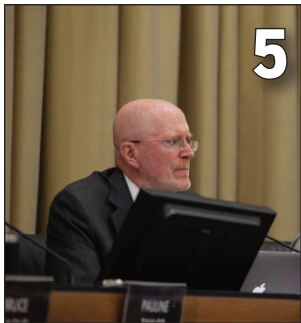


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# 'Bridges, not barriers'

The Iowa City community recognized the late civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. by commemorating 25 years of annual Day of Service events through volunteer activities.



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In honor of the late civil-rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., attendees gathered together at the 25th annual Day of Service on Monday.

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Bundled in coats and gloves and wielding signs emblazoned with quotes such as "I have a dream," Iowa City locals participated in the 25th anniversary of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, a nationally recognized holiday to honor the life of the civil activist and leader.

Children and adults alike braved the snow and freezing temperatures on Monday to march down the streets of Iowa City in honor and remembrance of King.

The event kicked off MLK Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Week in Iowa City, which includes various lectures and activities to engage students and locals in the movement.

Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague said the day

of service is incredibly important in celebrating King's life and legacy.

"We do this through love, letting Iowa City know that all are welcome," Teague said. "Spreading love was Martin Luther King's vision and hope for peace."

In 2012, the Iowa City City Council developed a city diversity committee to analyze various city departments and give recommendations on diversity issues. From this implementation, a Diversity Task Force and equity director position were created.

Stefanie Bowers, current Iowa City equity director, said the holiday is a chance to remember and recognize those who have sacrificed their lives for the cause yet will never be represented in history books.

Bowers' appointment as city equity director

was developed following the creation of the Diversity Task Force and enforces Iowa City's Human Rights Ordinance, which describes unlawful discrimination.

The theme for the 2020 march and service day, titled, "Let us build bridges, not barriers," aimed to remind everyone in the community that being together rather than apart is necessary to make change in society.

Johnson County Supervisor Royceann Porter said the march showed "unity in the community" and support for everyone, not just those of a certain race or gender.

"Johnson County is making significant strides and if MLK were to look at us today, I can assure you that he would be proud," Porter said. "Yet,

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## 2020 hopefuls attend Brown and Black Forum on MLK Day

Two weeks out from the Iowa caucuses, eight Democratic presidential candidates, seven of them white, attended the Brown and Black forum, where former VP Joe Biden keyed in on his support from black voters.



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Former Vice President Joe Biden takes a question from an audience member during the Brown and Black Forum in Des Moines on Monday.

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DES MOINES — A panel of eight presidential candidates, seven of them white, attended a forum in Des Moines focused exclusively on issues affecting underrepresented communities just two weeks out from Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses.

Vice News hosted the Brown and Black forum

at the Iowa Events Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Day — a forum that has been taking place in Iowa ahead of the caucuses since 1984.

Sofia Mehaffey, 35, attended the forum with the Cedar Rapids-based Black Maternal Health Collective. Mehaffey asked Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., what he would do as president to address the racial disparity in maternal health and

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## \$15 million more for higher ed?

If lawmakers fund Gov. Kim Reynolds' fiscal 2021 budget recommendations, the state Board of Regents universities would see an increase of \$15 million to their general funds — falling under their \$18 million request.

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DES MOINES — While the cash-strapped state Board of Regents universities tout their roles as economic engines for Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds has recommended the institutions receive a boost to their general funds of \$15 million in fiscal 2021, according to her budget proposal unveiled Jan. 14 — falling \$3 million short of the regents' request.

Under Reynolds' recommended budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the University of Iowa would see a \$6.7 million bump, Iowa State University would receive \$5.3 million more, and the University of Northern Iowa would get a \$3 million increase. The regents have asked for a funding boost of \$7 million each for the UI

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QUITE A CATCH



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan  
A bald eagle attempts to catch a fish in the Iowa River on Monday. According to the National Fish and Wildlife Service, the American Bald eagle was taken off of the Endangered Species Preservation Act in 2007, at a time when nearly 10,000 nesting pairs of the eagle were estimated to inhabit the lower 48 states.

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this is only the beginning.” Porter hopes to remind people why those participating did so, she said, and expand the movement even further in the future. Along with the march, tables set up with activities and charitable opportunities offered many ways for people to honor the Day of Service. Both the march and the service events mean a lot to the movement as an opportunity to honor King as well as the Iowa City community, Teague said. UI junior Alyssa Schaeffer, an event volunteer, said she is a big supporter of the

community and thinks that it’s important to work with diverse groups of people and she encourages others to do so. “Martin Luther King Jr. taught us about the importance of diversity and how to find ways to serve the community and the people around you in love,” Schaeffer said. In 2015, the Iowa City City Council approved an official Equity Action Plan and five areas of focus that outline a resolution to reduce racial and ethnic disproportionality in Iowa City’s services, programs, and operations. Teague said he hopes to see an even bigger push for excellence and diversity in the Iowa City community in the new year, and beyond. “2020 is the year of vi-



Abby Watkins/The Daily Iowan  
Attendees are seen gathering together at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Monday. Volunteers held hands as the group sang “We Shall Overcome.”

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child mortality. In Iowa, there are about 41 deaths per every 100,000 African American infants, according to the United Health Foundation. For white infants, that number is about 22 deaths per every 100,000. Nationally, women of color are three times more likely to die from preventable complications due to childbirth as white women, according to the Center for Disease Con-

community throughout his entire career. He said that unlike the Democratic Party, he has never taken the black vote for granted. Biden grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he said he was the only white employee at a local swimming pool when he was a teenager. Biden said that growing up in a working-class family and in a town with a large minority population, he’s seen the systemic racism that underrepresented communities in the U.S. face on a day-to-day basis. “They know me, they know

2-8, polled a random sample of 1,088 non-Hispanic black voters and had a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points. Mehaffey said she thinks the African American support for Biden is largely generational. “The first thing that Biden did when he got on stage was tell me that I should smile, so that’s never a good starting point,” Mehaffey said, who was sitting near the stage through the duration of the forum. Iowa Asian and Latino Coalition Chair Prakash Kop-

hit on was building off of the Affordable Care Act, closing down immigrant detention centers U.S.-Mexico border, and community engagement. Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg has had trouble in the polls with underrepresented communities, specifically African American voters. Buttigieg released a plan to target money and resources toward minority communities that he dubbed as his Frederick Douglass Plan. The plan looks at investing money in public education, criminal-justice reform, and health care. Buttigieg was challenged by the moderators over his decision to fire South Bend’s first African American chief of police, saying the decision was made based on wrongdoings within the department. Kopparapu said Buttigieg could have elaborated more on his decision to fire the police chief, and also on why Buttigieg appointed him in the first place. Despite being pushed by moderators, Kopparapu said he thought Buttigieg did well. Kopparapu has not yet committed to a candidate. Iowa is the fifth whitest state in the U.S. and has been criticized for being the state that starts the presidential nominating process. Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro, who dropped his bid for the presidential nomination Jan. 2, often talked about how a more diverse state should get the opportunity to start the process.



Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan  
Former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg answers a question from an audience member during the Brown and Black Forum in Des Moines on Monday. A VICE News correspondent interviewed each of the presidential hopefuls still in the race on their records, plans, and a minute of short answer questions.

trol and Prevention. “I had to redirect the conversation away from access and income levels to the issue that actually exists, which is bias within the health-care field,” Mehaffey said. Mehaffey is the director of Community Health and Nutrition for a family service alliance in Cedar Rapids, where she also oversees Meals on Wheels programs. She said she plans to caucus, but she is still undecided. As it comes down to the wire for candidates to garner support for the Feb. 3 caucuses, former Vice President Joe Biden pushed his decades of experience in politics, saying he has had a foot in the black

where my heart is,” Biden said during the forum. Moderator Alzo Slade, a Vice News correspondent, pushed back on Biden’s response, saying that spending time in a community does not translate to being a part of it or fully understanding inequalities. In an early January poll from *The Washington Post* and Ipsos, Biden had overwhelming support nationwide from black voters, with 48 percent of respondents saying Biden is their first-choice candidate. Biden led the poll by 28 points, with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., placing second with 20 points. The poll, conducted Jan.

parapu, 45, said he thought Biden knocked his performance out of the park. Kopparapu, whose organization is based in Des Moines, watched the livestream of the forum. Kopparapu, an Indian immigrant, said based on Biden’s performance today, he can understand why black voters connect with him. He said he didn’t think Biden crossed a line when he claimed to understand minority issues. “He knew the language, he knew the subject, he was so precise,” Kopparapu said. “I don’t think anyone else was so specific in their plans.” Some other issues Biden

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and ISU, and \$4 million for UNI.

Regent Executive Director Mark Braun said in a statement that the regents and university leaders look forward to working with the governor and lawmakers in this legislative session to advocate for sufficient funding.

"We will continue to be good stewards with funding that our universities receive," he said. "...We will continue to advocate for a level of funding that is needed to provide the first-class education that our students demand."

Braun also highlighted a recent report commissioned by the regents which showed Iowa's three public universities contributed \$11.8 billion to Iowa's economy in fiscal 2018. The universities support nearly 150,000 jobs and returns almost \$3 for every taxpayer dollar spent.

"Iowa's regent universities are an excellent investment," Braun said.

Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, said the UI is a university for the whole state and she hopes to see broader support under the golden dome for sufficiently funding the regent institutions.

"We really are a university for the state, and I think too often we get bogged down in debate where it's the University of Iowa City is how our colleagues sometimes look at it," she said of the UI, which would receive the largest share of appropriations compared with ISU and UNI if lawmakers fund the governor's recommended budget. Reynolds' recommendation for the UI fell around \$300,000 short of the regents' request for the institution.

"I think sometimes [lawmakers] just don't appreciate the benefits of funding any regent university that it's a plus for the entire state — no matter which of the universities it is," Lensing said.

While Braun said the re-



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Gov. Kim Reynolds gives the Condition of the State address at the State Capitol on Jan. 14.

gents appreciate Reynolds' "continued support" for the institutions, several Democratic state lawmakers representing Johnson County in the Statehouse told *The Daily Iowan* Jan. 14 after Reynolds delivered her Condition of the State address that they noted her remarks lacked any mention of the universities.

Instead, she called for supporting other means of workforce preparedness — promoting her Future Ready Iowa initiative to prepare 70 percent of workers with training or education beyond high school by 2025.

She also recommended a \$2.8 million boost in funding for the Last Dollar Scholarship, a financial aid component of Future Ready Iowa that currently helps more than 6,000 Iowans — high-school graduates and adult learners — cover the costs of attending college.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said Iowa needs to be an attractive place for skilled laborers to live, and the regent universities are critical to addressing the state's worker shortage.

"We lose a lot of our college graduates once they graduate from college, and they move on to other jobs in other states where they can pay off their student loans quicker," she said.

Because state lawmakers often allocate different amounts of appropriations than the governor recommends in any given budget year, Mascher said she worries a \$15 million in-

crease in support is the best the regents could hope to see for fiscal 2021. She said she anticipates funding falling short of Reynolds' recommendations.

"That worries me a great deal in light of the fact that our regents are looking for ways to make sure they can keep the faculty and staff they have to be able to provide the quality for the students who go there," she said. "We're only as good as our staff and our quality faculty because students want to go to a place that has a good reputation and that they know they're going to get a quality education out of that system."

Lensing said tuition increases can't be the only answer for the universities. The regents in 2018 passed a tuition model aimed at making tuition hikes more predictable for students

and families, laying out a baseline range of increases that hinges on the appropriations lawmakers provide.

Resident undergraduate tuition rates increase 3 percent if the regents' request is fully funded under the model, but rates could be set higher if state support falls short. UI and ISU resident undergraduates in the fall saw a 3.9 percent tuition hike while UNI froze tuition rates for all students.

"I feel like we have to fight for top dollars for the university every year," Lensing said. "It doesn't get easier."

Learning that Reynolds was not recommending fully funding the regents' requests for an \$18 million increase to the universities' general-fund budgets disappointed Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, he said, but he added that he would like to see lawmakers back their request.

The lawmakers interviewed by the *DI* said in light of the

regents recently signing off on the UI's \$1.1 billion agreement with private entity Hawkeye Energy Collaborative, the newly formed concessionaire composed of French firms ENGIE and Meridiam, to operate the campus utility system, they had higher hopes for Iowa's higher-education funding outlook.

"I was hoping that she would have fully funded the regents in light of the fact that she's been so supportive of the P3," Mascher said.

Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said given the public/private partnership, Reynolds' recommendations falling short seemed "odd" to him.

He expressed concerns at a legislative forum hosted by the *DI* in December just days before the regents signed the agreement that this could incentivize lawmakers to provide less funding to the public universities, as the partnership

proceeds are expected to grow to \$3 billion in a new endowment fund over the 50 years of the agreement.

"I would hope that the Legislature can say, 'Well, the Board of Regents did what we asked them to do. Let's give them what they're asking us to do,'" Wahls said. "Seems easy to me."

In response to those concerns, UI President Bruce Harreld said at a Faculty Senate meeting on Dec. 10, the day the regents approved the agreement, that there's power in casting a ballot and voters could make higher-education funding a key issue when they consider who to support.

"I want to remind you that everyone in this room is a voter," Harreld said. "And I think it's about time we stand up and start asking people who are running for office, 'What's your point of view on public higher education, and are you willing to fund it?'"

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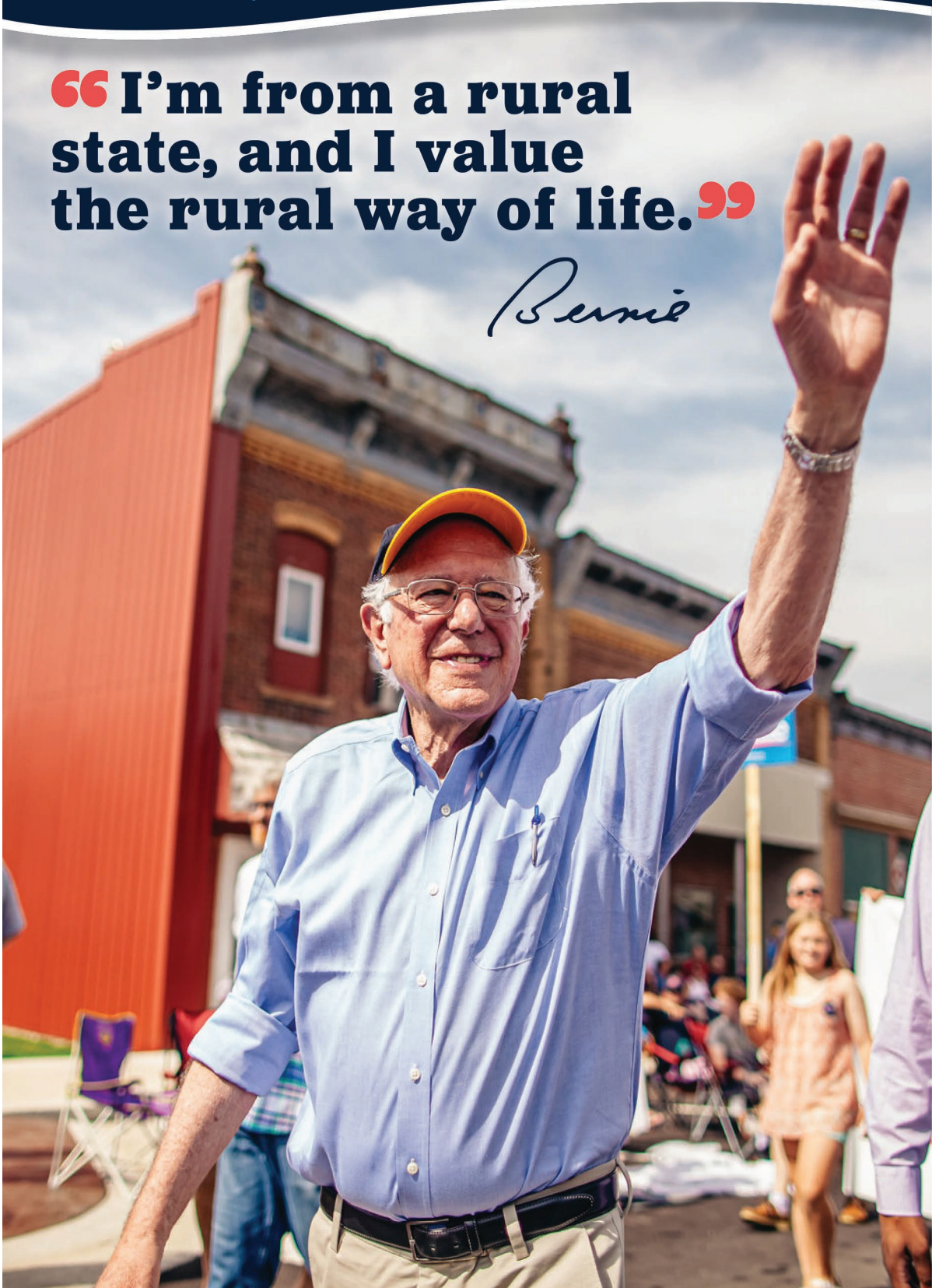
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# Opinions

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## Learning lessons from a difficult first semester

Students have options to make the second half of their first year in college a more manageable and enjoyable experience.



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Whether you had a first semester that seemed to fly by with little complications or you had a rough time navigating the obstacles that come with college life, break is done and it's time to start all over again. No matter how your fall semester went, spring semester will be what you make of it.

I have learned some lessons to make this time around more positive. I started my college experience by dropping a class to avoid a rude professor, making a room change to escape a toxic living space, and withdrawing from another class midsemester due to my own lack of preparation.

One of the most vital lessons I learned is time management. Instead of just going with the flow every day, I plan out entire weeks at a time. Using Microsoft Excel, I made a spreadsheet schedule with my classes, jobs, and even possible study hours. I also built in mandatory relaxation time each day for things such as yoga, painting, playing video games, or anything that I feel may lower my stress and allow me to relax.

I'm not the only person who has developed better habits this semester. University of Iowa first-year student Maya Heckart discovered that finding a study spot aside from your own room and public lounges helps keep distractions at bay and study as efficiently as possible.

Finding a study space isn't the only way to excel in the second semester. UI first-year student Mason Sells said different people may need to dedicate different amounts of time to studying.

"I've seen many of my friends study way too much and many of my friends study little to none. My advice would be to find the middle area, whatever that means for you," Sells said.

He recommends taking walks around campus and enjoying the scenery instead of being cramped up in your room all the time.

Academics aren't the only thing that students should focus on throughout the semester, though. There are many opportunities available at the UI, including student organizations, cultures to explore, and getting involved in the community.

UI first-year student Katey Namanny said she struggled in her fall semester despite being one who enjoys change and challenges.

"The biggest thing I learned was to talk about how I was feeling to individuals, whether it be sharing with first-year students or upperclassmen. It is incredibly helpful," she said.

More than likely, the stress that one may feel in

the new semester is normal and many people share similar experiences. College can present people with new feelings of stress, anxiety, and homesickness, but

there is so much one can do to overcome these natural emotions.

"College is about so much more than walking away with a degree," Namanny said.

"It's about changing who you are and being a part of the amazing things happening at college. Being involved inspires you and helps you feel more at home."



The Old Capitol is seen on Nov. 20, 2019.

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COLUMN

## The New York Times' endorsement reeks of impractical both-sides-ism

Examining every side of an argument is commendable; refusing to pick one is not.



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The *New York Times* Editorial Board announced Sunday its endorsement for the Democratic presidential nomination: nobody.

It didn't actually do that; it endorsed Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota simultaneously. But by picking both a progressive and a moderate, the *Times* board undermined the purpose of an endorsement and rendered it meaningless. This rigid commitment to both-sides-ism is a poison in our politics of which

the news media has been an ineffective antidote.

Both-sides-ism isn't just a problem at the *Times*, but its endorsement of Warren and Klobuchar shows how the over-commitment to neutrality is unhelpful at best and harmful at worst.

To the board's credit, its endorsement is quick to dismiss President Trump's vision of "white nativism at home and America First unilateralism abroad." It posits that there are three sides: the visions of Warren and Klobuchar, as well as Trump's Republican Party. But then it equates the Democrats' substantially different ideas as equal in value.

Perhaps that argument makes more sense after both parties' nominations are in place. In the (very) unlikely event Klobuchar is the Democratic nominee, the choice will be exceedingly clear who should be our country's leader.

But the Minnesota senator is polling in seventh place nationally and a distant fifth here in Iowa; she has roughly the same chance at winning as Hillary Clinton.

Another valid point made in the endorsement is its claim both the progressive and moderate wings of the Democratic Party "warrant serious consideration." Sure, that's a nice, fair-and-balanced sentiment, but it doesn't make sense for an endorsement in a race where there can only be one winner.

If the board wanted to say "take an earnest look at everyone's argument," it could have said so in a separate editorial. Its well-recorded process of interviewing candidates, marketed as "The Choice," was supposed to be that earnest look at everyone's argument — but it didn't draw the titular conclusion.

Open-minded, transparent debate is great. I wouldn't be

the opinions editor of this newspaper if I didn't believe in that. But throwing up your hands in indecision isn't a publishable argument.

As much as I detest the politics of President Reagan, he was right when he said an election is "a time for choosing." (He said that while endorsing Barry Goldwater's platform of white nativism at home and America First unilateralism abroad.) The *Times* failed in that regard.

The endorsement notes that the board has historically chosen "the candidate with a more traditional approach to pushing the nation forward." That sounds like Klobuchar, but then it turns around and argues "if there were ever a time to be open to new ideas, it is now."

Is time for the big, structural change Warren champions? Or should we stick to the safe incrementalism prescribed by more moderate voices? The *Times* board has failed to come up with an answer. What's the purpose of opinion journalism if not to facilitate public discourse by providing platforms and analysis?

Maybe the *Times* wanted a middle ground between the opposing Democratic camps. Maybe the board was rooting for Sens. Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey before they both dropped out. But no such candidate embodies that space in the remaining nomination field. So, it's time for a choice.

Whatever its intentions, the board's both-sides-ism prohibited an actionable opinion. Caucusgoers can't stand in the Warren and Klobuchar corners of the room, and neither should the *Times*. Sometimes, The Gray Lady needs to be black and white.

GUEST OPINION

## Warren has the right answer on education

A UI student endorses the senator from for president, citing her plan to make college affordable for students.



**Wyatt Dlouhy/The Daily Iowan**  
Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks with moderators during the Brown and Black Forum in Des Moines on Monday.

A question has emerged in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination: Does every American have the right to a high-quality, low-cost public education?

For those of us who believe it is, it's time to make public college free for all who wish to pursue it.

42 million Americans. These plans are paid for — not by asking the rest of us to pay for millionaires' kids, as some of her opponents have suggested — but by having America's richest families chip in through a 2-cent wealth tax on fortunes above \$50 million.

'Warren is the candidate who prioritizes investing in the generations to come, starting with making public college tuition-free.'

Because our state government in Iowa has failed to properly invest in our public universities, the amount we, the students, have to pay has skyrocketed — tuition and fees here at Iowa have gone up 86 percent in the last 15 years.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren is the candidate who prioritizes investing in the generations to come, starting with making public college tuition-free and canceling student-loan debt for

By relieving the burden of the costs of higher education, our generation will no longer be forced to chase high-paying jobs that we don't love just because it's the only way out of debt. Warren's plans will unleash the potential of millions of young people like us to study our passions and pursue the careers of our dreams.

That's why I support Warren for president.

— Cesar Perez  
UI senior



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# New year, new mayor in Iowa City

Earlier this month, the Iowa City City Council chose Bruce Teague to be mayor, succeeding Jim Throgmorton.

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Sitting among the Iowa City City Council's five female members in its newfound woman majority, Councilor Bruce Teague highlighted his vision for an equitable City Council in making the case to become mayor before ultimately securing the governing body's top post Jan. 2.

The councilors named Teague the next Iowa City mayor in a second round of votes, 5-2, after initially failing to reach the four votes needed to name a mayor. He was elected to the Iowa City City Council in 2018 after highlighting his local ties and dedication to underrepresented communities.

Two long-serving female City Councilors Pauline Taylor and Susan Mims were also nominated to be mayor. City Councilor Mazahir Salih, who was elected to the City Council in November 2017, was named mayor pro tem.

"I have a servant's heart," Teague said. "I have a humble spirit. And I am not an ego trip. I am a collaborator and can lead council meetings as an equal."

Teague succeeds former Mayor Jim Throgmorton, who did not seek re-election to the council. A Chicago native, Teague began serving on the City Council after a special election in 2018 to fill the vacant seat of former City Councilor Kingsley Botchway, who resigned

that July to become the chief officer of human resources for the Waterloo Community School District.

He moved to Iowa City from Chicago at 17 years old and attended Kirkwood Community College. Teague later graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's in psychology and a certificate in aging studies.

The new mayor said he found a home in Iowa City after making the transition without his parents. In the 26 years since, he said he has built strong relationships with the people of this community who helped foster his personal development.

Once a student who received C's and F's and was at risk of not graduating high school, Teague said "the people of Iowa City helped develop me into who I am today." He said his Hawkeye ties will play into engaging with the city's student population of more than 30,000.

"I'm a Hawkeye, so I'm a graduate of the University of Iowa, so I really do believe that the collaborative work that I've been doing will just be a little heightened with the role as mayor," he told *The Daily Iowan*. "I'm looking forward to meeting with the students themselves, some of the leadership from the University of Iowa."

Addressing climate change through the city's Climate Action Plan and promoting justice for all within the community were key issues Teague said he

plans to address. He also mentioned ensuring the fiscal 2021 budget aligns with the city's priorities.

"We want some solidarity within our financial state," he said. "... Because you never have enough money as a, as a community, correct, but what you do is you look at what are those values that are those core things that you just won't compromise on."

Earlier in the meeting, Teague quipped that the women serving on the city's first five-woman-majority City Council have "made history by making John [Thomas] and me minorities." He said it feels great to be ready to work alongside the female city councilors.

"I am so happy that this is the first majority-woman council," he said. "That is awesome and amazing, and so I can't be more than happy for being the minority, and right now for me being in the role as mayor, I'm so grateful for that opportunity."

Salih, who became the first Sudanese elected official in the U.S. when she became a city councilor, said she is honored to represent the community as the new mayor pro tem, particularly as part of the historic female majority on the council.

"That's the way to go," she said. "Women can do a lot of good things. Nothing against men, but I think that's powerful and very inspiring to me and a lot of women in the community."

Former Iowa City Mayor Jim Throgmorton reflects on his time serving Iowa City and looks to the future.

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For former Iowa City Mayor Jim Throgmorton, the confines of City Hall are not an unfamiliar atmosphere. He has presided over periods of transition — especially in the realm of policing and sustainability — over three decades in Iowa City.

Throgmorton served on the Iowa City City Council in the 1990s and taught as a professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Iowa, but a return to public service was not always at the forefront of his mind.

"At a certain point in early 2011, however, I started thinking about the breadth of knowledge I had about Iowa City," he said. "I thought to myself, 'I'm retired now and could use my time and ability to help this city.' It was also... important to keep in mind that the city had changed so much since I first arrived."

One such change, Throgmorton said, was not simply a policy or initiative — it was a change in mindset among Iowa City's police force. During the 1990s, he said, many police forces were instructed to more strictly enforce laws and train their eyes towards "troublesome" areas of town. Although this approach may sound good on paper, he added, it led to the abuse of power and fear among historically marginalized communities.

The southeast side of Iowa City was of particular interest to the police at that time, and — curious about the potential

socioeconomic and cultural differences that caused apprehension toward this area of the city — Throgmorton partnered with academics from the UI to prepare a three-part series titled "words matter, maps matter, stories matter."

This series focused on the language used to describe the southeast side, how Iowa City residents viewed its geographical location, and how stories varied amongst different groups of people.

"What we ended up doing was identifying people who could reasonably be appointed to boards and commissions so we could diversify their membership," Throgmorton said. "We also started publicly reporting on the disproportionality in traffic stops and other police activity."

This disproportionality, he added, focused on every aspect of police operations, whether that meant traffic stops, arrests, and searches of vehicles. Throgmorton said Iowa City Police Chief Jody Matherly, who was appointed in 2016, has been integral in the transformation of Iowa City's police.

Throughout his time in Iowa City, Throgmorton said it has been rewarding to watch topics such as excessive policing move to the forefront of the conversation.

Another subject "near and dear" to the former mayor's heart — climate change — best showcased by the October 2019 visit from climate activist Greta Thunberg, he

said.

Throgmorton recalled with great fondness the thousands that gathered in downtown Iowa City on Oct. 4 to hear Thunberg, adding that the passion for climate justice was palpable and calls to action were seemingly present long after the sizable crowd had dissipated.

"Our city government has a long-standing commitment to sustainability-related issues. If you look back, we created our first emissions inventory for carbon dioxide and greenhouse gasses [10 years ago]," he said. "One of the things that was clear to me when I was seeking re-election in 2015 was that we were doing nowhere near enough."

Looking forward, Throgmorton said he is excited to see areas in which Iowa City continues to expand. As two new city councilors and a new mayor begin to navigate the triumphs and turmoil of an ever-growing college town, one thing is for certain: Throgmorton will continue to serve as a sounding board for the issues facing Iowa's UNESCO City of Literature.

"In the short term I don't intend on doing too much," he said. "There's a fair amount of scholarly work I want to do, and I'm interested in learning more about my family's lineage even though I am outside of City Hall now, I will always pick up the phone for anyone who has a question or wants me to weigh in on something."



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Mayor Bruce Teague is sworn in during the City Council meeting at Iowa City City Hall on Jan. 2.



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Then-Mayor Jim Throgmorton and City Councilor Susan Mims discuss zoning issues at City Hall on Sept. 17, 2019.

# Governor proposes 1-cent sales tax increase

During her Condition of the State address on Jan. 14, Gov. Kim Reynolds said she would deliver legislation to fund various programs and decrease income taxes by introducing a 1-cent increase in sales tax.

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DES MOINES — Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds called for state lawmakers to add 1-cent to the state's sales tax during her Condition of the State address Jan. 14.

A part of a legislative proposal her office will introduce, called the Invest in Iowa Act, the proposed sales tax hike would add a cushion to the state's general-fund revenue for GOP-backed cuts in other tax areas, mostly income taxes, and funnel money into conservation efforts and mental health care.

Democratic critics, however, billed the sales tax increase as disproportionate to low-income individuals and questioned the stability of funding certain key programs and services using a larger share of state revenue sources.

The proposal projects that the nominal sales-tax increase will bring in \$540 million annually to the state's coffers, which will be offset by reductions in taxes in other areas.

Three-eighths of that revenue (excluding revenue from use tax and digital sales tax) would go to

the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust. A constitutional amendment created the trust in 2010, but legislators have failed to provide funding for it.

Fifty-eight percent of the total annual funding to the trust would go toward efforts to improve water quality. Additional money would also be directed toward conservation and recreation.

"Funding that trust is no small investment, but I believe it's one we need to make," Reynolds said. "We were given this beautiful land to work but also to keep. And preserving what we've been given must be a responsibility of all Iowans."

The state's adult and children's mental-health systems would be another recipient of the 1-cent sales tax. The proposed tax would offset a cut in the property taxes that currently fund most of the initiative.

To date, funding for the state's mental-health system has come mostly from county property taxes. Under the new proposal, property taxes would make up \$40 million in the system's funding, with \$80 million coming from the state's general fund.

Reynolds said state funding

would provide more stability for the programs than property taxes, but Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said state funding has not always been reliable.

"Oftentimes when we rely on [state dollars], and then it's gone, or it's not there, or they reduce it, then those programs are in terrible difficulty," Mascher said. "If you've got a stable property tax base, then that's not a concern."

Democrats in the Statehouse were suspicious of the proposal, which they said doesn't actually introduce any new money into the state. They feared a sales tax would disproportionately affect low-income Iowans because a sales tax is the same regardless of a person's income.

Iowa Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said that because Reynolds is characterizing the tax proposal as revenue neutral, she shouldn't call her plan "Invest in Iowa."

"You can't have a new investment if it's revenue neutral," Wahls said. "If you want to call it the 'Move Money Around in Iowa Act,' that would be accurate."

Meanwhile, Republicans continue to tout a balanced budget and push for an increase in in-

come tax cuts.

Reynolds said the increased sales tax would allow the state to lower income taxes in addition to the tax cuts championed by Republicans that Reynolds signed in 2018. The current income-tax plan will contain four brackets taxed between 4.4 percent and 6.5 percent by 2023. Reynolds' proposal calls for reducing the lowest bracket to 4 percent and the highest to 5.5 percent.

"I have no interest in raising taxes, so any increase in revenue from a sales tax must be more than offset by additional tax cuts," Reynolds said in her address. "That starts with continuing to reduce our uncompetitive income-tax rates."

Reynolds said her proposed tax rates would bring a 10 percent cut for almost every Iowan, and lower-income Iowans will see a 25 percent reduction. She also aims to remove sales tax on diapers and feminine-hygiene products as well as the water excise tax.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, said that since Reynolds' proposal cuts income taxes, low-income Iowans would likely pay less overall, though he noted

that the bill hadn't been introduced yet.

"The governor said, and I haven't seen the proposal, but she said that lower-income folks, who Democrats will say are disproportionately affected by the sales tax, are going to receive up to a 25 percent income tax cut," Kaufmann said. "So I think if you're someone with a low income, you're going to see a net gain from her bill, but I haven't seen it yet, so I'm not endorsing it."

In Reynolds' 2018 tax cuts, most of the money was streamlined to businesses with the goal of investing more money into employees and communities. The 2018 tax cuts disproportionately favored the wealthy, according to a report from the Associated Press.

Wahls said he wants to see the math to back Reynolds' claim that her income-tax cuts will proportionally favor lower-income individuals.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Iowa released a statement after Reynolds' address praising her Invest in Iowa Act for cutting income taxes to, in part, fund mental-health programs.

"After two years of passing progressive policy initiatives, she promised last year to address the funding crisis," said NAMI Iowa Executive Director Peggy Huppert in the news release. "She has put forward a proposed solution, and I applaud her for that."

Progress Iowa, a multi-issue progressive advocacy organization, released a statement after Reynolds' address, saying that Reynolds' priorities are backward. The organization's Iowa Executive Director Matt Sinovic said in a statement that Reynolds "continues to push snakeoil solutions" and added that raising sales taxes disproportionately affects working-class families.

Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, said that because the sales tax applies equally to everyone, it would place the burden of funding the governor's programs on lower-income Iowans.

"We all consume at about the same rate of things we buy," Bolkom said. "... It's regressive in that it takes a bigger percentage of somebody's income making \$30,000 to pay for basic needs than it does somebody making \$100,000."

Julia Shanahan contributed to this report.







## FERENTZ

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the ball in the end zone. That made for a combined 15 points and two losses against two of the conference's best teams.

Iowa received some bad news a week after the Penn State defeat when wide receiver Brandon Smith went down with a leg injury after posting the best performance of his career.

To go along with that, Iowa lost two weeks later at Wisconsin, essentially eliminating themselves from the

Big Ten West race.

That's when the new goal was born.

"All of us had some soul searching to do after the Wisconsin loss," Ferentz said. "Obviously, our chances of being Big Ten [West] champs pretty much were diminished at that point, so we had to reset our goals and shoot for a 10-win season."

That's the route Iowa took, and it worked.

The Hawkeyes bounced back after losing to the Badgers by knocking out a top-10 Minnesota team at home before taking care of Illinois and escaping Lincoln with a game-winning field goal by Keith Duncan to beat Nebraska.

The three-straight wins to close the regular season set Iowa up with a shot for a 10-win season in the Holiday Bowl against a name-brand program with plenty of history: USC.

All the Hawkeyes did from there was punch the Trojans in the mouth from the second quarter on, toppling USC, 49-24, behind Ihmir Smith-Marsette's three touchdowns.

The win gave Iowa its 47th victory over the past year, tied for fifth among all Big Ten and Big 12 teams.

"Just finishing up the 2019 season, certainly we played our best football at the end," Ferentz said. "We really peaked at the right time."



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Iowa players celebrate the win after the Holiday Bowl game between Iowa and USC at SDCCU Stadium on Dec. 27, 2019.

## TENNIS

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The Jan. 18 win improved head coach Sasha Schmid's record in Hawkeye season-openers to 4-0.

"It was great to get the season started today against a competitive South Alabama team," Schmid said in a release. "I thought we competed well for our first match of the season. It's always important to close out sets and matches, and we had to play well in crucial situations in each match we played today."

After their victory in Fort Myers, the Hawkeyes moved on to Orlando, Florida, for the United States Tennis Association National Campus Collegiate Series.

A rematch with Florida International served as Iowa's first matchup of the series. The Hawkeyes lost their previous match against the Panthers during the fall session.

The rematch in Orlando yielded a similar result. Iowa fell to FIU, 4-1. The Hawkeyes surrendered the doubles point, losing two of three doubles matches.

The Mannix-Burich and Van Heuvelen Treadwell-Bacalla duos fell in straight sets. The Bauers and Jacobs pair dealt Marina Alcaide and Francisca Vergara the Panthers only doubles loss.

Iowa's woes continued in singles. The Hawkeyes lost three of four matches, with two other matches going unfinished.

Reigning Gopher Invitational



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Iowa's Elise Van Heuvelen Treadwell hits a forehand during a women's tennis match between Iowa and Maryland at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreational Center on April 7, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Terrapins, 6-1.

Champion Erika Dodridge made her spring debut for Iowa on Jan. 18, losing 6-2 and 6-1. Mannix and Jacobs were vanquished and are now 1-1 on the season in singles.

Van Heuvelen Treadwell was Iowa's lone singles victor, sweeping Kamila Umarova. Van Heuvelen Treadwell moved her record to 2-0 on the season.

"I'm proud of our team today," Schmid said in a release. "They competed hard and played with tons of heart and fight. It's tough to be just short today, and this will only inspire them to keep working. We have great opportu-

nities at kickoff this weekend. I'm looking forward to watching this team continue to compete."

Iowa finished the long weekend with a 9-6 overall record across 17 matches. The Hawkeyes were 6-6 in doubles play and 3-2 in singles.

The 1-1 Hawkeyes next USTA National Campus Collegiate Series opponent is Texas. The Longhorns are ranked seventh in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's latest poll. The Jan. 24 matchup will be Iowa's first against a ranked adversary this spring.

## QUARTERBACK

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is that Petras is the next guy up," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "He's got to earn it every day. He's there. And if you're there, you've got to keep it there."

Petras is the favorite to win next season's starting job, but the competition for the spot will likely go into August.

True freshman Alex Padilla will also be fighting for the position, as will incoming freshman Deuce Hogan.

Peyton Mansell — who held previous back-up experience from 2018 — would have been in the conversation for the starting spot, but he opted to transfer to the FCS school Abilene Christian after the bowl game.

Petras may have staked his claim for the starting spot while Iowa was preparing for the Holiday Bowl.

"I think Spencer, especially in December, really looked like a college football quarterback," Ferentz said. "He looked like a Big Ten quarterback in practice. That's practice, but we do competitive stuff against each other, and I was pleased with what we saw with his growth."

"He seems to have all the attributes. Now, it's a matter of him getting himself ready and going out and competing."

There's always a concern when an inexperienced quarterback is thrust into the starting job.

It has to happen at some point, though, and Ferentz is confident Petras is capable of doing so.

"On one hand, you always worry about a guy that hasn't played," Ferentz said. "We've played with a lot of first-year quarterbacks and done fine. Going

back to [Brad] Banks, [Nathan] Chandler, [Drew] Tate three straight years in a row. At some points, guys have to jump in the water."

## Ferentz speaks on early departures

After losing four players to the NFL Draft at the conclusion of last season, the Hawkeyes lost an additional four this year.

Tristan Wirfs, A.J. Epenesa, Geno Stone, and Toren Young have will all forgo their remaining eligibility in favor the 2020 NFL Draft.

"I think that's just a sign of the times now," Ferentz said. "That number — I don't know if it's growing, but it's significant, and it was certainly significant last year. That's just a part of the world we live in now. A lot of things are changing in the world, especially in the world of college football. That's just one more part of the process."

Iowa lost T.J. Hockenson, Noah Fant, Anthony Nelson, and Amani Hooker to the NFL after last season. The Hawkeyes still managed to win 10 games in 2019 despite those key losses.

Ferentz will be busy this offseason, again planning on how the team will overcome a roster makeover.

"Certainly, we would have loved to have all these guys stay with the football team," Ferentz said. "They've chosen to move on. We wish them all the best."

"All four have been great team guys, great contributors. They've all had a great attitude. All I can do is wish them all the best. They'll all do very well. All four are quality young people. They're all good football players. I think they've got a good road ahead of them. Very, very appreciative of all the contributions they made to the program."

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### Garza, Fredrick sweep weekly conference honors

Iowa center Luka Garza and guard CJ Fredrick swept the Big Ten's weekly awards after their performances in two Hawkeye victories last week.

Garza was named Big Ten Player of the Week for the second time this season, while Fredrick earned the first Big Ten Freshman Player of the Week honor of his career.

Garza averaged 30 points, five rebounds, and 1.5 blocks in Iowa's wins over Northwestern and No. 19 Michigan last week. The junior went 20-of-32 from the field in those two games and 16-of-19 from the free-throw line.

Against Northwestern, Garza scored a team-high 27 points, including Iowa's first 10 of the game. He followed performance up with 33 points against Michigan.

In two games against the Wolverines this season, Garza scored 77 points, the most points by any Big Ten player versus a single opponent in regular season conference play over the last 20 seasons.

Fredrick returned from a foot injury and averaged 16 points, four assists, and three rebounds over two games.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native shot 10-of-19 from the field, including 6-of-11 from 3-point range.



Fredrick

At Northwestern, Fredrick tied personal bests with five assists and two steals to go along with his 11 points. In Iowa's win over Michigan, Fredrick tied a personal best with 21 points.

The redshirt freshman scored 14 of his 21 points in the second half against the Wolverines, including two crucial 3-pointers in the final minutes.

Iowa returns to action Wednesday night against Rutgers at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:07 p.m.

### Czinano earns first Big Ten weekly honor

Iowa sophomore Monika Czinano was named to the Big Ten Women's Basketball Player of the Week Honor Roll, the conference announced Monday.

Czinano is the sixth Hawkeye to earn a weekly honor from the conference this season.

The Watertown, Minnesota, native averaged 20.5 points in Iowa's wins over Minnesota and Wisconsin last week. She shot 90 percent from the field in those two games.

After playing only four minutes in the first half of Iowa's comeback victory over Wisconsin, Czinano came back to score 18 points in the second half, including 12 in the fourth quarter.

Czinano finished with 20 points on 8-of-9 shooting from the field. In Iowa's win over Minnesota, Czinano led Iowa with 21 points while shooting 10-of-11 from the field.

The Hawkeyes return to action Thursday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena to face Ohio State.

## BIG TEN MBB LEADING SCORERS

1. Luka Garza (Iowa) – 22.9 ppg
2. Daniel Oturu (Minnesota) – 20.2 ppg
3. Cassius Winston (Michigan State) – 18.1 ppg
4. Lamar Stevens (Penn State) – 16.6 ppg
5. Marcus Carr (Minnesota) – 16.1 ppg

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**“Any of you guys who have young kids – train them to punt.”**



– Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz on the lack of quality punters around college football

## STAT OF THE DAY

Iowa's football team ran ranked fourth in the Big Ten with

47

wins over the past five years

# Ferentz takes trip down memory lane

After having to change their goal midway through the season, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes still managed to find success in 2019.



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Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz heads to hold the Holiday Bowl trophy after the Holiday Bowl game between Iowa and USC at SDCCU Stadium on Dec. 27, 2019.

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When Iowa fell short of its original goal to reach the Big Ten Championship, it shifted its focus quickly. It wanted 10 wins.

It reached that mark with a 49-24 victory over USC in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27.

But there's a chance the Hawkeyes wouldn't have reached double-digit wins if it wasn't for a few important games throughout

the season.

Iowa's year changed in Week 3 when it traveled to Ames to take on in-state rival Iowa State.

In an instant classic, the Hawkeyes downed the Cyclones 18-17 after Iowa State muffed a punt to seal the game for Iowa. With ESPN's College GameDay in town, the game featured two weather delays and took five hours and 53 minutes.

Nothing would be the same after.

“If you go back and look at the Iowa State game, it was certainly a pivotal moment for us,” Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. “I don't think people outside the state can really appreciate how tough and competitive a rivalry this is. For us to go in there and play a game that lasted into the night and took forever to play, for our guys to keep their focus, to keep their composure, and to make critical plays when they had to, I thought was really impressive.”

“It was after that game, you start to let yourself think, ‘Hey, maybe we got what it takes to have a really good football team.’”

After picking up a win over Middle Tennessee State on Sept. 28, Iowa's offense fell into a slump when it faced two of the Big Ten's best teams in Michigan and Penn State in October.

While the Hawkeyes didn't have a problem moving the ball — they

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# Petras set to start at quarterback

With Nate Stanley's departure, Iowa is left with an open slot at quarterback, and Kirk Ferentz said Spencer Petras is the favorite.



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras warms up on the sideline during a football game between Iowa and Michigan in Ann Arbor on Oct. 5, 2019.

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For the first time in three years, there's a quarter competition in Iowa City.

Nate Stanley's run as the starter under center for the Hawkeyes came to an end with Iowa's 49-24 victory over USC in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27.

The frontrunner to take over for Stanley next year is Spencer Petras.

Petras served as Stanley's backup this season and threw 10 passes in 2019 after only throwing one as a true freshman two years ago.

“I think going into this year, my assessment

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# Tennis splits Florida matches

A weekend trip down south yielded mixed results for Hawkeye women's tennis, as it finished the trip 1-1.

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Spring is officially in session for Iowa women's tennis as the Hawkeyes begin 2020 play with a southern swing.

This stretch of Iowa's schedule features the likes of Texas, Texas Tech, and LSU. The Hawkeyes' trip began with a matchup against South Alabama in Fort Myers, Florida, on Jan. 18.

Iowa defeated the Jaguars with relative ease, 6-1. The Hawkeyes swept both doubles matches.

Hawkeye juniors Ashleigh Jacobs and Danielle Bauers took down Cami Moreno and Yuri Takanishi, 7-5. Sophomore Samantha Mannix and junior Danielle Burich beat South Alabama's Milka Pasanen and Leslie Soto, 6-1. The matchup featuring the dyad of senior Elise Van Heuvelen Treadwell and sophomore Michelle Bacalla went unfinished.

In addition, Iowa won five of six singles matches. Van Heuvelen Treadwell, Mannix, Burich, Bacalla, and Jacobs all reigned victorious.

Bauers fell in a three-set thriller to Diana Monsalve, giving the Jaguars their only point on the day.



Jacobs

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