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VIRTUAL

Tate Hildyard/The Daily Iowan
Dance marathon Morale Captains dance alone in the Iowa Memorial Union on Saturday. Because of the pandemic, the annual charity event which normally packs the entire building, has been converted to a digital live stream leaving the Iowa Memorial Union nearly empty.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan
University of Iowa senior, Juliana DeSouza, decorates her car before the start of the University of Iowa Dance Marathon Parade on Saturday behind Kinnick Stadium in lot 43. Most of the other Dance Marathon events were held virtually this year because of COVID-19.

Every Dance Marathon family and fundraising student has a story that brought them to the organization. Although COVID-19 has limited in-person connection for the fundraiser, each “why” continues to instill purpose within Dance Marathon 27 participants and families.

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As the University of Iowa’s biggest fundraiser for pediatric cancer patients — Dance Marathon — wrapped up this weekend without hundreds of singing, dancing students packed in the Iowa Memorial Union, participants, organizers, and families say the organization’s 27th “Big Event” still had an emotional impact.

Tiffany Schmidt is one of those parents. She’s the mother of Carter Schmidt, a four-and-a-half-year-old boy with big blue glasses and a passion for cars, trains, and all things engineering. Carter is a social butterfly who loves playing with his friends from preschool and church, his mom said.

One day, Carter got very ill and stopped eating. He began sleeping more than usual and his parents became concerned, Schmidt said. At his nine-month checkup, the doctors ran a blood test. “They came back an hour and a half later and

said, ‘You might want to sit down for this one,’ and that’s when I knew it was serious,” Schmidt said.

Carter was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia that only affects one in 1.2 million people. The family immediately went to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital for treatment, where they met dancers and organizers for Dance Marathon.

Tiffany and her husband, Michael, were young parents attending college when Carter was diagnosed. Schmidt said Dance Marathon helped relieve the emotional and financial stress of parenting a child with cancer on top of student expenses.

“We were so emotionally numb being in that room all the time that people just gave us a hand. I could go get coffee, I could walk downstairs just to get out with my husband, and it was just amazing,” Schmidt said. “I remember the warm feeling whenever we’d get a comfort card because money

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Despite the challenges of being all online, Dance Marathon 27 participants raised around \$1.4 million “For The Kids.”

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After the organization’s first virtual “Big Event” — which included a car parade, 24 hours of virtual activities, and hair cuts at a local salon — Dance Marathon 27 raised \$1,422,443.27 for pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Participants were challenged with raising money during a global pandemic. Without being able to hold in-person events, the Dance Marathon organizers had to incorporate new fundraising techniques.

Last year, the event raised \$2,879,755.26.

University of Iowa senior Mahliyah Ingersoll has

participated in Dance Marathon for the past four years. This year, Ingersoll was a Morale Captain on the recruitment and retention committee. Her main goals were to fundraise and get people to join the organization, she said.

Ingersoll said there were obstacles to fundraising in the middle of a pandemic.

“I think the hardest challenge in fundraising was just asking people for money,” Ingersoll said. “People were already struggling and it was hard to ask people to feel generous and give up even more of that money.”

Ingersoll got creative. She sold crafts, collected

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UI COVID-19 NUMBERS

Number of self-reported cases for COVID-19
Students: 7 new cases, 3,008 to-date
Employees: 2 within the past week, 443 to-date

New cases as of Feb. 24, 2021.

Source: UI COVID-19 campus update

INSIDE

Bill could allow income-based housing discrimination

A bill advancing in the Iowa Legislature would remove an Iowa City ordinance designed to prevent housing discrimination, despite attempts by the City of Iowa City to oppose the legislation. The 2016 Source of Income ordinance was instated to protect low-income citizens who utilized public housing assistance from housing discrimination.



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Bill would nix virtual graduation

A Republican-backed bill aims to force Iowa’s public universities to hold in-person commencement ceremonies.



J. BRUCE HARRELD
President
University of Iowa

- Congratulations, Hawkeyes, and welcome

Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan
University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld speaks during virtual commencement on May 16, 2020. Because of concerns surrounding COVID-19, the University of Iowa moved commencement online in March.

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Commencement ceremonies at Iowa’s three public universities could be held in-person if a Republican-backed

bill makes it through the Iowa Legislature.

If the bill, introduced last week, clears the arduous legislative processes, it would scrap laws at the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa

to do virtual commencement ceremonies in May. Pre-pandemic, commencement ceremonies drew thousands of people — family members and friends of graduates — to Iowa City from all over the world. Advocates for in-person

ceremonies say public universities could modify ceremonies to put people at less risk.

The bill instructs all public universi-

SEE GRADUATION, 2

JAVA IN THE HOUSE



Barista Maizy Fugate makes a coffee in The Java House located on East Washington Street on Saturday.

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ties to allow, at minimum, two guests per student for a commencement ceremony. Rep. Carter Nordman, R-Adel, chair of the bill's subcommittees, said students should have in-person graduation because they are accommodating to the university's protocols for safety and education procedures during the pandemic. "They deserve an in-person graduation," Nordman said. "I do believe an in-person graduation is doable based off of what we know about this virus, how to mitigate this virus, and the fact that there are going to

be widely available vaccines by May." Iowa expects to open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to every Iowa adult by early April, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced last week, but it could take much longer to actually get enough people vaccinated to significantly reduce infection rates. In a campus-wide email sent to the UI community in February, the university wrote that its decision to move the commencement ceremony online was to maintain the health and safety of the entire campus community during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We know how much these ceremonies mean to our students and their families," the

campus email stated. "The university is committed to honoring our graduates and celebrating their achievements in a way that allows for participation from friends and family virtually." Iowa State University has not yet announced plans for graduation ceremonies. All three universities held virtual graduations in May 2020. The bill was introduced by Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton. Nordman said he hopes the bill will begin the discussion with the state Board of Regents-governed public universities about looking at safe ways to hold in-person graduation. Regents Senior Communications Director Josh Lehman wrote in an email to The Daily I-

owan that the regents will follow the bill if it moves through the legislative process, but he didn't say whether the regents would support or oppose the bill. Lehman wrote the regents will "continue to work with the legislature on all issues related to higher education." UI President Bruce Harrelld told the DI in a December interview that commencement would most likely be virtual because of the time it takes to plan. "We need to plan and that's got a lot of things that we have to videotape and get all together," Harrelld said. "If we get all of that together, we can then throw it away and have a live one relatively easy. I hope that's where we end up."



University of Iowa junior and Dance Marathon the Marathon co-chair, Brooke Lucas, dances and directs parade goers before the start of the University of Iowa Dance Marathon Parade on Saturday behind Kinnick Stadium in lot 43. Most of the other Dance Marathon events were held virtually this year due to COVID-19.

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was tight." Schmidt said her and her husband's favorite memory

of Dance Marathon is from a meeting for post-cancer patients when two-and-a-half-year-old Carter was given the microphone. "Carter just loved the mic," Schmidt said. "He was talking

and talking the whole time, and it was just really sweet, then everyone would clap, and he would go 'Yay!' He was so precious." Carter currently has no trace of disease, she said. Her family

is beyond thankful for Dance Marathon, Schmidt said, and will continue to participate in its events. Despite the challenges brought on by COVID-19 this year, Dance Marathon raised

\$1.4 M FTK CONTINUED FROM FRONT

pop cans, and had a community fundraiser at her hometown pizza place, she said. Ingersoll said she's proud of the resilience that Dance Marathon has shown during difficult times. UI sophomore Majesty Constable also found unconventional ways to fundraise. She said she sent a message to all 400 of her Snapchat friends asking for donations. "Not only do you bring in a lot of donations, but people start to ask you 'Oh what is Dance Marathon?' 'What am I donating to?'" Constable said. Constable's old friend from high school donated \$50 after hearing that the money supported children with cancer. Before the donation, she had no idea that her friend's dad had died of cancer when he was a child. "I know it might seem cheesy,

but every single donation makes me so happy, and I literally started crying," Constable said. "I think what people don't understand is that when I say 'thank you' I genuinely mean it." Constable said her biggest motivation is the families that Dance Marathon sponsors. She said she thanks every sponsor with four exclamation points to show her genuine appreciation. Although Dance Marathon has taken on a new look this year, the kids still remain the heart of the cause. Dance Marathon Public Relations Chair Holly Smith said she also feels most inspired by the children who are undergoing treatment or have in the past. "This is what we all do it for," Smith said. "To see the smile on their faces and what joy we can bring them." Smith said she wishes that first-time dancers were able to meet the children in person as they have in years past. Even though dancers were not able to

visit the hospital, she said their energy levels were still though the roof. "Dance Marathon is usually such a high-intensity high-energy event," Smith said. "Obviously this year is different but I am impressed with how energetic and excited people still are and how memorable everyone still wants it to be." "I am most proud of our mindset of the whole year and making it positive and being resilient," Smith said. "Rise with Resilience" was the theme of Dance Marathon 27. Smith added that cancer isn't paused by the pandemic, and families still need the help that Dance Marathon provides. "I think that the resiliency that we're reflecting is based off of our families because they have had to be so resilient through their cancer diagnosis," Smith said. "The least we can do is try to be as resilient as they have been throughout their journey."



University of Iowa sophomores (from left) Casey Fridner, Katie Vlakeley, Brayden Boche and Christian Frankl sit in a dorm room in Currier Hall to watch the livestream of Dance Marathon 27 on Friday. Vlakeley was a lime captain for the event.

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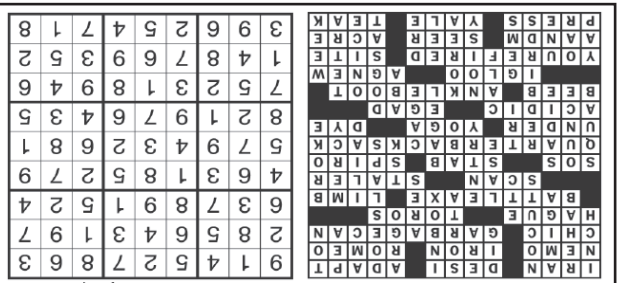
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\$1.4 million for Stead Family Children's Hospital. Dance Marathon participants, such as UI freshman Lila Terry, are passionate about helping families including the Schmidts. Terry said Dance Marathon helped her pick her college path. She's glad it shaped her academic journey despite its virtual format this year. "When I was deciding what school to go to, I applied for a leadership position for Dance Marathon at the University of Iowa," Terry said. "When I got that, my decision was completely made, and I decided to go there." Since Terry's sophomore year at Iowa City West High School, she's participated in Dance Marathon at the university. This year, she served on Dance Marathon 27's Operations Committee, and — although the fundraiser's Big Event was held virtually — Terry said her participation remains worthwhile because of the families she's helping. "Everything we do is for a family, so even if it's all online what's important is that we're still getting out here and raising money," she said. Other dancers have first-

hand experience as patients at UI Hospitals and Clinics. After two stays at UIHC, UI Freshman and Dance Marathon Ambassador Megan Triplett said she felt compelled to join Dance Marathon to help other patients and their families. "I love the children's hospital. I've had to stay there myself, and I think it's incredible how much they're able to help kiddos and their families," Triplett said. "I was able to go up on the 12th floor and just kind of imagine the whole way thing. It's just such an incredible place with such incredible people." Last spring, Dance Marathon 27 announced its yearly campaign "Rise with Resilience." Since the campaign's birth, Executive Director Elizabeth Jackson continues to reflect on how Dance Marathon families embody strength. "A very popular spark word this year has been resilience," Jackson said. "But for our families, they've been resilient as they received a diagnosis, got treatment, entered remission, or lost their child. The epitome of resilience is to have to go through all those challenges."

Profs share COVID-19 lessons

The University of Iowa Center for Teaching helped faculty transition to all-virtual courses at the onset of COVID-19, and UI professors started a podcast about their teaching strategies. Many say they plan to continue those strategies after the pandemic ends.

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A year after the pandemic upended the University of Iowa and moved classes to a primarily virtual format, a faculty-based podcast has brought professors together to share their successes in teaching online.

Most classes at the UI were moved to online environments at the beginning of the fall semester, which was new for both students and teachers.

“Welcome to Keep Teaching Strategies... that highlights pedagogical strategies for virtual courses,” Anna Flaming, podcast host and interim director of the Center for Teaching, says as she opens each episode.

The podcast was recorded in summer 2020 over Zoom. In each episode, a UI faculty member shares their virtual teaching strategies, Flaming wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Flaming wrote that she heard helpful ideas from faculty members that could be shared with other instructors in the spring of 2020.

She selected instructors from different colleges and ranks of teaching to be featured on the podcast, Flaming wrote.

“Podcasts have become a really important resource for learning and connecting,” Flaming wrote. “As we start to imagine teaching and learning beyond the pandemic, this might be a useful forum for us.”

UI Professor of Physics and Astronomy Vincent Rodgers said multimedia strategies can work outside of the pandemic.

Rodgers said he implemented more group discussions in his virtual classes after listening to the Keep Teaching Strategies podcast.

“This is not just a student problem, this is a problem for the faculty as well, because faculty do struggle with how to communicate with students,” Rodgers said. “That doesn’t mean that their faculty member is not trying.”

UI Chair of the Department of Dance Rebekah Kowal was another one of the 14 UI faculty featured on the podcast.

Kowal said she quickly realized that teaching virtually on Zoom was boring her students, including herself.

“There’s a physical presence to teaching that is really important, not only in dance, but also especially in dance where we sense each other’s physicality,” she said. “On Zoom, you can’t sense that in the same ways, but we try to accomplish that through checking in with students every day.”

A study by the National Center for Biotechnology found that 71 percent of college-age students surveyed showed an increase in stress and anxiety due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Michele Williams, UI assistant professor of management and entrepreneurship, said she still uses the teaching strategies she used at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as staying connected with students through Zoom.

Williams said her entrepreneurship classes focus on group projects.

“Putting people into just

random breakout rooms so they can have that time to chat with each other that you normally have walking into class is important,” Williams said.

While professors have formed strategies for teaching virtually, UI Assistant Professor of Oboe Courtney Miller said she has offered in-person one-on-one lessons and chamber groups since the fall semester.

Miller said she works with students on Sunday when the large, COVID-19 mitigated halls of the Voxman music building are available.

She said she wants to continue rehearsing in the large performance-style spaces after COVID-19.

“I think there are a lot of things we’re going to carry over,” Miller said. “When we get together, we really cherish that time.”

Flaming wrote that she knows a lot of faculty members have missed connecting informally with their colleagues about teaching.

“The podcasts have helped to bolster a community, just in a new way,” Flaming wrote. “Faculty members featured in the podcasts say that the teaching strategies they developed during the pandemic are things that they will continue doing forever.”



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Anna Flaming poses for a portrait at the Center for Teaching on Feb. 24. Flaming is the Interim Director for the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology. Flaming also hosts a podcast that invites UI instructors to tell their stories related to teaching online during the COVID-19 pandemic.



BY DANCING
TODAY,
WE'RE CREATING
TOMORROW.

To everyone who is a part of
UI Dance Marathon, thank you.

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COLUMN

Ashley Hinson has beef

Ashley Hinson's polemic against synthetic beef is a plea for political relevance that ignores the benefits of a technology.

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Rep. Ashley Hinson's beef crusade is just another example of unjustified conservative outrage.

In recent tweets, the Republican representative of Iowa's 1st Congressional District has lambasted Bill Gates and the "radical left" after Gates suggested that Americans should move to 100-percent synthetic beef.

Along with her petition, Hinson is marketing a \$10 bumper sticker with what appears to be her new favorite phrase, "HANDS OFF OUR BEEF."

The problem for Hinson, and what exposes this polemic as a purely political move, is no one's hands are on Ashley's, or anyone else's, beef.

No legislation that would

subsidize synthetic meats or tax traditional beef production currently exists at the national or state level. The Green New Deal, a resolution described by Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo. as wanting to prohibit cheeseburgers and milkshakes, doesn't mention cows once.

Most of these outrageous rumors stem from an FAQ factsheet on the resolution that stated "We set a goal to get to net-zero, rather than zero emissions, in 10 years because we aren't sure that we'll be able to fully get rid of farting cows and airplanes that fast."

The "farting cows" comment is clearly a quip meant to illustrate the impossibility of reaching zero emissions and not a promise to cull all cows as some conservatives espouse. Cows and airplanes are both sources of greenhouse gas emissions that will not disap-

pear in the foreseeable future.

Therefore, it makes sense that they would be used in explaining the distinction between net-zero and zero emissions.

In addition to essentially campaigning against a nonexistent problem, Hinson does not explain her stance against synthetic meats. She just refers to it as "one of the craziest suggestions that Democrats have made."

This statement is further muddled by the fact that Bill Gates' official political affiliation is unknown — his foundation has donated to both Democrats and Republicans in the past.

Even if Bill Gates is a Democrat, his statement is not representative of the entire party. Gates does not hold elected office and cannot introduce or vote on legislation. Blanket

statements, such as this one, intend to paint opposition political groups as monolithic.

Hinson's logic seems to say, "one rich guy who might be a Democrat likes this idea, therefore the entire party is behind it and they will destroy your life."

Sensationalist views like this one should not be taken seriously because they only lead to more divided political factions — a problem that both sides of the aisle can recognize.

The most probable explanation for Hinson's lack of reasoning is that a very compelling argument can be made for the production of synthetic meats, especially beef.

Beef production produces four to eight times more emissions per gram of protein than pork and poultry, each of which contributes more to climate change than plant-based



Hannah Kinson/The Daily Iowan

Republican candidate for Iowa's 1st Congressional District Ashley Hinson greets an attendee before a Trump rally with Donald Trump Jr. on Oct. 27, 2020 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Cedar Rapids.

proteins.

As consumers become more aware of the devastating effects of global climate change and plant-based "impossible meats" taste more like the real thing, there will be a shift away

from conventional meat.

Hinson wants to frame this issue as liberal elites taking away your right to eat beef. But in reality, it's the free market offering alternatives to consumers.

DOCTOR IS IN

How to fight imposter syndrome

Imposter syndrome is common when students enter college, but there are steps you can take to be more confident.

Imposter syndrome describes a person's feelings of inadequacy despite their many achievements and accolades.

This affects many students as they enroll in a professional or graduate program — first-generation, non-traditional, and students of color entering higher education also report experiencing imposter syndrome at higher rates. This may be because these demographics are not commonly represented within the faculty in higher education. Of all full-time faculty in degree-granting post-secondary institutions in fall 2018, 7 percent were Asian/Pacific

Islander males, 5 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander females, and only 3 percent each were Black males, Black females, Hispanic males, and Hispanic females, according to the National Center of Educational Statistics.

Imposter syndrome is rooted in the context of our productivity-driven culture. We emphasize productivity above other values and believe that if we are not achieving at the same level that we perceive those around us to be, we are simply not maximizing our productivity. This can lead to an endless cycle of work, frustration, and comparison instead of growth and self-re-

flection. While I have by no means conquered my own imposter syndrome as a medical student, these are some tips that have helped me feel more comfortable in my journey:

Treat yourself as a Friend

While this sounds cheesy, it's important we treat ourselves like we would treat a friend during times of distress or when feelings of incapability surface. When we comfort friends, we remind them of their past achievements and amplify their positive qualities. Yet, we let ourselves indulge in negative thoughts. Too often, we breeze past our accom-

plishments, in search of the next big goal, without taking time to reward ourselves with relaxation and fulfillment.

Reflect

If you are more of a logical thinker, it can help to reflect on your academic journey. Remember, someone specifically chose you to be here because they believed in your ability to succeed. For example, for medical school this process consists of a common application consisting of a plethora of extracurricular activities, GPA, MCAT, a secondary application, and an interview. This is not a process designed

to let people slip through the cracks. If you were chosen among the thousands of other applicants, there was a reason.

Ask for help

Sometimes there are qualms that can only be resolved by talking to other people, including friends. There will never be a time when you have as many resources at your fingertips than when you are in school, so take advantage of them. The University of Iowa offers counseling services and opportunities to meet with academic advisors or faculty in your program. Regardless of who you turn

to, never be ashamed to seek help.

Higher education, especially during a pandemic, can create an environment of stress and comparison. Don't let your mind take advantage of these feelings and trick you into believing you don't belong. You are on the path you need to be, and you have all the tools at your disposal for success.

To schedule an appointment at University Counseling Services you can call (319)-335-7294, or email ucs@uiowa.edu

— Megan Sinik,
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COLUMN

Elections bill is voter suppression

The Iowa house passed a bill that will make early voting more difficult and will ultimately suppress votes.



Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

Johnson County holds Drive-Up early voting in the parking ramp of the Johnson County Health and Human Services Building on Oct. 23, 2020. Voters follow signs and wait in a line of cars to cast their ballot.

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Last week, the Iowa Legislature passed a bill that would

shorten the time Iowans can vote early or absentee by nine days, and polling locations on Election Day would close an hour earlier. Iowa legislators

claim the bill will reduce voter fraud, but in reality, it's just a form of voter suppression.

But making it harder to vote is nothing new to Iowa.

Until just last summer, Iowa was the only state in the country that barred felons from voting even after the completion of their sentences.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, said that he introduced this bill because he believes voter suppression is when the electorate doesn't have faith in the election system.

But what Kaufmann doesn't say is that the bill he introduced is actually preventing people from voting — the true form of voter suppression.

By definition, voter suppression, is any effort, either legal or illegal, by way of laws, administrative rules, or state-sanctioned or unofficial voter intimidation that prevents U.S. citizens from registering to vote or voting.

In the 2020 general election, almost 60 percent of Iowans voted early, but there has not been any election fraud cases brought to court in the stated during this time. Clearly, voter fraud is some-

thing Iowa already has completely under control.

In the year with the earliest voting, we saw one of the safest elections in history. So, how could it be that restricting early voting will eliminate voter fraud? To put it simply, it won't.

It is not surprising that Iowa Republican lawmakers would want to limit early voting because registered Democrats are more likely than Republicans to vote early. Republican elected officials know that if they restrict early voting, they are in turn restricting Democratic voters. This will make winning easier for them, but they should care more about having a fair democratic system in Iowa than winning.

Since Election Day is not a national or even state holiday, people do not get off work to vote. Before the pandemic, Iowa had the largest percentage of workers in the entire country, meaning that many Iowans will likely be working for every election.

This new bill also unfairly targets the middle class. Those who make less than \$30,000 a year are more likely to vote early than voters in any other income bracket.

In addition, people between the ages of 18 and 24 are the second most likely age group to vote absentee. Every student at the University of Iowa should be appalled by this bill because restricting early voting is restricting college students' ability to vote.

Voting is a right that all Americans should have easily, and Republican legislators are making it very clear they do not want everyone to vote.

Republicans should be ashamed of their cowardly attempt at voter suppression. They should be even more ashamed that they are doing it while claiming that is protecting Iowa. Suppressing votes of Iowans does nothing to help Iowans.

The Legislature should not have passed this bill, and the governor must not sign it into law.

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UI top Fulbright producer again

For the sixth year in a row, the University of Iowa ranks among the top universities for producing Fulbright scholars.

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As the Fulbright program enters its 75th year, the University of Iowa has been named one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars for the sixth year in a row. The UI named 24 students as Fulbright Scholars this year, the most ever for the university and good for 12th nationally among research universities.

The Fulbright program sends students from across the nation to several different parts of the world to act as a citizen ambassador while continuing their education. Fulbright recipients are picked by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs.

Iowa's 12th place surpasses last year's ranking of 18th among research institutions. And when comparing the share of applicants who are scholarship winners, the university ranks first in the country with nearly half of applicants receiving awards.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the start of these scholarships — although a few Fulbright programs began in January. Other awardees were given the option to defer until the 2021–22 year. The 24 undergraduate alum and graduate students won awards for 16 countries: Argentina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Latvia, Mexico, Morocco, Romania, Serbia, Spain, and Taiwan.

UI Dean of International Programs Russell Ganim said he believes the UI's success with the Fulbright program is because of the mentorship and rigorous application process the university offers its students.

Ganim said he encourag-

es students to start thinking about the program early. Even for first- and second-year students, the university can help guide students into getting involved across campus and particular class options, he said.

"Even if you don't end up getting accepted into a program, the application process helps you learn a lot about yourself," Ganim said.

Lucas Fagre, UI alum and Fulbright scholar, said that because of COVID-19 travel restrictions, he has not been able to begin his joint research program in Bulgaria and Ro-

mania.

During his time at the UI, Fagre said he double majored in anthropology and public health, and spent time researching in both Romania and Ukraine. For his upcoming Fulbright trip, he plans on doing vaccine outreach research with the Roma population.

Fagre's application to the program took place over several months, he said, requiring him to rewrite and improve upon his essays many times.

"The process of getting very positive feedback, over and over again from a multitude

of perspectives is probably the most valuable part of working with the Iowa Fulbright program," Fabre said.

Associate Director of International Fellowships Karen Wachsmuth advises students and helps them through the application process. Since she joined the program, she said, the amount of Fulbright students from the university has nearly doubled.

Wachsmuth said students are from a variety of fields, from creative writing to public health and beyond, and go abroad for research, teaching,

creative projects, and studying.

"Our students tend to be very active on campus with extracurricular and service activities in the community," Wachsmuth said. "That's what Fulbright is looking for — people who are going to go out and do people to people, diplomacy abroad."

Wachsmuth said the most important thing students learn while abroad is empathy, by getting to know people from other countries, listening to their experiences, and learning not only what makes

them different but, more importantly, what makes them the same.

Many alumni return to help mentor potential recipients, she said, sharing their experiences abroad and assisting with interview preparation.

"Students who are applying for the Fulbright really want to make a difference," Wachsmuth said. "They want to become part of the global workforce, they want that adventure, and they want to grow. That's what the Fulbright program gives them a chance to do."



The Old Capitol is seen on March 12, 2020.


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Bill would void anti-discrimination code

A bill outlawing local ordinances against housing discrimination based on public assistance was passed by the Iowa Senate and is moving through the House. The measure would remove a part of Iowa City code.

BY AILIS MCCARDLE
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A bill in the Iowa Legislature could remove a city ordinance that prevents landlords from denying housing to individuals and families using housing choice vouchers. Iowa City is one city that has such an ordinance.

Senate File 252 passed through the Senate on party lines on Feb. 17 and was referred to a House committee on last week. The bill would remove the 2016 Iowa City

Source of Income ordinance, which protects families that use housing choice vouchers.

Iowa City has registered in opposition to the bill, along with Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, West Des Moines, and Waukee.

Housing choice vouchers provide rental assistance to families and individuals that meet federally mandated income restrictions, according to the Iowa City Housing Authority website. The Iowa City Housing Authority currently assists more than 1,200

low-income families to acquire and keep their housing.

According to national data collected from the Department of Housing and Urban Development by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonprofit, non-partisan research and policy institute, 5.3 million Americans in 2.2 million households use federal housing vouchers to afford their housing.

Iowa City's Equity and Human Rights Coordinator Stephanie Bowers said the Source of Income ordinance

explicitly prevents landlords from "advertising either directly or indirectly that persons who use rental subsidies are not welcome or not solicited, or rejecting an applicant based solely on the fact that they use a rental subsidy."

If the ordinance were removed, Bowers said, other characteristics such as race, gender, and country of origin would still be protected from discrimination under city code.

Bowers said the Source of Income ordinance is helpful —

the number of complaints citing "Public Assistance/Source of Income" as a reason for discrimination dropped from six reported incidents in 2016 to two in 2017, with no complaints in 2018, one complaint in 2019, and one in 2020.

"Housing choice is implied in the name," Bowers said. "It's giving people housing opportunities and choices."

Assistant to the City Manager Rachel Kilburg said the City of Iowa City has worked with contracted lobbyists Carney & Appleby to oppose

the bill as it moves through the Iowa legislature.

Kilburg said the ordinance does not mandate that area landlords must accept tenants with housing choice vouchers, but that "they screen all rental applicants using the same process and standards, regardless of their source of income."

Kilburg said the cost of lobbying against the bill is covered by annual membership and contract dues paid to lobbying and advocacy organizations by the city.

"Affordable housing opportunities and housing choice are major priorities for the city," Kilburg said. "During periods of greater financial stress, such as the ongoing pandemic, use of rental vouchers can help ensure tenants maintain their housing and landlords receive rent payments on time."

Several Iowa rental groups have supported the bill as it travels through the state Legislature, including the Greater Iowa Apartment Association.

Association Executive at the Greater Iowa Apartment Association Christy Steva wrote in a statement to *The Daily Iowan* that the organization supports the bill, as many of their members are part of this and other rental assistance programs.

"We believe housing providers should have a choice as to how their small businesses are run and the option not to accept federal payments that would be accompanied by additional complex requirements," Steva wrote. "We support a landlord's right to participate in this voluntary federal program, and not have de facto requirements forced upon them by city or county ordinance."

Iowa City leasing agencies Apartments at Iowa and Westwinds Real Estate didn't respond to requests for comment.



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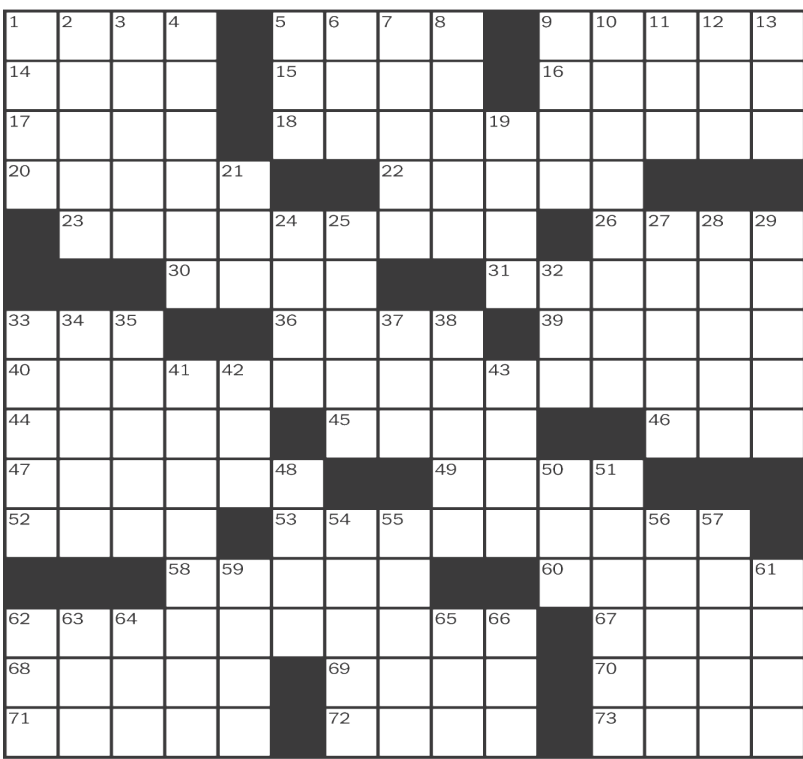
An apartment building is seen in Iowa City on April 21, 2018.

The Daily Break

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 2

The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz
No. 0125



Across

- 1 Modern Persia
- 5 Arnaz who loved Lucy
- 9 Become acclimated
- 14 "Finding ___" (2003 Pixar film)
- 15 Alternative to a wood, in golf
- 16 Name said twice before "Wherefore art thou"
- 17 In vogue
- 18 Oscar the Grouch's home
- 20 International Court of Justice location, with "The"
- 22 Bulls in a bullfight
- 23 Old weapon in hand-to-hand combat
- 26 Place for a nest
- 30 Digital picture, maybe
- 31 Less fresh
- 33 Emergency call in Morse code
- 36 Wild guess
- 39 With 60-Across, one of two U.S. vice presidents to resign from office
- 40 Result of a football blitz, maybe
- 44 Completely anesthetized
- 45 Exercise that might be done on a mat
- 46 Cover gray, perhaps
- 47 Like vinegar
- 49 "Holy moly!"
- 52 English channel, informally, with "the"
- 53 Bit of fashionable footwear
- 58 Home in the shape of a dome
- 60 See 39-Across
- 62 Dreaded cry from a boss ... or a hint to the ends of 18-, 23-, 40- and 53-Across

- 67 Listing in a travel guide
- 68 Texas ___ (school NW of Houston)
- 69 Dealer in futures?
- 70 It's a plot!
- 71 News media
- 72 Rival of Harvard
- 73 Wood for boat decks

Down

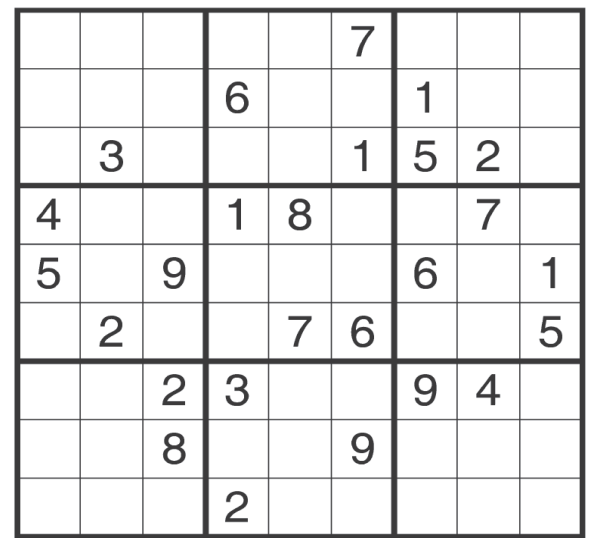
- 1 Not give an ___ (be stubborn)
- 2 Give a makeover, informally
- 3 Spanish girlfriend
- 4 "Hey, don't jump in front of me in the line!"
- 5 Insult
- 6 Time span sometimes named after a president
- 7 Rather, informally
- 8 Where work may pile up
- 9 Best Picture winner set in 1-Across
- 10 Swims at the Y, say
- 11 "The Walking Dead" network
- 12 Cause of a sleepless night for a princess, in a fairy tale
- 13 Whole bunch
- 19 Greek counterpart of Mars
- 21 Yadda, yadda, yadda
- 24 Zap with a light beam
- 25 Contest attempt
- 27 Classic work that's the basis for Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida"

- 28 "Goodness gracious!"
- 29 Not having two nickels to rub together
- 32 "For shame!"
- 33 Fledgling pigeon
- 34 Weight whose abbreviation ends in a "z," oddly
- 35 "Sexy" lady in a Beatles song
- 37 Blood grouping system
- 38 Hole-some breakfast food?
- 41 Nickname for the Cardinals, with "the"
- 42 Prefix with -pod or -partite
- 43 Zoo enclosure
- 48 Foal : mare :: ___ : cow
- 50 Lawyers' org.
- 51 Took care of someone else's pooch
- 54 Loud
- 55 Land with a demilitarized zone
- 56 Delayed
- 57 Four: Prefix
- 59 Insets in a crown
- 61 Line on a calendar
- 62 Talk, talk, talk
- 63 Regatta implement
- 64 French "a"
- 65 Wriggly fish
- 66 Dr. of hip-hop

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a mark of 7.65 meters on his final attempt after posting his previous best in his second attempt at 7.38 meters. The shorter jump would have landed him in fifth position — worth only four team points.

“Any time you have a champion pull out [his best jump] on his last attempt, that’s pretty impressive,” Woody said following Thursday’s events.

Iowa scored 23 points in the long jump as four of the five Hawkeye finalists finished in the top eight. Jamal Britt finished on the podium with Carter Jr. as Britt leaped 7.46 meters to place third.

Haack was also joined in the top three by fellow Hawkeye Austin West as West collected bronze in the heptathlon.

“Working hard this year has really been able to pay off for me and there’s no better feeling than taking home a gold,” Haack said. “I’m really

proud of Austin [West] for putting in a lot of work this year and really showing out and being third. It’s incredibly exciting.”

While Haack and Carter Jr. highlighted the Hawkeyes, the men put points on the board in all areas of competition during what Woody called a three-day “battle.”

“It takes every single event for us to be successful in this type of competition, this type of environment,” Woody said. “We’re doing it in the field events, horizontal jumps, vertical jumps. We’re doing it in the throws, we’re doing it on the track in all different event areas. We got point scorers in every event area. That’s what it takes and that what makes me most proud, that we’re a complete team.”

In all, the Hawkeye men counted point-scoring finishes from 20 different athletes.

Iowa will head to Fayetteville, Arkansas, next, for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 12-13.



Jenna Galligan/The Daily Iowan
Jamal Britt finishes his leg of the 4x400m relay premier during the second day of the Larry Wieczorek Invitational on Jan. 23 at the University of Iowa Recreation Building. Britt ran a split of 48.375, contributing to the Iowa 'A' team victory with a total time of 3:09.58. Because of coronavirus restrictions, the Hawkeyes could only host Big Ten teams.



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan
Iowa swimmer Kelsey Drake competes in the 200 butterfly during a swim meet at the CRWC on Jan. 11, 2020 between Iowa, Illinois, and Notre Dame. Drake finished 2nd in her heat with a time of 2:00.74.

SWIMMING CONTINUED FROM 8

time was good enough for the second-fastest time in program history. Graves also finished 14th in the 500 free.

Sophomore Aleksandra Olesiak took 24th in the 200 breast. Olesiak recorded a season best time of 2:16.19 in her “C” Final.

The meet concluded with the 400 free relay swam by Sarah Schemmel, Drake, McDougall, and Rink. The four put together a tenth-place finish and a 3:20.76 time. This ranks as the ninth-fastest time in program history.

Senior Lexi Horner won the Big Ten’s Sportsmanship Award at the conference championships. Horn-

er competed for the team in the 200 breast and finished with a personal best in the 400 IM.

On the diving side, the conference championships were held in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Junior Samantha Tamborski finished ninth on the 3-meter with a season-high of 322.235. Tamborski would also take 17th in the 1-meter with a 263.10. Freshman Sarah Ballard finished 20th with a score of 261.55

The Hawkeyes left the championships having scored 424 points. The team competition was won by Ohio State, which had 1,584 points.

For most of the team, the meet marks the end of a tumultuous season. After the University of Iowa announced the women’s swimming and diving program

would be discontinued after the academic year on Aug. 21, the team lost several coaches and athletes who looked to find new homes.

It was announced Feb. 15 that the university would permanently reinstate the women’s swimming and diving program after a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction in December that blocks the university’s plans to discontinue the sport at the end of the academic year.

Despite all the challenges they faced this year, the Hawkeyes’ resilience ultimately paid off. The team finished a spot higher than it did last season at the conference championships.

The team will now await bids for the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 17-20 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

VOLLEYBALL CONTINUED FROM 8

ton gave the Hawkeyes the second set, 25-22.

Iowa continued that momentum into the third, holding Northwestern to only 12 points in that set.

Unfortunately for Iowa, Northwestern was in no mood for a rerun of the heartbreaking loss it had on Friday, and it would come back to win the next two sets, 25-21, and 16-14.

“The team is working hard to earn every point,” Brown said. “We are seeing the work we put in during the week for a balanced offense. Now, we have to develop our defense in order to stop primary attackers.”

The Hawkeyes grabbed their first road win of the season on Friday against the Wildcats in another five-set thriller.

Buzzerio continued her strong play from the previous weekend with 14 kills, 21 assists, and a .346 hitting percentage. She finished two digs away from her second triple-double of the season.

Clayton tallied a career-high 14 kills to go along with her nine blocks and .407 hitting percentage.

After the Hawkeyes took the first set, 26-24, the second set required 14 extra points in order for Iowa to win it, 39-37.

Temi Thomas-Ailara had 10 kills in that set alone for Northwestern on the road to her 26 on the night.

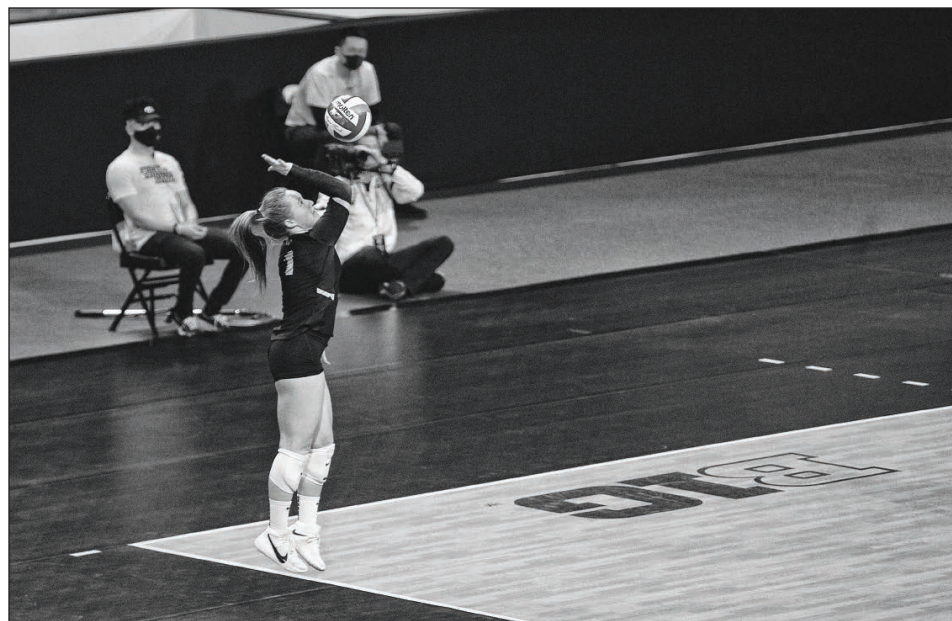
With Iowa up 2-0, it looked like it would be able to close

out Northwestern without too much trouble. Instead, Northwestern battled back with wins in the third set, 25-23, and the fourth, 25-17, to force a fifth set.

“We always talk about keeping things going and staying composed,” Brown said. “Looking at our juniors, who were not only composed, executed, and took over at certain points of the match.”

Iowa turned to its middle blockers in the final set with Jones and Clayton combining for five kills and Clayton coming through for two blocks in the 15-11 win.

“It was a true indication of how much this five-set match was a team win,” Brown said. “Everyone contributed to each point we got, and it was truly a team that was earned and not given.”



Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan
Iowa libero Joslyn Boyer jumps up to hit a serve during a women’s volleyball match between Iowa and Rutgers at Xtream Arena on Feb. 20. The Scarlet Knights defeated the Hawkeyes 3 sets to 2.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Nunge out for season

Iowa men's basketball redshirt sophomore Jack Nunge suffered a season-ending torn meniscus of his right knee in the first half of Thursday's road game at Michigan. The announcement came Friday from head coach Fran McCaffery.

This is the second time Nunge has suffered a season-ending knee injury in the last 16 months. He sustained a torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) on the same knee on Nov. 24, 2019, against Cal Poly.



McCaffery

Nunge

The 6-foot-11 forward is expected to undergo surgery next week to repair the meniscus and McCaffery expects Nunge to be sidelined four to six months.

"Jack has been through so much and we all feel terrible for him," McCaffery said. "He was really playing well and making great strides this year before another unfortunate setback. Jack is beloved and respected by his teammates, and everyone in our program will support Jack during his recovery. We look forward to having him back on the court next season."

Nunge played in 22 games this season, leading the team in scoring (7.1) and rebounding (5.3) off the bench. The native of Newburgh, Indiana, redshirted the 2018-19 season and was approved for an additional year of eligibility after playing in only five games last season because of his injury.



Michael Guhin/The Daily Iowan

Rowing releases schedule

The Iowa rowing team announced its 2021 season schedule on Saturday. It will begin the season against Southern Methodist in Merritt Island, Florida, on Thursday.

The Hawkeyes will also face the Mustangs on March 7.

After a two-week break, Iowa will face Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Indiana, and Oregon State in Columbus, Ohio, on March 27.

The Hawkeyes will compete in the Big Ten Invitational in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 17 and 18.

Iowa will host its lone home competition of the season on April 24 when it welcomes Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Kansas.

The last regular season competition for Iowa will be against Michigan and Louisville in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on May 1.

Iowa will compete in the Big Ten Championships on May 16 at a site that has not yet been determined. The NCAA Championships take place from May 28-30 in Sarasota, Florida, at Nathan Benderson Park.

Iowa rowing didn't compete in the 2020 season because of COVID-19. The Hawkeyes were ranked No. 13 in the USRowing/CRCA Preseason Poll in 2020.

At the 2019 NCAA Championships, the Hawkeyes finished No. 13 overall.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Now we just have to keep building"



— Iowa director of track and field Joey Woody after the men's team won the Big Ten Championships.

STAT OF THE DAY

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Straight matches volleyball freshman Audrey Black has at had kills in the double digits.

Big Ten's best

This was the team's first solo Big Ten title in over 90 years.



Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan

Iowa Pole Vaulter Peyton Haack runs up to his launching point. Haack finished 16th during the Hawkeye BIG Invitational track meet at the University of Iowa Recreation Building on Feb. 13.

BY CHRIS WERNER

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Iowa director of track and field Joey Woody wants Iowa to be known as a track and field power. His program took an important step toward that goal on Saturday.

At the conclusion of the third and final day of the Big Ten Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships in Geneva, Ohio, the men stood alone atop the conference for the first time since 1929, while Iowa's women's team finished third. The men's team shared a Big Ten title in 1963.

Saturday marked the second conference title for Iowa in two years as the Hawkeye men won the outdoor championships in 2019. Last season's outdoor championships were canceled because of COVID-19.

"Our mission is to be the best program in the country and that starts with being the best program in the Big Ten," Woody said. "I'm really excited about where we're at as a program, but we've still got a long way to go. I think that we can be one of the best programs in the country. We've got the right athletes, we've got the right coaching staff, we've just got to keep building."

The men's team put on a clinic of sorts, finishing with a team total of 119 — the most in school history — and 27 points ahead of second-place Indiana. Woody said the men's team left some points on the track, citing 130 points as a realistic possibility.

En route to their title, the Hawkeyes used individual wins from James Carter Jr. in the long jump and Peyton Haack in the heptathlon, each earning 10 points for the black and gold.

Carter Jr. saved his best for last in Thursday night's long jump. The Hawkeye junior soared to

SEE TRACK, 7

Fly record broken

The Hawkeyes finished eighth in the Big Ten championships.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Alyssa Graves competes in the women's 1000m freestyle during a swim meet at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center on Jan. 16. The women's team hosted Nebraska while the men's team had an intrasquad scrimmage.

BY EVAN BRUNER

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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team capped off its season with an eighth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships in Minneapolis.

There were several notable performances throughout the week, but none more than Malory Jump. The sophomore broke her own record for the fastest time in school history in the 100 fly on Thursday.

Jump swam a 52.30 in the preliminary heat and recorded a sixth-place finish in the "A" finals with a time of 52.81. She finished 18th in the 100 breast later on Friday.

Teammate Kelsey Drake joined Jump in the top

10 for the 100 fly. Drake placed eighth overall, and narrowly missed out on a personal best, finishing the race in 53.19 seconds. The Marion, Iowa, native took ninth in the 200 fly as well.

In the 200 free, the Hawkeyes had two "C" finalists. Sophomore Macy Rink placed 17th and junior Lauren McDougall finished 22nd. Rink's time of 1:48.03 was a personal best, and the sixth fastest time in program history.

Alyssa Graves had a strong outing, qualifying for the "A" final in the 200 fly, and then placed sixth overall with a time of 1:57.99.

On the final day of the competition Graves took 11th in the 1,650 free with a time of 16:21.34. The

SEE SWIMMING, 7

Another split series for volleyball

The Hawkeyes got their first road win of the season in game one but could not repeat their performance on Saturday.

BY WILL FINEMAN

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After sealing its first road win of the season against Northwestern on Friday, the Iowa volleyball team could not finish off the Wildcats on Saturday, as it split the two-day doubleheader.

In a weekend full of excitement, the Hawkeyes and the Wildcats played a combined 10 sets and 445 points to decide their two matches.

"Northwestern did a good job of working through the adversity presented in the third set," Iowa head coach Vicki Brown said in a release. "Joslyn [Boyer] did a great job of competing with every serve, which gave us the run in the third set. We have to stay hungry until the end of the match."

Iowa topped Northwestern in most of the team stats on Saturday, but it was the outstanding play from freshman setter Alex Rousseau that gave the Wildcats the edge.

Rousseau was filling in for Kiara McNulty, and tallied career-highs in assists (40), kills (8), and digs (5).

Junior Courtney Buzzerio was all over the court for Hawkeyes, as she finished with 15 kills, 19 assists, and a .333 hitting percentage.

Junior defensive specialist Maddie Slagle had a career night for the Hawkeyes with a career-high 16 digs.

The Wildcats started off the match strong with a 25-18 first set win, but they could not hold off the Hawkeyes in the second, as a 3-0 run from the Hawkeyes fed by two kills from Clay-

SEE VOLLEYBALL, 7