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UI COVID-19 NUMBERS

Number of self-reported cases for COVID-19

Students: 5 new cases, 3,042 to-date
Employees: 2 new cases, 453 to-date

New cases as of March 17, 2021

Source: UI COVID-19 campus update

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'Excuses are for wusses'

Eight days before Spencer Lee won his third NCAA Championship, he tore the ACL in his left knee. That didn't matter, as Lee dominated his competition to help give Iowa what he wanted when he came to the program: a national championship.



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No experience, no problem

Combined, the Iowa women's basketball team had only around 14 minutes of playing time in the national tournament before Sunday, and junior center Monika Czinano was the only Hawkeye in the starting five who had experience in the NCAA Tournament. Despite the inexperience, fifth-seeded Iowa defeated No. 12 seed Central Michigan, 87-72, to advance to the round of 32.

ONLINE



University of Iowa spring 2021 graduates to have in-person celebration in Kinnick Stadium

Spring 2021 graduates will celebrate their accomplishments over the last four years at an in-person event in Kinnick Stadium. In a campus-wide email sent on Friday, the University of Iowa announced it will host an in-person, outdoor celebration at the 70,000-capacity football stadium in addition to the virtual commencement ceremony. Students can attend the virtual commencement, the in-person celebration, or both, the email said.

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At long last

Iowa wrestling claimed its 24th NCAA team title Saturday night, ending an 11-year championship drought.



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March 20; St. Louis, Mo.; Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team pose for a photo after winning the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at Enterprise Center.

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ST. LOUIS — For the last 11 years, the NCAA Division I Wrestling team championship trophy has resided in trophy cases in both Columbus, Ohio, and

State College, Pennsylvania.

Soon, the hardware will return to a familiar destination — Iowa City.

On Saturday, Iowa wrestling won its 24th national title, ending an 11-year championship drought — the longest the program has faced since it won its

first national title in 1975.

The Hawkeyes posted a 129.0 team score across three days and seven sessions of NCAA Championship wrestling to clinch an overall team victory.

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Remembering lives lost

A vigil Sunday honored the eight people killed in Atlanta. Six victims were Asian women, sparking a conversation about misogyny and racism.



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People gather on the Pentacrest Sunday during a vigil to honor the eight victims of the Atlanta shootings and advocate for Asian American rights and equity.

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The American and Iowa flags flew at half-staff at the Old Capitol as people gathered on the Pentacrest. In front of the steps, there were eight bins with flowers inside, and marked with a name: Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Hyun Jung Grant, Soon Chung Park, Suncha Kim, Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Yaun, and Paul Andre Michels.

The vigil, hosted by the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center on Sunday afternoon, was one of a multitude held across the nation to honor the eight victims killed last week at shootings in Atlanta. Six of the people killed were Asian American women.

The suspect, a 21-year-old white man, claimed his sex addiction motivated these deadly attacks.

"It seems like everyone has been excusing his behavior with ... his sexual addiction, and the fact that he wanted to end his temptations," Kayla Nguyen, one of the University of Iowa students who led the vigil, said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "He didn't even want to address them as Asian women, he just said, 'They're temptations and they're my addiction, but it is not racist.' And that's what we have been seeing lately, and people are just blaming it on that. It's ultimately dehumanizing Asian women."

They added that the rhetoric used to associate Asian people with the coronavirus is dangerous.

According to a report from the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, Anti-Asian hate crimes increased 149 percent in 2020 in 16 of America's largest cities. The first spike occurred in March and April, when cases of COVID-19 and negative stereotypes about Asian people were on the rise.

Stop AAPI Hate, a coalition dedicated to address anti-Asian hate amid the pandemic, documented 3,795 hate incidents against Asian people between March 19, 2020 and February 28 of this year. In the study, Asian women reported incidents 2.3 times more than men.

More than 200 Asian and Asian American students, families, and allies attended the vigil. It began with one minute of silence for each victim. After eight minutes of silence, attendants brought up flowers and flameless candles to pay tribute to the victims. Then, speakers took the mic to discuss how the attack in Atlanta and other Anti-Asian experiences have affected them.

"Asian women deserve to feel safe, protected and validated. We all deserve to be here," UI graduate student Hoang Dang said in a speech to the crowd.

UI student Nikki Chang said in the speech that the violence against Asians was not an accident, but an accumulation of xenophobia and racism.

"The solution to racism is to dismantle white supremacy, not modify it or accommodate it. It is not the responsibility of any people of color to do the work to dismantle the systems that are hurting us," Chang said.

Nguyen also told the *DI* after the event that anti-Asian violence is part of a larger conversation about racism.

"There's a huge intersectionality with anti-Blackness, white supremacy and anti-Asian violence that is happening," they said. "... It is important to have that conversation of anti-Blackness and white supremacy because without it you are not solving the

Searching for COVID-19 vaccines

A new Twitter account dedicated to vaccine location alerts is one of many aids for University of Iowa students and Johnson County residents attempting to find vaccine appointments.

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Johnson County residents and University of Iowa students are searching for hard-to-get COVID-19 vaccines, using avenues including pinging pharmacy students and relying on a new Twitter account to list where and when vaccines are being distributed.

Public health departments, pharmacies, and other health providers across the state of Iowa are trying to spread limited vaccine appointments across nearly half of Iowans who are eligible for the vaccine, and some nontraditional outlets are helping Iowans identify places where there are extra doses.

The Iowa Department of Public Health's website states that the current group that's eligible includes

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Faculty to keep some online flexibility

Post-pandemic, faculty and staff at the University of Iowa are expected to work on campus but will still have some remote working options.

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University of Iowa faculty will retain some flexibility of working remotely this fall, as the university looks to return to a primarily in-person, residential campus.

The UI is encouraging some meetings — such as professor office hours, staff meetings, and professional development conferences — to be held virtually for flexibility and to boost attendance.

The 25-member Future of Working@Iowa Committee released preliminary planning recommendations for university deans, vice presidents, and human resources leaders last week, which directed departments to come up with guidance for hybrid or flexible schedules, and tasks that can be done remotely.

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HANGIN' OUT



Sid Peterson/The Daily Iowan

Gage Hind and Cal Wagner spent the afternoon on the lawn of the Pentacrest talking and listening to music in a hammock on Sunday. "We're just vibing on the Pentacrest now that spring is here," Hind said.

VIGIL CONTINUED FROM FRONT

problem. White supremacy is the reason why a lot of this happened."

At the end of the vigil, Nguyễn told non-Asian people in the crowd to ask their Asian friends if they are OK and how they can help. They also said it's important for non-Asian people to learn to pronounce Asian people's names correctly.

Nguyễn told people on the Pentacrest who are Asian or Asian American to take the time they needed to heal from the attack. They created an online resource board where students can find resources and links to GoFundMe campaigns.



Kate Heston/The Daily Iowan

An attendee lays flowers during a vigil on Sunday to honor the victims of the Atlanta shootings and advocate for Asian American rights and equity.

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people ages 65 and older, people younger than 65 with underlying health conditions, and those in critical front-line roles. Iowa is expected to open vaccine eligibility to every adult April 5.

Those who have turned to social media for vaccine searches have found a new asset: a Twitter account, @IAvaccineAlerts that tweets regularly locations, dates, and times for open vaccine appointments.

Brian Finley, a web developer at the UI, created the new Twitter account when he was on the search for his own vaccine, and found it difficult to find.

To find and tweet appointment times, Finley uses national data aggregation done by individuals as well as vaccine providers such as HyVee to determine appointment availability. He took this information and wrote a script that would notify him whenever there was an appointment available nearby, he said.

"There are obviously way more people that want to get vaccinated than there are vaccines right now especially the

bigger cities so it was just kind of picking random towns in Iowa until I happened to stumble upon an appointment with HyVee to get my shot," Finley said.

Finley said he got his shot March 8 and started the account March 10. Since then, the account has amassed more than 22,000 followers and has connected hundreds of people with vaccine appointments absent a more centralized system in the state.

Young people looking for a vaccine appointment have also turned to area pharmacies that may have extra doses to use.

University of Iowa College of Pharmacy student Jasmina Arnaut said many of her friends have asked her where to find extra doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that would otherwise expire at the end of a pharmacy work day.

"They're asking me if any pharmacies around the area are offering vaccinations, and a lot of them are," Arnaut said.

Vaccine providers have to rely on the honor system that people signing up for the vaccines are eligible. But local health officials say that if providers have extra doses, it's more important that there be no wasted shots.

Two of the vaccines emer-

gency approved by the Food and Drug Administration must be used quickly once thawed — the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine, for example, must be used within 6 hours of being mixed with a diluent. Plus, counties could have vaccines withheld if they don't use at least 80 percent of their vaccine allotment.

"It is absolutely allowable and understandable as nobody wants to see a wasted dose," Johnson County Community Health Manager Sam Jarvis wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

According to a vaccine shortage order put in effect on March 8 by Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, vaccines "that would otherwise have to be discarded may be used to vaccinate a person who is included in a phase that has not yet been activated."

Jarvis wrote that sometimes, however, those who search for extra vaccines that aren't eligible yet have caused some frustration.

"It appears persons are 'cutting in line' and nobody likes that," he wrote.

Arnaut said following vaccination hubs online and on social media is the best way to find out where extra doses are. She said those who are currently eligible for a COVID-19 vac-

nation can sign up for waitlists in their area online.

Finley, the Twitter account creator, said one of the biggest problems local providers tell him about is people not committing to their appointments once they are scheduled. This sets off a scramble for providers to find someone to vaccinate on short notice.

In Johnson County, Jarvis wrote that the county's hospital and pharmacy efforts have put in the effort to make sure extra doses or "no-show" appointments don't disrupt the vaccination distribution to prioritized groups.

"Johnson County Public Health and our partners have coordinated to have a 'buffer' for the persons we're coordinating to be vaccinated," he wrote.

Arnaut said she doesn't believe in the rhetoric that someone can take a vaccine away from someone else, but that it's important to get people who are prioritized vaccinated first.

"In a perfect world, I'd love for anyone and everyone to get vaccinated, right away," Arnaut said. "But I also believe that it's important to get to communities who cannot get vaccinated or people who are at higher risk."

FACULTY CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"Establishing work arrangements — including work locations and schedules — is an important step forward for our employees," said Cheryl Rearson, UI associate vice president and chief human resources officer. "The experience of the pandemic, along with technology and market trends, allows us to think more broadly about effective work arrangements and assess more flexible options."

Last month, the UI announced it would hold all 150-plus student classes virtual-

ly and all classes of less than 150 people in person this fall.

The UI has operated for the last three semesters with more than 70 percent of its undergraduate course hours online.

A university survey conducted in April 2020 found that a majority of employee respondents — 59 percent — strongly agreed that they were open to a remote work arrangement one or more days a week after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

Another 26 percent responded that they "somewhat agree."

In fall 2021, the UI won't offer its employees Temporary Alternative Working Arrangements, which faculty and staff could apply for this academic year to

teach their courses online if they or a family member were at high risk of developing serious illness from the coronavirus, among other reasons.

Faculty with medical or other concerns will have to coordinate with Faculty and Staff Disability Services in the fall in lieu of applying for a Temporary Alternative Working Arrangement.

Iowa is expected to open vaccine eligibility to all Iowans over the age of 16 by April 5, though actually getting the vaccine to every adult will likely take months. Non-medical higher education faculty have not been included in vaccine priority groups with K-12 educators in Iowa and are not eligible for the vaccine by job description alone. But people with one of a multitude of medical conditions — about half of Iowans — do qualify.

President Joe Biden told the nation in his first public address during his time in office that the U.S. would "mark our independence" from the virus by July 4.

UI faculty will also be expected to be on campus this fall and must consult with their department executive officer to submit a request if they'd like to work out of state.

"We look forward to returning to an on-campus experience

as much as possible in the fall," said Lois Geist, UI associate provost for faculty. "And that means faculty will be returning to in-person classroom teaching. Our students want to be on campus, and we're excited to invite them back."

The committee, which is led by University Human Resources and the Office of the Provost, asked departments to identify job tasks that would have a "strong pedagogical" reason, meaning it would benefit instruction, to continue online.

The 25-member committee will bring its recommendations to top administrators in May, according to a UI press release.

The committee recommended colleges and units complete steps — including organizing an implementation committee, planning documentation for remote or hybrid work, and establishing plans that promote healthy, safe, ergonomic remote environments — by May, and begin implementing recommendations by June and July.

The UI established the Employee Experience Committee, now the Future of Work@Iowa Committee, in November to chart the path forward for the faculty and staff working experience post-pandemic.



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Lecture classroom 103 is seen at the English-Philosophy Building on Aug. 28, 2020. Seats are sectioned off to help with social distancing.

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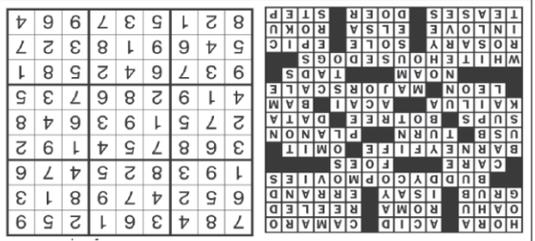
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WRESTLING

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Iowa finished the 2021 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships 15.5 points clear of all challengers.

"It's been 11 years since a real important trophy's been in Iowa City," Hawkeye head coach Tom Brands said Saturday. "This team, and these 35 guys back in that wrestling room, and these ten guys here, and this coaching staff, and this administration brought a trophy back that is important to our fan base. So, that's got to be said. Is there relief? Not really. But there is joy."

The trophy has been away from Iowa City since 2010. Iowa's 2010 title capped a stretch of three-straight national championships that began in 2008.

After their 2010 championship run, the Hawkeyes struggled on a national stage — finishing in as low as fifth place at the NCAA Championships. For a program that claimed 23 national titles over a 35-year period from 1975 to 2010, fifth-place finishes did not meet expectations.

"I think it puts in context the work we had to do, how far we were off," Brands said. "... I think it's time to enjoy, and that's really hard for me to say. But, as the leader of the program, I got to steer it that way because our fanbase has craved this. This isn't automatic. This was earned."

The 2021 team title is Tom Brands' fourth as head coach of the Hawkeyes.

While Iowa sat dormant from 2010-19, another pro-

gram emerged as the nation's next dynastic national powerhouse — Penn State. While the Hawkeyes were seemingly on the sideline, Penn State won eight national championships in a nine-year stretch.

On Saturday night, the Nittany Lions flexed their muscles again, though they didn't snatch the NCAA team title from Iowa.

Penn State crowned four individual national champions Saturday: 133-pound Roman Bravo-Young, 141-pound Nick Lee, 174-pound Carter Starocci, and 184-pound Aaron Brooks.

Lee defeated Iowa's Jaydin Eierman in the finals via a 4-2 decision in sudden victory and Starocci downed Iowa's Michael Kemerer 3-1 in sudden victory. So, while the Hawkeyes did claim the team title, the Nittany Lions still swiped two individual national titles from them.

Eierman bested Lee, 6-5, on March 7 to win a Big Ten Championship. Kemerer did the same, dispatching Starocci, 7-2, to claim his first Big Ten individual title.

The rest of Iowa's lineup, however, proved to be too much for the Nittany Lions at the NCAA Championships as seven Hawkeyes — including Eierman and Kemerer — earned All-America honors for the 2020-21 season. Senior 133-pounder Austin DeSanto and sophomore heavyweight Tony Cassioppi both finished the NCAA Championships in third place at their respective weights.

Iowa junior Jacob Warner finished in fourth place and senior Kaleb Young in seventh.



Jeff Curry-USA TODAY Sports
Penn State Nittany Lions wrestler Nick Lee wrestles Iowa Hawkeyes wrestler Jaydin Eierman in the championship match of the 141 weight class during the finals of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Iowa's top-performer was 125-pound senior Spencer Lee — as has been the case the last two times Iowa competed at the NCAA Championships.

The Murrysville, Pennsylvania, native won his third individual national title, defeating Arizona State's Brandon Courtney, 7-0, in the tournament finals, despite wrestling the entirety of the 2021 NCAA Championships with a torn ACL.

"You do your job as an individual, and team titles come," Lee said. "I didn't just do this for me. I did this for the seniors that lost out last year. I'm getting kind of emotional. I wanted them to win with us. They didn't get that opportunity. I mean, I don't even care about this trophy right now ... We do our jobs as individuals and the team titles come, how's that? Other than that, I do it for those guys that missed out. They missed out on being national champs. I'm sad about it, but I'm thankful to the NCAA for allowing us to have this."

In a videoconference with reporters shortly at his semifinal match Friday night, Lee brushed off concerns about a post-bout limp.

"Fantastic, how's that?" Lee said of his health Friday.

As it turned out, Lee wasn't as healthy as he claimed to be.

Most of the wrestlers that took the mat for the finals did so with vigor. When it was their turn to compete, many wrestlers sprinted out of the Enterprise Center's tunnels and past the view of the spotlight before they hurdled two

rickety metal stairs that connected the floor to the elevated championship mat.

Minnesota's Gabe Steveson took the acrobatics one step further, doing a cartwheel and a backflip after he defeated Michigan's Mason Parris in the 285-pound national finals.

Lee, on the other hand, slowly trotted out of the tunnel when the time came for him to wrestle Arizona State's Brandon Courtney for a national title. With the spotlight on him, Lee gradually worked his way across the sprawling red carpet that ran from the tunnel to the mat.

Once the Murrysville, Pennsylvania, native arrived at the elevated mat's steps, he did no jumping, leaping, or flipping. Instead, Lee simply walked up both steps.

When Lee made it up onto the mat and the match began, he did what he's done all season. The senior Hawkeye defeated Courtney in shutout fashion, 7-0, to claim his third

national title.

Lee headed over to the south end of the Enterprise Center for an interview with ESPN, and at that time, Lee revealed that he had wrestled the entirety of the 2021 NCAA Championships with a torn ACL.

"Eight days ago, I tore my ACL in my other knee" Lee told ESPN. "I'm wrestling with no ACLs ... I could barely wrestle, I could barely shoot, can't sprawl."

Lee wasn't the only Hawkeye that struggled with injuries during the 2021 NCAA Championships.

Senior 165-pound No. 1 seed Alex Marinelli medically forfeited his first consolation match, losing out on his opportunity to wrestle his way to All-America honors after he was eliminated in upset fashion in the tournament's quarterfinals by eventual-champion Shane Griffith of Stanford.

Despite all that Brands and company have been through

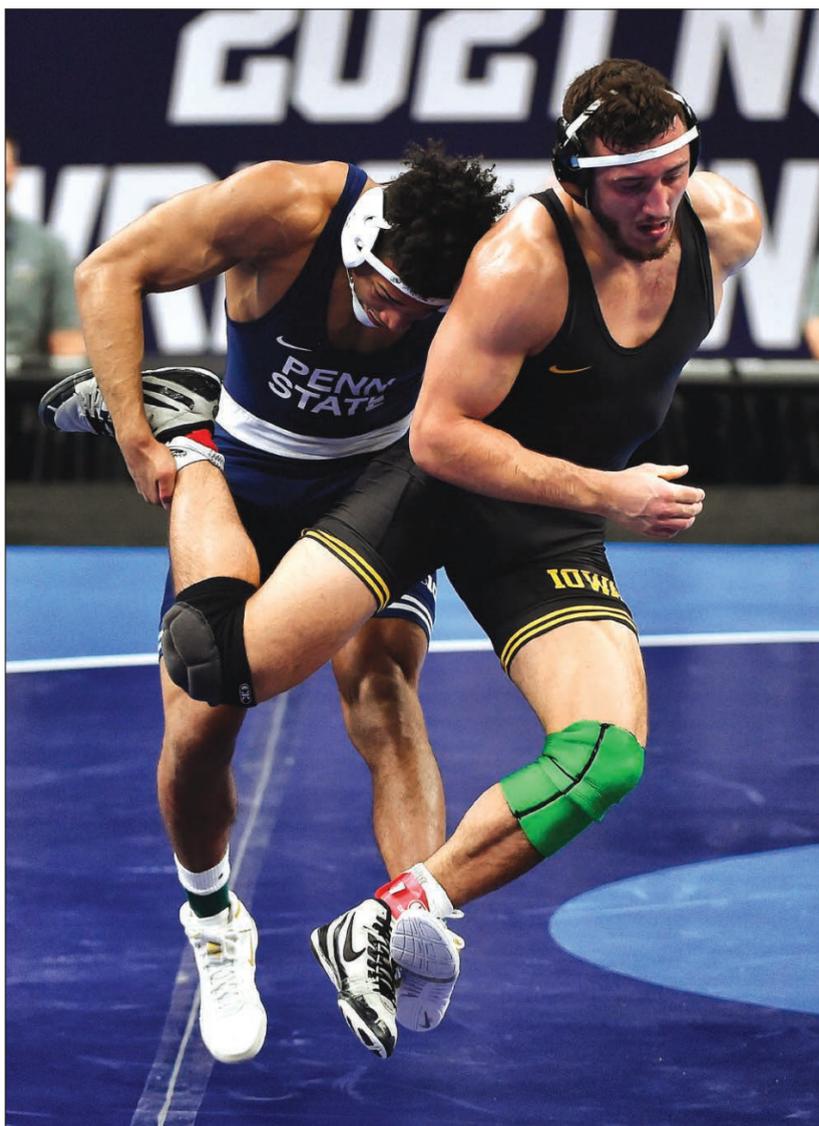
this weekend and in the last 10 years, there was never a doubt that Iowa would return to the top of college wrestling.

"There's never doubt," Brands said. "I mean, this program has never redshirted its best team. This program has put its best team on the mat every year. We will continue to do that. Our fanbase expects it, our administration expects it, our coaching staff expects it. The kids we recruit, those parents expect it, and we want to deliver to those athletes. So, that's important to us."

You got to remember who you're talking to here, as well, is from a competitive aspect, Tom and Terry Brands," Brands continued. "The level of athlete that you're coaching who you recruit. It's Spencer Lee, Michael Kemerer, Alex Marinelli, on and on and on, Tony Cassioppi. Now, with a transfer, Jaydin Eierman. So, we expect to deliver every year."



Jeff Curry-USA TODAY Sports
Iowa Hawkeyes head coach Tom Brands reacts Saturday to a call as his wrestler Jacob Warner wrestles Michigan Wolverines wrestler Myles Amine in third place match of the 197 weight class during the finals of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.



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Penn State Nittany Lions wrestler Carter Starocci wrestles Iowa Hawkeyes wrestler Michael Kemerer in the championship match of the 174 weight class during the finals of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

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A Hawkeye in flight: journey to Antigua

I traveled internationally during one of the worst spikes of the COVID-19 pandemic. The differences between how the United States treats travel compared to other countries was astonishing.

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On the day I boarded my international flight from Pittsburgh to Antigua, there were 155,705 new cases of COVID-19 in the United States.

It was Jan. 25. For almost everyone else at the University of Iowa, it was the first day of a new semester. For me, it was the first day of my new life in a foreign country — a country I would be living in for three months.

And I was terrified. As someone with two rare, genetic conditions, my life hit the pause button hard when COVID-19 began. My first semester was spent working at home and, staring down the barrel of my second semester with COVID-19 cases climbing, I made the choice to move in with my sister in January.

A sister who lives and works in the Caribbean country of Antigua, over 2,000 miles away from home.

At the time of my departure, Antigua, a country of 80,000 people, had a weekly average of two COVID-19 cases and serious restrictions. America had nearly twice as many cases as the entire population of Antigua on the day I left.

Leaving was the clearest and safest decision I could make. The hard part was getting there.

International travel during a pandemic is sticky at best. You need a PCR COVID-19 test, not a rapid response, and at least three to five days for lab results, not including weekends. If you were me, at-risk with two genetic disorders, that stickiness thickened into a syrup.

The morning I left, I looked like a human bubble. A huge

sweatshirt, leggings, and high socks covered my exposed skin. Gloves, a KN95 mask, and snow goggles covered every other point of access. Strapped to my side was a container of hand sanitizer. It was above and beyond what was called for to travel. But with my condition, I wasn't taking any chances.

I had worked retail for six months during the pandemic. I was used to mask-flouters and I suspected it would be bad, but not even I could have guessed how terrifying it was.

People. Everywhere. Few were properly social distanced in lines. Half of them wore masks that didn't cover their noses, including some airport staff, and everyone looked at me like I was some kind of freak in full protective gear. Someone behind me even made a joke that I was a "liberal snowflake."

I blinked back my panic behind my snow goggles and swallowed hard. I was doing what I had to do to keep myself safe — even if no one else believed or saw it. So, with a confidence I didn't have, I walked up to the American Airlines desk, presented my negative COVID-19 test, and sanitized my hands for the first time in a thousand that day.

It is not an exaggeration to say that those 12 hours were the most uncomfortable I had ever been. I couldn't touch anything without sanitizing before and after. After seeing the airport, I was too scared to take my mask off for even a sip of water or granola bar.

For some people, this may not seem so scary. But for me, every cough could risk my life and I was entering a third-world country with little medical support if I contracted the virus in the airport.

So, with the exception of swallowing a bottle of water once on my second flight, I did not take off my mask, eye protection, or go to the bathroom for 12 hours.

At 3 p.m., I landed in Antigua, expecting more chaos. What I got was something else entirely.

Workers in PPE from head to toe, stood at different checkpoints throughout the airport, ensuring social distancing. There were three required hand sanitizing stations before completing customs, a temperature check, and, wildest of all, a video camera that took my picture and recorded who I was before I entered Antigua. From the airport to my car, I did not see a single local without their nose covered.

But most interesting of all was the conversation I had with my cab driver.

It was a 45-minute drive to where I was staying. During that time, I built up a rapport with my driver. When I told him I was American, he laughed.

"No, really," he teased. "You're too nice to be American."

I folded my hands in my lap and asked him what he meant. What he said changed a huge part of my understanding of the pandemic.

COVID-19 isn't an American problem. How America reacts to COVID-19 is an everyone problem. Even here, 2,000 miles away, the locals are feeling the impact of how America treated the pandemic. Sixty percent of Antigua's GDP and 40 percent of its investments come from tourism. The longer the pandemic goes on, the more people here lose their income.

Americans and Donald Trump were mocked as idiotic and incompetent. For most Antiguans, it seems an



Contributed by Rin Swann
Rin Swann, a *Daily Iowan* staffer, stands with her luggage and snow goggles preparing to take a flight to Antigua. She's living in the Caribbean country with her sister to avoid U.S. relaxed COVID-19 restrictions.

obvious choice: wear a mask to fix the economy sooner. No one wants another lockdown.

But for us? The logic isn't the same. The difference between the Antigua and American airports was astonishing. I remembered the carelessness as I arrived, the

liberal snowflake comment, and how the people around me wouldn't pull their masks above their nose.

"I understand," I told him. This was the side of America that caused me to leave. As I got out to the car to enter my two-week total quarantine, I found myself

remembering his words as I scrubbed my body and sanitized my bags.

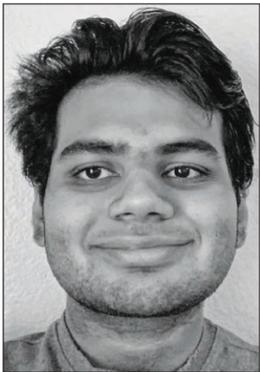
America isn't a bubble. And while the pandemic may be over soon, other countries will not forget how we handled one of the darkest hours in modern times.

I certainly won't.

COLUMN

Iowa should end its nuclear energy drought

The Hawkeye State doesn't have any nuclear plants, but nuclear energy can help Iowa deal with climate change's repercussions.



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Iowa should invest in nuclear energy to combat the harmful effects of climate change.

Currently, there are no operating nuclear power plants in Iowa — the Duane Arnold Energy Center in Palo closed its doors permanently after sustaining damage from the August

derecho. Though, it was already slated for closure in October 2020 because, as Duane Arnold officials told the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, the plant didn't fit Iowa's increasingly wind and solar based energy portfolio. The 600-megawatt plant generated power for 600,000 homes.

It is time that policymakers get serious about aggressively cutting back greenhouse gas emissions using pragmatic solutions, like harnessing nuclear energy.

Climate change is wrecking Iowa's economy as there has been an increase in drought, flooding, and dangerous storms.

In Davenport, flooding has become a major issue. The 2019 flood caused nearly \$30 million in damages as entire sections of the city were underwater.

These "great floods" have become much more com-

mon and global warming is the culprit, as scientists are 90 percent certain that the rising temperatures caused the flood.

Iowa's agricultural industry is also recoiling from climate change.

Just last year, Iowa farmers lost 10 million acres of corn and soybean courtesy of the 2020 derecho.

Experts predict that global warming will change the location of future and magnitude of derechos, meaning that we are going to see a lot more of them coming for Iowa in the future.

Furthermore, an abnormal increase in the amount of droughts these past few summers have damaged a great deal of crops, costing the agricultural industry millions of dollars in potential earnings.

Nuclear energy provides a solution for the problems Iowa is facing.

Officials in the U.S. and Europe have highlighted just how important nuclear power is to ending reliance on fossil fuels.

Nuclear power releases virtually no carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. The entire process, from uranium mining to waste disposal only emits 2-6 grams of carbon dioxide per kilowatt per hour, equivalent to the amount of carbon dioxide produced by wind and solar energy.

Because of its status as a zero-carbon energy source, it is estimated that in Europe, nuclear power plants have prevented 700 million tons of carbon dioxide from entering our atmosphere.

You might think that the aforementioned environmental activists would champion nuclear energy.

On the contrary, they have allowed accidents at Three Mile Island, Fukushima,

and Chernobyl to convince them that nuclear power is dangerous.

They often claim that we do not have a safe way to dispose of dangerously radioactive waste and that a nuclear accident would be devastating to the human race.

But the death rate from nuclear energy is .007 per 27,000, much lower than the death rate from fossil fuels such as coal and oil.

Even Chernobyl, probably the worst recorded nuclear disaster, did not have many negative health risks attached to it.

In a 2008 study conducted by the United Nations, it was found that there were no long-term health consequences to the population exposed to radiation except for a development in thyroid cancers in some individuals who were children at the time of the accident.

Out of 6,500 cases, only 15 died.

As for nuclear waste, scientists have developed a safe way to dispose of it.

For a vast majority of nuclear waste, it is encouraged that the waste be treated underwater for five years and then shipped out to dry storage. For highly radioactive waste, experts say that it is best for it to be stored deep underground.

In fact, the U.S. already has designated the Yucca Mountain in Nevada as a disposal site for all highly radioactive waste that Iowa could send to.

Despite the stigma surrounding it, nuclear power is an efficient energy source. If we are going to prevent climate change from damaging Iowa any further, the state government needs to start building a zero-carbon apparatus that includes nuclear energy.

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Twitch: professors' new teaching tool

University of Iowa professors are using streaming platforms like Twitch and Vimeo to deliver education in creative ways.

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For a year, many University of Iowa professors have taught their classes online instead of in person. Zoom continues to be the most frequently used service for virtual instruction, with the UI logging 2,457,091 meeting minutes in the first week of the fall 2020 semester, but some professors have chosen other platforms.

Some professors have recorded videos on Panopto, known on campus as UI Capture, or YouTube, and uploaded them to their specific ICON courses. But there are now other streaming and recording services professors use in the virtual classroom.

As a UI film professor, Nellie Kluz wanted to make sure her students could learn their material through the best virtual format possible. Learning the art of film requires watching other filmmakers work and how they apply specific concepts in their

pieces. She hosts her discussion sections through Zoom, but she didn't want to deliver lectures over the clunky platform.

For this semester, Kluz is teaching Modes of Film & Video Production, Film Festival, and Business of Film.

After seeing the nonprofit film organization UnionDocs start streaming content for its viewers through Twitch, a popular livestreaming site, Kluz knew that was how she wanted to deliver lectures.

"I was looking for a platform that would allow for strong audio and visual quality to be displayed," Kluz said. "It has extremely good quality and easy-to-use features."

For her first semester of virtual teaching last spring, Kluz uploaded YouTube videos to ICON. She quickly learned she didn't like that method because she couldn't connect with her students. She also noticed that the film clips she used for examples became pixelated and distorted when she uploaded

them to the platform. Kluz said she can share clips easily and at their highest quality through Twitch.

Belle Wickman, a freshman double majoring in cinema and art, is enrolled in Kluz's Modes of Film and Video Production course. The class is Wickman's only course that uses a platform other than Zoom.

"Learning through Twitch is really nice because we do watch a lot of video examples," Wickman said. "The chat feature through ICON allows for everyone to also voice their thoughts without interrupting compared to Zoom where everyone usually is."

Twitch is a public streaming service, meaning that anyone around the world can watch the content. One of Kluz's video lectures once reached over 2,000 viewers, with only 40 of them being her students. Many of these outside viewers showed interest in the topic, but Kluz never engaged with the chat feature. Instead, she uses the

chat feature on ICON to communicate directly with her students in real time to talk about the content and ask questions.

UI film professor Christopher Goetz uploads his weekly lecture videos asynchronously on ICON for his course titled Video Games and Identity. After encountering multiple internet issues with Zoom, he searched for a different platform to educate his students.

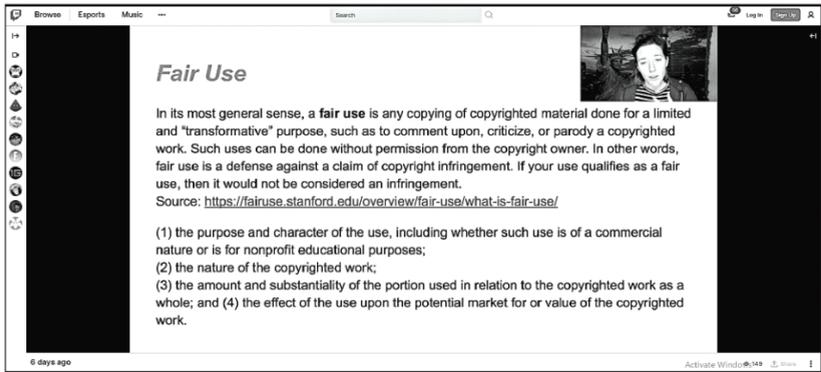
Because of his familiarity with Vimeo, a livestreaming and uploading video platform, he decided to use the service.

"While these lectures can be watched asynchronously, I do host a Zoom session during the assigned time so if a student needs to drop in, they can ask a question," Goetz said. "The students haven't had any problems with the Vimeo videos either."

While there are many bene-

fits to these online platforms, both professors said they are hoping for the connections that are created in the classroom again.

"People have often associated Twitch with only being a video gaming platform, so it appears to be informal or a bit more playful," Kluz said. "However, the platform can be used in a lot of other ways that are still being discovered each day."



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University of Iowa film professor, Nellie Kluz, gives a lecture over Twitch

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Iowa forward Monika Czinano attempts to shoot a basket during the first round of the NCAA women's basketball championship against Central Michigan on Sunday at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

WOMEN'S BBALL

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back pass to Czinano, who converted for a layup and drew a foul to complete the 3-point play.

"My teammates always seem to be in the right spot at the right time," Clark said. "And they know that they can get the ball whenever, maybe I won't even be looking at them. I think our offense sets up a lot of situations off of ball screens, or just drives and pitches, that put me in good positions to get passes out to my teammates and they do a great job with finishing them."

Although Iowa ranks second in the nation in scoring, the Hawkeyes rank 336th out of 336 teams in Division I Women's Basketball in defensive scoring, allowing an aver-

age of 80.5 points per game.

But the Hawkeyes switched up their defense against Central Michigan and held the Chippewas to 72 points.

"Defensively, all year long it's not been our strength," Bluder said. "We've been known for our offense. Today we played a lot of player-to-player defense. In fact, the whole entire game, which is unusual for us, we typically mix things up. But I felt like with Central Michigan, and how well they shoot the ball, we had to get out and guard on the 3-pointer."

With the win, the Hawkeyes advance to the round of 32 to take on No. 4 Kentucky on Tuesday. The game time and TV information have not been released yet.

"It's just a dream come true to be out here and playing in the NCAA Tournament," Clark said. "And it was really fun to get the win with my team."

MEN'S BBALL

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be key in controlling the tempo against seventh-seeded Oregon (20-6), a team that won the

To not advance, in likely the last season as Hawkeyes for all three of those players, would be a sour end to a standout season for the program.

Saturday's game between Iowa and Oregon is scheduled to

“Oregon's another opponent in our way that's an obstacle we have to get through.

— Iowa senior point guard Jordan Bohannon

Pac-12 regular-season title. The Ducks automatically advanced to the second round after their first-round opponent — VCU — could not compete because of positive COVID-19 tests within its program.

Getting to the second weekend — and beyond — is why Garza returned to the Hawkeyes for his senior season. It's why Bohannon went through two hip surgeries and came back for a fifth season. It's why Joe Wiskamp stayed in school.

tip off at 11:10 a.m. CST at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse and will air on CBS. In many ways, it may be Iowa's biggest game of the McCaffery era.

And if the Hawkeyes win, the games will only get bigger after that.

"Heading into this tournament, we put ourselves in a great position to make a run," Bohannon said. "Oregon's another opponent in our way that's an obstacle we have to get through."



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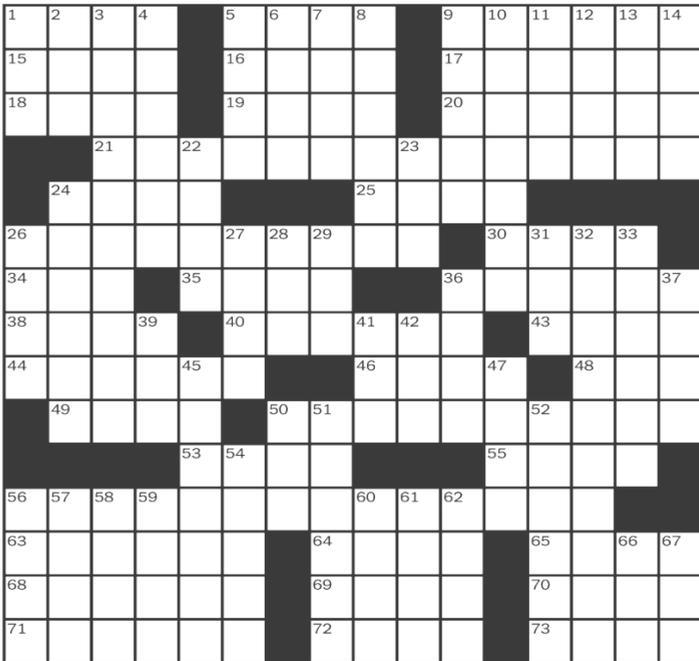
Grand Canyon Antelopes guard Jovan Blacksher Jr. (10) faces Iowa Hawkeyes guard Jordan Bohannon (3) during the first round of the 2021 NCAA Tournament at Indiana Farmers Coliseum Saturday in Indianapolis, Ind.

The Daily Break

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 2

The New York Times Crossword

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- 28 Curly hairstyle, for short
- 29 1099-__ (bank-issued tax form)
- 31 Plenty steamed
- 32 Stuck, with no way out
- 33 Sums
- 36 Orchard fruit
- 37 Identify
- 39 ___-mo
- 41 Howard's best friend on "The Big Bang Theory"
- 42 "Green" prefix
- 45 Rattle
- 47 "What ___ be done?"
- 50 Founder of Communist China
- 51 Made smile
- 52 Basketball players, quaintly
- 54 "You got that right!"
- 56 Legal order
- 57 Sharpen
- 58 ___ Verde (locale of San Juan's airport)
- 59 Tourist town in northern New Mexico
- 60 By oneself
- 61 "If all ___ fails ..."
- 62 Letter starter
- 66 Prez with the pooch Heidi
- 67 Saucer go-with

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Across

- 1 Dance at a Jewish wedding
- 5 Chemical that burns
- 9 Chevrolet muscle car
- 15 Home of Waikiki Beach
- 16 Capital of Italia
- 17 Brought (in), as a fish
- 18 Vittles
- 19 "What ___ goes!" (parent's pronunciation)
- 20 Task to "run"
- 21 "Rush Hour" and "21 Jump Street" [Clinton]
- 24 Handle with ___
- 25 Friends' opposite
- 26 TV deputy of Mayberry [Bush 43]
- 30 Leave out
- 34 Kind of port on a computer, in brief
- 35 Zig or zag
- 36 Anticipate
- 38 Dines
- 40 The Buddha is often depicted meditating under it [Obama]
- 43 Numerical information
- 44 Windsurfing locale NE of Honolulu
- 46 "Superfruit" berry
- 48 Cousin of "Kapow!"
- 49 Boxer Spinks who upset Muhammad Ali
- 50 C-D-E-F-G-A-B-C, e.g. [Biden]
- 53 Linguist Chomsky
- 55 Small amounts
- 56 What the starts of 21-, 26-, 40- and 50-Across are, for the presidents in their clues
- 63 Prayer beads

- 64 Shoe bottom
- 65 More than magnificent
- 68 Smitten
- 69 ___ of Arendelle (Disney queen)
- 70 Device that makes a TV "smart"
- 71 Combs to add volume, as a stylist might
- 72 Not the passive sort
- 73 Part of a stairway

Down

- 1 Go ___-wild
- 2 Means of propelling a boat
- 3 Baked dessert made with tart red stalks (and loads of sugar)
- 4 University that's also a color
- 5 Really dry
- 6 Cloth used to cover a teapot, to Brits
- 7 Apple on a desktop
- 8 Respite from work
- 9 ___ brûlée (French custard)
- 10 Spray can mist
- 11 ___ Griffin Enterprises
- 12 Jai ___
- 13 Actress Russo
- 14 Probability
- 22 Mosquito repellent ingredient
- 23 Author Edgar Allan ___
- 24 Like Friday attire in some offices
- 26 Play music in the subway, perhaps
- 27 Rhyming title character who plays the tuba in Cuba, in a Rudy Vallee song

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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, N.J., on March 8, 2020. 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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The Hawkeyes would have to wait another year before winning the program's 24th title and their first since 2010. And Lee's hopes of becoming the program's first four-time champ seemed crushed. He couldn't win four if he didn't have the opportunity to compete for four.

Upon hearing the news of the canceled 2020 championships, Lee's first thoughts were not about himself losing the opportunity to win an individual title, but rather about being concerned for the seniors who would not get the chance to experience winning a national championship.

"When Spencer committed to Iowa, he told me he wanted two things," Larry Lee, Spencer's dad, said in February. "He wanted to win four national titles, and he wanted to make sure Iowa was back on top of the wrestling world. He wanted them to win a team title. Those were his two goals when he picked Iowa."

"So, he had a team goal, along with that individual goal, and that individual goal means a lot to him. He wants Iowa to win a team title, bad. Matter of fact I bet you if he had to pick one over the other, he would pick the team title over the individual," Larry Lee continued.

The NCAA granted all winter sports athletes an additional year of eligibility in October, no matter how much they competed this winter season. That gave Lee the opportunity to win what would be a coveted fourth national championship.

But first, he had to win his third.

Before being named a three-time champion Saturday night, Iowa clinched its national championship Saturday afternoon in the medal round. Iowa finished with 129 points — 15.5 points higher than second-place Penn State.

The Hawkeyes had a wrestler qualify for each of the 10 weight classes for the 2021 NCAA Championships and finished with seven All-Americans. Lee was Iowa's only individual champion at this year's tournament, and his seven-point margin of victory in the finals was the largest of any finals match.

Iowa's medical staff was shocked that he could do anything on the mat.

"You gotta win no matter what is wrong with you," Lee said. "No matter what is going on. That's what defines champions."

Brands, elated to see his team win the program's 24th national championship and his fourth as Iowa coach, acknowledged Lee's significance to the team.

Lee is Iowa's first three-time national champion since Joe Williams in 1998.

"You can never overstate his importance," Brands said. "It's certainly as a spark plug, as an ignitor, but it's way more than that."

This isn't the first time Lee won a national championship with an ACL tear. Lee tore his right ACL in high school, then in 2019 he re-injured it in the second period of his national finals match, which he also won via shut-out.

Lee's devotion to help make Iowa the team that it is now came before his first match in a Hawkeye singlet.

The Murrysville, Pennsylvania, native could have gone to his home state university, Penn State, where he knew many of the wrestlers. But Lee chose Iowa not because it was the easy choice, but because he believed it was the right one. Lee's father said the UI remained the best place for his son to win four NCAA titles and an

ever since the cancellation, staying ready for whenever a season would take place amid the pandemic. And he has known for most of his life that he wanted to be an outstanding wrestler.

As he was returning from his final football game in sixth grade, Lee prepared to tell his dad the three sports he wanted to play moving forward.

"Three?" Larry Lee thought to himself.

For a kid who said he loved

“You gotta win no matter what is wrong with you. No matter what is going on. That's what defines champions.”

— Spencer Lee, three-time NCAA individual champion

wrestling at around 8 or 9 years old and had Olympic aspirations by age 10, Larry Lee says he was caught off guard by his son's comment — at least initially.

"I was really shocked," Larry Lee said. "I was like, three sports? All right, this is a kid that said he's always wanted to focus on wrestling. 'Are you sure? What three sports are they going to be?' He said

season, the 125-pounder won the Dan Hodge Trophy, the wrestling equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

Lee was presented the trophy on Jan. 5 at Kinnick Stadium in front of family, coaches, and media at the McCord Indoor Club Level while the field outside was covered in snow. Still, after the championships were canceled the previous spring, accepting the trophy, which honors the top collegiate wrestler in the country,

he's for real."

Lee, a sport and recreation management major, has developed a good relationship with the university, especially with UI President Bruce Harreld. That unusual friendship began after Larry Lee emailed Harreld during Lee's freshman season requesting Lee having a car near Hillcrest Hall to avoid getting frostbite on the way to practice at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

After winning his first national championship in March 2018, Lee met Harreld at the Old Capitol for about 30 minutes and made a connection with him. That led to a skit-interview with Harreld about his mindset on his wrestling success, a video which featured the pair conversing on a CMBUS and at Bread Garden Market in downtown Iowa City.

Harreld announced his retirement in October, and the UI is in the process of appointing his successor, but Lee said he would win a national team championship for Harreld before he left. Mission accomplished.

Lee energized the Hawkeyes in 2021 to be NCAA champions by at-

regular season matches, Lee didn't allow a single point. Somehow, he improved even from his Hodge Trophy season.

The last match Lee lost collegiately was in the 2019 Big Ten Championships against Sebastian Rivera, who was with Northwestern at the time. Lee entered the third period of that match up 3-0 but gave up four consecutive points to Rivera before forcing the match into sudden victory with riding time. Rivera won by a takedown with 18 seconds left.

Since then, Lee has won 35 consecutive matches — including two Big Ten titles — by heading into every match to score points.

In those 35 matches, Lee has earned 10 falls, 13 technical falls, and six major decisions — and let's not forget the time Minnesota forfeited against Lee in 2020 when the wrestler who was supposed to face him was hurt.

Lee's outstanding performance — the way his teammates see it — is science fiction.

"He's very unique," teammate and 165-pounder Alex Marinelli said of Lee, who he also described as easygoing and a video game fan. "We call him Yoda because he can do things with his opponent that is just inhuman, and he just kind of uses the force and turns guys and pins them and [technical fall] them within the first period."

When Lee won his first national championship in Cleveland in March 2018, he pointed to and made eye contact with his parents after the referee raised his hand. He said to his parents afterward that he made the gesture because he would not have been there without them and the sacrifices they made for him to get to that stage.

Even with no left ACL, Lee is still focused on competing at the Olympic Trials on April 2-3 in another step to achieving another one of his goals — winning Olympic gold.

Then after that, Lee will be back in a Hawkeye singlet next season, chasing the goal that's stood in front of him as soon as he made it to Iowa City: winning a fourth national championship.

"I go out there and wrestle my hardest and I score points for seven minutes or more if needed," Lee said. "I won three [titles], awesome. Good for me. We won the team title, awesome. That's what we came here to do. This is what I wanted and this is what I've been training for my whole life."

"Now we worry about what's next. That's all that matters."



Iowa's 125-pound Spencer Lee wrestles Virginia's Jack Mueller during the final session of the 2019 NCAA DI Wrestling Championships at PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 23, 2019. Lee won by decision, 5-0, and defended his national title.

Olympic gold medal.

It wasn't just Lee by himself in his mission to bring Iowa a national championship.

From last season's cancellation until now, the Hawkeyes have been ready for the chance to raise the national championship trophy.

Lee has been preparing

'freestyle, Greco, and folkstyle.' So, I just laughed and said 'OK.' And that's exactly what he did."

Now as a four-time All-American and three-time national champion for the Hawkeyes, the word to best describe Lee is "dominance."

Why? Let's start with his performance on the mat. After going 18-0 in the 2019-20

ing to win it next year, win the national title, earn it this time in my mind."

It appears after dominating the 2021 season that Lee will be awarded with another Hodge Trophy.

"Unofficially, you're probably looking at a two-time Hodge Trophy winner," Brands said Saturday. "When it's time to show up,

tempting to use every second to his advantage.

At the team's first dual of the season against Nebraska, it took a mere 81 seconds for Lee to pin his opponent, Liam Cronin.

It took Lee longer to pin his other three opponents in the regular season, but a fall is a fall, and they were all in the first period. In all his

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NO EXCUSES

Eight days after tearing the ACL in his left knee, Spencer Lee did what he didn't have the opportunity to do last year — win a national title.



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Iowa Hawkeye wrestler Spencer Lee is introduced Saturday prior to the championship match of the 125 weight class against Arizona State Sun Devils wrestler Brandon Courtney during the finals of the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships at Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo.

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Spencer Lee isn't a fan of excuses. But if the Iowa wrestling program's 125-pounder used one over the weekend, nobody could have blamed him.

Eight days before Lee defeated Arizona State's Brandon Courtney on Saturday to win his third consecutive NCAA championship, the senior tore the ACL in his left knee. Lee wrestled five matches in a three-day span on one functional leg.

"I didn't want to tell anyone because F excuses," Lee said after his final match when he revealed what he had to go through to win. "Excuses are for wusses. That was a tough tournament for me. I could barely wrestle. I could barely shoot. I can't sprawl. I believed in my coaching staff and everyone that believed in me and here I am so here you guys

go." Though it was clear he had some type of injury when wrestling in St. Louis Thursday through Saturday with braces on each leg, his dominant stance was not lost at the Enterprise Center.

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— Spencer Lee

With that considered — actually even without that considered — Lee dominated on the mat in St. Louis, outscoring his opponents, 59-8, and winning his final match, 7-0, against Courtney right before Iowa was presented with the 2021

NCAA Champions trophy. The trophy presentation, and his third individual title, were over a year in the making for Lee.

When Lee joined the Iowa wrestling program, one of his goals was becoming a four-time individual national champion. But while Lee was on his way to third title in March 2020, COVID-19, at the time, made that goal unattainable.

On March 12 of last year, exactly one week before the 2020 NCAA Championships were supposed to start, Lee and the Hawkeyes learned while practicing in the wrestling room in Iowa City that the championships were canceled. Director of wrestling operations Moriah Marinelli walked into the room to hand coach Tom Brands a memo saying sports were off for the foreseeable future — a day after the NBA suspended its season.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES Women's swimming finishes season

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team officially wrapped up its season at the NCAA Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina. The meet started on Wednesday and ran through Saturday night.

The Hawkeyes had three swimmers and one diver qualify for the meet. Freshman Alyssa Graves, sophomore Malory Jump, and senior Kelsey Drake represented the swim team, while junior Samantha Tamborski was the team's lone diver.

This was the first time competing at the NCAA Championships for any of the swimmers. Jump and Graves received their first NCAA bids this season, while Drake qualified a year ago couldn't compete because of COVID-19.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This isn't automatic. This was earned."



—Head wrestling coach Tom Brands after winning the 2021 national championships

STAT OF THE DAY

Brands has won

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National championships as head coach at Iowa

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No experience, no problem

The Hawkeyes, with only one upperclassman in their starting lineup, took down Central Michigan, 87-72, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark does a layup during the first round of the NCAA women's basketball championship against Central Michigan on Sunday at Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

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SAN ANTONIO — Despite the Hawkeyes' lack of seasoned tournament veterans, it was no problem for the Iowa women's basketball team to advance from the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Sunday.

Combined, the team had only about 14 minutes of playing time in the national tournament before Sunday, and junior center Monika Czinano was the only Hawkeye in the starting five who had experience in the NCAA Tournament.

Despite the inexperience, fifth-seeded Iowa defeated No. 12 seed Central Michigan, 87-72, to advance to the round of 32 on Tuesday.

"We know we're a young team," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "And we've been a young team all year long. So, for us, truly we're not worried about NCAA experience, because nobody had any NCAA experience last year ... there were no nerves, it was truly excite-

ment to be a part of this tournament, to be able to play today, and to be playing in March."

After a slow start to the first quarter, Iowa took the lead with just under four minutes left in the first quarter. After that, the Hawkeyes never trailed again.

Four Hawkeyes ended the day in double figures. Both freshman Caitlin Clark and Czinano had 23 points in the game, and sophomore guard Kate Martin and forward McKenna Warnock tallied 13 points each.

Warnock also grabbed 10 rebounds for her third consecutive double-double.

"I always say, I think we do our best when we have multiple people in double figures," freshman point guard Caitlin Clark said. "And that's exactly what we had tonight. I think we can always clean up our defense, so that's something we can work on and improve."

At the end of the game, Clark threw a behind-the-

— Head coach Lisa Bluder

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sweet 16 in reach

The Iowa men's basketball team is one win away from advancing to the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Only one win stands in the way of the Iowa men's basketball team getting back to a place it hasn't been in more than two decades.

The winner of Monday's Iowa-Oregon matchup in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament's Round of 32 will determine who moves on to the Sweet 16, and who goes home. Lately, in the second round of the tournament, the Hawkeyes have ended up in the latter category.

This year's No. 2-seeded Hawkeyes are ready to end that trend.

"This is what we signed up for," Iowa's senior point guard Jordan Bohannon said. "We wanted to have a chance to make a deep run in this tournament. [Monday] is another opportunity for us to do that."

Iowa has not been to the Sweet 16 since 1999. The program is 0-3 in the Round of 32 in Fran McCaffery's 11-year tenure as coach and the last time the Hawkeyes made it this far, they lost to No. 2 seed Tennessee in overtime as a No. 10 seed.

Unlike that loss, and every other second round tournament game under McCaffery, the Hawkeyes are the favorites to advance this time.

In its 2019 tournament loss to Tennessee, Iowa trailed by as many as 25 points before eventually sending the game to overtime. The team's slow start in that game has stuck with senior center Luka Garza.

"It was a memorable moment in terms of the pain afterward, almost getting [to the Sweet 16]," Garza said. "That stuck in my head since that moment."

"We didn't come out as well as we wanted to in that game. We got off to a slow start, went down 25. For us, the biggest thing is to be ready for the moment as soon as the tip comes. Not to be a little slow to start. We can't afford to do that, especially against a great team like Oregon. We don't want to be battling back."

Iowa (22-8 overall) used an 11-2 run against Grand Canyon on Saturday to jump to an early lead, which it kept throughout its tournament-opening win.

Replicating that success, as Garza mentioned, will

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