

UI COVID-19 NUMBERS

Number of self-reported cases for COVID-19

Students: 6 new cases, 3,069 to-date

Employees: 2 new cases, 460 to-date

New cases as of March 24, 2021

Source: UI COVID-19 campus update

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Republicans criticize Hart's election challenge

Gov. Kim Reynolds, GOP Chairman Jeff Kaufmann, and Secretary of State Paul Pate criticized Rita Hart for bringing her contest of Iowa's 2nd Congressional District race to the U.S. House before exhausting all state level options. This course of action is protected under the Federal Contested Election Act, but Kaufmann said going through the Iowa process to the fullest extent is the right thing to do.



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Hawkeyes sweep Spartans

Iowa volleyball emerged from its last home match of the 2020-21 season victorious Saturday night. The Hawkeyes downed the Michigan State Spartans, 3-0, to snap a six-match losing streak. Prior to Saturday, Iowa had not won a game since Feb. 26. The Hawkeyes will wrap up their season next weekend with two matchups against Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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Harreld leaving May 16, Keller tapped as interim

President Bruce Harreld is leaving the University of Iowa after the spring semester and an interim president will fill the role until the next head Hawkeye takes up the mantle.

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University of Iowa President Bruce Harreld, who announced his retirement last fall, will depart Jessup Hall on May 16, after a new president is appointed by the state Board of Regents.

Harreld announced his retirement on Oct. 1, 2020, less than a year after the regents extended his contract through 2023. Harreld told *The Daily Iowan* in an interview at the time that he would stay on for as long as it took for the regents to find a new president.

Now, with the regents set to name a new president on April

30, that time has come earlier than initially anticipated.

Harreld's successor is expected to take the helm in late summer or early fall, so the regents tapped outgoing dean of the Graduate College John Keller as an interim president to fill the gap.

"Board President Michael Richards has requested that I

remain president through May 16, which will allow the new president the opportunity to begin at a date of their choosing," Harreld wrote in a letter to campus on Thursday.

Harreld won't continue to be employed on campus or continue to be paid after May 16, a regents' spokesperson told *DI*, foregoing millions of

dollars in salary and deferred compensation.

There's no separation agreement between Harreld and the regents, regents' spokesperson Josh Lehman wrote in an email to the *DI*, which are usually issued in contentious separations to protect the employer

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Race to vaccination

As local health departments prepare for expanded vaccine eligibility April 5, public health officials warn that the process will take time.

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As Iowa prepares to potentially open vaccination eligibility to all Iowans 16 and older on April 5, local public health officials caution that supplies are still limited, and people should remain patient as vaccines roll out.

Local health officials juggled an expanded eligibility to nearly 70 percent of Iowa's population, health officials told the *DI*, which set off a scramble to find vaccine appointments. As another expansion approaches, public health

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Facing burnout

After over a year of managing the pandemic, local public health officials say they're worried about burnout in their field.

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With an end date of the pandemic in sight later this year, Danielle Pettit-Majewski said she laughs when she thinks about how tired she felt a year ago.

As the Director for Public Health in Washington County, Pettit-Majewski has led the public health response to COVID-19 in her county. She said her department has helped with everything from vaccine distribution to food deliveries for quarantine households.

With the one-year anniversary of the pandemic behind her, however, Pettit-Majewski said it has been a difficult time for her department.

"There's a ton of burnout. People are exhausted," she said. "The burnout is a real thing and I worry about our public health workforce across the state and across the country."

The burnout and fatigue in public health departments is being felt nationwide. As of December 2020, data tracked

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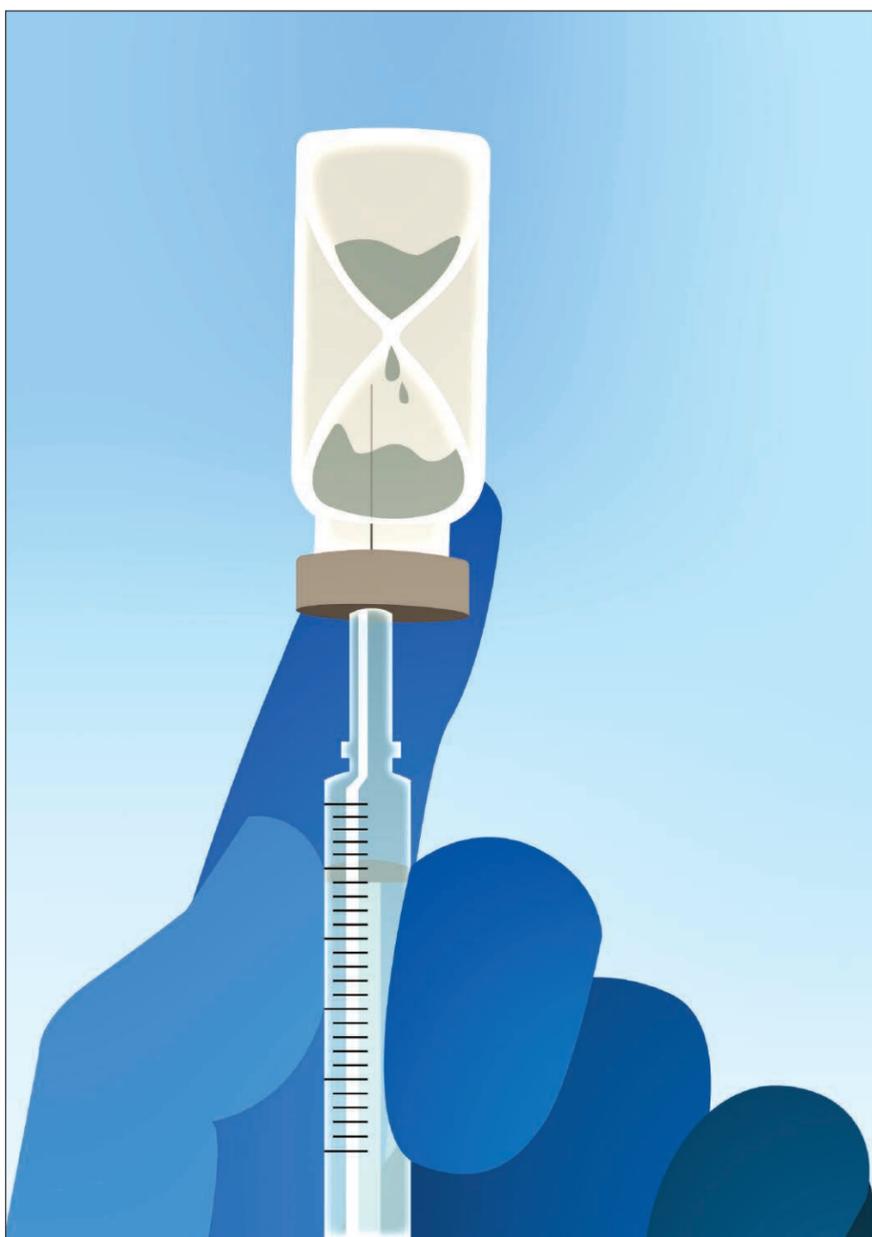


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IC Pride moved to school year date

Iowa City Pride was postponed from June to October to allow people time to be vaccinated.



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Paul and Chad Clark prepare to lead the Iowa City Pride parade as a family on June 15, 2019.

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Iowa City Pride is being postponed until October to give people more time to get vaccinated, which provides a new opportunity for student involvement, as the event traditionally happens in June during summer break when many students reside off campus.

Tony Sivanthaphanith, president and development

director of Iowa City Pride, said the event was postponed primarily for the safety of those who would have attended.

"At this point, we are really just trying to bring back the festival safely," Sivanthaphanith said. "We have some big plans, and we are going to do some events throughout the year to celebrate. We are just trying to figure out the best ways to do that. Right now."

Other Pride events in Iowa are being reformatted

to accommodate the pandemic. In Des Moines, a normal three-day event in June with 30,000 people, will be spread out over 30 days in June. Cedar Rapids Pride hasn't yet announced specific events or plans for June celebrations because it's monitoring COVID-19 prevalence, but the organization says it's "optimistically planning" Pride 2021 according to its website.

Separate from Pride celebrations, this week the UI is celebrating an inaugural Pride Week with a series of workshops and spaces focused on resiliency with a theme "Growing together through all kinds of weather."

Sivanthaphanith said even though the event has a lot of significance within the LGBTQ community, the decision has been met with overwhelming support.

"Everyone has been super supportive of our decisions. They understand what is going on, and understand that we want to make sure everyone is as safe as possible," Sivanthaphanith said. "I think a lot of people are just excited to see that we are going to do something this year."

Iowa City Pride will be in downtown Iowa City Oct. 1-2.

"Pride will look a little different in 2021, maybe more like a lame Middle school dance, with social distancing rather than the packed, sweaty, 15,000-person festival we celebrated in 2019, but you can be sure that we will be very colorful and full of pride," the organization wrote in a press release.

Joseph Haggerty, president of Spectrum at the University of Iowa, said Pride's postponement until October means there's more opportunity students and UI clubs to get involved during the school year — expanding an opportunity for those of a marginalized community to express themselves and their identity.

"I remember attending my first Pride a couple of years ago, and seeing how much impact it has, in

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SILVER-WHERE? ...DOWNTOWN



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Co-owner Susan Felker works inside Prairie Kitchen Store on March 28, 2021. The store opened in June 2020 and Felker says Iowa City has welcomed them to the area.

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officials are preparing, and cautioning that not every eligible adult can be vaccinated immediately April 5.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds announced in a news conference March 17 that, if vaccine supply is on track, all Iowans should be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in the coming weeks.

This new deadline would precede President Joe Biden's recent goal to expand eligibility to all Americans by May 1. Iowa is among other states that are expanding eligibility sooner than Biden's goal.

Iowa ranks near the middle of states for share of population that is vaccinated in a New York Times analysis, an improvement after January when Iowa hovered near the bottom of percentage of the population with at least one dose, and people who were eligible scrambled to find an appointment without a centralized sign up.

Although there's still a long way to go, Johnson County Community Health Division Manager Sam Jarvis said the county has come a long way since starting the vaccine rollout in mid-December 2020.

Jarvis added that he's certain Johnson County will be ready for the April 5 expansion.

"Given the supply increasing, which we believe will be a pretty dramatic increase to meet the demand, folks will be able to

walk into their pharmacy to get vaccinated," Jarvis said. All three officials said the public should remember that it will take time for all Iowans to receive their vaccine.

"More vaccines are being produced every day. Every week we have vaccines coming into our county," Meador said.

"If you think about Iowa, 70 percent of adult Iowans are overweight or obese," Director of Washington County Public Health Danielle Pettit-Majewski said.

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the university a wonderful time to have their own Pride programming," Nachtman said.

if there are decisions that need to be made in a short period of time. I will be fully prepared to make those decisions.

Keller, who is also the co-chair of the presidential search committee, said he's confident the "very robust applicant pool" will yield many qualified candidates for the role of next head Hawkeye.

On March 26, the search committee whittled down almost 80 applicants for the next president to 12 semi-finalists, each of whom will be virtually interviewed Thursday and Friday.

The next steps in the search process will take place over the next month. Finalists will come to campus for hybrid interviews with campus. The regents plan to select a successor April 30.

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by Kaiser Health Network and the Associated Press found that at least 181 state and local public health officials across the U.S. had resigned, retired, or been fired since April 2020.

Community Health Division Manager of Johnson County Public Health Sam Jarvis has felt the weight of the pandemic as well and said it has been a long and stressful year for his public health department.

Johnson County identified the first cases of COVID-19 in March last year. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds called a press conference to tell the state of Iowa's first three positive cases from passengers on an Egyptian cruise.

Now, 377,926 positive tests statewide have been recorded by the Iowa Department of Public Health.

"Johnson County was the first county to identify cases of COVID-19 in the state. And so, we've had staff working here for the majority of that time," Jarvis said.

"Throughout the week — evenings, weekends, and holidays. It's been stressful at times and it's been frustrating."

Jarvis added that he worries the stress of this pandemic will result in large-scale burnout in his field.

"Will we see a mass exodus

in our profession? That might be a possibility. I'm sure health care is thinking the same thing. Especially with new grads. They probably think that this is how it is all the time," he said.

"We're hoping to remind them that this is a pandemic that will end eventually, so hang in there. Reach out to peers to get help when you need it. It helps to talk about it."

Both Jarvis and Pettit-Majewski said they encourage their fellow public health of-

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— Johnson County Community Health Division Manager Sam Jarvis

ulation of 3.1 million people.

Public health officials from Johnson and Washington Counties said they estimate a similar percentage of their populations have become eligible under the 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions.

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"The eligibility has already been dramatically expanded," said Heather Meador, clinical branch supervisor at Linn County Public Health.

"We're doing tiers one through five under Phase 1B. In addition, we're vaccinating those that are 16 to 64 with underlying health conditions. We're thinking that's about 70 percent of our population. So, once we get to the next stage [of eligibility], it's just expanding it a little bit more.

Right now, it's not hard to find people that want the vaccine. The hard part is that we don't have enough vaccines to meet the need."

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terms of people being able to celebrate an identity that is so often pushed to the side," Haggerty said. "Pride has always been an opportunity for me, as well as so many other people, to get to know themselves and celebrate something that they perhaps disliked about themselves in the past."

Haggerty said Iowa City Pride has reached out to him about student involvement, and he hopes other organizations take the opportunity to participate as well.

Nicholas Nachtman, LGBTQ constituency senator for UI Undergraduate Stu-

dent Government, said he hopes Pride's postponement gives the university and student organizations on campus an opportunity to show the celebratory side of Pride, but also the struggle people went through in order to have a Pride celebration.

"Now we look at it as a celebration, but Pride has its origins in the fight for LGBTQ rights, and to say that we are strong and important," Nachtman said. "One of the best parts about it happening in October is that we get to celebrate Pride not only as a city, but also as a university."

Nachtman said he hopes the university takes this opportunity to promote education about LGBTQ issues and plan events



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Area drag queens interact with parade attendees at Iowa City Pride on June 15, 2019.

celebrating LGBTQ identities. "The fact that Pride is happening in October would give

the university a wonderful time to have their own Pride programming," Nachtman said.

HARRELD CONTINUED FROM FRONT

from liability. Although the new president will be able to pick their start date, Keller said he is anticipating the end of his tenure in the late summer or early fall, meaning he will fill the role of interim president until that time period.

"I'm thrilled that I was asked," Keller said in an interview with the DI. "I think it's a very humbling request that the board made for me to serve in that role. I'm very grateful for the opportunity."

The arrangement for an interim president cropped up in the last few days, Keller said, so he wouldn't know details such as his interim salary until a time closer to the regents' meeting April 14, when the regents will finalize the appointment. Keller had previously announced he would transition from his role as dean of the graduate college

to a position in the Provost's Office as a special assistant and professor in the College of Dentistry.

"I had no inkling of this at all to be honest with you — very, very recent developments," Keller said, when asked if he'd anticipated stepping into an interim role. "... This has been a kind of a whirlwind change in thinking and strategy on how to maneuver my career over the next three to four months or whatever the length of time is."

The announcement of an interim is a change from previous indications from Harreld that he intended to stay on to show a new president the ropes if that's what the new president and the regents preferred.

In a December 2020 interview with the DI, Harreld said he wanted to retire early to avoid an interim presidency and ensure a smoother transition. He would stay at the UI until his contract was up in 2023, or longer, if wanted.

"I will stick around," Harreld

said. "I don't think the committee should feel rushed ... I want them to take their time to find the next great leader for the institution, and then I will help that individual transition into their role. And that could take a week, that could take a month, it's up to them."

In his message to campus Thursday, Harreld pointed to former UI President Sandy Boyd as his "north star," citing Boyd's personal memoir A Life on the Middle West's Never-Ending Frontier: "I returned to the university with the conviction that old presidents should never be heard and seldom seen," Boyd wrote in the memoir.

Keller said he's preparing a discussion list with the president and provost offices to go over what could come up during his interim presidency, including plans to reform campus security.

"Whatever comes up that needs my attention, I work on those issues," Keller said. "And

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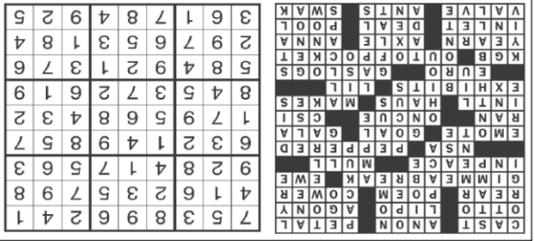
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Both Jarvis and Pettit-Majewski said they encourage their fellow public health of-

officials to ask for support and take care of themselves as the pandemic continues.

"It's OK to not be OK," Pettit-Majewski said. "We have been dealing with trauma for a year. Chronic stress for a year. It's important to recognize that there are resources and get help. You go into public service to serve but it is exhausting to constantly be pouring from an empty cup and eventually, that's unsustainable."



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COVID-19 relief grants open until end of March

The Office of Student Financial Aid received 4,966 applications last fall and expects to exceed that number in the spring.

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Students have until March 31 to apply for financial aid from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II, which is designed to help those with the greatest need during a finance-walloping pandemic.

Similar to past relief bills, the American Rescue Plan adds an additional \$39.58 billion to higher education through the HEERF formula. The UI is expected to receive \$44,120,495.50 to split evenly between the institution and emergency relief grants to students.

These funds, which students can apply for through the UI's Office of Financial Aid, will be available for use through Sept. 30, 2023, the university said in a COVID-19 update March 22.

During the first round of these grants last fall, Assistant Provost and Director for the Office of Student Financial Aid Cindy Seyfer said the office received 4,966 applications and awarded 95 percent of those for a total of 4,724 applicants.

"It is a tremendous position that financial aid is in," Seyfer said. "Generally, we do not have as much money as we need so to be in a position that we are going out saying, 'We have money, come and apply,' it was really hard for us to know what we would find."

When looking ahead to

round two of awarding these grants, Seyfer said the office is a little more than one week in and has already received more than 4,000 applications. With the applications open through the end of March, she anticipates the office will receive more.

Seyfer said the office learned to adapt the application time frame and deadline from the first time around to make the process smoother. The neediest students, such as federal Pell Grant students and first-generation students, often need assistance advocating for themselves and applying for these grants, she said.

"I really believe that it is our job then to make sure that those students are still heard and taken care of," Seyfer said.

One of the differences between the first funding allocation and the second allocation, she said, is the government wants to prioritize exceptional financial need. So, for that reason, it is very important for the office to make sure those students who do have the highest need are the students who are receiving the support, Seyfer said.

"It will make sure more students are aware of it because that is our goal, to get this information and money out to the students that need it," Seyfer said.

Senior Associate Director, Systems and Awarding, for the

Office of Student Financial Aid Brenda Buzynski said the office chooses who's eligible to receive these grants based on guidance from the Department of Education and what students demonstrate exceptional financial need.

"How we choose is based on our ability to utilize the resources we have available to us within time constraints," she said.

Within a specific time frame, the office had to develop an application for students to access MyUI and develop tools to receive, review, and allocate the funds based on a student's financial need, as demonstrated on the 2020-21 FAFSA, Buzynski said.

"We are grateful for the IT and data analytics & insight teams we work with to help us effectively allocate funds to our students," she said.

Seyfer said some of the primary needs for this grant have been focused on basic needs, such as paying rent, buying food, and having technology.

"It is very important that students have the technology that puts them in a position to do well in class, to succeed they have to have the right equipment," she said.

The office also encountered some students who indicated they needed the money for childcare, transportation, and medical expenses, said Kelsey Ryder, associate director for Financial



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The Old Capitol building is seen on March 6.

Literacy & Counseling at the Office of Student Financial Aid.

"We know many students, or their parents, have experienced job loss, reduced hours, increased technology costs, and many other financial hardships due to the pandemic," Ryder said.

She hopes these funds will help cover some of those costs, Ryder said. Many college students were also not eligible for stimulus checks, so she is glad that this funding is available to college students.

"I would encourage any student who is in need of assistance

with expenses this semester to go to MyUI to see if they are eligible to apply for the HEERF II grant and would remind them that the application will close at the end of the day on March 31," Ryder said.

Ryder said staff have been working with multiple campus groups to get the word out about these funds.

"Information about the HEERF II grant application is being included in multiple campus-wide COVID update emails," she said. "In addition, we shared information with individual colleges and offices on

campus so they could communicate with their student populations."

Ryder said the office has also used its Facebook page to share the HEERF II application and asked Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Government to also share it on their social media channels. USG created a TikTok video about the HEERF II application.

"We are hoping all of these efforts have helped spread the word, so students are aware of the option to apply for the HEERF II grant," Ryder said.

Republicans criticize Hart's election challenge

Iowa Republicans told Congressional members the results of Iowa's 2nd Congressional District race should stand.



Tian Liu/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's 2nd Congressional District candidate, Rita Hart speaks during a brunch fundraiser for Zach Wahls at the Walker Homestead on July 14, 2019.

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Iowa Republican leaders say it's time to move on from the election in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District race.

"Those votes have been counted, they've been recounted, they've been canvassed by bipartisan boards, by a bipartisan County Board of Supervisors, and signed off by the state canvas board," Gov. Kim Reynolds said at a Thursday press conference. "This election should stand."

Reynolds was joined by Iowa Republican Chairman Jeff Kaufmann and Secretary of State Paul Pate on Thursday to address Rita Hart's contest of election results in the U.S. House of Representatives. The three Republican officials said the state-certified election results should stand, which shows Republican and now-U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks in a six-point lead.

They said Hart should have exhausted her options to contest at the state level before taking the contest to the Dem-

ocratic-controlled chamber.

Hart's lawyer Marc Elias said they chose to file in the U.S. House because the review period provided by the Iowa court system was too short to conduct a full recount of votes in the district. Hart's contest alleges that 22 lawfully casted ballots were not counted, and if they were to be counted, it would show Hart in a nine-point lead over Miller-Meeks.

Pate said his office and the Iowa Supreme Court were ready to carry out the contest on the state level, and that the Hart campaign should have exhausted all state avenues.

Hart's course of action is permitted under the Federal Contested Election Act.

"We're not talking about legality, we're talking about more morality here, and the right thing to do is take the Iowa process to the fullest extent to which we can go by our code," Kaufmann said. "It is a fair process; it is our judicial system."

Reynolds claimed that if the U.S. House unseated Miller-Meeks, state election law

across the country would be threatened.

Republicans in Congress have also spoken out against the contest. As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa, led 123 other Republican lawmakers in sending a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, saying it was hypocritical for Pelosi to claim national voter fraud doesn't exist while going forward with an investigation into the Iowa election. Hart's contest doesn't claim fraud, but that legally cast ballots were excluded. The letter also critiqued Hart for not going through the state's judicial system before bringing her contest to the House.

Some House Democrats, such as U.S. Rep. Dean Phillips, D-Minnesota, have also raised concerns about a House vote on the election results.

"Losing a House election by six votes is painful for Democrats. But overturning it in the House would be even more painful for America," Phillips wrote on Twitter. "Just because a majority can, does not mean a majority should."

Reynolds thanked Phillips and the other Democrats who have spoken out against the contest but turned a critical eye to the only Democrat in Iowa's congressional delegation, U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne.

Ian Mariani, Axne communications director, provided the *DI* with a press release from December where Axne said the tight race was an example of how every vote matters in elections.

"It is critical that every Iowan's voice is heard in this election — and to that end, Rita Hart has Constitutional and legal grounds to pursue that goal at the federal level," she said. "I support a transparent process that ensures every properly-cast vote in this contest is counted. It is the only way to give Iowa voters full faith and confidence in the outcome of this historically close election."

In a comment provided to the *DI* by the Iowa Democratic Party, State Rep. Ross Wilburn, D-Ames, said the 22 voters identified by Hart's team have been disenfranchised.

"Iowans who cast their votes legally deserve to have them counted. We know for a fact that at least 22 voters were disenfranchised in the 2nd Dis-



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Miller-Meeks dances after winning the election against her opponent, D. Rita Hart. Miller-Meeks held an event Nov. 3, 2020 to await the results.



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Democratic nominee Rita Hart (left) and Republican nominee Mariannette Miller-Meeks (right) strive for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District seat during their Oct. 8, debate.

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Voters' voices are suppressed

SF 413, an elections bill that Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed is a voter suppression bill, and we all need to call it what it is.

On March 8, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed the bill Senate File 413 into law.

Under this law:

- Early voting is reduced from 29 to 20 days;
- Polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day (They were previously open until 9 p.m.);
- Absentee ballot-request forms won't be sent to every Iowan.

This new law should be repealed because it silences citizen voices in a representative democracy.

Iowa's law is part of a growing national problem. Georgia passed similar legislation limiting absentee voting to people 65 and older. This comes just after Georgia smashed voter turnout records in the 2020 election.

If the county auditor tries to make voting easier in your county, this bill will charge the auditor with a felony if the law is broken.

We need to be able to recognize laws that limit voting and the dangers they pose to democracy. One thing must be clear: voter suppression is not tolerable.

How will the law affect Iowans?

In Johnson County during the 2020 general election, about 61,000 people voted early. Despite this, Republican lawmakers cut the early voting window to just 20 days — down from 29 under previous law.

Many Johnson County residents need these extra days because many don't have schedules that would allow them to vote at specific times. For example, some voters can't take



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Polling booths at the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center in Iowa City on Nov. 3, 2020. Few voters came as the evening approached 7 p.m..

time off work to vote and need to navigate set hours on the job — a problem which predominantly impacts low-income families.

Others, including students, don't have cars to get to their polling location and need to access special transportation. Students are also often first-time voters or new voters in the state of Iowa and may need more time to figure out the process and to work around their school schedules.

Still others need to arrange special transportation and accommodations at their polling place. Disabled and elderly voters often face accessibility obstacles that can prevent them from voting on Election

Day, or in person altogether. In 2020, more than 300,000 Iowans 65 and older requested an absentee ballot.

Under this law, however, absentee ballot-request forms will no longer be sent to every resident, as Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate did for the June primary and November elections. This change would disproportionately affect older Iowans who are not as familiar with technology to request an absentee ballot and could lead to a decrease in overall voter turnout.

Instead of serving Iowans who already face challenges in voting, the legislature is chipping away at necessary alternatives to Election Day polls.

We don't need to add more obstacles to voting

Despite a lack of evidence, Republicans across the nation are pushing for voting limitations to combat supposed fraud. These concerns have been largely fueled by former President Trump's claims that the 2020 election was unfair — claims proven to be false.

Rep. Bobby Kaufmann, R-Wilton, who introduced the bill in the House, argued the now-law is about election integrity. He contended the biggest form of voter suppression is the fact that Iowans are losing trust in our electoral system.

"For whatever reason,"

Kaufmann said in a legislative hearing on the bill. "Thousands of Iowans do not have faith [in our election system]." But the problem is not one of elections itself; it's a problem of false information.

The most significant characteristic of the 2020 election in Iowa was its record-breaking turnout. Seventy-two percent of Iowans who were registered to vote did, totaling over 1.6 million votes cast.

Similarly, Johnson County saw a record-breaking 86 percent turnout rate with a large share made up of young voters which included voting by mail, early voting, and on Election Day.

Even with these increased numbers, there is no evidence

of voter fraud. This law is attempting to solve a problem that doesn't exist, and it disenfranchises voters in the process.

Iowa can't restore trust in democracy by making it harder to vote. If one of the foundational ideas of our democracy is free and fair elections, this law isn't just — it just sets us back.

Reynolds and politicians in the Iowa Legislature do not have the right to determine who gets to vote and who doesn't. This is shameful and anti-democratic. In a democracy, voters pick our representatives; representatives don't pick the voters.

We need to call this law what it is: voter suppression.

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COLUMN

#NotAllMen isn't helping sexual violence

Conversations about violence against women often turn into conversations about men's feelings, and it isn't helping anyone.



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The third annual Women's March in Los Angeles in January drew thousands of participants. Gay men need to realize the common cause they have with feminists.

BY KATHRYN RAVER
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On March 3, Sarah Everard went missing in London. She did everything we're told to — she wasn't out too late, she wore

bright clothes, and she talked on the phone while she walked. Her body was found a week later.

Yet, instead of rallying to confront the problem or provide support, men came out en masse waving the "#NotAllMen" banner.

One in every three women has experienced sexual violence in their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, only five out of every 1,000 perpetrators of sexual violence

will be convicted. So why does the conversation so often focus on absolving men, rather than making the world a safer place for women?

To preface this discussion, let me be very clear. Women are well aware that not every man around us is an abuser. But focusing on the supposed innocence of men in these contexts is extraordinarily unhelpful. Here's why:

First, it ignores the everyday experiences of women. Every woman I know has been catcalled on the street, or inappropriately touched at a bar. Every woman I know has walked home with her keys or her pepper spray at the ready.

It's not only strangers we have to be wary of. Seventy percent of rapes in the U.S. are committed by someone the victim already knows, and 137 women are killed by an intimate partner every day.

All women are subjected to these aggressions. Telling us that "not all men" harm women discredits women's fears in favor of making men feel better. It prioritizes men's comfort over women's valid concerns, and it

says "you must acknowledge that I'm a good person before I will acknowledge the problem."

The rhetoric we use to have these conversations matters. Society consistently places the burden on women to protect themselves. Don't go out alone. Don't wear this. If you do, whatever happens is on you. In failing to focus on the actual cause of the problem — that is, those committing the abuse — blame is placed on the victims. #NotAllMen only shifts the focus further away from the root problem — the actual perpetrators.

It also contributes nothing to the resolution of the problem.

According to a study by Stand Up International, 78 percent of women have been sexually harassed in public spaces. However, only 25 percent of those women said someone stepped in to help them.

Maybe you've never sexually assaulted or harassed someone. But have you confronted those who have? Have you stepped in when you've seen a woman being harassed? Have you actively made an effort to change the demeaning rhetoric the people

around you use to talk about women?

If your only response to sexual harassment is to say, "but I don't do that!" and then move on, you must ask yourself: what does saying "not all men" contribute to the resolution of the problem? What purpose does this phrase really serve, other than prioritizing the comfort of "good" guys while failing to hold the bad ones accountable?

It seems that every conversation about violence against women turns into a conversation about men's feelings, and it's exhausting. Women are not fighting all men. We're fighting the structures that enable sexual abuse to continue unfettered. Not every man takes an active part in these structures. But until they recognize and take part in dismantling the system, they are complicit.

Listen to the women around you when they tell their stories. Ask what you can do to make a difference, and then do it. The conversation needs to change so that it highlights the problem and those who are responsible if any progress is to be made.

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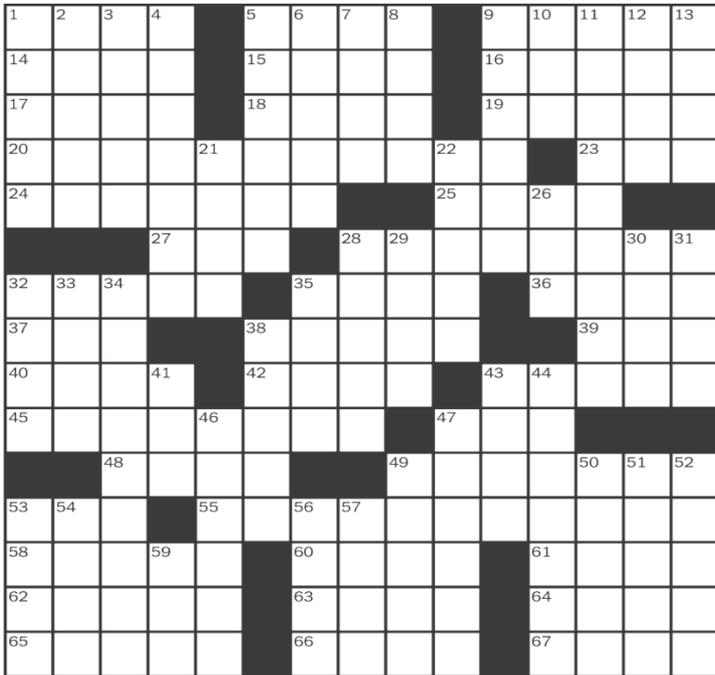
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Clark, a former five-star recruit for the Hawkeyes, dominated the court in her first season as a Hawkeye. She finished her freshman year leading Division I Women's Basketball in points (799), points per game (26.8), assists (209), and field goals made (259).

Junior center Monika Czinano ended the season at the top of the nation in field goal percentage, shooting 66.9 percent from the field.

"We have other people to this puzzle," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "That's what's so fun, is we have the anchors in Caitlin and Monika, but we've got a lot of good pieces around that puzzle, too."

Every single piece of the puzzle is returning for the 2021-22 season. After Iowa came into the 2020-21 season with one experienced starter, Iowa returns its entire starting five of Czinano, Clark, guards Kate Martin and Gabbie Marshall, and forward McKenna Warnock.

Off the bench, junior Tomi Taiwo has been pivotal for the Hawkeyes defense, and has been one of the only bench players to get significant minutes in the NCAA Tournament for her defensive skills. Her return next season will boost Iowa's ailing defense, which averaged almost 80 points per game.

"Having this offseason is going to be so important for us," Clark said. "Especially returning our whole starting five and a solid bench as well,

just to improve in every single area that kind of got exploited this season. I'm excited. We're all going to get back to work. I know we are going to work super hard. I think the future is super bright."

With all five starters returning, expect Iowa women's basketball to make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament.

"The expectations should be extremely high," Bluder said. "I mean, nobody else expected much of our team this year, but we did. We're the most important people in that locker room that believed in each other, knew that we could have a special year. Moving forward, that's just going to get better and better."

"Our goal is we want to be in a Final Four. We want to take Iowa back to a Final Four."



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Iowa guard Kate Martin and UConn guard Paige Bueckers chase after the ball during the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball championship between Iowa and UConn on Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

VOLLEYBALL
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by freshman outside hitter Audrey Black.

In the second set, Iowa manufactured a 4-0 run late to go up, 24-18. Once again, the Spartans did not go down without a fight, responding with a 4-0 run of their own to trail 24-22 with set No. 2 on the line.

Michigan State, however, doomed itself in set two, committing an attacking error to lose, 25-22.

"We didn't let them go on a lot of runs just point-wise and that just helped us get that next ball mentality

and move on if we errored," Buzzerio said. "And then if we errored, it wasn't weird or not what we usually do. We were going for it and attacking hard and high."

The final set proved that

did commit 20 total attacking errors compared to the Spartans' 19.

Iowa — now 4-14 overall in 2020-21 — will play its final matches of the regular season April 2-3 against

"It's going to be a unique challenge.

— Head coach Vicki Brown

Saturday was simply the Hawkeyes' day. Iowa committed six attack errors on the set, but three players earned three kills each.

In the end, the Hawkeyes had a better hitting percentage than the Spartans in each set, though Iowa

13-2 Minnesota in Minneapolis.

"It's going to be a unique challenge — a different challenge," Brown said. "And we need to make sure we're taking care of our side of the court. That's where our focus will be."



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Iowa's Manuela Lizarazu follows her putt during the Diane Thomason Invitational at Finkbine Golf Course on Sept. 30, 2018.

GOLF
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are excited. I think they have all really bought into what they're all working on. I think they all, individually, know what it's going to take to go out and put three [good] rounds together and they really want to win a golf tournament."

On Tuesday, Galloway, Wildhaber, and Goldstein will be joined by sophomore Lea Zeitler and junior Manuela Lizarazu. Lizarazu finished inside the top-20 in Utah in her first tournament action of the year, and Zeitler had an individual second-place finish earlier this year at the Rebel Beach Intercollegiate.

On the men's side, Iowa's match-play event against Florida will feature players from

each team playing in 18-hole one-on-one matches. Each match will be worth one point, and the team with the most points will win the dual.

Senior Alex Schaake will lead the Hawkeyes, filling the team's top roster spot this week, followed by sophomore Mac McClear, senior Benton Weinberg,

But Florida is a formidable opponent for the 50th ranked Iowa squad.

The No. 11 Gators have won two team tournaments this season and are led by Sophomore Yuxin Lin, who's ranked 37th individually. McClear moved up to 43rd in the individual national rankings after his individual

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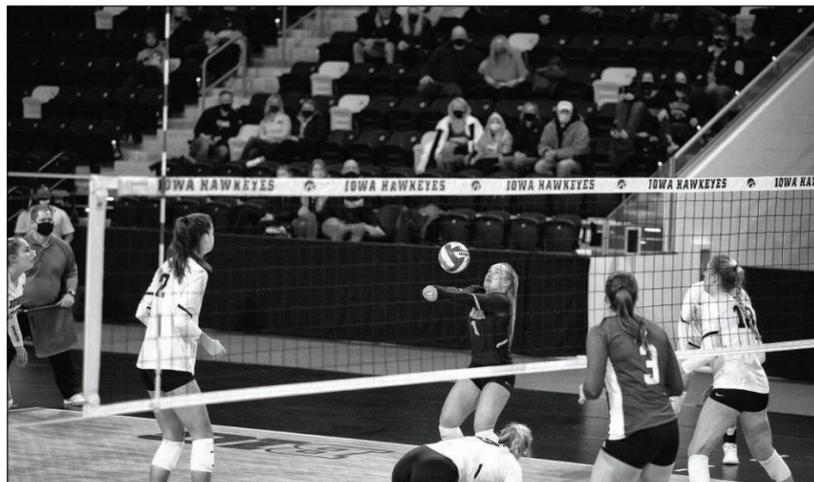
— Head coach Megan Menzel

junior Gonzalo Leal Montero, senior Jake Rowe, and senior Charles Jahn.

The Hawkeyes won the Spartan Collegiate in South Carolina in early March, using a flurry of late birdies to defeat both Notre Dame and Georgia Southern by a single shot.

triumph at the Spartan Collegiate.

Following this week's events, the men's team returns to the same course from April 4-6 to host the Calusa Cup and the women's team competes next at the Indiana Spring Invitational from April 17-18.



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Iowa Libero Joslyn Boyer sets up a spike during a women's volleyball match between Iowa and Indiana at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 5, 2020.

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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark holds her head after being hit in the face during the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball game against UConn on Saturday.



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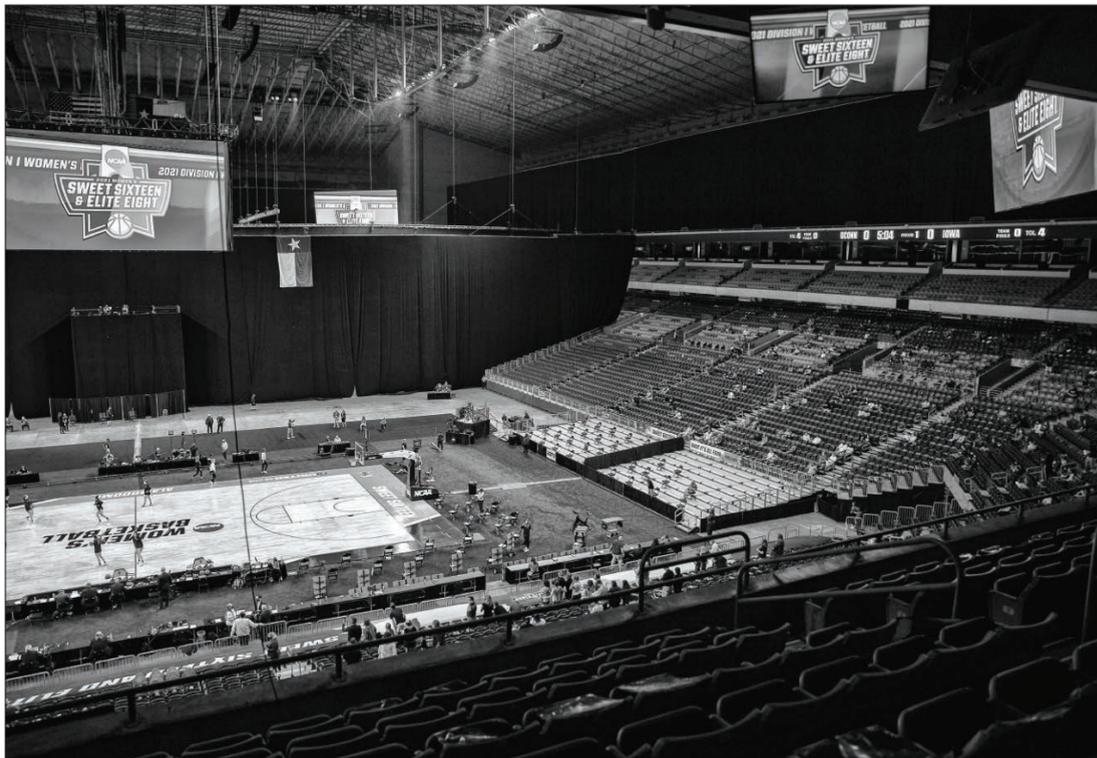
UConn guard Paige Bueckers runs after a pass during the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball game between Iowa and UConn on Saturday at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The Hawkeyes were defeated by the Huskies, 92-72. While No. 5 Iowa played their last game Saturday, No. 1 UConn advances to the Elite Eight today.



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Iowa guard Megan Meyer tries to block UConn guard Christyn Williams' three-point shot during the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball game between Iowa and UConn on Saturday. The Hawkeyes were defeated by the Huskies, 92-72. While No. 5 Iowa played their last game Saturday, No. 1 UConn advances to the Elite Eight on today.

Underdog run ends in Sweet 16



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The Alamodome arena is seen before the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball game between Iowa and UConn on Saturday. The Hawkeyes were defeated by the Huskies, 92-72. The Sweet 16 and Elite Eight games are the first in the tournament to allow fans into the stadium at 17 percent capacity.

Iowa women's basketball fell to No. 1 seeded UConn in the NCAA tournament on Saturday, ending a season that was longer than predicted.



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Iowa guard Gabbie Marshall fights for the ball with UConn forward Aubrey Griffin during the second quarter of the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball game between No. 5 Iowa and No. 1 UConn on Saturday.



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Iowa guards Caitlin Clark and Gabbie Marshall block UConn guard Christyn Williams during the first quarter of the Sweet 16 NCAA women's basketball game between No. 5 Iowa and No. 1 UConn on Saturday.

HAWKEYE UPDATES

Lone men's swimmer in NCAAs scratched

Will Myhre, who was set to be Iowa's final men's swimmer ever to participate in the NCAA Championships last week, was scratched from the meet after testing positive for COVID-19.

The news was reported Friday by SwimSwam, the day he was scheduled to participate in the 100-yard breaststroke in Greensboro, North Carolina. He was also slated to compete in the 200 breaststroke Saturday.

Iowa announced Aug. 21, 2020 that it would cut its men's and women's swimming and diving, men's tennis, and men's gymnastics programs at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.

The university reversed its decision to cut the women's swimming and diving program Feb. 15, after a Title IX complaint was filed in September and a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction to prevent the university from cutting that program.

The men's swimming and diving program isn't expected to be reinstated.

Myhre qualified for the NCAA Championships March 10, after setting the school record in the 100-yard breaststroke, with a time of 51.70 seconds at the Big Ten Championships. His time ranked 14th nationally.

His 200-yard breaststroke time of 1:55.83 ranked 43rd nationally.

Garza named Wooden Award finalist

Luka Garza was selected as a finalist for the 2021 John Wooden Award, the Los Angeles Athletic Club announced Friday.

The award is given to the nation's most outstanding men's college basketball player.

Three publications — Sporting News, Basketball Times, and The Athletic — have recognized Garza as the national player of the year.

The Washington, D.C., native is also a finalist for the Oscar Robertson Trophy, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, Senior CLASS Award, and Lute Olson Award.

Garza is Iowa's only two-time unanimous first-team All-American. He led the nation in points (747), player efficiency rating (35.84), 30-point games (8), field goals made (281), and 20-point games (22).

The center broke Iowa's 32-year old scoring record in February when he surpassed the late Roy Marble. He finished his Iowa career with 2,306 points, seventh best in Big Ten history.

In the second round of the 2021 NCAA Tournament, which was his final game of his Hawkeye career, Garza finished with 36 points. That is tied for the most a Hawkeye has scored in a NCAA Tournament game.

The Wooden Award will be presented April 6 on ESPN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think people are just going to be super excited about Iowa women's basketball."



— Women's basketball player Caitlin Clark after Iowa finished the season with a Sweet 16 appearance.

STAT OF THE DAY

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Gold medals track and field won at the Big Ten Invite No. 1 Saturday in the first outdoor competition of the season.

Hawks sweep Spartans

Iowa downed Michigan State, 3-0, Saturday night, snapping a six-match losing streak.



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Iowa defensive specialist Joslyn Boyer bumps the ball during the Iowa volleyball game against Indiana at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 20, 2019.

BY ISAAC GOFFIN
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In its final home match of the 2020-21 season, Iowa volleyball picked up its first win in the month of March, snapping a six-match losing streak.

The Hawkeyes pieced together one of their best performances of the year, sweeping Michigan State, 3-0.

Prior to Saturday's game, Iowa had not notched a victory since Feb. 26.

"I don't know if it's we say last game in practice or what it is," Iowa head volleyball coach Vicki Brown said postgame. "They're just a determined team. They really want to be always showing signs of progress, and I think we just approached the game completely different. In-

stead of being a little bit antsy and guessing, we were steady, and we were actually making really good first steps on the ball."

Sophomore libero Joslyn Boyer had a career night Saturday, amassing a personal-best 25 digs — 10 of which came in the second set.

Boyer did not, however, cite her own personal performance as the driving force behind Iowa's victory. Rather, she attributed Saturday's win to the Hawkeyes' toughness and resilience.

"It just says a lot about this team and our grit and competitiveness that we take it one day at a time, and it doesn't matter what happened the last day," Boyer said. "We're in the moment, and we knew that our volleyball ability would be able to do that."

Just as they were in Friday night's loss, the Hawkeyes were excellent on the attack in the

first set Saturday. Iowa finished Saturday's opening set with a .256 hitting percentage and 18 kills.

Despite its success on the attack, Iowa still found itself trailing, 15-11, during the first set.

After a timeout, the Hawkeyes made a charge late in the first set, rallying behind two kills from junior outside hitter Courtney Buzzerio.

Eventually, the Hawkeyes tied the opening set at 16, forcing Michigan State to call a timeout. From there, Iowa claimed a 19-16 lead, causing Michigan State head coach Cathy George to call for time again.

While the Spartans did claw their way to a 22-all, first-set tie, the Hawkeyes finally closed the door in set No. 1 with a 3-0 run that was capped

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Bright future for Hawkeyes

With all five starters returning next season, Iowa women's basketball will get better.



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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark dribbles toward the basket during the second round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament against No. 4 Kentucky on March 23, at the Bill Greehey Arena at Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

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SAN ANTONIO — It was a Cinderella story-type finish for Iowa women's basketball in the 2020-21 season.

In November, after losing 2020 Big Ten Player of the Year Kathleen Doyle, the Hawkeyes were not even projected to be in the NCAA Tournament field.

But against all odds, the young Hawkeye lineup, consisting of four first-year starters, pieced together a 15-8 regular season and rallied its way to the championship game of the Big Ten Tournament.

After grabbing the No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tour-

namment, Iowa bounced No. 12 Central Michigan and No. 4 Kentucky out of contention before meeting No. 1 UConn in the Sweet 16.

UConn women's basketball has been flashing its dominance since 2006, as it has gotten to the Elite Eight 15 consecutive times. It would have been a miracle if the Hawkeyes pulled off a win.

Although the Hawkeyes fell, 92-72, in the Sweet 16, it's just the beginning for the young team.

"The reason I came to Iowa is because I wanted to do something special," freshman point guard Caitlin Clark said. "I think more and more people are starting to kind of go that route. I think that's important, especially this being my home state, this is where I wanted to go. I know I'm in the right place. This season was truly special."

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Golf teams hit the road

The women will compete at the Chattanooga Classic while the men face the Florida Gators in an 18-hole match-play dual.

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The Iowa men's and women's golf teams are back on the road for a pair of early-week events.

The men's team will face the University of Florida in an 18-hole match play match in Naples, Florida, at Calusa Golf Club Monday while the women's team competes at Black Creek Club in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for the Chattanooga Classic Monday and Tuesday.

The men's match against Florida is the Hawkeyes' second match play event of the season, while the women will play 54 holes of stroke play competition against 14 other teams in Tennessee.

The Chattanooga Classic features teams from Iowa, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Ohio, and West Virginia. Iowa is the lone Big Ten program at the event.

Iowa's women's team is coming to Tennessee off a strong performance the last time out when the Hawkeyes placed second in a weather-shortened BYU Spring Classic two weeks ago in Hurricane, Utah.

Heading into the third and final round of its most recent event that was canceled because of snow, the team was just three shots behind Texas Tech and had three players in the top-10 on the individual leaderboard.

Sophomore Jacque Galloway was in second place and six shots off the lead, freshman Klara Wildhaber was tied for sixth position, and sophomore Morgan Goldstein in a tie for ninth.

"We have a very hungry lineup," Iowa head women's golf coach Megan Menzel said following the BYU Spring Classic. "I think they

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