

Wilson 'all in'

Barbara Wilson will be the third woman to serve as the top Hawkeye. The state Board of Regents voted to select her Friday.



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The next University of Iowa President Barbara Wilson addresses reporters in the Levitt Center for University Advancement on Friday. Wilson will be the 22nd president of the University of Iowa, moving from her position as the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs for the University of Illinois system.

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Barbara Wilson is eager to start meeting with students, faculty, and staff as the next University of Iowa president, she told reporters and search committee members. Her credentials as a two-decade academic and lengthy administrative résumé stand in contrast to her predecessor, current UI President Bruce Harreld, who was selected in 2015 for

his experience in the business sector and reputation for building positive cultures.

The state Board of Regents voted on Friday afternoon to select Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Illinois System, for an initial term beginning July 15 and ending June 30, 2026. Her annual salary will be \$600,000. She'll receive a 5-year deferred compensation package with \$400,000 contribut-

ed annually.

During a Friday afternoon press conference, Wilson said she plans to spend her first year as president building relationships. And aided by her extensive background in higher education, she'll be able to hit the ground running in full force, she added.

"I'm eager to meet with faculty of staff and the range of students here — both

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SEASON'S TWEETINGS



A birdhouse sits on a fence near the Iowa City river on Sunday. Outside the Ashton House, a trail follows the springtime bloom and includes multiple structures for birds.

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'Bye Bye' Bruce Harreld

After a new University of Iowa president was announced on Friday, student groups gathered to send off current President Bruce Harreld, whose last day is May 16, and set demands for the incoming president.



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The Iowa Freedom Riders, Iowa Student Action, Sunrise Iowa City Hub, the Coalition of Graduate Students, and community members gather around the house of Iowa City Board of Regents member David Barker. Activists held a rally that began on the Pentacrest to celebrate the departure of University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld on Friday.

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With the selection of a new head Hawkeye, University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld's six-year tenure is drawing to a close May 16. Some student groups at odds with the current occupant of Jessup Hall recently said their farewells.

Four activist groups in the University of Iowa and Io-

wa City community hosted a "Bye Bye Bruce" event on Friday to celebrate current UI President Bruce Harreld's departure and demand that newly selected president Barbara Wilson acknowledge and implement policies advocated for by progressive student groups.

The march, which began just after the state Board of Regents voted unanimously to select University of Illi-

nois System's Barbara Wilson as the next head Hawkeye, drew a crowd of roughly 75 attendees at the Old Capitol Building.

The four groups — Iowa Student Action, Iowa Freedom Riders, Coalition of Graduate Students, and Sunrise Iowa City Hub — also included their six demands for the newly selected Wilson.

Wilson, currently the executive vice president and

vice president for academic affairs of the University of Illinois System, was named the next president of the UI on Friday afternoon. Wilson's term will begin July 15, and go until June 30, 2026, with an annual salary of \$600,000.

The groups' six demands include defunding the UI Police Department, implementing a \$15 minimum wage for all campus employees, becoming carbon neutral by 2030, freezing tuition, keeping the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement off campus, and providing benefits for all workers.

"Our school, our city, our power," attendees chanted, wanting to raise the voices of UI students and staff in decision making at the university.

The rally marked an exit for Harreld, whose last day is May 16. Harreld came to campus as an academic outsider in 2015, and the search ended in sanctions placed on the UI targeted at the regents for the handling of the search — namely violating shared-governance practices by disbanding the search committee early.

From a rocky start, Harreld built relationships with shared-governance leaders throughout his tenure, leaders told the *DI*, though still endured his fair share of protests.

This summer, racial justice protesters marched to



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An attendee writes with chalk on the street as local activist groups gather around the house of Iowa City Board of Regents member David Barker, part of a rally celebrating the departure of University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld on Friday.

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The Iowa Freedom Riders, Iowa Student Action, Sunrise Iowa City Hub, the Coalition of Graduate Students, and community members gather around the house of Iowa City Board of Regents member David Barker on Friday.

Harreld's house and faculty protested for better sick leave and better treatment of non-tenure-track faculty.

At a meeting on April 29, the regents recognized the outgoing head Hawkeye for establishing the public/private partnership between the UI and a private energy conglomerate for operations of the campus' utilities system.

Each of the four finalists' busy schedules did not include a sit down with the current president, but Bruce and Mary Harreld hosted Wilson for lunch.

The event Friday involved several students and staff members sharing their experiences at the UI, both positive and negative, while advocating for their six demands to be met.

UI first-year student Abinadi Rivera recalled when UI Police Department officers were among law-enforcement agencies that tear gassed protesters in June 2020 as a reason for why she thinks the university police department

should be defunded.

The event organizers also called for the regents to acknowledge their demands and actively listen to student voices.

"Our community is so much bigger than nine people," Rivera said, referencing the nine-member Board of Regents.

An hour after the event began, at 5:30 p.m., the group began marching from the Pentacrest toward Regent David Barker's residence.

The 30-minute walk ended with the group gathering outside of Barker's residence, chanting his name, and asking him to come outside and acknowledge the list of demands.

Organizers and supporters wrote chalk messages on the sidewalk and street in front of his house, listing their demands and advocating for change at the UI.

The event lasted just shy of two hours and ending at 6:20 p.m., with organizers leaving the group with a reminder.

"This is just the beginning."



My cup is not my consent

Using alcohol to get sex is sexual assault



WILSON

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undergraduate and graduate and professional and all the people affiliated with the people of Iowa City," she said. "I want to meet with people who love this place as much as I'm going to learn to love it as well. And meetings with donors and alums around the state, legislators. That'll take me a couple months — I hope I lay my head down every day and I'm exhausted from meeting people."

Wilson was the most popular of the four finalists in campus feedback reports, aligning with the regents' choice.

Sixty-one percent of respondents who sent in feedback to the Board of Regents over the three-week forum and evaluation process said they strongly agreed that they would support Wilson as the next president of the UI, and another 18 percent agreed — the highest proportion of any of the four finalists.

Positive themes identified in feedback for Wilson included her senior-level academic experience, crisis-management skills, and experience in the Big Ten.

"I'm all in, and I'm excited to be here, and I'll be cheering along with everybody for the great virtues and fortunes of this university, so count me in," Wilson said Friday.

During Wilson's forum on April 15, she called the UI presidency "a dream job." She has served as the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Illinois system since 2016.

Wilson has a lengthy résumé in academia and higher education and touted it during her public forum as a reason she is the optimal candidate for the UI presidency. In her current position, Wilson oversees a three-university, roughly 90,000-student, and 6,000-faculty system, as

second in command.

Wilson is the third woman to be the head Hawkeye, following in the footsteps of Sally Kay Mason — who served from 2007 to 2015 — and Mary Sue Coleman — who served from 1999 until 2002.

During her press conference, Wilson said she will approach diversity, equity, and inclusion by educating about lived experiences and "opening people's hearts."

"We've been really careful about that, at my previous institution, thinking about concrete kinds of activities we can engage in, and the more people we get involved in those activities, the better off we're going to be," she said. "I'm eager to learn about what the issues are here and what kind of commitments have been made — I think there's things we can do immediately and things that will take longer."

Wilson said she was nominated for the top Iowa position by several of her colleagues.

"I didn't apply right away because I needed to learn a little bit about the position and make sure it was a great fit for me, but as soon as I figured that out, I put my application in and the process started," she said.

During her April 15 public forum, she emphasized that if she were selected as president, she would focus on forming teams composed of students and work to elevate women and faculty of color to more leadership positions.

"I love meeting with students," Wilson said at the forum. "I had monthly lunch meetings with student leaders from the Greek system, international students, students working on sexual violence prevention, and I think that any leader of an organization like this has to have students in his or her ears all the time, because that's what we're about. We're about students."

It was answers like these

that made Undergraduate Student Government President Regan Smock trust Wilson. Smock previously told *The Daily Iowan* that Wilson was the most impressive of the candidates who had come to campus.

In an interview on Friday, Smock said she had hoped the regents would choose Wilson because of her experience working with students.

"I was a little anxious, but secretly really hoping that she would be the pick," Smock said. "Because I think that she will build a great relationship with student government and have some experience to do some really big things and change in ways that I think the universe really needs to, so I'm super excited."

Smock said she hopes Wilson works to build trust with students on campus, which she said she believes has been eroded under Harreld's leadership.

"Questions that came up multiple times for every candidate in our student listening sessions were, 'How are you building that trust?' because that relationship right now is damaged," she said. "There's a lot of people who are going to really struggle with trusting that this person has the best intentions, because I don't think that they've felt that way in recent times."

Colleagues and students of Wilson's at the University of Illinois System told the *DI* in interviews leading up to her selection that she is a strong leader who embraces connection building in higher education.

Wilson earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison between 1979 and 1985, where she focused on journalism and communication arts. Her research expertise included the social and psychological effects of the media, particularly in children and



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Incoming University of Iowa President Barbara Wilson addresses the audience during the second UI presidential forum in the Levitt Center for University Advancement on April 15.

young people.

As the 22nd president of the UI, Wilson will oversee 31,730 students, 25,287 employees, a sprawling health care system, and a reputation as a writing university, as she prepares to take up office in Jessup Hall over the summer.

John Keller, outgoing dean of the UI graduate college, will serve as interim president after May 16, when Harreld will leave the position.

The search that found Harreld as president ended in controversy, after the regents picked a business executive with no academic administrative experience to take the UI from "great to greater." He was rated as the least qualified for the position among faculty, and the regents disbanded the search committee early, earning since-lifted sanctions by the American Association of University Professors. In the years since, Harreld worked to establish better relationships with shared-governance groups throughout his tenure, leaders previously told the *DI*.

Following the unanimous vote for her presidency by the nine regents, Wilson thanked the nine-member board and said she knows she will have a great working relationship with them. She also thanked the search committee for their hard work.

"I am excited, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves," she said. "... I'm really delighted, this is such a great honor, and it will be fun. We're going to make the University of Iowa as good as it can be, and even better."

According to the regents' report, feedback identified few weaknesses for Wilson's candidacy, aside from being a more traditional academic leader.

Loren Glass, president of the UI chapter of the Amer-

ican Association of University Professors, said he thinks Wilson was the most qualified candidate.

"In terms of readiness for the position — she said she'd hit the ground running and I think she is someone who's ready to do that," Glass said. "She's worked in a system that is comparable in size and composition. I'm really excited."

Glass said he was impressed with the quality of the search process. Other

finalists were Penn State College of Law Dean Hari Osofsky, Georgia State Provost Wendy Hensel, and University of Iowa College of Education Dean Daniel Clay.

"I think that the search was handled professionally, transparently, ethically. It's great to see that after the fiasco of the prior one," he said.

Eleanor Hildebrandt and Rachel Schilke contributed to this report.

Former UI Presidents

- **Bruce Harreld, 2015-2021**
- **Sally Kay Mason, 2007-2015**
- **David Jan Skorton, 2003-2006**
- **Mary Sue Coleman, 1995-2002**
- **Hunter Ripley Rawlings III, 1988-1995**
- **James Oliver Freedman, 1982-1987**
- **Willard Lee 'Sandy' Boyd, 1969-1981**
- **Howard Rothmann Bowen, 1964-1969**
- **Virgil Melvin Hancher, 1940-1964**
- **Eugene Allen Gilmore, 1934-1940**
- **Walter Albert Jessup, 1916-1934**
- **Thomas Huston Macbride, 1914-1916**
- **John Gabbert Bowman, 1911-1914**
- **George Edwin MacLean, 1899-1911**
- **Charles Ashmead Schaeffer, 1887-1898**
- **George Thacher, 1871-1877**
- **James Black, 1868-1870**
- **Oliver M. Spencer, 1862-1867**
- **Silas Totten, 1859-1862**
- **Amos Dean, 1855-1859**

Who didn't get the job?



Penn State Law Dean and Dean of the School of International Affairs Hari Osofsky



Georgia State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Wendy Hensel



University of Iowa College of Education Dean Daniel Clay

Presidential applicants not asked to list identities

The University of Iowa Presidential Search Committee could not ask questions relating to a candidate's race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability, health, age, or familial status during the search process to find the UI's next top leader.

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Unlike the 2015 University of Iowa presidential search, which featured four men, three of the four finalists for current President Bruce Harreld's successor were women. The state Board of Regents selected University of Illinois System second-in-command Barbara Wilson to be the 22nd president, the third woman to hold that position.

Some University of Iowa community members ahead of the selection lamented the lack of people of color among the four finalists. However, the UI Presidential Search Committee did not request information about the candidates' identity in efforts to diversify the candi-

date pool for the UI presidential search.

Co-chair of the UI Presidential Search Committee Sandy Daack Hirsch wrote to *The Daily Iowan* that the committee did not know the complete status of any of the presidential applicants, including the four finalists.

"It would be wrong for us to include or exclude anyone in our pool," Daack-Hirsch wrote. "However, we understand that this can be challenging when we want the pool to represent all of the wonderful ways in which people are diverse."

UI Presidential Search Committee co-chair John Keller said presidential searches adapt to meet the current thinking at the UI, in academics, and in society.

"The campus in people's mindsets and thinking about these things change over time," Keller said. "I would certainly imagine that the job description and leadership attribute that was put in place for when Mary Sue Coleman was applying for the President's job back in '95 would be much different than they are now."

The UI Presidential Search Committee could not ask, directly or indirectly, questions that relate to race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability, health, age, familial status, or any other particular as described in the UI's non-discrimination statement, Daack-Hirsch wrote in an email to the *DI*.

Josh Lehman, the regents' senior communications director, wrote in an email to the *DI* that AGB Search, the firm that was hired to assist the committee and the regents with the recruitment of candidates, has a strong history of helping in the hiring outstanding university presidents.

"We are very pleased with AGB's efforts to recruit as diverse a pool of candidates as possible and are extremely happy with the quality of the candidates that applied," Lehman wrote.

"The Presidential Committee was hired to work with AGB because of their 50 percent

placement rate for women and people of color into presidential and chief executive offices," Daack-Hirsch wrote. "The Presidential Search Committee and partners advertised the position to a diverse and wide spectrum of places where potential candidates can have access."

Daack-Hirsch wrote that AGB Search communicated directly with more than 2,900 people about this search, with leaders and members of more than 20 higher-education organizations, and posted the presidential leadership profile at venues including:

- Academic Diversity Search, Inc
- Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Jobs
- Hispanic Outlook on Education
- Journal of Blacks in Higher Education
- LGBTQ Presidents in Higher Education
- Tribal College Journal
- Professional Diversity Network/Asian Career Network



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The Old Capitol building is seen on March 6.

Opinions

EDITORIAL

Barbara Wilson best choice to steer Hawkeye institution

University of Illinois System's executive vice president, Barbara Wilson, will take the helm as the next University of Iowa president July 15. Wilson is an excellent choice, and the Board urges Wilson to stick to her student-focused mission, even when the going gets tough.

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The University of Iowa's future looks bright after the state Board of Regents selected Barbara Wilson as the 22nd president of our 31,000-student institution.

Wilson, currently the University of Illinois System's executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, was one of the two candidates that the DI Editorial Board wrote would be excellent picks as the next head Hawkeye. We are excited with the regents' selection and can't wait to see the path the university will take under her leadership. The board urges Wilson to stick to her meet-people, student-focused goals she outlined in her forum.

It's no secret that she will face a number of headwinds entering this position: financial struggles, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and reforming campus security, to name a few. But her lengthy résumé in academic administration and emphasis on building connections with campus stakeholders is what we hope will enable her to successfully lead the institution.

During her public forum on April 15, Wilson highlighted that she would include students and shared governance

leaders in decision-making that is transparent and productive. Her work at the University of Illinois System — including regularly meeting with student leaders and creating stricter sexual misconduct guidelines — exhibits the potential she has to make a positive impact as a leader of the UI.

At a time where some students feel their voices are going unheard by the current administration in Jessup Hall, as highlighted when four University of Iowa and Iowa City community activist groups hosted a "Bye Bye Bruce" event, it has never been more important for the next leader to improve relationships. The endorsement from her colleagues and Iowa campus leaders, shows she can bridge the gap between administration and students.

In answering questions from reporters on Friday, Wilson focused on students as the nucleus of the university's mission. Wilson stressed that she wanted to raise graduation rates and cut down on the time students needed to graduate. She told reporters she wanted to return to a position that focused more on students than her current, more outward-facing role as executive vice president of a three-university system allows.

It was sentiment reiterated

from her public forum.

"I love meeting with students," Wilson said at the forum. "I had monthly lunch meetings with student leaders from the Greek system, international students, students working on sexual violence prevention, and I think that any leader of an organization like this has to have students in his or her ears all the time, because that's what we're about. We're about students."

Wilson also focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion as priority during her forum. Part of her initiatives at the University of Illinois System in these efforts was retainment and recruitment of faculty and creating an environment for diverse instructors. During her forum, she said that she plans on surrounding herself with people who come from diverse backgrounds to help her make more educated decisions.

As the UI struggles with faculty relationships — especially when it comes to faculty of color — and a recent decline in tenured faculty, it's important that Wilson follows through with efforts spearheaded by the Chief Executive Officer for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Liz Tovar if the UI wants to remain a top-tier academic institution.

Additionally, her emphasis



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The next University of Iowa President Barbara Wilson speaks to reporters at a press conference in the Levitt Center for University Advancement on April 30. Wilson will be the 22nd president for the University of Iowa and was previously the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs for the University of Illinois System.

on promoting people of all backgrounds into higher administrative positions, particularly women and people of color, will hopefully create diversity in leadership positions that the UI is currently lacking.

One part of accessibility, we believe, is achieved through public access to the university's administrators. Answering questions from media members — especially the student-run *Daily Iowan* — is essential to keeping

“The Board of Regents picked an excellent choice.

leaders accountable and their actions transparent.

The Daily Iowan has greatly appreciated regular sit downs - twice a semester - with current President Bruce Harrel, and hope that incoming president Barbara Wilson will continue that tradition.

Campus asked for a leader with experience in higher education administration. With Wilson's two decades with the University of Illinois System, including as an interim chancellor, the equivalent of an Iowa university president, the Board of Regents picked an excellent choice.

GUEST OPINION

Will the 15-minute city make Iowa City golden?

The 15-minute city plan will benefit the Iowa City community in terms of transportation, one bike advocate writes.



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

Bikes and spare parts sit in the back room at the new Bike Library Gilbert St. location in Iowa City on Feb. 22. Bike Library Inc. is a volunteer-run project in Iowa City that allows community members to check out and buy restored bicycles.

In March, as part of its Science on Screen® program, FilmScene aired a documentary, *Bikes vs Cars*. The film documents the escalating problem for major urban areas brought on by cars and highlights the growing air pollution and congestion and the unsustainable costs to add roads and accommodations for vehicles.

The contrast, bikes, offer the solution and are being increasingly accommodated.

So, as we begin National Bike Month in May, how does Iowa City stack up? Certainly, we're nowhere close to major urban areas and their response to the issue. Fortunately, a recent concept, the 15-minute city, offers an

eloquent response to the issue. Iowa City has the potential to yet receive a gold star, or better yet the gold-level, Bike Friendly Community designation that we'll be looking for from the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) later this year.

The 15-minute city puts people and their needs at the center

of urban planning by locating goods and services within 15 minutes by walking or biking.

Iowa City personifies the 15-minute city. Fifteen minutes represents about three miles on a bike. From the Old Capitol, a three-mile radius includes Scott boulevard to the east, West High School to west edge, past I-80

on the north fringe, and the Johnson County Fair Ground or Trueblood Park to the south. For the Towncrest or Mormon Trek shopping areas, a two-mile radius covers a large portion of their shoppers.

The League of American Bicyclists created the Bike Friendly Community (BFC) program about 20 years ago and evaluates communities every four years on cycling modal share and accident rates as well as five criteria, including engineering, encouragement, equity, education, and self-evaluation. Over 485 communities have received a designation from bronze level to platinum, but fewer than 40 have attained the gold or platinum designation. Bike friendly communities accommodate all forms of active transportation.

Over the past few years, Iowa City has gone a long way to accommodate active transportation and is currently recognized as a silver-level Bike Friendly Community. A new master bike plan, rolled out in 2019, includes many new miles of bike lanes, trails, and side paths made available about 115 miles, more than a 30-percent increase since the last evaluation in 2017. The rest of the metro area has done equally as well. All the schools are doing bike rodeos and a range of biking opportunities are offered to disadvantaged members of the community. Our bike modal share remains high and accident rates low — key factors in the evaluation.

We, still, do not have a bike/pedestrian coordinator in our community or an active transportation advisory committee, like all the gold-level communities do. Their purpose is to evaluate progress and devise ways to motivate education and participation. The gold-level BFC has a system-wide school curriculum that includes a component for the secondary schools too, not just bike rodeos for kids who show up.

Why sweat being bike friendly? First, Iowa City has made a commitment to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent over the next 30 years. This will happen with a commitment to active transportation. Bike friendliness adds to quality of life and enhances economic development. In a 2016 study, of the 40 hottest job markets during the previous decade (including Iowa City), 32 were BFCs and the gold and platinum levels BFCs were overrepresented. In other words, business development was enhanced by active transportation.

As we launch the summer of the bike in May, we invite you to test the concept of the 15-minute city and participate in the host of events on the Bike Iowa City website. Take an active role making Iowa City climate friendly.

—Bob Oppliger, Education & Advocacy Coordinator, Bicyclists of Iowa City & Board Member, League of American Bicyclists

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UI won't require COVID shots for students

The state Board of Regents will not mandate the COVID-19 vaccine, but Regents President Mike Richards encourages students to get vaccinated.



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Fourth-year students Grace Cannell and Ethan Fobbe hold hands while Cannell receives her Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the Iowa Memorial Union at the University of Iowa on April 21.

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More than 100 higher education institutions in the U.S. will require students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine for the fall semester. But Iowa universities won't be among them.

The majority of COVID-19 vaccine-mandated universities are private institutions; public institutions must get state approval to require COVID-19 vaccinations.

Some public secondary education institutions — like the University of California and California State University systems — will mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for students, faculty, and staff in the fall after formal approval of the vaccine from the

Food and Drug Administration.

With the exception of Cleveland State University, public institutions that are mandating the vaccine for the fall, like Rutgers University in New Jersey and the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, are located in states that voted for the Democratic candidate in the 2020 presidential election, according to data from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

In Iowa, which went ruby red in the 2020 election, the state Board of Regents won't require COVID-19 vaccinations for students this fall.

Mike Richards, president of the nine-member board, said at the April 14 regents meeting that vaccines will continue to be strongly encouraged, but not

mandated on campuses this fall.

"I strongly believe in the effectiveness of vaccinations, and we will continue to make them available and encourage people to get vaccinated, but they will not be required at our three universities," Richards said.

UI Assistant Vice President for External Relations Jeneane Beck wrote in an email to the *DI* that the university is obligated to follow the guidance of the Board of Regents.

Aaron Scherer, assistant professor of internal medicine in the Carver College of Medicine, said vaccine mandates work to increase vaccination rates but can have unintended consequences such as an increase in medical exemptions for people who don't need one.

Another public institution system, the University System of Maryland, will require all students and employees to be vaccinated for the fall semester at the system's institutions.

Mike Lurie, University System of Maryland media relations and web manager, wrote in an email to the *Daily Iowan* that the system made its decision for mandatory vaccinations with the advice of experts in public health, infectious disease, and emergency management, and advisory by the Office of the Attorney General throughout the decision-making process.

"Given the population density and multiple interactions of individuals on our campuses, the USM Chancellor and presidents believe mandating COVID-19

vaccination is necessary for a safe return to campus," Lurie wrote.

Iowa already requires certain vaccinations for admission. According to UI Student Health, all UI students are required to receive two measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations, unless they have a religious or medical exemption.

UI Faculty Senate President Joseph Yockey wrote in an email to the *DI* that several faculty have contacted him to express an interest in seeing a vaccine mandate. Yockey relayed the concerned faculty's messages to central administration, he wrote.

"I'm happy to see how strongly the UI is promoting the vaccines," Yockey wrote. "By the time students, staff, and faculty return for the fall, it could be that most people will have already voluntarily chosen to be vaccinated."

The UI is offering a \$10 downtown gift card to anyone who gets a vaccine through student health. Student Health is offering Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Chief Data Officer for the independent Iowa COVID-19 tracker Sara Willette said the regent universities are doing a good job at setting up vaccination clinics and getting students in and out.

"If the university population has herd immunity, it's going to be pretty safe at the [UI]," Willette said.

Former UI Undergraduate Student Government President Connor Wooff said despite the UI not having authority to mandate the vaccine, the UI can make receiving the vaccine a positive choice for the student body.

Wooff said USG is partnering with the UI Division of Student Life communications team, and videos and graphics are being released featuring student leaders explaining why they got vaccinated.

"I did a video and there's many other student leaders who are doing videos and graphics,"

Wooff said. "I know that despite our inability to require the vaccine, the university is going to do everything they can to make sure students have access to the vaccine and that they're encouraging them to get it."

On April 16, the UI launched a COVID-19 vaccination incentive program by offering a one-time \$10 gift card for the Iowa City Downtown District.

Willette said she is optimistic for Johnson County's COVID-19 mitigation as active infections have leveled off and Johnson County is quickly vaccinating residents, even if COVID-19 case positivity rate is increasing.

"Will masks probably still be a necessity in indoor spaces? Absolutely," she said. "That is true for everybody everywhere until the pandemic is over."

Public Information Officer at Johnson County Department of Public Health Susan Vileta said the department has recently seen an uptick in vaccination rates from people ages 16 through 19 in the county. People between 16 and 18 years old are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.

Vileta said vaccination rates are lower in the 22-29 age group.

"The further you get away from ages 18 and 19, your parents might have less influence on you, but we are just guessing at this point," Vileta said.

Scherer said the term "vaccine confidence" covers a broad spectrum of attitudes and behaviors regarding immunization from anti-vaxxers to people who get vaccinated, but still have major concerns of the vaccine's safety and low confidence in it.

"I think with that younger age group, they are vaccine-hesitant in the sense that they don't think they are at risk of getting COVID or if they get COVID, they think it's not going to be that bad for them," Scherer said. "I think that's primarily why they're not getting the vaccine right now. It's hard to get that group to engage in tough behaviors in general."

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 - Stage of development
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 - Equestrian outfit
 - Part of a chem class
 - Lie snugly
 - Perfect example
 - French friend
 - Take a lo-o-ong bath
 - Home plate officials, informally
 - Minor job at a body shop
 - Children's character who lives in a briar patch
 - Not bottled or canned, as beer
 - Word that might be "proper"
 - Hamlet's dilemma ... with a phonetic hint for the last words of 17- and 29-Across and the first words of 45- and 63-Across
 - __ vera
 - Wedding or parade
 - ♫
 - Voice below mezzo-soprano
 - Schemer against Othello
 - What the Supremes said to do "in the name of love"
 - Test for an advanced deg. seeker
 - Requirement for sainthood
 - Peninsula with Oman and Yemen
 - Suffix with Sudan or Japan
 - California golf resort that has hosted six U.S. Opens
 - Tennis do-over
 - Garlicky sauce
 - Slow, musically
 - Units on a football field: Abbr.
 - One who laughs "Ho, ho, ho!"
 - Beginning
- Down**
- Mo. with many (not so) happy returns?
 - Popular Girl Scout cookie
 - Undertake with gusto
 - Buyer's warning
 - Monopoly payments
 - Try, try again?
 - Actress Thurman
 - Taunt
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DT Daviyon Nixon: Round 5, Carolina Panthers (No. 158 overall)

Nixon's draft-weekend fall came to an end one pick after Smith-Marsette's selection. The 2020 All-American and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year was expected to go in the second or third round coming into the draft.

Nixon (6-foot-3, 313 pounds) is due a contract similar in value to Smith-Marsette's.

LB Nick Niemann: Round 6, Los Angeles Chargers (No. 185 overall)

By being picked by the Chargers, Nick Niemann will play against his brother — Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Ben Niemann — twice a year.

The Chargers, led by first-year head coach Brandon Staley, made Niemann the team's only linebacker draft pick in 2021. Niemann would be due a \$3.69 million contract with a \$214,000 signing bonus if he made the team.

Undrafted free agent signings

Even after the final round ended, former Hawkeyes were plenty busy over draft weekend.

Eight undrafted Iowa players have signed free agency contracts with NFL teams.

Wide receiver Brandon Smith joined Golston in Dallas by signing a contract with the Cowboys.

Running back Mekhi Sargent and offensive guard Cole Banwart reunited with the Tennessee Titans, as did offensive tackle Coy Cronk and defensive tackle Jack Heflin in Green Bay with the Packers.

Tight end Shaun Beyer will be in the same meeting room as former teammate Noah Fant, with the Denver Broncos. Four-year starting left tackle Alaric Jackson was perhaps the most surprising Iowa draft snub. Jackson signed with the Los Angeles Rams shortly after the draft ended. Linebacker Barrington Wade, who signed with the Baltimore Ravens, rounds out the former Hawkeyes entering the NFL this year so far.

Kicker Keith Duncan is also expected to receive NFL interest, but has yet to sign with a team.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan
Iowa wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette moves the ball upfield during the Iowa v. Illinois football game at Memorial Stadium on Dec. 5, 2020.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan
Iowa utility player Denali Loecker hits the ball during a softball game between Iowa and Northwestern at Bob Pearl Softball Field on April 17.

SOFTBALL
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"In both games, and even yesterday you could see the pitching was on," Gillispie said in a Saturday release. "They were focusing on what they needed to do and did a great job on the mound. Both Doocy and Shaw locked it down, the defense had their back. The biggest highlight of the day was seeing the offense. Seeing the girls start to hit the ball."

Iowa scored a combined 34 runs on the weekend, while Rutgers put 11 across the plate.

The first game of the series was a high-scoring

affair, as Iowa edged out Rutgers, 11-8. The Hawkeyes launched four home runs Friday night, including back-to-back homers in the sixth inning by freshmen Grace Banes and Brylee Klosterman. In the top of the seventh, senior Aralee Bogar broke the game open with a grand slam.

The home run barrage started in the fifth, as freshman Marissa Peek notched three RBIs with the Hawkeyes' first home run of the game.

"I am proud of how they kept fighting," Gillispie said in a release Friday. "We had home runs out of Klosterman and Bogar, who are not normally home run hitters for us.

They had huge home runs for us, and that was really the difference in the ball game."

On the weekend, Klosterman stood at the lead-off spot for the Hawkeyes. She went 9-for-13 at the plate, including two home runs and four RBIs.

"I was just trying to keep it simple," Klosterman said in a release Friday. "I wanted to get on base for my teammates, bring my teammates around. I went up there with a two-strike approach and not let good pitches go by. When I get a good pitch see it and hit it."

The Hawkeyes kick off a home series against Nebraska at Bob Pearl Field Friday. First pitch comes Friday at 3 p.m.

TENNIS
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Okonkwo managed to keep the Hawkeyes alive with a win on court two, but his fellow Englishman Will Davies gave up a one-set lead to lose, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3, which sealed the victory for Michigan State.

On the women's side, the Hawkeyes got the job done Friday in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament, with a shutout win over Maryland in Madison, Wisconsin.

"[Maryland] has been playing well, definitely a hot team," Iowa head women's tennis coach Sasha Schmid said in a release. "We had to dig in in those singles matches, and I was proud of how hard we fought on all courts."

The Hawkeyes won the

doubles point and proceeded to pick up points from No. 114 Elise van Heuvelen Treadwell and juniors Samantha Mannix and Michelle Bacalla.

The semifinal matchup for Iowa versus No. 13 Ohio State came down to the wire before the Buckeyes edged the Hawkeyes, 4-2.

After getting blown out in doubles on courts two and three, the Hawkeyes needed to come back and beat the tournament's top seed on four singles courts.

The Hawkeyes received their first point on court one from No. 18 Alexa Noel. The freshman remained undefeated and grabbed her 23rd win after dominating No. 15 Irina Cantos Siemers, 6-1, 6-2.

Noel's doubles partner, Samantha Mannix, followed up with a straight-set victory of her own.

After winning the first set, van Heuvelen Treadwell was in a tight three-set battle with the match on the line.

The Seaford, East Sussex, England, native has been a reliable finisher for the Hawkeyes all season, with six wins in seven three-set matches going into Saturday.

After taking a two-game lead in the third set, though, van Heuvelen Treadwell had an uncharacteristic loss of momentum and lost, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"This was a huge heart-breaker," Schmid said. "I think the team put themselves in a position to get four points today and unfortunately we didn't get to the finish line in a couple of spots."

The women find out if they made the NCAA Tournament Monday night.



Grace Kreber/The Daily Iowan
Iowa player Elise Van Heuvelen Treadwell serves the ball on March 21 at a tennis match inside the Hawkeye Recreation and Tennis Complex.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Track and field records seven all-time top 10 performances

The Iowa track and field team competed in Bloomington, Indiana last weekend at the Billy Hayes Invitational.

On day two of the meet Saturday, the Hawkeyes recorded six all-time top 10 performances and one school record.

Amanda Howe broke the school record in the hammer throw with a mark of 62.65 meters. Allison Wahrman received the bronze medal with a career-best 60.53 meters.

Laulauga Tausaga took the silver medal in shot put with a mark of 17.45 meters, while Kat Moody finished third with a mark of 16.30 meters. Moddy mark is third all-time in program history.

Tausaga picked up the win in the discus throw with a mark of 58.22 meters, while Serena Brown earned the silver medal with a mark of 57.02 meters.

Jordan Johnson got second in the discus throw for the men with a mark of 55.33 meters, while Tyler Lienau ended in third with a throw of 54.03 meters. Dawson Ellingson and Jordan Hawkins finished sixth and seventh, respectively, as they recorded career-best marks of 50.74 meters and 50.10 meters.

Cole Moeller got a career-best in the high jump with a jump of 2.09, giving him fourth.

James Carter received the gold medal in the men's triple jump with a mark of 15.79 meters. On the women's side with a mark of 12.62 meters, Kayla Hutchins got the bronze medal.

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Chuck Darling dies

Former Iowa men's basketball player Chuck Darling died at age 91 in Colorado, the Iowa Athletics Department announced Saturday.

Darling, who also competed on the university's track and field team, is one of three Iowa men's basketball players to be a consensus first-team All-American. He earned that honor in 1952 for his performance in his senior season.

The native of Denison, Iowa, ranks eighth all-time for career scoring average in program history (17.4 points per game). His 25.5 points per game in his senior season led the Big Ten, and that statistic ranks third in Iowa history for points per game in a season.

A UI Varsity Club Hall of Fame inductee, Darling was drafted eighth overall by the Rochester Royals in the 1952 NBA Draft and won a gold medal at the 1956 Summer Olympics.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Let's just say I want to be the Doak Walker Award winner"



—Tyler Goodson expressing his desire to be the nation's top running back after Saturday's practice

STAT OF THE DAY

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Goals allowed from soccer freshman goalkeeper Macey Enneking in 956 minutes this season.

Hawks in the NFL

Four former Iowa football players heard their names called during the 2021 NFL Draft.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Iowa Defensive Tackle Daviyon Nixon raises his fist as the Hawkeyes take to their home field for the first time in the season during the Iowa v Northwestern football game at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 31, 2020.

BY ROBERT READ
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Four former Hawkeye football players were selected in the 2021 NFL Draft, meaning 79 Iowa players have been drafted in the last 23 years under head coach Kirk Ferentz.

Unlike the past two seasons, no Hawkeyes were drafted in the first round this year. Chauncey Golston was the only Iowa player to go on the second day of the draft, before three of his teammates heard their names called on Saturday, the third day of the event.

Along with these drafted players, eight Hawkeyes who went undrafted have also signed free agent contracts with an NFL team. *The Daily Iowan* broke down where Iowa players are after this year's draft.

DE Chauncey Golston: Round 3, Dallas Cowboys (No. 84 overall)

The first Hawkeye off the board may have been a surprising one. Daviyon Nixon was widely considered to be the top Iowa draft prospect this year, but Golston — his former teammate on the defensive line — ended up claiming that title.

Golston (6-foot-4, 269 pounds) heads to Dallas, a team that allowed the third-most points in the league last season defensively. At defensive end, DeMarcus Lawrence and Randy Gregory start for the Cowboys. Golston is also capable of playing on the interior if that's a route Dallas wants to go.

Spotrac.com projects Golston's four-year rookie contract to be worth \$4.9 million with a signing bonus of \$935,701.

WR/KR Ihmir Smith-Marsette: Round 5, Minnesota Vikings (No. 157 overall)

Smith-Marsette became the first Hawkeye wide receiver drafted in nine years when the Vikings took him in the fifth round.

The speedy New Jersey native joins Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen in Minnesota's deep receiving room. Smith-Marsette (28.4-yard kickoff return average at Iowa) could play immediately for the Vikings on special teams.

Smith-Marsette (6-foot-1, 179 pounds) is in line for a \$318,960 signing bonus and a \$3.79 million total value contract, per Spotrac.

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Tennis comes up empty

The men's team lost its first-round matchup to Michigan State, and the women's team was knocked out in the semifinals by Ohio State.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Alexa Noel serves the ball during the doubles match at the Iowa women's tennis meet v. Northwestern in the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex on Feb. 14, 2020.

BY WILL FINEMAN
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Iowa men's tennis was defeated 4-2 by Michigan State in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament Thursday in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The loss to the Spartans is the final match that an Iowa men's tennis team will ever play, as the team is slated for discontinuation after the spring 2021 season because of financial losses in the athletics department from COVID-19.

The first-round exit puts a cap on what has been a disappointing season for the men's tennis team. The Hawkeyes went 5-13 on the year and ended the season losing nine of their final 10 matches.

Iowa head men's tennis coach Ross Wilson's decision to put the two freshmen of Rudra Dixit

and Peter Alam together for doubles paid off, as they defeated the No. 66 ranked doubles pair of Kazuki Matsuno and Nick Williams and grabbed the doubles point for Iowa.

From there it looked like Iowa was in full control, as the Hawkeyes were 4-2 in matches where they had won the doubles point going into competition on Thursday.

The lower half of the lineup has been Iowa's kryptonite all season, and they once again failed to put points on the board as Peter Alam and Nikita Snezhko were the first two Hawkeyes to lose in singles.

With the losses, Snezhko and Alam finished the season without a win in singles.

Michigan State's Nick Williams beat first-team All-Big Ten senior Kareem Allaf for his first victory of the season at the No. 1 spot.

SEE TENNIS, 7

Softball sweeps Rutgers

In a four-game tilt in Piscataway, New Jersey, Iowa softball collected its first weekend series sweep of the season.

BY CHLOE PETERSON
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Senior pitcher Allison Doocy etched her name into the history books on Sunday afternoon in Piscataway, New Jersey, as she threw Iowa softball's 18th program no-hitter.

In a five-inning game that Iowa won in run-rule fashion, 8-0, Doocy allowed no hits and no walks to the Scarlet Knights on 66 pitches. It was the first no-hitter for Iowa softball since Feb. 7, 2015, when Shayla Starkenburg accomplished the feat.

"I have had the chance to play with some of the best athletes, it has been awesome," Doocy said in a Saturday release. "I love the support behind me, some people have made some great plays to keep the momentum."

Doocy's no-hit game capped off a sweep of the Scarlet Knights for Iowa. After the weekend, Iowa sits at 20-16 on the season.

"We have a mission to finish strong in this last stretch of the season," head coach Renee Gillispie said Sunday in a release to reporters. "A mission to improve ourselves over the last few weekends. The wins this weekend were a big start for that. We are anxious to be back home for the next two weekends and to be in front of our fans. We are excited about how we are playing right now."

During the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, a 9-1 win in five innings for the Hawkeyes, Doocy also became the sixth Hawkeye in softball program history to notch 700 strikeouts.

Senior southpaw Lauren Shaw collected her seventh win of the season in the second game of the doubleheaders, shutting down Rutgers' bats as Iowa won the game, 6-2.

SEE SOFTBALL, 7