Congress, despite Republicans already holding a majority in the Senate.

"We need more control of the Senate," Carver said. "We need more control in Congress to get things done that our President Trump wants to have done."

Carver specifically named the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi as an obstacle for Republican policy.

"I think of Pelosi as the evil witch," Carver said.

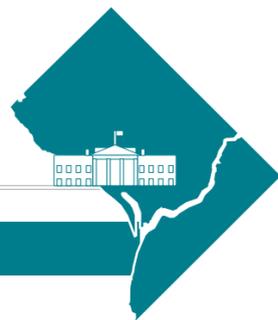
Greenfield held a press-only watch party in Des Moines Tuesday Night, and the Republican's watch party had about 100 attendees.

Iowa Democratic Party Spokesperson, Jeremy Busch, said that this showed how the Democratic watch party prioritized public health above all else.

"We all want to have some big celebration like it's done in every single election cycle, but obviously we're in the middle of a pandemic. Following how Theresa has conducted herself in the campaign, we never want to put an Iowan's health at risk for our own campaign's desires," Busch said.

Lauren White contributed to this report.

ETHICS & POLITICS



On the ground in Washington

As Americans headed to the polls on Election Day, demonstrators gathered in the capital in preparation for the historic results.

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WASHINGTON — Thousands descended upon Black Lives Matter Plaza outside the White House on Election Day — where the president was reportedly inside watching vote tallies roll in.

Many wore “out with Trump” badges pinned on their coats and held signs protesting the president, and a few vocal supporters of the president sported “Jesus saves” signs. A truck with musical performers drove slowly down the streets near the White House.

The next White House occupant was not clear as of 11 p.m. Tuesday night, but the nation’s capital anxiously awaited final result tallies from around the U.S.

As of 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night, crowds were mostly calm, dancing and chanting, at Black Lives Matter Plaza and the adjacent McPherson Square.

Later in the night, a scuffle broke out between police and demonstrators near the White House. Someone yelled “run,” and according to local reports, police made several arrests. Crowds roamed the plaza at night in front of the White

House, which is blocked off by a metal fence. A demonstrator dressed up as Donald Trump with a giant clay head, and took photos with the crowd.

In McPherson Park, a group watched musical performances, and some sat on the ground in front of a giant screen playing CNN election coverage, cheering when states went for Joe Biden.

Audrey Schrieber, 26, who lives in Washington, D.C., said she came out to the White House to stand with others on election night in support of every vote being counted.

Schrieber said, while there’s tension in the city, the windows of businesses boarded up with plywood in town may be unnecessary.

“I feel in general, everyone in D.C. has been collectively holding our breath today, or the last three months really,” she said. “I don’t think that it will be called tonight, but I do think that the next three months are going to be fraught, whatever way it lands.”

Rocky Twyman, 70, was on Black Lives Matter Plaza Tuesday afternoon. He held a sign which read “Join me in prayer for election night peace.”

Twyman, who participated in the civil-rights movement



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Families and tourists gather on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial the morning of the election in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday.

as a young man, said he’d never seen anything as divisive as this election.

“I’m an old man,” he said. “I’ve been in many crusades and marches, but I don’t think I could have handled this one. I’ve never seen anything so divisive in my life.”

In the afternoon, a crowd began to assemble in front of the White House on Black

Lives Matter Plaza. Some were in support of Trump, some preached their faith to onlookers, and others wore masks with the Biden campaign logo or held signs supporting Black Lives Matter.

A few hundred people had gathered, some by themselves or with friends. They were swarmed by dozens of reporters and photographers awaiting the results from the election.

Polls in Washington, D.C. closed at 8 p.m.

High schools and colleges in the area around the capital called off class for Election Day, and some high schoolers gathered at Black Lives Matter Plaza to take in a piece of history.

Ami Maciel, a high-school senior from Virginia, had his camera with him Tuesday morning and was taking pictures of the scene. He said he came to Washington, D.C. early in the morning to take

“I’ve been in many crusades and marches, but I don’t think I could have handled this one. I’ve never seen anything so divisive in my life.”

— Rocky Twyman, 70

pictures of the city on Election Day to capture the historic day.

Maciel said he already cast his vote early for Joe Biden.

“I decided it’s a big year and a big day — especially this year,” Maciel said. “It’s my first year voting so I just wanted to check it out. I was here when the protests were really big a while back when this all started. It’s definitely very different — a lot more chill. Everyone here is just having a good time.”

Rebeca Guzman, 18, from Maryland, was outside the White House on Tuesday afternoon holding a sign that said “Latinos for Trump.”

Guzman said she came with members of her church to sup-

port the president.

“We support Trump because of our Christian values and he values them,” she said. “He respects the Bible and religion, and that’s why we support and we’re praying that he becomes the president.”

With almost every business in the downtown area boarded up with plywood in preparation for possible unrest on election night, some of those who chose to demonstrate during the day were feeling anxious for what could be to come.

“I hope things don’t get too violent for the safety of others,” Guzman said. “I feel like everyone should respect each other’s opinions, even though there’s many differences.”

Felicia Klimpacher, 20, a student at Norfolk State University, was on the plaza on Tuesday, holding a sign that said “Vote him Out.” She said she planned to stay out protesting as long as she felt safe.

“I’m a woman by myself and a Black woman at that. It’s not really safe for me to be out here,” she said. “I’m going to stay out here as long as I feel safe, and once I start feeling the escalation or the tension starting that’s when I’m going to be like ‘It’s time for me to go.’”

Many people outside the White House also expressed concern that Trump would declare victory before all of the votes are counted. As of 11 p.m. Tuesday, Trump hadn’t made a comment on the results of the election.

During his time as a young protester, Twyman said people accepted the results of the election.

“Trump is saying he’s not going to accept it if Biden wins,” he said. “It’s just going to be a big mess it seems and more division. I’m hoping for a clear-cut victory for Biden tonight.”

According to an Axios report, Trump told confidants he would declare victory if he appeared ahead on election night, which the president later denied.

Klmpacher said she wouldn’t put it past Trump to declare victory on election night.

“It could go either way,” she said. “I honestly have a feeling that Biden is going to win, but we’re going to keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best.”

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— Audrey Schrieber, 26



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Gail Choate, 52, of Boca Raton, Fla. poses outside the White House on Monday.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Protesters gather on Black Lives Matter Plaza in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday.

America shows up for Election Day

The Daily Iowan sent photojournalists to Washington, Des Moines, and around Iowa City to capture the sights as voters cast their ballots to decide the future of the nation.



Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan

Volunteers help voters at the UI Campus and Recreation Center in Iowa City.



(ABOVE) Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan
A voter casts their ballot at a polling location at the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame in Iowa City.
(TOP RIGHT) Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan
Polling booths and volunteers sit ready at the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center in Iowa City.
(BOTTOM RIGHT) Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan
Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Theresa Greenfield hugs her husband during her campaign's watch party in Des Moines.



Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

Longfellow Elementary School in Iowa City sets up voting booths in the gymnasium for voters to cast their ballots, and is providing masks and hand sanitizer as voters enter.



Matthew Hsieh/The Daily Iowan

John Hass (left) and Jada Jenkins (right) sit at the bar in Sanctuary Pub in Iowa City as election results roll in. Hass and Jenkins were the lone two of four patrons that showed up the entire night.



(ABOVE) Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan
North Liberty resident Katie Brown and son Barret Brown stand for a portrait in the hallway of a polling location at the North Liberty Community Center.
(TOP LEFT) Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan
Donald Trump campaign volunteer Brad Bouster poses for a portrait at the check-in table for the Joni Ernst Republican watch party in Des Moines.
(BOTTOM LEFT) Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan
Des Moines citizen Stephanie Jones has her temperature taken as she arrives at the Joni Ernst Republican watch party in Des Moines.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Rocky Twyman, 70, poses for a portrait on Black Lives Matter Plaza in front of the White House in Washington, DC on Tuesday. Twyman lives in D.C. and was involved with the Civil Rights Movement when he was younger.

Iowa delivers election results

While the rest of the country waits for a winner, President Trump once again won the Hawkeye State.

BY JULIA SHANAHAN
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Amid a pandemic, record voter turnout, and social unrest, Iowa prevailed on election night when it came to delivering election results by midnight, while other parts of the country still counted ballots and the nation waited on who

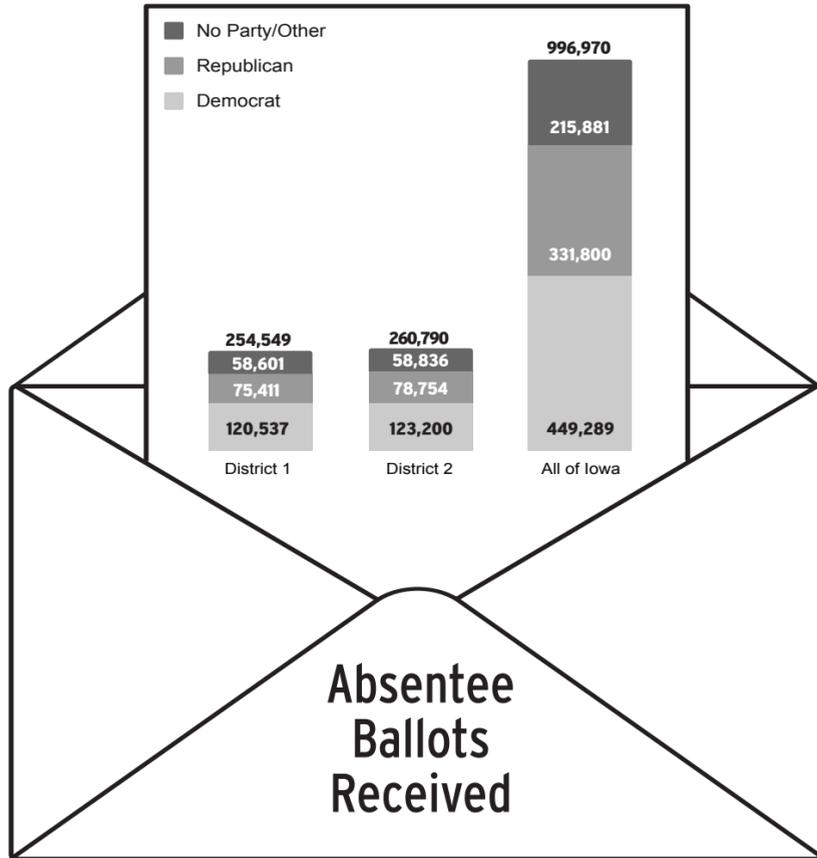
won the presidency. Donald Trump was winning Iowa at 11:30 p.m. with 52 percent of the vote, when the Associated Press called the state for him over his Democratic challenger, Joe Biden. "My biggest issue is, you know just taxes, you know, making sure that, you know, I can make the most of my mon-

ey, so that was a big issue," said Phil Scheets, 29, of Iowa City. A contractor for a painting and construction company, Scheets said he voted for Trump. The coronavirus pandemic set the stage for an unconventional presidential election, leaving battleground states Georgia, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania up in the air by the end

of the night on Nov. 3 because of the influx of mail-in ballots. A third of all Iowans voted by mail, and county auditors in the state began opening ballots on Saturday because of a provision approved by the Iowa Secretary of State's office. Many swing states, like Pennsylvania and Michigan, could not start opening ballots until Nov. 3. Voters across Iowa who voted early and on Election Day showed up wearing masks, and in some parts of the state, like Des Moines, voters stood six feet apart in lines that stretched down sidewalks.



Jeff Sigmund/The Daily Iowan
Voters sign in at the Wilton Community Center Poll Place on Tuesday.



*numbers as of Tuesday

windows in case of post-election protests.

Peyton Steva, a University of Northern Iowa student voted in her hometown of Iowa City, said she voted for Biden. "I have a lot of African American friends and I'm bisexual myself, so I have a lot of LGBTQ+ friends and they don't feel safe and it just makes me sad," Steva, 19, said.

North Liberty resident Gary McDowell, 53, is a registered Republican but said he voted for Democrats down the ballot. McDowell works at MidAmerican Energy and took the day off of work to ensure he could cast his vote in time.

"I caucused, but I didn't vote for Trump," McDowell said. "I feel like our democracy is threatened. I think we can survive four years of Biden. We can't survive four years of Trump."

Nationally, there is a trend of Republicans voting against Trump. Former Iowa Congressman Jim Leach is among 600 prominent Republicans who publicly endorsed Biden.

Trump, Biden, and their campaign surrogates made swings through the state in

the days and weeks leading up to the election to bid for Iowa's six electoral votes. It was Biden's first visit to Iowa since the state's presidential precinct caucuses, which launched the campaign in February.

Trump's rallies faced scrutiny from Democrats and public-health experts for the lack of social-distancing guidelines with thousands of people packed together on airport tarmacs, many without masks.

University of Iowa student Jaelynn Hauschild, 19, a registered Democrat, said she voted for Trump in Iowa City because she doesn't think Biden would handle COVID-19 the way she would like. She said she disagrees with imposing more regulations.

"The main thing I'm voting for is COVID," said Hauschild, of Cedar Rapids. "A lot of his [Trump's] other stances I don't believe in, but I think COVID-19 has affected me the most and that's what's important to me right now."

Eleanor Hildebrandt, Josie Fischels, and Natalie Dunlap contributed to this report.

Iowa breaks turnout records for 2020

72.15 percent of registered voters in Iowa turned out for the election, surpassing the record set in 2012.

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Iowans made history Tuesday night when the state saw record-breaking turnout results for the 2020 general election, driven by early voters.

As of press time, 1,618,956 Iowans turned out for the election, which is 72.15 percent of registered Iowa voters.

Ballots cast in 2020 surpassed past presidential elections in the Hawkeye State, breaking the 2012 record when Barack Obama ran for reelection. The previous record for Iowan turnout was 1,589,951.

Four years ago, 1.57 million voters cast their ballots for the contest between now-President Trump and Hillary Clinton. Nearly 650,000 of those voted absentee, as previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*.

The state broke another voting record days before the election — reaching more than 2 million active registered voters throughout Iowa.

Of the 2,243,758 registered voters in Iowa, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate announced on Nov. 2 that Iowa had reached 2,095,581 active registered voters in the state, about 50,000 higher than the previous record.

Of the registered voters, 34.3 percent registered as Republican, 33.3 percent as Democrat, 31.4 percent no party, and 0.8 percent registered other.

Communications Director for the Iowa Secretary of State Office Kevin Hall said Iowa shattered all records in terms of absentee voting.

"It shatters the old record by almost 300,000," Hall said. "A lot of this is due to the pandemic and the statewide mailings in our office."

Hall said, after the primary election in June, Pate sent absentee ballot forms out to all active registered voters at the time, and provided them again before Election Day. This contributed to the record breaking number of total voter turnout.

"Because of the COVID-19 concerns, we wanted to make sure everybody had that opportunity that was easily accessible to let them vote," Hall said. "Iowans have options, they can vote by mail, they can vote early in person, or they can vote at the polls on Election Day."

Hall added that the Secretary of State office worked with all 99 counties to ensure a smooth process, providing gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing markers to make sure voters and vol-

unteers felt safe.

According to absentee data from the Secretary of State office, 955,971 Iowans voted early for the 2020 election as of Election Day.

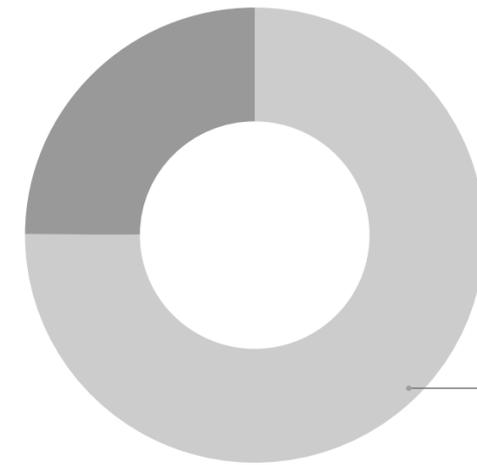
Election officials encouraged mail-in and early voting as alternatives to voting on Election Day to reduce crowding at polling locations during the pandemic.

Because of the influx of early voting this year, the Iowa Legislative Council approved a provision that allowed county election officials to process ballots in the days before Election Day. This new provision, requested by Pate, sped up the vote-counting process.

Across the state, election offices counted ballots until 10 p.m. on Tuesday, per a provision in Iowa Code according to Iowa House 53.23. Ballots that were postmarked by Monday still have until Nov. 9 to reach a county auditor's office.

Hall said the Secretary of State office considers mail-in voting and voting early as absentee voting, and that Iowans were turning out for the election in greater numbers than previous years.

"A lot of people are engaged," he said. "There is a lot going on in our country, obviously including COVID-19. Some people maybe not living



Voter Turnout in Iowa

Ballots cast out of 2,243,758 registered voters
75.1%

Source: Iowa Secretary of State

*numbers as of 12:12 a.m. on Wednesday

through their normal routine are more tuned in than normally, so it seems like there is an increased interest this year."

Return rates of absentee ballots in 2020 broke the record from previous election years, with a return rate of 94.6 percent. In 2016, the return rate for absentee ballots was 94.3 percent and 92.9 percent in 2012.

As of press time, U.S. Representative District 3 saw the highest turnout, with 447,416 voters turning out for the election.

Of the 518,441 active registered voters in the 2nd Congressional District, which includes Johnson and Linn Counties, auditors have received 250,835 absentee ballots as of Election Day.

Johnson County, home to the University of Iowa, broke an all-time turnout record. Of 97,739 registered voters, 84,108 people voted, resulting in a 86.05 percent turnout rate, with 60,844 voting early and absentee.

Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said results will remain unofficial until the canvas on Nov. 9, when the auditor's office discusses the results in front of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

He said that Johnson Coun-

ty is different from any other county in Iowa because it is home to the university.

"The majority of voters are in tune with what is going on, highly educated or educated, because we have a different clientele," Weipert said. "So of course, we cater to that clientele. So I think that's also why we have a higher voter turnout, or people voting early. We work, we work to make sure it is easy and accessible for the Johnson County citizens."

Weipert said as of Tuesday night, 36,400 ballots came in through the mail. Going into Election Day, he said there were 15,000 mail-in ballots outstanding, and he is expecting less than that to come in before the cutoff on Nov. 9.

He added that it is hard to interpret why turnout in Johnson County has been high, as it has been on an upward trend since last year, with 77,000 people in the county voting in 2016.

"Each election is so different, it's hard to gauge," he said. "My hope is that it isn't that we just have a bunch of new people moving into the county, it's that the residents are being more engaged in the political process."

Anna Harms, 19, UI first-year student, said she felt it was important to turn out for

the election because she is uncomfortable with the current living circumstances.

"I think they [the living circumstances] need to be revised, and the only way we can do that is to go out and vote and show that we all have a voice," Harms said. "Turnout is important because we live in a democracy. That's freedom for whoever wants to speak, so use it."

For Harms' first presidential election, she said she wanted to vote in person on Election Day.

"It feels more official," Harms said. "I'm going, I'm talking to people, saying 'this is how I believe.' This is on paper, this is real. There are so many people who are making claims on social media saying they're for something, and it's really easy to say that, but when it comes to actually showing up and making a change, that's what's really important."

In 2016, 35,681 people voted on Election Day in Johnson County, not including those who voted absentee. In 2016, 41,795 people voted absentee and total voter turnout was at 69.62 percent.

"There's competitive races on the ballot, and obviously people care deeply about them," Hall said. "They want to make their voices heard."



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Voters line up at the Wilton Community Center in Wilton on Tuesday.

Hinson takes 1st District

Republican Ashley Hinson wins incumbent Abby Finkenauer's seat in Iowa's 1st District.

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Republican Ashley Hinson unseated incumbent U.S. Rep. Abby Finkenauer on Tuesday night in Iowa's 1st Congressional District, flipping the district red after the Democrat's two-year hold.

Hinson claimed 51.25 percent of votes to win the election, while Abby Finkenauer won 48.65 percent of the votes, according to unofficial results.

"Tonight we sent a very clear message that the voters of Iowa are tired of the chaos and dysfunction in Washington, D.C. and they are ready for a change," Hinson said in a press conference after results were announced.

Finkenauer unseated Republican Rod Blum in the 2018 election.

Hinson is a state senator representing Iowa's 67th District in Linn County. In 2016, Hinson defeated Democrat Mark Seidl, 62.5 percent to 37.5 percent, and was reelected in 2018.

Prior to her time in the Iowa Statehouse, Hinson was a news reporter at KCRG-TV in Cedar

Rapids. She has since called herself a "recovering journalist."

A major platform of Hinson's campaign is creating jobs for Iowa's economy and permanent tax cuts for middle-income homes. On her campaign website, Hinson said that she wants to "help American taxpayers keep more of their own money."

"I want to make the tax cuts passed by Republicans permanent. And I also want to hold China accountable, and those are things that I pledged to work on right away," Hinson said.

A Dubuque County native, Finkenauer previously served in the Iowa House of Representatives after graduating from Drake University. Since being elected to Congress, Finkenauer has served on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee as vice-chair of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee and Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

Finkenauer also chairs the Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship Subcommittee for the Small Business Committee while also serving as Assistant Whip for the House Majority.

Finkenauer's campaign fo-

cused on advocating for strong unions, gender equality, fair wages, and paid family leave. A top campaign issue for her was securing funding for Cedar Rapids following the recent derecho natural disaster that devastated the 1st District city.

Hinson's campaign raised just over \$4.5 million, and had twice the amount of in-state donor contributions as Finkenauer's. The Finkenauer campaign raised and spent over \$5 million before the 2020 election, though her out-of-state contributions more than doubled the money her campaign raised from in-state donors.

On Oct. 26-29, a poll done by Selzer & Co in Iowa found that 39 percent of potential voters in Iowa said that they prefer Democratic candidates compared to the 45 percent of potential Iowa voters who prefer Republican candidates. A September poll showed a closer race with 47 percent of potential voters for Democrats and 45 percent for Republicans. Since the September poll, the October findings showed a 15-point increase for Hinson.

Owner and manager of Blue Diamond Farming Company in

Jesup Benjamin Riensche voted for Hinson. Riensche, 59, has been a farmer for 28 years in Iowa. Riensche was called up by Hinson a year and a half ago and she asked him what was important for farmers in Iowa.

"She just heard me out and listened to my opinions...When you send somebody to Washington, I mean, all the rhetoric aside, the most you can hope for is they're going to represent their constituency," Riensche said.

Riensche is a registered Republican and voted more conservatively this election, but said he splits his ticket depending on the positions of each candidate. He said he is scared about taxation because he has a lot of assets in his business that he wants to protect.

"There's a tendency from people from urban situations to want to govern. They're used to the government doing everything for them, you know," Riensche said. "I just want to keep those assets in place so I can give it to my children, and I fear that the other side just will tax them away from me."

Hinson opposes a Medicare For All bill and endorses pa-



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Republican Ashley Hinson gives her acceptance speech on Tuesday and thanks all her supporters in the race for U.S. House District 1. Hinson also thanked members of her team.

tient-centered health and accessible healthcare for rural Iowa communities.

On Sept. 7 during Hinson and Finkenauer's first and only debate of the election, Hinson and Finkenauer disagreed on COVID-19 economic relief and a requirement for vaccinations. Hinson said that the use of President Trump's executive order for COVID-19 relief to target money at employees and families that were struggling was the correct response.

Hinson, a native of Des Moines, was called a "true supporter of our #MAGA Agenda" by President Trump on Twitter when he endorsed her in mid-October.

In August, Hinson was caught up in a scandal when one of her campaign staffers plagiarized multiple speeches written

for Hinson. Hinson's staff plagiarized over a dozen times by taking verbatim passages from articles in the *Des Moines Register*, *The Hill*, *the New York Times*, and *CNBC*.

The speeches also took phrases from opponent Finkenauer's platform on veteran issues. Hinson apologized on Twitter on July 20, tweeting "I was unaware of the plagiarism when I reviewed drafts presented to me by staff. As a journalist I take this extremely seriously and am deeply sorry for the mistake. The staff responsible will be held accountable."

Hinson cut ties with the FP1 Strategies consulting firm that was responsible for the plagiarism in her campaign speeches, and terminated the member of her staff who approved the speeches.

Miller-Meeks edges Hart by narrow margin

In her fourth run for the seat, the former military veteran, physician, and state senator edged Democrat Rita Hart for Iowa's 2nd District.



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U.S. Congressional candidate R. Marianne Miller-Meeks poses for a portrait Tuesday night. Miller-Meeks held an event at Riverside Casino Tuesday night in Riverside.

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Just 282 votes separate Republican Marianne Miller-Meeks from Democrat Rita Hart for control of the District 2 race, with all precincts reporting at midnight Tuesday.

Miller-Meeks had a razor-thin lead over Hart, creeping ahead with Lee County one of the last

counties in Iowa to report full results.

As of midnight, Miller-Meeks had 49.95 percent of the vote, while her Democratic opponent had 49.87 percent. When reporting of unofficial tallies from all 24 counties in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District came in on the Secretary of State's website, Miller-Meeks had 196,769 votes and Hart had 196,487.

The results will be certified

either Monday or Tuesday — depending on the county — following the election in official vote canvasses in each of the district's 24 counties.

Hart began the night with a wide lead after Iowa polls closed at 9 p.m., but as more votes came in, her lead over Miller-Meeks narrowed until final unofficial results from the last counties gave Miller-Meeks the edge.

The seat's current occupant, Democratic Rep. Dave Loebsack, announced his retirement in April 2019. The seven-term Congressman was first elected to the seat in 2006.

Loebsack stepping down created an uncertain race. Miller-Meeks unsuccessfully ran against Loebsack in 2008, 2010, and 2014. President Trump won in the district in 2016. Republican Representatives had control of the seat from 1979-2007. The state lost one Congressional seat in 2010 redistricting, redrawing Congressional lines to include bluer Iowa City in the 2nd District.

This seat was important to both parties' efforts to either flip or hold their majority in the U.S. House. Democrats held a 232-to-197 majority over Republicans in the federal chamber ahead of the election.

Miller-Meeks, 65, is a former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, an ophthalmol-

ogist, and military veteran. She served in the U.S. Army for 24 years and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Miller-Meeks watched the results come in at Riverside Casino in Coralville with about 25 of her supporters. Iowa Republicans were on the edge of their seats as they anticipated her speech late into election night.

"I love it, and I'm very excited. She's a fighter, and she'll do a great job. I expect her to go toe-to-toe with Pelosi," Nancy Amos, 68, from Mt. Vernon said.

Neither candidate took the stage before midnight on election night, but before election results began rolling in, Miller-Meeks said she was confident she would win.

"What a win means for me is that I hope it inspires everybody no matter who you are. No matter what race you are, no matter what social class, where you come from, if you have a dream and work hard enough, you can achieve it," she said.

Emma Guthart, a 22-year-old from Iowa City, voted on Election Day at Iowa City West High School. She supported Hart, along with Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Theresa Greenfield, because Guthart wants to see health care become more accessible.

Hart served in the state Senate from 2013-2019, representing

District 49. She served on the agriculture, appropriations, education, and natural resources and environment standing committees.

Hart is also a farmer, former teacher, and the founder and chair of Clinton County Economic Development Coordinating Council. One of Hart's campaign focuses was on growing jobs, and emphasizing a need for affordable and accessible health care.

Hart shared health struggles that her mother and nephew had gone through, saying they were lucky to have health insurance, and that everyone should have health care available to them.

In the last six years, Iowa has seen an increase of female representatives in Washington. Sen. Joni Ernst became the first woman to represent Iowa in Washington, D.C. when she was elected in 2014. In the 2018 midterm elections Cindy Axne, a representative from Iowa's 3rd District, and Abby Finkenauer, a represen-

tative from Iowa's 1st District, became the first women elected to their congressional seats.

The next member of Iowa's delegation — whether it is Miller-Meeks or Hart — will begin her term in the 117th Congress on Jan. 3, 2021. She will serve alongside Ashley Hinson — who upset Democrat Abby Finkenauer in the 1st District race — Cindy Axne, and Randy Feenstra, in representing Iowa in the U.S. House.

District 3



Axne 48.94%



Young 47.55%

District 4



Scholten 37.89%



Feenstra 61.88%

As of Tuesday

Kaufmann takes 73rd House District

With the results of the General Election finalizing Kaufmann's lead, he remains the sole Republican state lawmaker in Johnson County, beating Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek.



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Iowa Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, speaks at the Iowa Capitol on Jan. 13.

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Republican Bobby Kaufmann was reelected to serve his fourth term in the Iowa House on Tuesday night — still the sole Republican state lawmaker in Johnson County.

State Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, beat Democratic challenger Lonny Pulkrabek, the retiring Johnson County Sheriff.

Unofficial results report that Kaufmann received 60.19 percent of the votes, beating Pulkrabek who received 39.71 percent.

Kaufmann said that his win reflects the support of his constituents and that this proves attack ads, and funding that goes into them, are not effective campaign methods.

"Number one, the voters, once again, rejected the vile slime when it comes to personal attack ads," Kaufmann said. "I had nearly a half a million dollars in personal attack ads put up against me, the voters rejected that. And number two, with nearly a half a million dollars spent against me, most of which came from out of state. The voters once again showed the state of Iowa that House District 73 is not for sale."

Pulkrabek is the highest-profile Democrat to run against Kaufmann, however, he received some criticism earlier in the race due to more than half of his funding coming from out of state donors.

Pulkrabek did not immediately respond to calls for comment.

Kaufmann said winning this election has been extremely fulfilling for him, because of the number of attack ads negatively targeting him throughout his campaign.

"Out of all of my elections, this is by far the sweetest victory that I've ever had, because it came under an intense assault of outside money and negative attacks," Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann, 35, grew up on his family's farm in rural Wilton, Iowa, and later attended the University of Iowa to study business.

Kaufmann has a background in crop and livestock farming, in addition to business and entrepreneurship, as he owns and operates a steel hauling, construction, and demolition business in Cedar County, which is adjacent to Johnson County.

The Wilton Republican is involved with several organizations that emphasize his background

in farming and business in rural Iowa, including the Iowa Farm Bureau, the National Rifle Association, Cedar County Historical Society, and Cedar County Soldiers Monument Association.

Kaufmann chaired the State Government Committee in the Statehouse.

During this past session, Kaufmann was assigned to several committees in the statehouse, including the Judiciary Committee, Government Oversight Committee, State Government Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee.

In his time in the legislature, Kaufmann has supported in-

creased access to medical cannabis, additional funding for education, EMS services, childcare, mental-health services within the state, and laws that designate animal cruelty as a felony.

Kaufmann said with his reelection, he plans on following through with campaign proposals in his next term.

"Very simply put, I plan on following through with my election promises," Kaufmann said. "I tend to work with Democrats and Republicans to advance common sense policy, and all the things that I campaigned on. I plan on going through like a checklist and just doing them."



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Voting for Muscatine and Cedar counties in Iowa was held at the Wilton Library and Community Center, as seen. Wilton, IA, home to Iowa Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, welcomes voters to vote on Tuesday for the 2020 General Elections.

Joco Democrats hold on to sups seats

Lisa Green-Douglass claimed 52,079 votes, Rod Sullivan claimed 49,581, and Royceann Porter claimed 46,672, and retain Johnson County Supervisor seats.

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All three incumbent Johnson County Supervisors won reelection on Tuesday with at least 55 percent of the vote, defeating Republican challenger Phil Hemmingway.



Hemmingway

Rod Sullivan has been on the board since 2004. He has passed several human-rights ordinances and a graduated minimum wage



Sullivan

increase, which increased the county's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 between 2015 and 2017.

"I'm very appreciative that the people thought I was worthy of heading back to the board," Sullivan said.

He added that he hopes the Democratic Party takes the Iowa House, so it can get more help from the governor to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Royceann Porter, elected

to the board in 2018, will continue her tenure as the first Black woman to serve on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.



Porter

"We're all supporting one another, every one of us," Porter said about the Democratic Party. "Everybody pulled their weight to help each other out."

She has previously worked as a project manager for the Teamsters labor union and advocated for mental-health services,

affordable housing, and restorative justice throughout her time living in Johnson County.

Porter said she felt called to run for supervisor after the death of Supervisor Kurt Freese in 2018, whom she said she worked with closely during her years of advocacy for mental-health services, youth services, affordable housing, and police reform.

Lisa Green-Douglass has been on the board since 2016, when she was elected to fill a vacancy left by Democrat Terrance Neuzil, who resigned to serve on the county board in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Green-Douglass received her Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Iowa, and previously worked as a Spanish-language translator. Her profile on the county website said that Green-Douglass "occasionally provides interpreting services in the

community," and she is part of a committee working to create the county's first mental-health Access Center.



Green-Douglass

Republican challenger Hemmingway, who has operated his own car-repair shop since 1997, campaigned on his blue-collar background, saying the board needs to give more representation to rural residents.

Hemmingway previously served on the Iowa City Community School District

board on the finance committee, and has sought election to the Board of Supervisors twice in the past.

"I think the issues I ran on are still there," Hemmingway said, on whether he would run again in the future.

Hemmingway specifically took issue with the Board of Supervisors raising its pay at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and said that he had hoped to bring fiscal oversight to the board.

The nearly 8.5-percent pay raise that Hemmingway was referring to was recommended by the Johnson County Compensation Board and brought the supervisor's yearly salary up to \$82,720 for a position that, as the Gazette reported, routinely demands more than 40 hours per week of work.

Only one Republican, elected in 1958, has ever served on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

Pandemic takes chunk from city budget

The city brought in almost \$600,000 less from parking this quarter compared to last fiscal year's first quarter because of COVID-19 social distancing regulations.

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Iowa City reported a significant dip in parking revenue in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 because of COVID-19—a difference of about \$600,000 compared to last fiscal year's

first quarter.

Iowa City Finance Director Dennis Bockenstedt said the city has no current plans to make up for lost revenue, so residents won't need to worry about increased costs on parking meters, ramps, or parking tickets.

Bockenstedt said the decrease in parking revenue could be largely attributed to the lack of traffic downtown as people social distance in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, which he said was compounded by University of Iowa students going home

early in the spring semester when classes moved online.

The city stopped charging people for parking ramps and reduced how much the city would enforce downtown parking meters in March, as previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*.

"The parking fine is one of the ones that's been really hit hard by COVID-19, particularly starting last March and April where essentially all students went back home and a lot of businesses shut their doors," Bockenstedt said. "So, at that point we lost a lot of parking revenue ... we weren't collecting parking fees, lease payments, or charging on-street parking."

For each quarter of an entire fiscal year, the city sets a budget for expenditures based on what the city estimates it will make from a certain fund—in this case, the parking fund.

According to the 2021 adopted budget, Iowa City's parking fund is classified as an enterprise fund, meaning its revenue relies on people paying the city for a particular service.

The report said the esti-

mated revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2021 was \$5,141,800, though the city's actual revenue for the first quarter only reached 22.9 percent of that goal at \$1,176,726.

The city's estimated first quarter revenue for fiscal 2020 was a bit higher at \$6,083,351, but the city had collected \$1,728,259 by this same time last fiscal year—28.4 percent of the city's yearly goal, the report said.

The monetary difference between both fiscal years' respective first quarter earnings is almost \$600,000.

"If you're thinking about it from a practical standpoint, \$600,000 is a lot of money," Bockenstedt said. "If you're using that money to pay people's salaries—customer service, parking enforcement—\$600,000 can cover a lot of expenses and wages. It is a considerable amount of money being lost by the parking fund."

Budget and Compliance Officer Jacklyn Fleagle said in the city's quarterly financial report that, in addition to COVID-19, the decrease in parking revenue could also be contributed to the city paying

off its lease agreement with Capital One Public Funding on the Harrison Street Parking Ramp.

Paying off the parking ramp would help allow the city to streamline its monthly expenditures, Bockenstedt said, which included payments on the ramp since it was built in 2017.

Bockenstedt said the city began to see a turnaround in revenue from parking as students returned for the semester and businesses began to open back up and return to regular business hours, but that revenue isn't yet back to where it would have been had COVID-19 not been a factor.

Iowa City City Councilor Laura Bergus said the parking fund could have potentially helped fulfill some of the goals outlined in a recent public-transit study presented to the council.

"The hope when that study was first undertaken was that we could support some of the transit expansion," Bergus said. "Some of that could have been supported by parking, and I think we need to re-evaluate that given the lack of parking revenue."



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The Harrison St. parking garage is seen at 175 Harrison St. The garage offers both temporary parking and permit parking.

Hospital leaders: avoid holiday gatherings

As COVID-19 hospitalizations in Iowa reach all-time highs, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics CEO says Iowans will need to make personal sacrifices ahead of the winter stretch.

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Health-care officials are calling on Iowans to avoid in-person holiday gatherings as the state experiences a record number of hospitalizations during the pandemic.

As Iowans prepare for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and other late winter holiday festivities, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Chief Executive Officer Suresh Gunasekaran is encouraging people to rethink their plans with family and friends who live outside of their households to prevent overwhelming hospitals.

"I think it's time for us to get prepared and make some changes," Gunasekaran said. "I really think this is a question of personal responsibility and accountability and caring for one another in the community."

If Iowans don't take these precautions, Gunasekaran said, hospitals may run out of beds for patients.

In the event that this happens for UIHC, staff is looking into using extra space within Stead Family Children's hospital.

Gunasekaran called recent weeks the worst chapter of the

pandemic in a statement released on Monday. According to UI Health Care there are currently 31 COVID-19 adult inpatients at the sprawling research hospital and there have been 690 inpatients since March. UIHC reported a 27 percent positivity rate in COVID-19 test results. State-wide, 730 patients were in the hospital in Iowa on Tuesday, according to the state's COVID-19 dashboard. That number has steadily climbed higher since Iowa broke a 500-COVID-19-patient threshold for the first time last week.

He called high amount of hospitalizations concerning because it may not leave room for the annual winter increase in respiratory illnesses.

"When you move into the fall and winter months, you're going to see a lot higher hospitalizations for conditions that aren't COVID," Gunasekaran said. "When you see these kinds of COVID hospitalization rates, you have to start getting concerned because there are other health-care conditions that hospitals need to take care of."

Since more beds are filled by patients who have COVID-19, other procedures are put on hold for days, weeks, and

sometimes months, Gunasekaran said. If Iowans don't practice health and safety procedures, it will take longer for non-emergent patients to get the care they need, he said.

UIHC usually has about 90 to 95 percent of beds occupied by patients, which has been steady since the start of the pandemic, Gunasekaran said. However, his concern lies with limited staff members. The rise in hospitalizations—and community spread—has led to more UIHC staff needing to quarantine because of COVID-19 exposures, Gunasekaran said. Out of about 12,000 employees, between 50 and 150 employees are isolating or in quarantine at any given time, he said.

"The bed availability is not the only thing that matters—it's the staff availability as well. As the community positivity rate increases, the number of health-care workers that will get infected increases as well," Gunasekaran said. "The question at the end of the day is are all hospitals able to staff those beds and are those beds of the right skill level to take care of the patients that are needed."

There are a few reasons for the recent spike in positive cases, Johnson County Public

Health Community Health Manager Sam Jarvis said.

"There are certainly a lot of factors at play, so it's hard to tease out what the problem is. As the weather gets colder, it draws persons to gather indoors," Jarvis said. "There are more indoor gatherings with lots of persons, especially with the holidays coming up."

The hospitalization rate could be related to people not

taking the virus seriously, Gunasekaran said, adding that he's worried that people are spreading the virus without receiving a test.

"Anytime you see this kind of a rising curve and this kind of a positivity rate, it tells you there's probably more cases in the community and we probably should be doing more testing," Gunasekaran said.

To stop the spread, health-

care professionals are encouraging people to continue wearing face coverings, practicing good hand hygiene, social distancing, and avoiding large indoor gatherings.

"We're tired of using some of these phrases because it's been a long pandemic and a long year, but we need to flatten the curve," Gunasekaran said.



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University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics are seen on June 23.

HAWKEYE UPDATES

UI athletics department reports COVID-19 testing update for the week of Oct. 16 through Nov. 1

The University of Iowa athletics department conducted 605 COVID-19 PCR tests for the week of Oct. 26-Nov. 1 and received nine positive tests and 596 negative tests.

As part of Iowa's return to campus protocol, testing began May 29 and includes athletes, coaches, and staff members. A total of 268 positive tests, 8,144 negative tests, and one inconclusive test have been received.

According to a release, following the positive test result, protocol established by UI Athletics and medical staff, including contact tracing procedures, is being followed to ensure the safety of all UI Athletics student-athletes and staff. This mandatory protocol also includes isolation for the individuals who test positive, and quarantine for those individuals who might have been exposed to someone with the virus.

The Big Ten Conference began daily rapid antigen surveillance testing on Sept. 30. Any positive tests identified through the surveillance testing process would be confirmed through a PCR test and reflected in the numbers listed above.

The department does not provide a testing breakdown by sport or specify if an athlete or staff member has tested positive.

The Iowa football team is the only Hawkeye sport competing this fall. Iowa competes in its third game of the season on Saturday in Kinnick Stadium against Michigan State.

Ferentz comments on Election Day respite for student-athletes

On Sept. 16, the NCAA Division I Council approved a measure that will give all student-athletes the first Tuesday of November off every year to vote and engage in other civic activities. The annual rule was exercised for the first time yesterday.

Last Tuesday, Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz commented on the new rule at his weekly press conference.

"I think it's great in theory," Ferentz said. "I didn't know it took that long to vote, and this year

it seems like a lot of voting has already been done so it seems like, you know, it might've been better to do a team vote, you know, symbolically have everyone together, bus them over, go to the polling place or everybody do their little dropbox deals, something like that. If we want to do that four years from now, that might be a little more powerful representation of what we're trying to deem to be important, and it is important. Voting is extremely important for everybody in our country, so I wholly endorse that concept."

Ferentz went on to emphasize the importance of the new rule, despite it taking away a day of practice during the week.



Ferentz

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You've got to really create scoring opportunities with explosive explosion"



Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands on scoring in wrestling

STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa football leads its series with Michigan State

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Hawkeyes wrestle uncertainty

The Hawkeyes are preparing for the upcoming collegiate season without knowing the starting date.



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Iowa's 125-pound Spencer Lee grapples with Purdue's Devin Schroder during the final session of the Big Ten Wrestling Tournament in Piscataway, N.J., on March 8. Lee won by major decision 16-2, securing the 125-pound championship, and Iowa won the team title with 157.5 points.

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After a devastating end to the 2019-20 season, Iowa's wrestling team is chomping at the bit to get back on the mat. However, it is still unclear when exactly the Hawkeyes will have the opportunity to do so.

Reports from the *Des Moines Register* and other outlets suggest the season may begin around Jan. 1 and end with NCAA Championships March 18.

Despite all the uncertain-

ty, Iowa has been finding unique ways to prepare for the upcoming season.

Hosting the Hawkeye Wrestling Club Showdown Open is one outside-the-box tactic the Hawkeyes have employed in preparation for the collegiate season.

The Showdown Open was wrestled Sunday at Xtream Arena in Coralville. Head coach Tom Brands referred to the event as the Hawkeyes' path to collegiate competition in the days and weeks leading up to the

Showdown Open.

In total, all 10 wrestlers that figure to be in Iowa's 2020-21 starting lineup competed in the Showdown Open — some in the main card and some in the undercard.

One-hundred-fifty-seven-pound Kaleb Young, 141-pound Max Murin, and 197-pound Jacob Warner all won their respective undercard matches.

Meanwhile, sophomores Nelson Brands and Abe Assad wrestled each other for, perhaps, a spot in Iowa's

starting lineup in 2020-21.

The two both rotated in and out of Iowa's lineup at 184 pounds in 2019-20. Assad ultimately earned the spot permanently last season.

However, Nelson threw a bit of a wrench into Iowa's projected 2020-21 lineup as he handily defeated Assad, 9-0.

Iowa wrestlers did not have as much success in the main card. Two-time national champion Spencer Lee and Jaydin Eierman — a three-time All-American transfer from Missouri

— were the only Hawkeyes on the active roster to win main card matches.

Eierman defeated Olympic gold medalist Vladimer Khinchegashvili, 4-1. Afterward, Eierman chalked the match up to the biggest win of his career.

"I feel like I'm part of this community now," Eierman said following the match. "I've been here a year now, so it's going to get better and better. We have a college season coming up, and I'm going to compete for

SEE WRESTLING, 2B

Schaake shifts gear

The senior will upgrade his equipment ahead of his final tournament.



Ben Allan Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore Alex Schaake poses for a portrait at Hoak Family Golf Complex on April 24, 2018.

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Iowa men's golfer Alex Schaake is getting his new toys before the holidays this year. The senior will put new clubs in the bag once they arrive in the next couple of weeks.

Schaake's fall season of competing solely as an individual to comply with Big Ten COVID-19 protocols is almost over, but he has one tournament left. The Omaha, Nebraska, native will compete at The Maridoe Amateur Championship — a week-long event that runs from Nov. 30 through Dec. 6.

After top-15 finishes at all five events he has competed in this fall — including four top-fives — Schaake is excited to put his new equipment to the test soon.

"I'm getting all new irons, I'm getting all the new Titleist woods, Titleist driver, and some new

wedges," Schaake said. "I'm going to hit those a little bit inside, it's going to be too cold to go outside here in the next couple weeks. I'm going to work with those a little bit, try to get my game right with those."

Schaake will get the TSi3 driver, TSi2 three wood and five wood, T100 irons, and Vokey SM8 wedges.

According to Titleist's website, the TSi3 driver should help create more consistent contact, while the TSi2 fairway woods provide speed and accuracy across the entire club face. The woods should also generate a higher launch for the ball.

As for the irons and wedges, Titleist says the T100s allow for precise distance control and are designed to help the best players score lower.

The SM8 wedges are the latest in a long line of wedges designed by Bob Vokey. The SM8 model

Alam aims to make impact

The freshman is hopes to assert his dominance despite his lack of experience at the college level.

BY WILL FINEMAN
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The spring season for the Iowa men's tennis team is still months away, but freshman Peter Alam has big expectations for his first campaign with the Tigerhawk on his chest.

Alam had a decorated junior tennis career and is looking to play a part in the final chapter of the Iowa tennis program.

"Obviously the lineup is strong, so it is going to be tough as a freshman to break in," Alam said. "I think I have a good chance if I do all the right things and show that I can play in the lineup here, so that will be a goal."

The Manchester, England, native is a six-time International Tennis Federation junior doubles champion and a two-time singles finalist. He was also a finalist in the British Nationals for doubles in both 2017 and 2018.

Alam has a career-high ITF ranking of 203, boasting a 71-68 singles record and an 85-55 doubles record on his ITF junior career.

"I have played in a lot of different places, and I always enjoyed seeing the different cultures," Alam said. "The main reason was to just play because I got to a point when I was about 14 or 15 years old where I was playing the same people in England like every week."

The freshman is the fifth player from the United Kingdom on the active men's tennis roster along with Joe Tyler, Oliver Okonkwo, Will Davies, and Matt Clegg.

"That was quite another attraction for me to come here was that element of Britain that makes it easier for me to kind of integrate into," Alam said.

Alam has played with Clegg throughout his ca-

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the Hawkeyes and help them win a national title this season.”

Eierman joins an Iowa lineup that boasted 10 All-Americans in 2019-20 and seemed to be primed to win a national title.

Three Hawkeyes were seeded at the top of their weight classes ahead of the 2019-20 NCAA Championships – Lee, two-time Big Ten champion Alex Marinelli, and Pat Lugo.

Lugo has since graduated, but Eierman will be ready to step in and fill the empty spot.

Excluding Assad, all the other wrestlers in Iowa's lineup were seeded in the top 10 at their respective weights in 2019-20. Assad was seeded 11th.

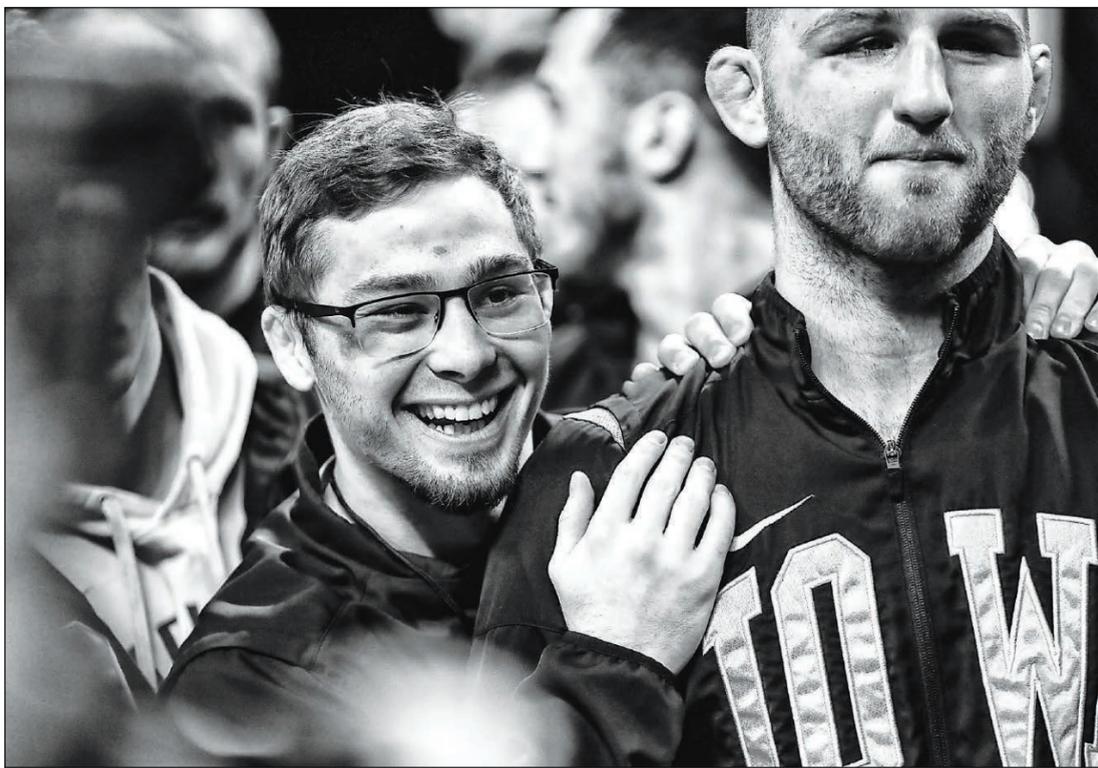
Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, they never got their chance to win that coveted national title as the 2019-20 NCAA Championships were canceled

because of COVID-19.

From there, the Hawkeyes were out of the wrestling room for months, and before the Showdown Open, many of them hadn't taken the mat in a competitive setting outside of practice since the collegiate season was shut down in March.

With the Showdown Open behind them and an unknown amount of time standing between them and the upcoming collegiate season, the Hawkeyes are focused on improving and preparing for their 2020-21 national championships chase.

“Training doesn't change much,” Lee said. “We do the same things. The only difference is, toward the end of the week, instead of getting ready for a match, we get ready for what's next, next practice. We're getting guys feeling good, practicing hard, staying in shape, and that's pretty much it. We're going to stay ready for whatever.”



Iowa's 125-pound Spencer Lee smiles while posing for photos with his team during the final session of the Big Ten Wrestling Tournament in Piscataway, NJ, on Sunday, March 8. Nichole Harrish/The Daily Iowan

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will improve distance control, shot versatility, and spin.

Schaake realizes that the equipment won't make a drastic change to his scores, but with how well he's playing right now, just a little improvement can make a big difference.

“The thing about equipment is, if it can impact my game by one shot a round, that's a huge difference in golf,” Schaake said. “I think

just having the newer and best stuff gives you some sort of confidence playing a golf tournament. I was hitting the [new] equipment compared to mine the other day and it's just way better. Driver is going ten yards further, and I feel way straighter. Having all new stuff is just a great feeling to have.”

PGA Tour professionals like Adam Scott and Justin Thomas use many of the same clubs Schaake will put into play.

Schaake said he will also do a lot of work with his putter before the last competition of his fall season.

However, he won't be taking his current putter out of the bag.

“You can't go wrong with just practicing putting for seven days a week,” Schaake said. “If you hit the ball bad and you putt well, you can still shoot even-par. I know the course that I'm going to play in November is super difficult so if I can make those saves, that would be unreal.”

The final test of the fall will certainly be the toughest for the 2019 Big Ten Men's Golfer of the Year as he will go up against many of the best amateur players on the planet.



A ball lands close to the flag during a golf invitational at Finkbine Golf Course on April 20, 2019. Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan



Iowa players huddle on the court before a men's tennis match between Iowa and Louisville on March 6 at The Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cardinals 4-1. Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

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reer and practiced with other members of the Iowa team over the summer.

“With Matt, I trained with him for a couple of years prior to when he got here and obviously in the past year when he has been here I haven't seen him play,” Alam said. “He has really improved a lot, and it is actually quite amazing how much he has changed his game and played in a more positive way.”

Many freshmen can be intimidated by the workload and hard training sessions of Division I college athletics, but Alam said the intensity of practices and the hard work that the Iowa tennis program puts in every day has been one of his favorite

parts of college thus far.

“When I was on my visit I had seen how they practiced, and I was really impressed,” Alam said. “It has been exactly as I thought and even

round of 16.

Alam beat Ankeny, Iowa, native Will Blevins in straight sets after not dropping a point in the second-set tie breaker. He then

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— Peter Alam, Hawkeye tennis player

harder at times.”

Four Iowa players, including Alam, made a return to the court in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Fall Circuit event in Des Moines in October Alam went 1-1 on the weekend in the single-elimination tournament after receiving a bye into the

lost to the eventual tournament champion, Benjamin Lott, in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-3.

“Right away, as soon as I got here I could see the difference between men's tennis and juniors,” Alam said. “The intensity, the dedication, everything.”

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Run, Tonic, run

After a successful high school career, the freshman runner is ready to make her mark as a Hawkeye.

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Tonic
Starting her career as a collegiate runner in the midst of a pandemic has made things less than ideal. The Big Ten Conference voted to postpone all fall sports to a later date on Aug. 11 – including cross country. Tonic came to Iowa riding a tidal wave of momentum

following a successful high school career.

A native of Grayslake, Illinois, Tonic made her mark on Grayslake North High School's cross-country team. She finished 14th at the state cross-country meet in 2018 and third at the Northern Lake County Conference meet in 2019.

She also placed first in the 800m and 3200m at the conference's indoor track championship in 2019. She manufactured a second-place finish in the 3200m in the conference's 2019 outdoor championships.

Tonic was a seven-time all-conference selection, a four-time state qualifier,

and Grayslake North High School's 2020 Female Athlete and Scholar of the Year.

Despite her success, Tonic knows that she needs to elevate her running to new heights whenever collegiate running resumes in the Big Ten.

"The level of commitment in college is much different than in high school," Tonic said. "In college, you can tell everyone just wants to get better at running."

So far, Tonic has made the necessary adjustments to succeed at the collegiate level.

"Kelli has adjusted very, very well," associate cross country coach Randy Hasen-

bank said. "She is really mature and comes from a family who are into the sport. She has a very good understanding of running."

Initially, Hasenbank had his squad on an irregular workout regimen to fit the pandemic landscape. That has since changed.

"We have moved back to regular practices and our normal routine," Hasenbank said. "We just recently had an intrasquad race to encourage team bonding and competition to get them back into racing without meets."

Tonic has fit right in with her teammates and coaching staff. She believes she already has a strong bond with both.

"All of our coaches are absolutely wonderful people," Tonic said. "The whole cross-country team sometimes has Zoom meetings in order for us to try to stay in touch as a team when we are not together. Most of the older cross-country girls reach out to the younger ath-



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan
Runners compete in the mile run premier during the Black and Gold Invitational at the University of Iowa Recreation Building on Feb. 1.

letes on the team and ask if they need rides to class. Everyone is good about staying connected and being good resources."

Tonic and her teammates are now focused on staying in shape both independently and as a team ahead a spring cross country season. The NCAA announced on Sept. 23 that men's and women's cross country could begin competing Jan. 23, with

championships to be held March 15.

To this point, the NCAA has not made a formal announcement about the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons. However, the NCAA has noted that there was concern within its membership about cramming the cross-country season, indoor track and field season, and outdoor track and field season all into one semester.

Hawkeye frosh keeping upbeat

The freshmen on the 2020-21 Iowa women's basketball team had to deal with new regulations when transitioning from high school to Division I basketball.

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Iowa women's basketball's freshman class came to campus under conditions like no other recruiting class in program history.

The Hawkeyes started practices over the summer, and freshmen Shateah Wetering, Caitlin Clark, Lauren Jensen, and Sharon Goodman got their first taste of Iowa women's basketball.

The freshmen had to adapt to a multitude of changes, in-

cluding wearing masks inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, weekly COVID-19 testing, and living in single dorms for the summer instead of a double with one of their teammates.

But the many changes didn't deter the freshmen. Clark, a point guard, said she thinks the changes are actually tougher for upperclassmen to adjust to.

"I think that almost in a way it's been easier for the freshmen than anyone, because we don't know any different," Clark said. "This is our first year in college, but for the older girls, they've

kind of had that set routine, and were used to that routine of classes ... obviously we know it's really different, but we're just learning to go with the flow."

Associate head coach Jan Jensen has been impressed with how freshmen have handled the pandemic's adverse effects.

"I don't know if there could be a better freshman class that has had to handle an ending to their high-school senior year that was abrupt and different and certainly sad," Jensen said. "It was less than exciting and fun and easy, but I cannot speak highly enough of their positive attitude — their fortitude. Not once, not one time, from any of them have they said 'Wow, this

stinks' ... not even in jest." Along with the COVID-19 regulations, freshmen have had to acclimate to the pace of Division I women's basketball.

Lauren Jensen said everyone is "better, faster, and stronger" at Iowa, and she already feels like her game is on a different level from the practices over the summer and into fall.

Clark thinks the freshmen's transition has been pretty seamless because they played AAU basketball before coming to Iowa. Clark has the most experience of her fellow fres-

men, playing in multiple international tournaments and winning two gold medals with Team USA.

"All of us freshmen have played AAU and have played against really big competition our whole lives," Clark said. "So, I think that that aspect has been pretty easy to adjust to, but I think that the coaches and the other girls on the team have made it really easy for us to transition, especially during these hard times."

Throughout regulated practices, shutdowns because of COVID-19 cases, and the previous uncertainty of even having a season, the freshmen needed to find a way to stay motivated.

"The team had to bring the

energy, and just remember that it will all come back, and we'll get there sometime, so you have to be ready when it happens," Goodman said.

Goodman added that the upperclassmen have been making a point to include the freshmen and build more teamwork and team bonding into practice because the team can't do such activities outside of practice.

Whenever the season gets underway, the freshmen are confident that they will be safe playing basketball because the Big Ten's extensive protocols will sufficiently protect them.

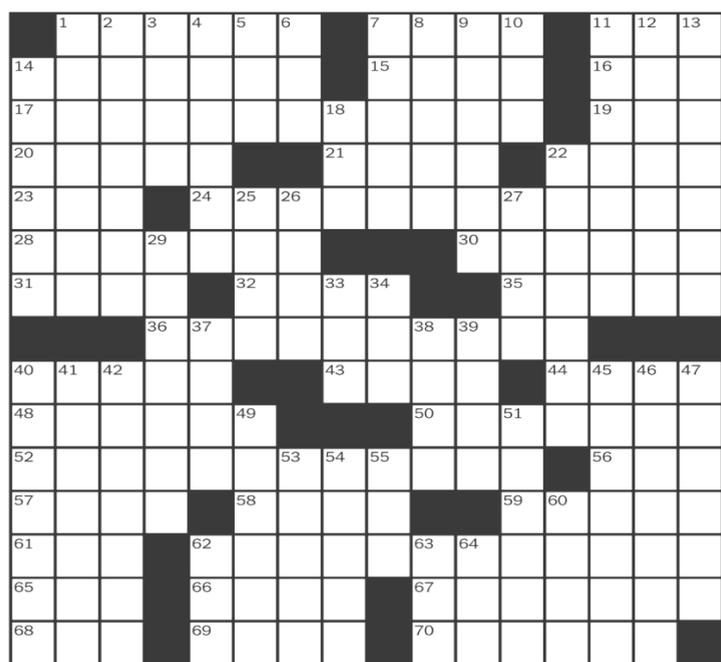
"If they have those guidelines set in place, we just want to play basketball," Goodman said. "I guess that's not something that I'm overly worried about, but we're going to follow the rules and follow the guidelines and hopefully get to play teams."

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The Electoral College, Supreme Court, and how to build a democracy

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Editor's note: This article was written before Election Day. It is not meant to be a response to voting results, or candidate reactions, or any other news that may have happened by Tuesday night.

The first American voters weren't just white men. They were white men who didn't have debt and owned property. Apartment-dwelling dudes with student loans wouldn't be allowed to vote under the Framers' vision.

It wasn't just the racism and sexism — though it certainly was those — it was an Elitism by Design.

We're not going far into the "We're not a democracy, we're a republic" nonsense because:

a) Madison's understanding of a "republic" just meant you didn't have a king and the citizens were represented by delegates, and

b) no other, more "democratic" countries claim to not also be a republic as if the terms are mutually exclusive.

One last note about the star-spangled Fathers: They didn't believe in originalism and would be appalled by our clingy ex-boyfriend approach to the founding documents. Jefferson said every generation should rebel and conceive its own laws to fit its time, and that the alive owe nothing to the dead.

Or really — tradition is just peer pressure from dead people.

But enough with relitigating what some bougie slavers thought. What's the damage being done now?

I first pitched this written-before-the-election bit as just another screed against the Electoral College.

It's simply bizarre that — while there's no doubt Biden will get more votes than Trump — that it's still possible for the president to be reelected.

I can't prewrite a Biden Wins piece because Pennsylvania or North Carolina might get weird. Arbitrarily drawn boxes of indigenous land are assigned vote points instead of, you know, counting all the votes and the person with the most votes wins.

If you're the kind of person to actually read this article, you probably already know the basics of this spiel:

– The presidential candidate who gets the most votes doesn't always win, and that's bad.

– Less populated states get disproportionate power relative to states with more people, and that's bad.

– This encourages campaigns to ignore safe states and voters in them don't have a meaningful voice, and that's bad.

“The system is bad regardless who's in charge because the system requires a small group of people to make decisions in the best interests of all of us.”

All of that is true, but the typical takedown of the U.S. presidential voting process often ignores the worst part: faithless electors.

The Electoral College isn't just a point system, it's an actual group of 538 actual people casting actual electoral votes.

The 538ers are party insiders and loyalists who select the president. Each state has a predetermined roster of electors for each party and — if their nominee wins that state — that whole roster is designated by their respective state legislature to be the one electing the commander-in-chief.

If that all sounds like just voting with extra steps, it's worse. In many states, electors can choose to vote for whoever they want. So yeah, Biden won Connecticut but nothing is stopping Nutmeg State electors from picking anyone they feel like.

It's not just a hypothetical. Clinton won Washington State no problem in 2016 but only received eight of its 12 electoral votes. One went to Native American activist Faith Spotted Eagle (neat) and three went to Republican warmonger Colin Powell (exceptionally not neat).

Washingtonians did not and would never choose the former Secretary of Defense had he been on the ballot, but George W's Iraq Guy got a quarter of the official tally anyway.

A few hundred elites picking a leader with no input from the public? In no way is that a democracy. If that's how the leader of China was chosen, conservatives would never — oh, right.

This isn't a quirk of the system; it's the system working precisely as it's intended, but even then, not really.

Hamilton said the Electoral College would protect the fledgling country from falling to a majoritarian despot. If the people had chosen some harebrained demagogue who threatened the union, then the College would veto the will of the people and install someone calm and sensible (like a diplomat or a legislator, someone with decades of experience in federal politics).

In our case of emergency, the glass went unbroken, so even the failsafe failed. Speaking of failsafes, if you thought 538 was a small number of people to have unchecked power over the fate of the nation — how about nine? The Supreme Court isn't elected and its members serve lifetime appointments. That's closer to a monarchy than anything that's Of, By, and For the People.

Even in all the current election soup, the nation's top judges are looking at a case that would invalidate the Affordable Care Act, which makes health care accessible for millions of Americans.

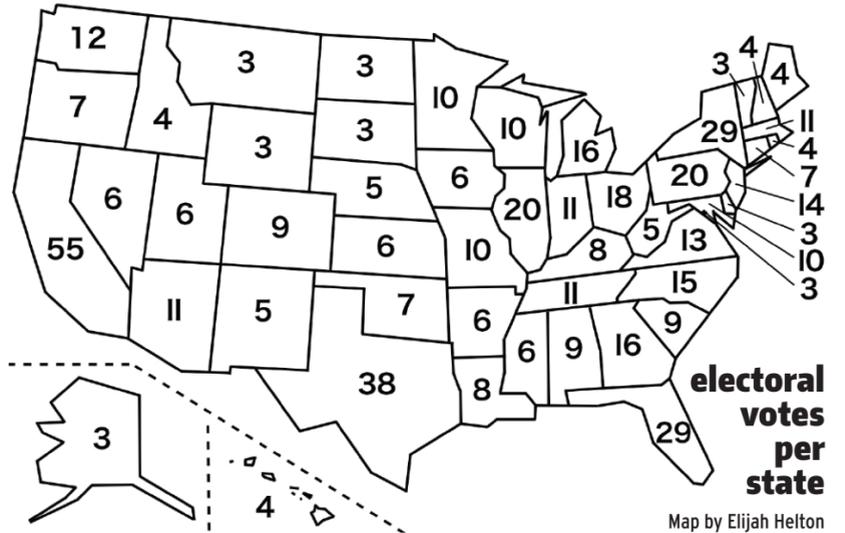
is? How many keep up with city council meetings? There's so much more that's done politically than casting a vote every two years (or four years, if you're someone who just votes during presidential elections).

But the blame doesn't fall on individual voters — after all, if we want to live in a democracy, then we need to build the infrastructure necessary to teach people how to interact democratically. Basic high-school government classes teach the most basic of civic engagement — vote in presidential elections and midterms, write to your Congressman if you have a problem, and watch the news to keep up on whatever is going on at the moment.

That's a narrow view of political engagement. School might be good for many things, but creating citizens with a proper understanding of politics is not one of them.

Some of the most foundational parts of the U.S. government work against the interests of the people.

We're not a democracy yet, but we should be.



Map by Elijah Helton

That may sound all fine and normal. One of the first things we're taught about the separation of powers is that the judicial branch can rule laws passed by Congress as unconstitutional. But, just like the Electoral College, we've placed a lot of power to people who can't face real repercussions.

(And sitting here on Election Eve, maybe that's what the presidency is hinging on right now.)

The Supreme Court has stepped in the make an election go their way before. The Republican-controlled court decided the *Bush v. Gore* case, which put aforementioned President Bush in the Oval Office.

The Republicans now have six of the nine Supreme Court seats despite the party only winning the most presidential votes once in the past seven elections. Positions so powerful shouldn't be distributed so unevenly and without the backing of the American people.

And it's bad for all sides here. Democrats shouldn't have this same sort of control just because they were the ones able to

cram six people on the Special Judge Squad.

We can speculate about "oh they wouldn't do that" and muse about judicial independence all day. But, even with the gravitas and grandeur of the highest court in the land, the bench is still full of partisan actors who will do what they will while the rest of us must suffer what we must.

These failsafe arbiters of justice do not reign down from on high; they're down here in the muck with us.

The system is bad regardless who's in charge because the system requires a small group

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of people to make decisions in the best interests of all of us. If want a government that is truly representative, we must tear the structures that leave almost all of our voices unheard.

There's solutions to these problems.

We could expand the Supreme Court and add term limits to make individuals less pow-

erful, or we could just roll back the scope of judicial review.

We could abolish the Electoral College and replace with a most-votes-wins system — perhaps with a fancy ranked-choice option.

We could do a hundred things unrelated to the EC or SCOTUS; enfranchising imprisoned people, congressional representation for DC and the U.S. territories, and lowering the voting age are some ideas.

Wherever we go from here, we can't stay put if we want a livable nation.

I don't know what's going on right not with the election.

Maybe Biden has won in an unquestionable landslide, or maybe we're in a much darker timeline. (And if it's the latter, we have much more pressing issues than this glorified poli-sci essay.)

We got into this mess because — among many other things — the Electoral College. Building something better won't solve all the ails our nation, but it will give us a chance at survival. The better world is possible, but have to make it.

COLUMN

What do we do after the election?

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There's been a lot of talk about this election in regard to one specific thing — how much people can't wait for it to be over and grab brunch. And in all honesty? Totally fair. This election cycle has been abhorrent in every sense of the term.



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Johnson County holds drive-in voting on in Iowa City on Oct. 6.

Unfortunately, politics doesn't stop Nov. 3 — and neither should your engagement.

Over 100 million people sat out the election in 2016, according to the 100 Million Project — nearly a third of the U.S. population. And that's just casting a ballot. How many more millions of Americans don't know who their local representative

is? How many keep up with city council meetings?

There's so much more that's done politically than casting a vote every two years (or four years, if you're someone who just votes during presidential elections).

But the blame doesn't fall on individual voters — after all, if we want to live in a democracy, then we need to build the infrastructure necessary to teach people how to interact democratically.

Basic high-school government classes teach the most basic of civic engagement — vote in presidential elections and midterms, write to your Congressman if you have a problem, and watch the news to keep up on whatever is going on at the moment.

That's a narrow view of political engagement. School might be good for many things, but creating citizens with a proper understanding of politics is not one of them.

I cannot speak to all high schools everywhere, but the education I received in AP government was not nearly substantial enough. Everything I've learned about politics — voter registration, how to get reliable information, what to

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look for in disinformation — has been done independently, on my own time.

And that's why it's important to not fall asleep after elections. If all this effort has to be done to learn how to actually be a part of our democracy, then we alienate millions of people who don't have the time to invest in learning.

This especially includes students. I don't want to sound

preachy, but I know you guys have time on your hands. While we all need to unplug and relax from the stress of living in such a tumultuous time, we also need to get our heads in the game to try and fix things.

The Iowa City Mutual Aid Collective is a group geared toward community outreach and assistance, ensuring that neighbors reach out and help one another in times of distress.

The Campaign to Organize Graduate Students helps to, as the name suggests, organize UI graduate students in a union capacity — ensuring suitable working conditions and wages

for TAs, RAs, and others at the university.

The Iowa City Tenants Union is a collection of renters living in the city to protect renter rights and provide legal aid to people being taken advantage of by less scrupulous landlords.

The Roosevelt Network is a progressive think-tank that provides students the resources necessary to research and propose policy solutions to problems faced at local and state levels.

All of these groups help people in some capacity without a focus on elections. There are so many more organizations out there with a need for people to help get work done — and that work desperately needs to be done if we want to have a positive future.

So, this post-election season, don't just throw your hands up and ignore everything until primaries start again. There's so much more you can do.

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FINDING A WAY FORWARD:

DESPITE OPENING ITS DOORS IN OCTOBER, GABE'S HAS CONTINUED TO STRUGGLE FINANCIALLY.

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THE WEEKEND IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

SINCE THE '70S, GABE'S HAS SERVED IOWA CITY AS A HAVEN FOR CONCERTS AND MUSIC LOVERS OF ALL TYPES. ALTHOUGH THE DOWNTOWN VENUE HAS BEEN FINANCIALLY STRUGGLING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MEMORIES FROM SHOWS ARE REMEMBERED FONDLY BY THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THEM.

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Whether the front of the building reads "The Pub Gabe's and Walkers," "Picador," "Gabe's Oasis," or just "Gabe's," 330 E. Washington St. has been a haven for music lovers since the early '70s. Now, however, the music venue and bar is experiencing unprecedented struggles.

Gabe's stages have remained dormant over the course of the pandemic. The bar and entertainment venue's staff posted an announcement on Facebook on March 16 that their upcoming performances would be postponed or canceled.

Soon after, the bar toggled between closing and reopening its doors along with many other Iowa City businesses, attempting to navigate a balancing act between staying in business and complying with government orders and health-safety restrictions.

Gabe's reopened on Oct. 5, but manager Pete McCarthy explained that having business doesn't entirely solve the bar's pandemic-caused financial struggles.

"We're not going to fill the bar, obviously, or have people pile in to hang out on Friday or Saturday nights," McCarthy said. "I don't see it as being very profitable. We'll barely be able to pay the bills."

McCarthy said Gabe's has lost well over \$100,000 since the spring. He noted that T-shirt sales and a GoFundMe that raised a total of \$4,171 have both assisted the establishment pay rent and bills. The bar received one of the forgivable relief loans, but not the other forms of relief they applied for.

"We just have to learn how to operate and run our businesses as safely and correctly as possible," McCarthy said. "We do everything we can do to try to control and live with COVID-19 because it's not going anywhere."

He added that he and owner Scott Kading are lucky to also own Wildwood Smokehouse and Saloon, another entertainment venue, which can

safely seat people at a distance and even have a show. The saloon-style bar remained open while Gabe's closed in September because of an order from Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds shuttering bars, distilleries and wineries.

The Gabe's upstairs and downstairs stages have been witness to many of today's popular bands before they blew up, like Nirvana, according to Gabe's Facebook page.

Photographer Mark Weills was in attendance at their Gabe's concert in 1989. Weills' friend told him they had to go see the band, so he brought

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YOUR WEEKEND PLAYLIST



Acoustic Autumn Covers



SONG	ARTIST	ALBUM
Pompeii	Josh Golden	Single
You're The One That I Want	Lo-Fang	Blue Fang
Harvest Moon	Widowspeak	Single
Dancing in the Dark	Eddie Berman	Blood & Rust
Till There Was You	The Beatles	With The Beatles
Use Somebody	Shawn Mendes	Spotify Singles
The Man Who Sold The World	Nirvana	MTV Unplugged In New York
Baby One More Time	Ed Sheeran	Spotify Singles
Cleopatra (Acoustic Demo)	The Lumineers	Cleopatra (Deluxe)
1979	Darlingside	Whippoorwill
Spanish Boots of Leather	The Lumineers	Single
Hotel California (Spanish Mix)	Gipsy Kings	¡Volaré! The Very Best of the Gipsy Kings
Wildflowers	Miley Cyrus	Spotify Singles
Not Over You	Brett Young	Spotify Singles
Despacito	Madilyn Bailey, Leroy Sanchez	Single
Layla	Eric Clapton	Unplugged
Sign Of The Times	LANY	Spotify Singles
Bridge Over Troubled Water	Josh Groban	Spotify Singles

IN STREAMING



The Liberator

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A uniquely animated dramatic tale, *The Liberator* will make a commanding debut on Netflix on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

The first season of the series is based on Alex Kershaw's 2012 biographical novel *The Liberator: One World War II Soldier's 500-Day Odyssey*.

The four-part miniseries follows young military captain Felix Sparks, played by Merlin star Bradley James, as he returns to the battlefield after a traumatizing near-death encounter with enemy forces. Sparks must lead his infantry unit from Sicily all the way into the heart of Germany, through some of the most grueling and intense battles of World War II.

The series was adapted for Netflix by Jeb Stuart, the writer behind *Die Hard*, and produced by A+E Studios — the entertainment company that owns the

History Channel. *The Liberator* will be entirely directed by Polish filmmaker Grzegorz Jonkajtys, who has directed multiple award-winning short films, including *The Ark*, which won Best Animation at the Budapest Film Festival in 2007.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of *The Liberator* is its unique animation. The film will feature a stylized version of rotoscope animation, where artists trace over motion picture footage frame by frame to create extremely fluid and realistic-looking action. This type of animation will be new to Netflix.

The series is expected to do well as predicted by a review of the trailer by *Deadline*. Though with only four episodes in the first season, each episode will have to make that much more of an impact on viewers.

Nonetheless, *The Liberator* will be sure to inspire audiences through a riveting and emotional tale.

Weekly Review: The Queen's Gambit

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Never will a show make you want to play chess more than *The Queen's Gambit*.

The drama series was released on Netflix in late October, and quickly became one of Netflix's top ten recent U.S. original releases — one of the most viewed releases within the past 28 days.

Created by Scott Frank and Allan Scott, the series is based on Walter Tevis's 1983 novel, and is a nearly perfect blend of drama, coming of age, and romance genres.

The seven-part miniseries is set in the mid 20th century, and focuses on chess prodigy Elizabeth Harmon (Anya Taylor-Joy), though she simply goes by

Beth to most other characters. Orphaned at a young age, Beth quickly discovers her masterful chess abilities, thus springing her tumultuous journey through addiction, fame, and eventual victory against her competitors.

Although it may not seem like it from the synopsis, the series is riveting in content. With all the color and pop of the 1960s and a fantastic soundtrack by composer Carlos Rafael Rivera, — which makes every chess game feel like the Superbowl — the series is a thrilling experience even for those who have never touched a chessboard.

However, the series is not without its minor flaws, such as the odd framing of characters Harry Beltik (Harry Melling),

Benny Watts (Thomas Brodie-Sangster), and Townes (Jacob Fortune-Lloyd), who each compete against Beth at some point. Their complicated relationships with Beth feel a little out of place — they all share a bizarre romantic interest in Beth, yet also take on a pseudo-paternal mentorship role throughout the series. Still, Beth's character remains consistent while having a realistic arc, which definitely redeems her somewhat odd relationships with the other characters.

It is hard to think of another portrayal of a woman on screen that comes close to the accuracy displayed in *The Queen's Gambit*. A cerebral experience that focuses on intelligence first and beauty second if

at all, Beth's character is a realistic and relatable portrayal of a woman making her way in a traditionally male-dominated field, especially for the time period.

Even so, the series doesn't pay an overbearing amount of attention to her societal status to make it seem like pandering toward a female audience. Instead, it focuses on Beth's main obstacle: her addiction to drugs, how it affects and may even improve her ability to play chess, and how she ultimately overcomes it.

Unfortunately, there is no confirmation for a second season yet. The first season was based entirely on Tevis's novel, which did not have any sequels, so any further episodes of the series would have to be new and original stories.

The Queen's Gambit is a worthwhile experience, and is definitely the show for anyone looking for an intense, emotional, and intimately ruminating escape through an unexpectedly graceful

story. As Beth herself describes, "Chess is competitive. But, chess can also be beautiful."



ARTS & CULTURE

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some friends and tagged along. Just before "Bleach" came out, Kurt Cobain on guitar, Jason Everman, Krist Novoselic on bass, and Chad Channing on drums played for a small crowd at Gabe's that night.

Despite being prepared to take photos that night, Weills didn't pick up extra film for the occasion. The photos he has from the Nirvana show were taken using the last few shots on a roll.

"None of us Midwesterners had heard anything about Nirvana," Weills said. "This was their first tour and we had only heard murmurings of a band that was going to kick our asses. A friend of mine told me that I had to see them. There really weren't that many people there. At most 35 — 50 would be an exaggeration. The show was amazing. I thought they were fantastic. Pure dingy, nasty, swampy rock and roll."

Similarly, McCarthy also recalled a 2012 show where Chance the Rapper played for 40 people at \$5 a ticket.

When Gabe's is able to host

shows again, the performances will look very different, McCarthy said. He explained that the bar will more than likely be at half capacity and may have table seating to distance. There are no solidified plans for shows at the moment, he said, as the state of the pandemic shifts so often.

Despite a concert-less Gabe's this fall, responses to a tweet from *The Daily Iowan* garnered the attention of Gabe's patrons, past and present, nationwide.

When he was still in high school, Des Moines native Caleb Slater's short-lived band, *Forget About Me* opened for the eclectic Youtuber Social Repose in July 2018.

The show drew an audience of just 15 people. While the night was what Slater described as the band's "worst performance ever," the UI freshman said he remembered the night as a good one.

"Our band, we played maybe about 15 shows before we broke up," Slater said. "That show was by far our worst show, so you would think that it would be like 'Man, I hate Gabe's, I never want to go there again,' but Gabe's had nothing to do with it. In my 10 years of playing guitar, I'd never broken two strings at once until that night."

Slater recalled the atmo-



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A silent mic and empty chair sit on the stage at Gabe's on Oct. 30. A stage that once was alive with music is now quiet because of COVID-19 restrictions.

sphere of Gabe's being one positive aspect of the night, with stickers of bands who had played the stage before him scattered around the venue.

Even though the show itself wasn't ideal, the musician

considers the time he played at Gabe's as a fond memory, especially because it was his first time in Iowa City. His experience from that night was one of many reasons why he decided to attend the University of Iowa, he said.

That was in 2018, but the plethora of memorable nights at Gabe's are not foreign to other patrons like then-UI student Sarah Nielson. The writer is reminiscent of her early 2000s Gabe's Oasis experiences, where she frequented themed nights such as '80s night and a Burlesque night.

"They had it decorated like an '80s prom out of a John Hughes movie with streamers, balloons, and all that," she said. "There was something really cool about this dorky gym prom setting. It felt like a movie world had been blown open."

The '80s pop, Gabe's natural punk atmosphere, and Nielson's first experiences realizing she was queer made this memory of Gabe's all the more special, she said.

"'80s pop isn't necessarily good, but it's built for enjoying groups," Nielsen said. "This was just a huge group and I can't speak for everybody, but I know my life has not been moment after moment of feeling like I was really a part of something. That night, it really felt like we all belonged there, and we were all very welcome."

Corey Jones, now a substitute teacher in Rhode Island, put together a rap showcase with his friends in 2018 during his junior year of college to be performed at Gabe's. Jones' friends opened for a local Chicago rapper, FBG Duck.

He added that in August of this year, rapper FBG Duck was murdered in Chicago. Jones intended to book the rapper again after COVID-19, but never got the chance, which makes the showcase at Gabe's even more special to him, he said.

"He was a Chicago rapper and he said for \$5,000, he said he would come to Iowa City," Jones said. "We were able to bring out like 260 or so people and actually

made \$1,200."

Jones' unique experience at Gabe's remained close to his heart, especially after the death of FBG Duck.

"It was a very sentimental moment because a lot of the people who took part in this have known each other for our entire lives, worked on music together, and always supported each other," Jones said. "It was incredible to have people believe in your vision."

Regardless of the name on the front of the building, Gabe's has been home to unique musical experiences for decades. While the circumstances surrounding concerts are unusual, McCarthy said it will give the venue the opportunity to showcase local talents when it's safe for musicians to perform again.

"Gabe's is going to be a constant. It's not going anywhere," he said. "It might be a little while before we have those hot, sweaty, packed shows that people like. It's going to be different and feel different for a while, but we're still going to try our best."



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Band stickers cover the door on Oct. 30 at Gabe's.



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Nirvana plays at Gabe's in 1989. Photo by Mark Weills.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

UI grad student creates LGBTQ-centered media

During his time at the University of Iowa, graduate student Hao Zhou has sought to increase LGBTQ representation in art and media by making LGBTQ-based independent films and photography projects.

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Through all of his successes, independent filmmaker and photographer Hao Zhou's ultimate goal remains: to help members of the LGBTQ community feel seen in art.

Hailing from Nanchuan District in Chongqing, China, Hao is currently in his second year of the Film and Video Production Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Iowa. Through film and photography, the artist primarily focuses his work on LGBTQ issues.

The graduate student found his initial calling for film when he was a teenager. Inspiration struck after he began watching independent films, which he found to have a bigger impact than the commercially made Hollywood films he viewed at a younger age.

"The TV films I watched as a child didn't really connect to me personally," he said. "So, I guess it's mostly from my teenage years, I watched tons of independent films by myself."

Recently, Hao won the "Next Masters Support Pro-

gram" award from Talents Tokyo for his upcoming feature film *Jinbi*. The Tokyo-based filmmaking program supports up-and-coming filmmakers from East and Southeast Asia.

"Basically, I was an alumni of Talents Tokyo, so I participated back in 2018 in their workshops, masterclasses, and their production classes," Hao said. "It was like a ten-day event in Tokyo. They call it a promotion foundation, so they are supporting filmmakers who work on completing their films ... This is a really great foundation because I'm about to finish another feature film I am working on."

Earlier this year, the MFA student was also awarded scholarships from the Prism Foundation, an organization that focuses on supporting and empowering the Asian & Pacific Islander LGBTQ community, and the Chinese Rainbow Network, the largest community organization for the Chinese LGBTQ community outside of China.

Hao's main artistic message is to share LGBTQ representation in the media. He said he feels that historically, members of the LGBTQ com-

munity, specifically Asian members, have not been represented enough in art.

"I think still, the situation is getting better nowadays, but still I feel like we need more LGBTQ representation in art and in films," the grad student said. "Especially Asian people — now I'm in the U.S. so I guess most of the films, even if they are about queer people, most of those films about the LGBTQ population are not the Asian population."

Hao's interest in representing the LGBTQ community is ongoing, and his current projects reflect that. One of his upcoming projects is a photography-based project focusing on representing the LGBTQ community on a more local scale, specifically documenting members of the community in Iowa.

"I guess my goal is really to carry out all my projects, even little assignments from my classes that center on LGBTQ issues and LGBTQ communities," he said. "I just really feel like that's my passion, that's my devotion — that's what I feel I should do to increase the visibility of the LGBTQ community."



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