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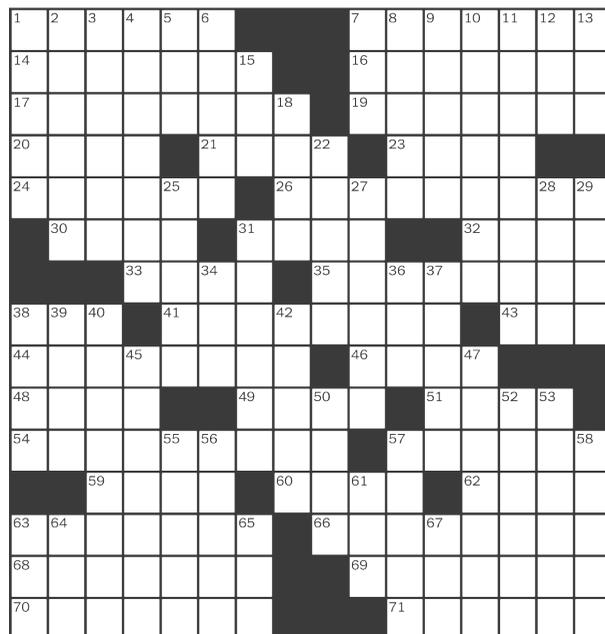
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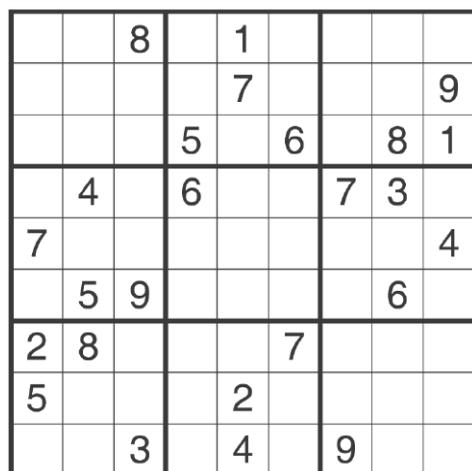
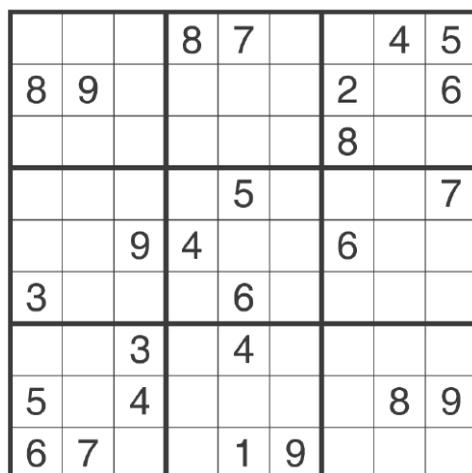
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# New Hawkeyes anticipating in-person experience

UI freshmen are looking forward to their first college semesters after two school years of online learning in high school.

BY MEG DOSTER

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The University of Iowa is promising a mostly in-person experience for the incoming freshmen class, something last year's class could not experience.

However, Annie Cowan, an incoming UI freshman, said out of all of her classes, she will only be attending one of them in person — despite preferring in-person teaching — as classes that have at least 150 students are online as a COVID-19 mitigation measure.

“I’m currently really excited because I had a lot of stress and anxiety about how my freshman year would look because of how last year went,” Cowan said. “I know that people were moving into the residence halls last year, but it ended up kind of not going the best because of all the COVID outbreaks.”

Cowan said she has a lot more faith this year as a freshman because the UI is encouraging vaccinations. She said she got the COVID-19 vaccine earlier this year.

State Board of Regents President Mike Richards said pre-pandemic college life would return for the fall semester in a May 20 statement, which lifted the regents’ state of emergency.

“The institutions are expected to resume traditional student life activities and opportunities effective for the Fall 2021 semester,” Richards said in the statement.

Johnson County is currently not experiencing high or substantial transmission rates of COVID-19. According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, 58.6 percent of Johnson County residents are fully vaccinated.

In years past, both freshman orientation and On Iowa! included



Currier Residence Hall is seen on July 27. All three state Board of Regents institutions are expected to resume traditional student life activities and return to pre-pandemic college life, according to Regents President Mike Richards.

in-person traditions, like Kickoff at Kinnick and the Convocation on the Pentacrest, that take multiple days to welcome the freshmen to the university.

The University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University also went online this summer for their freshman orientations.

As it did last year, the UI's first-year orientation took place online, but according to incoming UI freshman Jasmyn Jordan, that's not a bad thing.

Jordan said she liked that students were able to sign up for classes and attend meetings for orienta-

tion at their own pace online.

“I felt like the online format fit better into my busy schedule,” Jordan said. “But, it was somewhat difficult to navigate certain aspects of orientation, like scheduling classes. Luckily, my advisor was able to assist me with that.”

Orientation and On Iowa! introduce incoming students to the campus. With the hybrid method of welcoming the freshmen before classes, Jordan said she was slightly disappointed to not meet other students in person during orientation group meetings.

Jordan added that she didn't con-

nect to other freshmen the way she would have hoped.

Anastacia Braslavsky, another incoming UI freshman, said she is thankful that orientation was done in the online format.

“I feel like it's a little bit more convenient to do orientation online rather than in person,” Braslavsky said. “Just because I tend to be more anxious in social situations, which is how I went through my previous orientations for high school.”

Braslavsky said she likes that she can listen to the important information that she needs without having to drive the three hours

from her house to the UI, and sit in a crowd of people she doesn't know.

“I connect with people a little more easily than talking to them in person, which would be more awkward from my end,” Braslavsky said.

The class of 2025 spent about half of their junior and senior years in high school relying on online learning platforms. While not needing to commute and learning from home were advantages to online schooling, Jordan said in-person learning is preferable.

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# NEW HAWKS

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Fall 2021 will have mostly in-person classes, except for classes with 150 students or more, which will remain online.

“I kind of wish I could go to those classes,” Cowan said. “So I’m going to only be able to go to one of my classes in person.”

The UI will only allow classes in rooms that follow the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention ventilation recommendations, and physical barriers will be available for instructors to use.

The regents declared that masks or vaccines cannot be mandated in university spaces, with a few exceptions. Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a law on May 20 declaring that Iowa counties, cities, and school boards cannot enforce mask mandates for students and staff on school property.

Though masks are not required

for those who are fully vaccinated, students are welcomed to continue wearing masks.

“As we approach the fall semester, I want to continue to call for all of our faculty and students to get their COVID vaccinations,” Richards said at the July 28 regents meeting. “The data is clear — if you’re vaccinated, your chances of getting an infection decrease and your chances of severe illness or death drop significantly ... As a retired medical doctor, I strongly

encourage that everyone be vaccinated.”

As they prepare to move on campus, social media has helped foster a community among the UI’s newest class.

“Something that I’ve really liked is that I’ve been able to meet a lot of other University of Iowa students through social media, like the Class of 2025 Facebook, [and] different Snapchat or Instagram groups,” Jordan said.

Braslavsky, who finds it easier

to connect with people online due to her social anxiety, said she is in multiple group chats with other freshmen she’s met online and is looking forward to meeting them in person this fall.

“I’m really thrilled to partake in the On Iowa! experience,” Jordan said. “I saw that there are over a hundred activities, and the ones that I’m excited about are the Kick-off at Kinnick, bingo, museum exploration, around the world food crawl.”

## April 2, 2021

UI releases fall instruction plan in a COVID-19 campus update.

## April 21-22, 2021

UI hosts student Pfizer BioNTech vaccination clinic at IMU.

## May 4, 2021

COVID-19 Delta variant detected in Iowa.

## May 20, 2021

Regents President Mike Richards lifts State of Emergency.

## July 28, 2021

UI says Johnson County is an area of moderate transmission, but that individuals should feel comfortable wearing a mask if they choose to at the UI.

## April 13, 2021

UI pauses use of Johnson & Johnson vaccinations in alignment with CDC recommendation.

## April 29, 2021

Johnson & Johnson vaccine made available again at the UI.

## May 13-14, 2021

UI hosts second dose of Pfizer BioNTech vaccine clinic at IMU.

## July 27, 2021

CDC recommends vaccinated individuals wear a mask indoors in public if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

## Aug. 23, 2021

Classes at the UI begin.

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# Second dose recommended to combat Delta variant

While Johnson County has a moderate transmission rate, surrounding rural counties are at higher risk to transmit the Delta variant.

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Thousands of Iowans continue to go without the second shot of the two-dose COVID-19 vaccines, creating challenges for residents during the rise of the Delta variant.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, 58.6 percent of Johnson County residents and 46.9 percent of Iowans are fully vaccinated. As of July 31, 103,691 Iowans and 4,630 Johnson County residents 12 years and older haven't received the second dose of a two-dose vaccine — Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna — according to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

In the 18 to 30-year-old age group, the vaccination rate is less than 50 percent in Johnson County, Christine Petersen, the University of Iowa Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases at the UI College of Public Health, said.

With these numbers, public health experts in Johnson County, such as Community Health Manager Sam Jarvis, are calling on residents to reduce transmission rates by getting their second dose of two-dose vaccines.

"We hope that everyone recognizes the importance of finishing their two-dose series," Jarvis said. "The intention is that you will get the full effectiveness that the vaccine provides — only getting one shot doesn't allow you that benefit."

The first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine provides some protection, but the second dose allows the body to create more and stronger antibodies, UI Carver College of Medicine Executive Dean Pat Winokur said.

The second dose improves the

antibody response by about 10 to 20 times, she said. This is important because the response to the vaccine drops about 6 percent every two to three months and having more antibodies provides protection for longer, she added.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Moderna requires a four-week wait period and Pfizer requires a three-week wait period between the two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The CDC recommends people receive the second dose of their vaccine as close to this interval as possible, but the second dose should be given up to six weeks after the first.

Even with this window, it's never too late to get the second dose, Winokur said. The second dose improves a person's immune response, which is crucial during the pandemic, she said.

As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the Delta variant has been on the rise in Iowa since it was detected by the State Hygienic Laboratory on May 4.

The Delta variant is different because it has certain mutations that allow it to bind better to cells more quickly and pass between them more rapidly, Winokur said.

"With the Delta variant, when people talk or cough, they expel more virus particles that can then become contagious to the next person," Winokur said. "Because they tend to be able to gain entry pretty quickly, we've found that this is a pretty transmissible virus."

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ta variant is to return to wearing masks, Jarvis said. On July 27, the CDC changed their mask guidance for fully vaccinated people in areas that have low vaccination and high disease transmission rates to return to wearing masks while indoors. This doesn't currently apply to Johnson County, which has a moderate rate of transmission as of July 31.

Other counties are suffering with substantial and high rates of community transmission, including Linn, Cedar, and Muscatine Counties — neighbors of Johnson County.

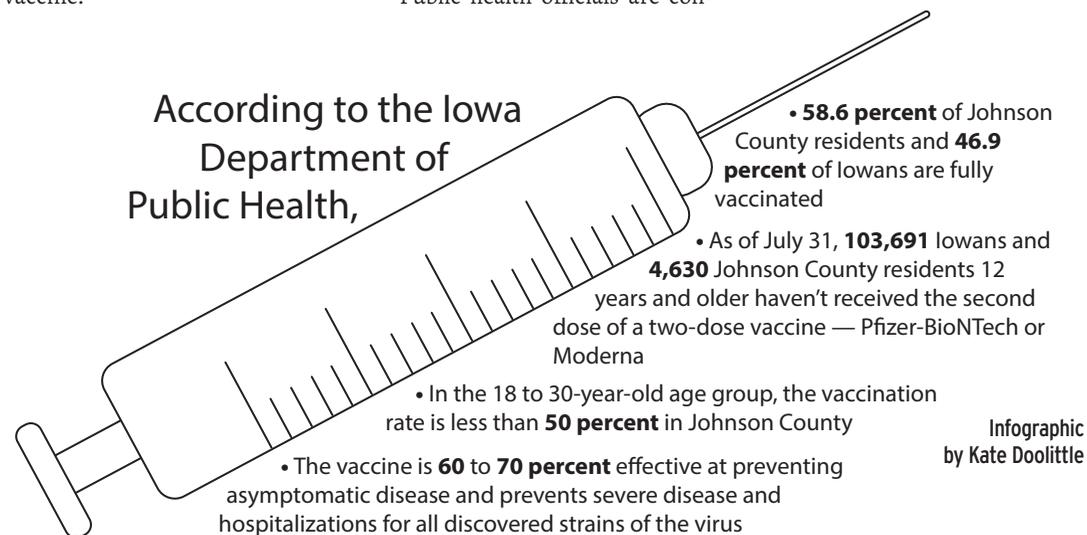
"It's important as people go about their lives, visit friends and family, and travel for work to note this," Jarvis said. "They may be going to an area of high transmission, which is good information to have to protect yourself."

Johnson County is the most vaccinated county in Iowa, but students returning this fall might change that, Petersen said.

"Right now, as a community we are doing fairly well," Petersen said. "The challenge is in two weeks when we start seeing a steady stream of students coming from areas that have substantial or high rates of transmission to return to wearing masks indoors."

As people prepare for the fall and a potential fourth wave of the virus, it's important for everyone to talk about getting vaccinated with the people they trust, Jarvis said.

"It's hard to determine where we'll go in the coming weeks to months, but we are monitoring that closely," Jarvis said. "We're not making the progress that we'd like to see, and it will depend on our community and the communities around us to recognize that the most effective way to stop this pandemic is to get vaccinated."



Despite these findings, the COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing infections in all strains of the virus, Winokur said.

She said the vaccine is 60 to 70 percent effective at preventing asymptomatic disease, and prevents severe disease and hospitalizations for all discovered strains of the virus.

"The vaccine is one of the best weapons we have to protect ourselves against this virus," Winokur said. "I've been very impressed with how effective the vaccines remain, even though we've gone through quite a number of different variants."

Another way for people to protect themselves against the Del-

# Former UI Campus Health Officer to split time with university, Hy-Vee

Dan Fick will serve as both Hy-Vee's Chief Medical Officer and a UI professor. Britt Marcussen replaced Fick on July 1.

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Despite joining Hy-Vee as its Chief Medical Officer, Dan Fick, the former University of Iowa Campus Health Officer, is not ready to say goodbye to the Hawkeye community.

Fick made the decision to continue to practice medicine as a clinical professor of family medicine at the UI in addition to his work at Hy-Vee. He said Hy-Vee supported his decision to continue practicing medicine at the UI while splitting his time at both establishments.

"I was probably in high school when I thought that would be a career I would be interested in," Fick said. "I'm not ready to give up my medical practice and providing patient care."

Fick said he worked at Hy-Vee in high school, but over the last 10 years and during the pandemic, he and Hy-Vee talked seriously about him becoming an employee of the company. Fick has been a physician for over 30 years, he said.

"It took a bit for things to line up here where I feel I had the ability to unwind my administrative duties at the university and then start them up at Hy-Vee," Fick said.

Fick received his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and his medical doctorate degree from the UI. Fick did his Family Medicine residency at UI Hospitals and Clinics, as well as a Sports Medicine fellowship.

As Hy-Vee's Chief Medical Officer, Fick will oversee existing health and medical initiatives and services, Christina Gayman, the Hy-Vee director of public relations, wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

"The past several months have shown us just how critical health



Joseph Cress/Iowa City Press-Citizen/USA TODAY

Dr. Dan Fick, University of Iowa campus health officer, wears a face mask while during a news conference amid the COVID-19 pandemic on Aug. 10, 2020, at the Iowa Memorial Union on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City, Iowa.

care professionals are to our individual and public health, and how important it is that all residents of a community have access to the health care they need," Gayman wrote.

According to Gayman, with Fick joining Hy-Vee's midwest locations, the retailer will be able to expand their roles in bettering lives with medical solutions.

"We're going to be looking for some new health care initiatives over the coming year, so it's nice to be the first person and also be able to help develop things on the ground level," Fick said.

At the UI, Fick oversaw wellness efforts and employee benefits, and he was a key campus leader as mem-

ber of the Critical Incident Management Team at the beginning of the UI's COVID-19 response.

UI Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations Rod Lehnertz, who has known Fick for 26 years, said Fick's role at UIHC is one that centers around patient care.

Lehnertz said during the first year of the pandemic, Fick translated medical information to campus communications. In addition, he said Fick predicted COVID-19 waves and trends, many of which came to pass, according to Lehnertz.

"So whether it was a legislator who needed to hear what was going on in Iowa, or if it was a student, or a parent of a student, or an admin-

istrator, he was great at translating the information and kind of cutting through what we were hearing," Lehnertz said.

Fick's successor, Britt Marcussen, physician and clinical associate professor of family medicine and orthopedics and rehabilitation at the UI Carver College of Medicine, began serving in the role on July 1.

Marcussen and Fick worked together for 20 years before Fick began working for Hy-Vee.

As the UI Campus Health Officer, Marcussen said he will provide medical supervision for Student Health and serve as the medical director for the UI health insurance plans.

In this role, Marcussen said he will work closely with UIHC, John-

son County Public Health, and the Iowa Department of Public Health to offer suggestions to campus leaders on COVID-19 preparedness.

Marcussen said he's qualified and prepared to take on this role because of his previous health care experience.

"I've been a family doctor at UI-HC for over 20 years. I know a lot of the people and services, so if Student Health needs something, I know who to go to," Marcussen said. "I've been practicing family medicine and taking care of COVID patients since the very beginning of this pandemic."

UI Vice President for Student Life Sarah Hansen said she's looking forward to Marcussen serving in this role.

"I was really excited when he was selected because I think he'll be a great campus health officer for us, given all of his background and experience," Hansen said. "He works very closely with athletics, and he has a long history of working with the college population."

Hansen said Marcussen's connection to UIHC will help him support Student Health.

"Student Health is a student service, but it's also a health care operation, so having a link to UIHC is really important," Hansen said. "Student Health has played a key role in our COVID processes, and they're a full-time clinic dealing with student health issues year round."

Marcussen said one of his goals this fall is to get as many students vaccinated as possible.

"The biggest thing we're going to focus on when students come back is trying to get everyone vaccinated," Marcussen said. "It's the best method for keeping our students safe and making sure we can have in-person classes and a great college experience."

# Police Review Board proposes police policy changes

The reforms await Chief Dustin Liston's approval and will change how Iowa City officers approach policing in the community.

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The Iowa City Community Police Review Board is proposing changes that would limit police interactions and remove “proactive policing” – a key aspect to Iowa City policing.

The board is proposing changes to the Iowa City Police Department General Order 01-01, as it believes it is a “bias-based” policing policy.

“Implementation of the suggested changes would serve to decrease these disparities, illustrate Iowa City’s commitment to creating a strong, safe community in which the department serves only to protect the public and officers are not feared,” board member Amanda Nichols, wrote in a draft letter to Police Chief Dustin Liston, documented in the July 13 agenda.

The proposed changes are currently awaiting approval from Liston.

Liston wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that the removal of “proactive policing,” which is police officers investigating any suspicious behavior, would be a fundamental change in how policing has been done in the past.

Nichols said the updated policy to prevent bias-based policing already exists, but in a weaker form.

“It just was not strong enough, and it was not achieving the goals from when it was instated, I believe last year,” Nichols said.

The changes the board is proposing will limit police interaction with the public to only when assistance is requested, or when there is an articulate and imminent risk to public health.

The proposal also removes language that suggests that police



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An Iowa City Police Car is seen on July 7. The Iowa City Community Police Review Board proposed changes that would limit police interactions and remove “proactive policing.”

officers can investigate any suspicious behavior.

“[This makes] the public safer, or safe, by making sure that police are only engaging in activities that improve public safety,” Nichols said.

Policing rights have been an active topic in the Iowa Legislature in the last year.

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 352, known as the “Back the Blue Act,” on June 17 which increases police immunity and rights in court.

This bill also prohibits restriction on enforcement of state, local, and municipal law.

“Considering the recently passed legislation, I had concerns that the suggested policy change

would be prohibited by state law,” Liston wrote. “I referred the request to the city attorney’s office for legal review.”

Earlier this year, the Iowa City Police Department used a military-grade armored vehicle to issue warrants, which scared children, Nichols said.

On July 28, the Iowa City City Council decided it will seek feedback from the city’s south district about replacing the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle, which has been deployed seven times in the city since 2014.

“Policy controls how the police department works, and there has been both a local and a nationwide demand to change our public safety system into something that ac-

tually serves people without causing harm,” Nichols said.

Veronica Fowler, communications director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said it is time that cities find new ways to police, so that officers can focus on public safety and not over-policing.

The American Civil Liberties Union is a private, non-partisan organization that works to uphold the Iowa and U.S. Constitution, as

well as fight for the civil liberties of people living in the state.

Fowler said over-policing communities does not help public safety – it does the opposite. She said it is frightening to see police officers in communities.

“So, lots and lots of advocacy groups are saying that policing is not working,” Fowler said. “We need to reinvent it, we need to re-examine it.”

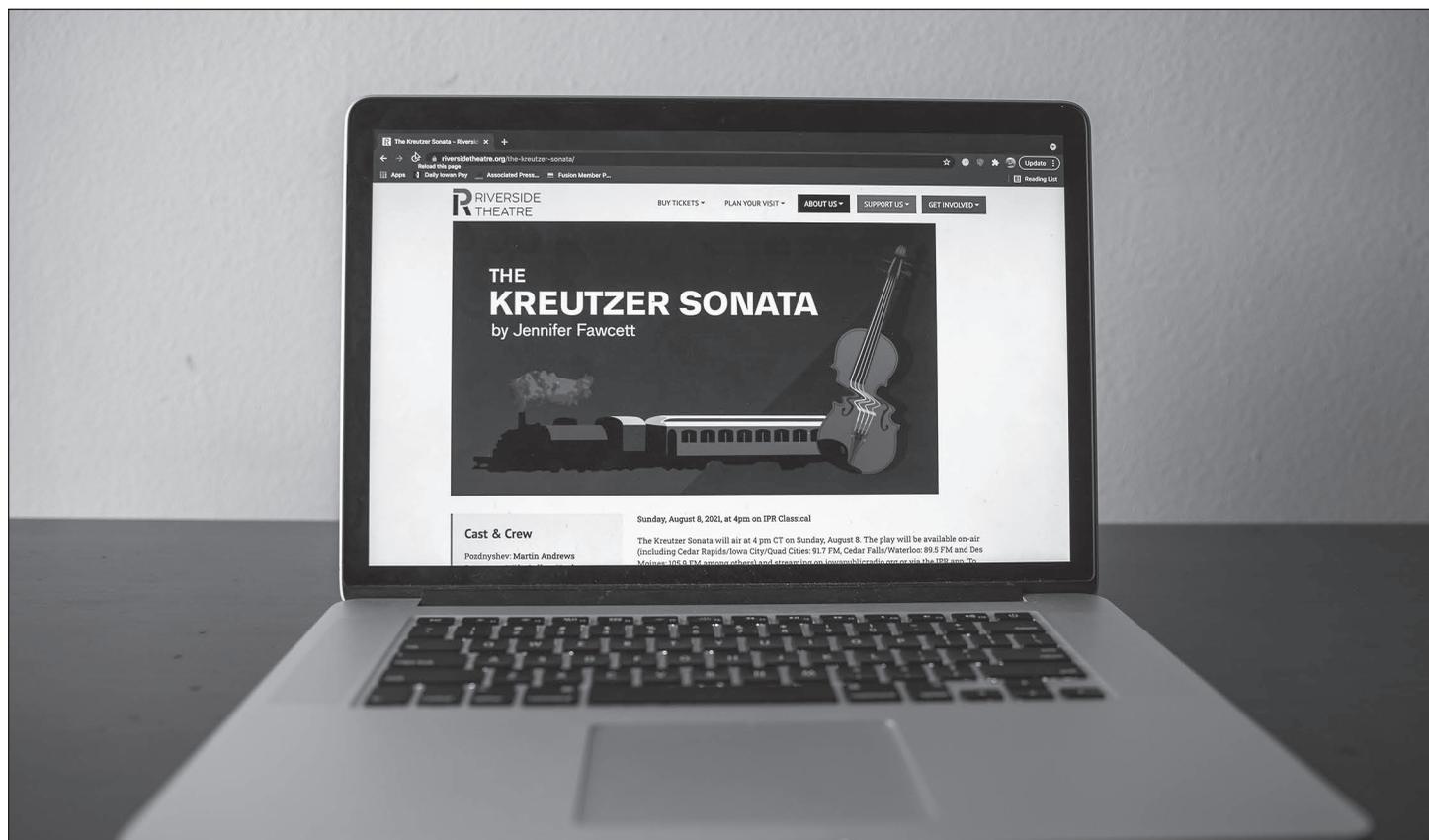
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# Arts & Culture

## Riverside Theatre to premiere its first radio play

Riverside Theatre and MusicIC collaborated with talent around the globe to revive "The Kreutzer Sonata" as a radio play.



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The Riverside Theatre website displays information for the play "The Kreutzer Sonata" on July 29.

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From online to outdoors, Riverside Theatre is no stranger to presenting theater through non-traditional mediums. On Aug. 8, Riverside will make its radio debut with the premiere of "The Kreutzer Sonata: A Play in Five Tiny Movements."

"The Kreutzer Sonata" was adapted from a Tolstoy novella of the same name. The play follows a man driven to violence after becoming jealous of his wife for playing Beethoven's "Kreutzer Sonata," recorded by The Knights for the play.

Prior to the pandemic, "The Kreutzer Sonata" was planned to be performed on stage, as it had been during its original run in 2014. It was to be co-presented by Riverside Theatre and MusicIC, who jointly decided to ask playwright Jennifer Fawcett to reimagine the play for radio to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines.

"In radio you don't have a visual world. That world exists in our imaginations," Fawcett said. "But also, since we knew we were working in this auditory world, I was able to play more with sound. It's just a different storytelling tool."

Fawcett said she got to play with

audio in a way that wouldn't have been possible with the restraints of live performance, allowing her to explore how the music and dialogue interact more deeply.

"I really enjoy being in the rehearsal process, because actors and directors come in with a different perspective than you as a playwright," Fawcett said. "Sometimes when they say the words out loud you find some holes, and we were able to take the time to smooth those over because this is made for radio. You don't have to also worry about blocking, for example."

Riverside Director Adam Knight said while the unexpected change

in format presented challenges, it also presented more opportunities for Riverside to remotely collaborate with like-minded artists. The resulting team included actors, producers, and musicians working from Colorado, Washington, New York, and South Korea.

Knight said the team was a good fit and he trusted their creative decisions, which allowed him to focus

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on the new challenges that came with directing for radio, like lacking visual cues.

"When directing normal theater, or even virtual or Zoom theater, the visuals tell a lot," he said. "I found that sometimes I had to turn my screen off or close my eyes to make sure I was really getting the information, and not being tricked by the facial expressions the actors were making."

Another new element of creating a radio play was finishing directing a few months before the play would be released, he added.

"As a director you're typically involved up to the very last minute," Knight said. "Releasing control and trusting these other crucial collaborators was a great experience. The performances are just one aspect of this play's storytelling."

The audio from Knight's direction was then given to Grammy Award-winning producer Jesse Lewis, who found that acting and music go hand-in-hand to tell this story, he said.

"I was surprised how well the music fit with the words," Lewis said. "There are moments where a section dialogue perfectly lines up with the music and it just comes to life. It was really amazing to see."

"The Kreutzer Sonata" will debut on Iowa Public Radio on Aug 8. It will be available on demand on the Iowa Public Radio website beginning Aug 10.

# Opinions

COLUMN

## Iowa is going down a dark path with COVID-19

Gov. Kim Reynolds needs to push back against hesitancy over COVID-19 vaccines with new incentives to get vaccinated.



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While the number of people getting vaccinated has slowed in Iowa, the number of COVID-19 cases has risen. If we continue down this road, we will likely have to take drastic measures to protect people.

We need to have measures in place to mitigate the spread of the virus as students begin to come back to the University of Iowa campus from all over the country and world. Gov. Kim Reynolds needs to focus on finding ways to incentivize and increase vaccinations in Iowa.

As of July 30, Iowa is sitting at number 29 in the country for total COVID-19 cases per 1 million of the population, and 14 for number of active cases. We can only ignore these numbers for so long before

“ We need to have measures in place to mitigate the spread of the virus as students begin to come back to the University of Iowa campus from all over the country and world.

Iowans start experiencing more devastating losses.

Right now, we are facing rises in the death rate because to COVID-19. Additionally, most people who are hospitalized or dying are unvaccinated. According to Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute

for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 99 percent of recent COVID-19 deaths were unvaccinated people.

Reynolds has continually proven herself unwilling to make rational decisions during the pandemic. With the inability to require vaccines or even masks it is even harder to progress and move away from large losses due to the pandemic.

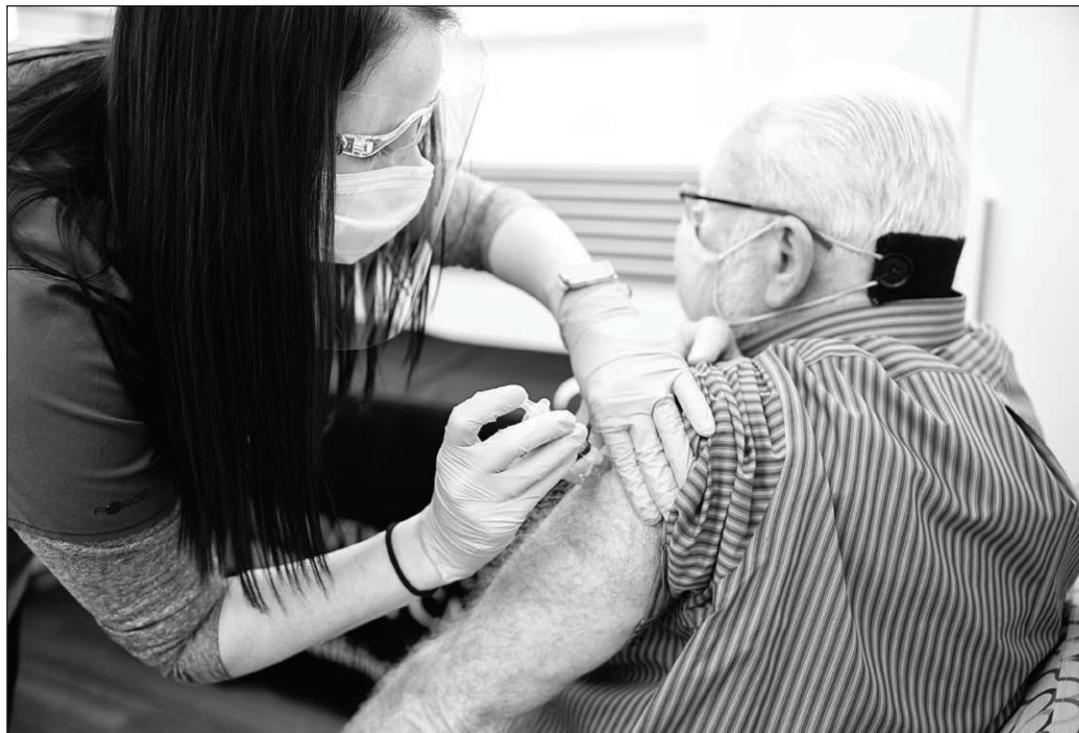
Instead of carelessly avoiding the issue, we should be looking at how to incentivize vaccines for Iowans. While a vaccine lottery may not be the answer – since it has proven to be somewhat ineffective – there are other initiatives we should look into.

Education is a major factor in increasing the amount of people vaccinated. Data suggests that the newfound fear surrounding the Delta variant has caused a 14 percent increase in vaccinations.

Another effective way to increase numbers of vaccinations is to incentivize community members to talk to each other about getting vaccinated. Alarmingly, about half of American parents and adolescents

are hesitant toward the COVID-19 vaccine, according to a recent study as previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*.

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson started conversations in communities, and the rate of vaccinations in the state increased 40 percent. Sim-



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Community vaccinations given on Feb. 3. Currently, 49 percent of Iowa's population are vaccinated.

ilarly, Washington, D.C., has implemented a COVID-19 Ambassador Program, paying people to go door to door and encourage members of their community to get vaccinated.

Clearly, incentivizing people to encourage their peers and community members to get vaccinated through personal anecdotes and conversations is effective. Rather than aimlessly pointing fingers at immigrants, Reynolds should put more effort into protecting Iowans by creating these programs statewide.

It is unfortunate to see so many Iowans have yet to get vaccinated while millions of people across the globe are eagerly waiting their turn. We are at a point where the vaccine is the best safety measure we have

to protect against the virus.

In the U.S., we have a significant advantage, as most people have access to the vaccine. Data has shown around 43 percent of people who have had at least one dose of the vaccine are from higher income countries. Further, 37 percent of that were Europeans or North Americans.

Currently, Iowa is sitting at 49 percent of the population being vaccinated. Considering the trends we are seeing in COVID-19 deaths, and cases rising with the Delta variant, this is alarming. When you couple the increased takeover of COVID-19 with the elimination of other measures like mask mandates, we are going down a potentially dark path

in Iowa.

Although the vaccines are not the end-all, be-all in moving on from the pandemic, they are the best way we can protect ourselves from having severe symptoms. This is especially important with the Delta variant.

Data shows one in four Americans would not get the COVID-19 vaccine if offered. With this amount of hesitancy, there is the possibility of never being able to reach herd immunity.

We are all eager to get away from the angst the pandemic has brought. If we do not pay attention to where we are now, we will regress even further. We need to start being more intentional about getting Iowans vaccinated.



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# Time for a new generation of politicians to represent Iowa

Sen. Chuck Grassley may seek reelection, but Washington, D.C., is overdue for new voices to help solve our problems.



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U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks to reporters after a stop on a 99-county tour across the state June 2, at City High School in Iowa City, Iowa.



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After the exhausting 2020 election cycle, it feels unbearable to imagine another election on the horizon. However, politicians are now gearing up for the 2022 midterms to campaign for a new era of politics, launching voters into next election cycle.

In Iowa, all eyes are on Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, as his seventh term in the U.S. Senate

comes to a close. While Grassley has said he will make his campaign decision "sometime in September, October, or November," he filed paperwork for the race with the Federal Elections Commission in March.

Grassley, who is currently the oldest member of the Senate, has served in Washington, D.C., since elected to the House of Representatives in 1974. After a successful run for the Senate in 1980, Grassley has kept office for the past 40 years. As the longest serving Republican in the Senate, Grassley held the honorary title of President Pro Tempore Emeritus from January 2019-2021.

Even among those who disagree with votes Grassley has made as senator, his service in

the state is noble and worthy of respect; that said, Grassley should not seek an eighth term as senator. It is time for a new generation of voices in politics. We need fresh voices and ideas to solve problems in Washington, D.C., that will have a lasting impact on the future.

In the U.S., there are no term limits for senators and representatives at the federal level. Though it varies, few states impose term limits on state legislators. The presidency and gubernatorial are the only offices with strict term limits; however, limits on the gubernatorial offices vary by state, as well.

Without term limits, many politicians seek reelection each campaign cycle. As a result, most members of the U.S. Con-

gress are incumbents. In the 117th U.S. Congress, only 12.9 percent of representatives were newly elected, while only 9 percent of senators were new faces.

With their advantages, including name-recognition, incumbents in Congress need to recognize the obligation they have to pass down leadership. It is time for Congress to reflect a new generation, as the decisions Congress makes today impact the future of our country.

This concerns not only Grassley, but all senior members in Congress. Many of the highest-ranking individuals in Congress have been there the longest, declining a new generation the opportunity to lead. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-California, has held office since 1987 and has served as the Democratic leader of the house for 18 total years.

It is time for a new era of politicians in Washington, D.C., and many Iowans agree.

In a poll conducted by the *Des Moines Register*, fewer than a third of likely voters say they would vote to reelect Grassley

more than a year away, Democrat and Republican hopefuls have already pitched their candidacy for Grassley's seat. Iowa Sen. Jim Carlin, R-Sioux City, announced in February that he would be running for U.S. Senate come midterms. Democrats Dave Muhlbauer, former Vice Chairman of Crawford County Board of Supervisors, and Dr. Glenn Hurst, a physician and health administrator, have also announced their plan to run for Grassley's seat.

Most notably, former U.S. Representative Abby Finkenauer announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate on the Democratic ticket.

"The politicians who've been there for decades don't really want people like us there. They think they own democracy," Finkenauer said in her campaign launch video.

After her campaign announcement, Finkenauer received an endorsement from former U.S. Representative Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, showing promising support from Iowa Democrats. She is focused on bringing truth and decency

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if elections were held today. That poll also found nearly two-thirds of likely voters say they think it's time for someone new to hold Grassley's seat. It is clear Iowa is ready for a new representation in Washington, D.C.

Even with midterm elections

back to the Senate, representing the core values that are true to Iowans.

No matter who is elected to represent Iowa in Washington, D.C., it's time for a new voice. This midterm election, a new generation of politicians should take office.



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras runs with the ball against the Northwestern Wildcats on Oct. 31, 2020 at Kinnick Stadium. Petras is entering his second season as the team's starter under center.

## Petras returns to spotlight at quarterback

Hawkeye junior Spencer Petras will be looking to improve as he begins his second season starting for Iowa football.

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As Hawkeye football approaches in September, quarterback Spencer Petras is gearing up for his second season starting under center.

At the same time, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz is looking for improvement from his now-experienced quarterback.

Petras struggled in his first season taking snaps for the Hawkeyes, completing just 57.1 percent of his attempted

passes — 11th out of 14 quarterbacks in the Big Ten. He also averaged only 6.4 yards per pass, ranking in the bottom three of the league.

But in 2020, the fresh-faced starter was thrown onto the field at Kinnick Stadium with

minimal preparation, as the Hawkeyes canceled spring practice and much of the preseason because of COVID-19.

“Historically, these last 23 years, we’ve had a lot of success with first-year quarterbacks,” Ferentz said at Big Ten Media

Days on July 23. “... I think the big difference with Spencer, taking over the first year prior versus those guys or anyone else since that time, is that Spencer wasn’t afforded the

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# PETRAS

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luxury of a spring practice or a normal preseason practice in August.”

Now, after going 6-2 in the 2020 season and having a full spring practice in 2021, the San Rafael, California, native is ready to face the spotlight once again for his junior season with the Hawkeyes.

“I’m definitely more confident and more comfortable, because I’ve done it before,” Petras said at a press conference on July 14. “You

know, last year, before the season, it’s kind of like ‘I’ve played football before, but not at the Big Ten level.’ So, I’m certainly more confident, more comfortable, because I know what it’s like to go out there and throw a touchdown.”

At Big Ten Media Days on July 23, Hawkeye junior wide receiver Tyrone Tracy Jr. said Petras is opposite of former Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley, the Hawkeye starter from 2017-19.

While Stanley was quieter, Tracy said, Petras has developed into a vocal leader on and off the field, encouraging his teammates to

finish their reps and conditioning.

“[Petras will] also, you know, come up and talk to you, tell you what you need to get better at,” Tracy said. “But if you give him criticism, he’ll take it to heart. He’ll actually try and work on it. So, I think for me it’s been pretty good right now.”

Tracy has also noticed a discernible improvement in Petras during spring and summer practices, he said, especially with earning the respect of his teammates.

“He’s taking a stand, I will say that,” Tracy said. “I think he was more passive in the last year, and I think he was letting a lot of things slide. But now, I think he’s taking a stand and actually standing up for what he believes, and that gains respect when you do that.”

Iowa football’s depth chart, released on July 22, lists Petras as the first-string quarterback. Sophomore Alex Padilla took the



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras attempts a pass during a spring practice for Iowa football at Kinnick Stadium on May 1.

second spot on the depth chart. Redshirt freshman Deuce Hogan and freshman Joey Labas are the other two quarterbacks on the roster.

“As a coach, we get witness to how committed he is to not only him being a good football play-

er, being totally ready, but how committed he is to helping his teammates and being team-oriented,” Ferentz said. So, I continue to be really impressed with him... we all feel really good, good about him and have great confidence.”

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— Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras leads a huddle during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 27, 2020. Petras led the Hawkeyes to a 6-2 record last season.

# New soccer locker room to honor alumna

Former Hawkeye Kim Olsen White played for Iowa from 2008-09 and died from complications of cancer in 2020.

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The Iowa soccer team will name the locker room of its new operations facility — slated to open before the 2021-22 fall season — after Kim Olsen White, a Hawkeye alumna who died from complications of cancer in 2020.

White played with the Hawkeyes from 2008-09 — she received limited playing time, but teammates regarded her as energetic on the sidelines. In 2014, White was diagnosed with adrenocortical carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer, with a life expectancy of two or three months. She died in February 2020 after numerous surgeries and chemotherapy sessions.

White documented her experi-

ences battling cancer on her Instagram account, @kimcankickit, which has over 100,000 followers.

In September, Iowa soccer's locker room will be officially named the Kim Olsen White Locker Room.



White

“She was just always there for you,” Sarah Kinman, a teammate of White at Iowa, said. “She just had this maturity and perspective that we’ll get through all these little problems, and at the same time she was a super competitive person and I think that probably showed up in her fighting cancer later in life.”

In the summer of 2020, Kinman and White’s former teammates — including Kelsey Shaw — talked

to current Iowa soccer head coach Dave DiIanni and Iowa Athletics Executive Director of Development John Dwyer about dedicating the new locker room to White.

DiIanni had never met White, as he started his tenure as Iowa’s head coach in 2014, but he followed White’s story through her Instagram page and realized that she was a great representative of the program.

Shaw said White arrived at Iowa from Iowa Western Community College with a severe knee injury, but she took it as a challenge.

“She was not happy being in that position,” Shaw said. “She didn’t feel like she was coming back as strong as a player. She felt like she wasn’t as fast.”

Shaw added that White, who

stressed the importance of being outdoors while fighting cancer, would kick a soccer ball around for ten minutes even though she was exhausted by the end.

When White’s cancer metastasized into her lungs, it made it so sometimes she could not breathe, Shaw said, so Shaw would take a deep breath every night and send her energy to White.

The University of Iowa Center for Advancement is crowdfunding through its GoldRush website for the Kim Olsen White Locker Room, with the goal of reaching \$150,000 by Aug. 27. The funding currently sits at around \$55,000.

“It’s just a great culmination of her teammates efforts to help raise awareness,” Dwyer said. “There was four of them that came togeth-

er and said, ‘We’ll make this a priority, we’re going to reach out to our classmates. We’re also going to give to this project and make sure that we can spread the word and it closes out successfully.’”

With White’s name on the locker room, she’ll be someone current and future Hawkeye soccer players will always know.

“It’s going to be a reminder every day that no matter what’s going on in our lives, no matter the challenges that we face or the successes that we accomplish, we need to keep it in perspective,” DiIanni said. “Because it can always be more difficult. You can always celebrate the small victories and it will help unify us as a program to rally around such a fantastic human being and what she stood for.”

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