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The Grand Inquisitor comes to UI Main Library
The "Dostoevsky in 500" exhibit in the University of Iowa Main Library will host "The Grand Inquisitor," a play based off a chapter in Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel, "The Brothers Karamazov." The play questions religion and the church, as well as the teachings of Jesus.

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Six candidates running for four Iowa City school board seats

Six candidates, including two incumbents, are running for four open seats on the Iowa City Community School district's school board on the Nov. 2 election. Incumbent J.P. Claussen and current vice president Ruthina Malone are running, as well as first-time candidates Krista Burrus, Jayne Finch, Maka Pilcher-Hayek, and Sheila Pinter.

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Johnson County sheriff asks to use ARPA funds to track accused sex offenders

Using funds from the national American Rescue Plan Act, Johnson County sheriff Brad Kunkel proposed investing in GPS tracking ankle monitors for those who are sex offenders or undergoing charges for domestic violence. The proposal is one of 60 that is currently under consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

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2021 Voter Guide
The Nov. 2 election, in which Johnson County residents will decide representatives for their cities and school boards, is fast approaching. The Daily Iowan's voter guide has all you need to know to for the election. Check out where and when to vote, as well as who is running in Iowa City and Coralville.

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November election

The Daily Iowan will be covering the Nov. 2 election, including Iowa City and Coralville's city council elections and the Iowa City school board. Read at dailyiowan.com for stories on early voting, election results, and students' decisions to vote in the upcoming election.

Remembering the 1991 campus shooting 30 years later

Nov. 1 marks the 30th anniversary of a tragic shooting on the University of Iowa campus. University of Iowa student Gang Lu, upset over being passed over for a physics award, shot several people on campus, killing five, including T. Anne Cleary, whom a walkway on campus is named after. The DI will interview those present on campus that day 30 years ago, including former UI vice president for university relations Ann Rhodes and Mary Allen, friend and coworker to the late Jo Ann Beard. Read the story on the newsstands and on dailyiowan.com on Nov. 1.

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Lawmakers to vote on round two of district maps

Legislators will gather to debate the new set of congressional and legislative maps on Thursday.

Rylee Wilson
Managing Editor

Iowa lawmakers will meet Thursday to vote on a second round of proposed maps to set the political boundaries of the state.

Iowa's Legislative Services Agency released the second redistricting plan on Thursday after Senate Republicans rejected the first iteration of the map, citing concerns that certain districts were not compact enough.

If the second map is not approved, the Legislative Services Agency will be tasked with drawing a third version, which legislators will then be able to make amendments to. This has not happened before in Iowa's history.

Iowa Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver said in a prepared statement on Thursday that he looks forward to reviewing the maps without noting which way he and Senate Republicans

plan to vote. "I appreciate the work LSA has done to quickly attempt to address the concerns the Senate expressed with Plan One. Plan Two is

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Public Space One expands to Close House

Public Space One announced its recent purchase of the historic Close House as the new home of the Media Arts Co-op, the Center for Afrofuturist Studies, and space for other nonprofit and art collective initiatives.



Jeff Sigmund/The Daily Iowan

The historic Close House seen on Oct. 14. Public Space One purchased the house, located at 538 S. Gilbert St.

Arabia Parkey
News Reporter

Public Space One, a community art center, has found a new home for multiple programs and projects in the historic Close House.

Located at 538 S. Gilbert Street, the house was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

The artist-led and community-driven organization made its \$1.25 million purchase of the new location on Oct. 5. The purchase was made possible by the sale of the 206 Lafayette St. property, previously home to Public Access Television, which merged with Public Space One in 2019.

"This building was sought after by a developer. We realized that we had two choices: we

could either stay here and let the developer build this thing around us, which they were going to do anyway, or sell them our corner lot, and find the program elsewhere, move into a new space," said John Engelbrecht, executive director of Public Space One.

Engelbrecht said Public Space One will

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Black candidates look to increase diversity in local government

A number of Black Iowans are running for seats on school boards, city councils, and mayoral positions in this fall's election, including two candidates in Iowa City.



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Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague encourages people to vote during a rally for voting rights at the Pentacrest on Aug. 28.

Arabia Parkey
News Reporter

As topics such as critical race theory, policing, and racial equity come to the forefront in city and school elections, a number of Black politicians from across Iowa are running for office this fall, seeking to add diverse perspectives to local governments in 2022.

A June 2020 Pew Research Center Survey shows that 68 percent of Americans say working with Black people elected into office is effective for groups and organizations who are working to achieve equality. Iowa City Community School District

Board of Directors Vice President Ruthina Malone, who is up for reelection on the board, said it is important to bring Black and Brown people's voices to the table in government discussions.

"It helps us to keep things honest and real, [and] it helps us stay focused on some of the issues that minority communities face," Malone said. "Sometimes it's difficult to have that conversation when everybody at the table are non-minorities, so they can't bring that point of view to the table."

Malone said people of color frequent-

Officials question FDA vape approval

The FDA approved marketing for three Vuse vaping products, saying the benefits to adult smokers quitting outweigh potential risks to youth.

Natasha Keicher
News Reporter

Some Iowa policymakers and public health experts worry that the FDA's approval of sale and marketing of certain e-cigarettes could lead to a rise in youth nicotine use.

The FDA announced on Oct. 12 that it will approve the marketing for the Vuse Alto E-cigarette and two tobacco-flavored pods. In a press release, the FDA stated that it made this decision because young people generally begin with fruit flavored e-cigarettes rather than tobacco.

"These products are less appealing to youth and authorizing these products may be beneficial for adult combusted cigarette users," the release stated.

Johnson County Public Health Educator Susan Vileta said that while the FDA approved marketing the Vuse products, it did not endorse the safety of the products.

The FDA said in the release that the listed vaping products are less toxic than combusted cigarettes based on current knowledge and comparisons between the products, but noted e-cigarettes still carry risks for non-smokers.

"Less toxic than what? A product that kills half of its customers?" Vileta said. "That's what cigarettes do."

Gabriel Conley, a student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, said the Vuse vaping products that were approved for marketing are seen as cessation products for adult cigarette smokers to quit.

"The idea is that these vaping products are going to be safer for adult smokers and better for public health in our country," Conley said.

Vaping products have been a part of Iowa

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BREWS AND BLUES



A musical group performs at Sidekick Coffee & Books to celebrate a Fall Festival event on Sunday. "These things are fun and we missed having this event with COVID last year," said Katy Herbold, the manager of Sidekick Coffee & Books. "We're still being careful and we're masked up, but this is about creating a comfortable atmosphere with good coffee, literature, and fun."

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now have three historic houses accommodating its artistic programs. Dellyssa Edinboro, education coordinator for the Center for Afrofuturist Studies, said the move into the Close House allows for an expansion of the center's reading library, which holds books on Afrofuturism and relates to the experiences of Black artists, giving artists the space to learn and engage with Black art.

"With the Close House, we have that space, and we have an even bigger version of that space that would inspire a conversation, that would inspire comfort while reading

and engaging with each other as well," Edinboro said.

The Close House also has space for an apartment to house artists in the Center for Afrofuturist Studies residency program, Engelbrecht said.

Public Space One's Media Arts Co-op, a member-run community resource for video, audio, and media-making tools, is also in the process of transitioning from the Lafayette Street location to the Close House.

Media Arts Co-op Director Assistant Adam Bryant said the move puts the organization in a favorable location that will hopefully increase accessibility.

"It's member-run, so we're all together trying to figure out how we are going to organize it, how we

are going to take all this wonderful equipment and build it into a movement — into a space that we get to sort of define," Bryant said. "And I think it gives us the ability to think creatively about how we want to organize ourselves and how we want to use this new space."

The gallery spaces within the Close House location will be large enough to host small performances, Engelbrecht said, though Public Space One will no longer be a performance venue.

Hopes for the Close House align with the democratization of art, increasing artistic accessibility for both artists and audiences, Engelbrecht said.

"We're just really excited about the fact that we

can turn it into a space where you can come into it regardless of what art you're interested in or what kind of community interests you have, and enjoy the space, making it more of a public space," Engelbrecht said.

Bryant said Public Space One hopes the accessibility of the Close House location will create a positive environment for artistic expression.

"There's the hope that the house will be a real hive of activity with the CAS Reading Room, and anybody else, organizations or artists, otherwise that want to use the space — that it can be a dynamic environment and dynamic space for creative thought and expression."

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ly feel comfortable addressing their experiences with a community leader they identify with.

"So having that person at the table actually opens up access and doors for other people that we serve," Malone said.

Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague, who is running for reelection to the Iowa City City Council, said as of now, the council will only have one member that is a person of color.

Mayor pro-tem Mazahir Salih is not seeking reelection. Teague is Iowa City's second Black mayor.

As a Black and gay man, Teague explained the significance of lived experiences of those in marginalized communities, as well as the insight provided by those perspectives being represented in government.

"For all of the individuals that are Black that are running within our state, I think that it is critical that those com-

munities look to ensure that those voices of lived experience are represented by being elected," Teague said.

Breaking barriers within governmental leadership is not without its difficulty or strain on mental health. Black community leaders often face threats, including Iowa Democratic Party Chair and the first Black person to hold the position, Ross Wilburn, who recently received lynching threats after criticizing former President Donald Trump in a column for the *Des Moines Register*.

Malone said she has also received personal attacks and threats during her term.

"Unfortunately, it's been my experience that there's a lot of personal attacks, and sometimes the attacks can sort of trickle down to your spouse and your workplace, or maybe even your children," Malone said. "So you have to be in a good place, not only with your family, but mentally, because some of the things people say to you can be just downright dis-



Portrait of Ruthina Malone. Contributed

gusting and cruel."

Justyn Lewis, an at-large candidate for the Des Moines City Council said that while Des

Moines is a diverse area, the city's political representation is not, limiting advocacy opportunities for marginalized com-

munities.

"Our city council members are all an average age of 70, and they're all white. So that leads them susceptible of blind spots and misrepresenting or underrepresenting people," Lewis said. "What's nice about electing leaders is you really want to elect folks that have the makeup of the city so that you can get that perspective from other community groups ... and not lean on your own understanding."

According to a 2019 study from the Pew Research Center, Black Americans made up around 14 percent of the U.S. population. Adding Black voices and diverse points of views to positions of power is needed to accurately represent diverse communities, Lewis said.

"America is very diverse, and we need leaders that look like America so we can have those perspectives when we're making decisions," Lewis said. "We can't just lean on one perspective anymore."

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a regular part of the process outlined in Iowa law," Whitver said.

Iowa Senate Minority Leader Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said in a written statement that the maps were fair and in line with Iowa law, and he said Democrats plan to vote for them.

"Republicans have an opportunity today to put this all to rest," he wrote. "They can make a definitive statement today against gerrymandering by stating they'll vote for the fair, non-partisan maps that were just released. We'll have respected our gold-standard non-partisan redistricting process, and we can move onto the important work of solving the problems that hard-working Iowans face."

Iowa's nonpartisan redistricting process requires districts to be of roughly equal population size. They also have to be contiguous and compact and cannot split counties.

House Minority Leader Rep. Jennifer Konfrst, D-Windsor Heights, also said she would vote for the maps, calling them fair and nonpartisan.

"Iowa's redistricting process has remained the gold standard, as it's the fairest way to redraw our political boundaries," Konfrst said in a prepared statement. "The law was created to keep partisanship out of this process to ensure fair representation for all Iowans."

Under the new congressional plan, Johnson County would be in Iowa's 1st Congressional District. Currently, it is the 2nd District, represented in Congress by Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

If the proposed map were approved, Miller-Meeks, who lives in Wapello County, would live in the same district as current third district Democratic Rep. Cindy Axne.

"I look forward to seeing the reapportionment process continue in Iowa's traditional nonpartisan manner," Miller-Meeks said in a prepared statement. "I will be a candidate for re-election; therefore, I will be eager to get to know the people, businesses, communities in my newly drawn district when the process is finalized."

The second proposed map also splits Johnson and Linn counties. In the first proposal, these two counties were in the same district.

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City and campus culture for a while. According to a 2019 National College Health Assessment Survey, 26.8 percent of UI undergraduates reported using e-cigarettes within the last 30 days of the time they took the survey. In another 2019 survey at a large Iowa City high school, 50 percent of students responded that they had vaped at least once before.

Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, who has worked on legislation to curb vaping in Iowa, said he thinks the decision to market these products was a mistake. He added that young people could see the authorization and think the products are safe to use.

"I haven't heard of very many people, if any, using tobacco cessation products as an entryway nicotine device, like with vapes," Bolkom said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 9.9 percent of Iowa's high-school aged youth were smoking

traditional cigarettes in 2019, compared with 19.9 percent that reported using any nicotine product.

Conley said the FDA only approved tobacco-flavored pods because young people mostly use fruity, candy-flavored pods and won't want to try tobacco Vuse products. About 80 percent of e-cigarette users under 18 use flavored pods, according to anti-tobacco campaign the Truth Initiative.

Vileta said that while young people are more likely to start vaping with flavored pods, like mint and bubblegum, the risk of young people getting addicted to vapes isn't from the flavors. Rather, she said, it stems from their nicotine content, which has more than doubled from 2013 to 2018.

"That's a lot," Vileta said. According to a Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute and CDC study, the average nicotine content in e-cigarettes jumped from 2.10 percent in 2013 to 4.34 percent in 2018.

Bolkom said that vaping among the younger generations was seen as an epidemic a few years ago



Photo illustration by Katie Goodale

and the number of young people vaping hasn't increased much since then.

The National College Health Assessment for Spring 2021 found that 21.9 percent of UI undergraduates vaped in the last three months.

Conley said over 2 million school-age children have vaped in the last year.

"Obviously, it is a con-

cern, and the FDA is putting in some restrictions on what marketing the vapor company can actually do," Conley said.

According to the release, the FDA is putting restrictions on digital, radio, and television marketing of the Vuse products to reduce the potential youth exposure to the products.

Conley said if the au-

thorization doesn't work, for any reason, the FDA can suspend or withdraw the marketing approval at any time.

"When it comes down to, 'Is this a good or a bad thing' — obviously like many complicated issues — there are pros and cons to it," Conley said.

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Meet the IC school board candidates

Mental health, social-emotional learning, and diversity, equity, and inclusion are the topics important to the six Iowa City Community School District Board of Education candidates.

Emily Delgado
News Reporter

Six candidates are running for four open seats on the Iowa City Community School District school board.

Two incumbents, J.P. Claussen and current school board vice president Ruthina Malone, are running alongside first timers Krista Burrus, Jayne Finch, Maka Pilcher-Hayek, and Sheila Pinter.

Early voting for the election began Oct. 13, and voters can cast their ballots at the county auditor's office, at one of several early voting locations, or at their polling place on election day.



J.P. Claussen

Claussen is running for his second term to continue the work that he has been doing in the district, he said, especially in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Iowa City is a great district, Claussen said, but he wants it to be a great district for every student regardless of their background.

"That's a big goal of mine, is to make sure that we're really moving in that direction," Claussen said.

A long-term goal of Claussen's is to guarantee that, in the district, there is commitment to preparing students for life after a K-12 education, he said.

"[I want to] focus on social and emotional learning, making sure that kids aren't just college ready, but really life ready," Claussen said. "My long-term goal for the district is to see us move in a direction that's a lot more relevant to the world that kids are going to graduate into."

Before serving on the board, Claussen was a teacher in the district and involved in the Iowa City Teachers Union for four years. By already being involved in the education field, Claussen said he knew more than most people coming into the board.

Claussen added that education was a calling for him.

"To me, there's nothing better than when you're working with a student, and you see that moment when sort of a light goes off, and you see that they get something that

they didn't get before," Claussen said.

He said he wants to make school a safe place for students to explore their talents.

"I want kids to feel that they can pursue their passions and their dreams, and that they're creative in how they approach them," Claussen said.



Ruthina Malone

Current board Vice President of the school board Ruthina Malone is running for her second term. Malone hopes to improve special education and diversity in the district.

"I felt as though, even though we were able to do some of that work, there is still so much of the work that I would like to see the district get a better position on before I step down," Malone said.

She said she believes that a second term will be enough for her to accomplish her goals in the district, like further expanding the developing diversity initiative in the district under current Superintendent Matt Degner.

"It's just so much work that I just know we haven't even sort of scratched the surface on," Malone said.

Malone is a University of Iowa alum and administrator for the university's Department of Sociology and Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. As a mother of a child who was a student in the Iowa City district, she said she made sure to run for the board as her daughter was graduating out of the district.

She said she wanted to avoid being blamed for making decisions that would benefit her daughter.

"I didn't want people to think that every single one of my decisions was based on what's best for my child," Malone said. "So, really, my decisions are based on what's best for the child living in North Liberty, or the child that lives up the street from me, who may require free-reduced lunch."

Malone added that what motivates her work is the ability to help every student in the district.

"I want to make sure that they have the best foundation for whatever they want to do when they leave school, [such as] going into the workforce," she said.



Krista Burrus

With experience in education research, first-time candidate Krista Burrus said she wants to use her background in data to help Iowa City students have a "successful and rewarding life."

"I've looked at the data, and I know how important high-quality K-12 education is for future success and opening doors for all our students," Burrus said.

Burrus works at ACT, where she looks at students' mastery of courses and what factors are important for success, she said.

She wants to close achievement gaps and support diversity among teachers and staff, she added.

"I think the district's doing a great job," Burrus said. "The diversity, equity, and inclusion plan that they put forward is really great, and I just want to build on that opportunity."

The unique K-12 expertise that Burrus brings from working at ACT to the district will support the Iowa City community, she said.

"I think just my knowledge and expertise in understanding what's important for success will really help the district make good decisions to help students," Burrus said.

al learning and mental health support," Finch said.

Finch said she is running because of an incident she experienced involving the district's way of discipline, which made her realize it needed change.

Making sure that students have a voice in their education is a principle that she strongly believes in, Finch said, and she wants more students to be invited to serve on the board.

While Finch served on the equity committee, her co-chair was a student. She said she wants to encourage students to take on leadership roles in the board.

"I want to elevate their voice," Finch said. "I want to improve the climate and cultures so that it is welcoming for all."



Maka Pilcher-Hayek

Lawyer and first-time candidate Maka Pilcher-Hayek said she is running for a position on the school board because she believes public education is important.

"It shouldn't matter to a member of this community whether they send their children to private school, or whether they don't have any children in the public school system," Pilcher-Hayek said. "They should all

consider public education a top priority."

Pilcher-Hayek graduated from the UI College of Law and is originally from Cedar Rapids.

Teaching in the South, specifically in Alabama, Pilcher-Hayek said she witnessed racism that led her to want to improve racial justice.

"I think that the way to make change and to have a positive impact on social justice is through public education," Pilcher-Hayek said. "I think that's how we reach the most people and make the biggest difference in our society's future."

If the pandemic is hard for adults, it must be hard for students, Pilcher-Hayek said, given the shifts to and from K-12 online learning.

"I think that in the last several years, and culminating in the pandemic, we have students that have gone through a lot," she said.

Pilcher-Hayek said, if the district had a more social-emotional learning curriculum put in place, children would not only be more comfortable but also understand how to process certain events.

"I think we're seeing kids act in ways they wouldn't normally," Pilcher-Hayek said. "They're picking on each other in ways that I don't think they would normally do, if they had all the social and emotional support they need."

Sheila Pinter is a senior analyst for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Pinter and her family have moved around the country and have been exposed to many different school districts, she said. The first thing her family noticed in Iowa City was that there were some mental health resources that were missing.

She said mental health has been affected dramatically because of the pandemic and it will only be a larger issue as the pandemic subsides.

"I just felt that it was time for me to step up and step out and get into a possible school board position," Pinter said.

Pinter said any mental health challenges a student faces should be targeted early on, which is why she is advocating for more mental health resources in the district.

"If you have mental health barriers or concerns at a young age, and they are not addressed, they only become exasperated and then you have any type of what are called 'adverse childhood experiences,' and that, you know, it's just a cycle," Pinter said.

As someone who surveys data in her job, Pinter has seen that adults in the workforce who weren't exposed to mental health resources in school now experience challenges in their occupations.

"I want to make sure that all [students] have the best available education available to them that's accessible, that meets their needs, and meets their interests," Pinter said.

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all photos contributed by the candidate



Jayne Finch

First-time school board candidate Jayne Finch said running for the position was the next step in her career.

Finch has served on the district's equity committee for four years and worked in the health care field. Currently, she works as a physician's assistant at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

"I'm running because it's kind of a natural next step in my work, advocating for changes in the disciplinary system and improving the climate and culture in the school district, [and] advocating for social-emotion-

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Herky's revamp was a much-needed update

Herky the Hawk's new look was a good call by the UI because it better embodies what Herky represents.

Elise Cagnard
Opinions Contributor

It's a cool, clear autumn night. The Hawkeyes are winning, and you and your fellow classmates are proudly chanting the Iowa fight song underneath the blinding Kinnick Stadium lights. As the Hawkeyes score yet another touchdown, you watch Herky charge across the field, wildly waving the Iowa flag and hear the crowd erupt in an elated cheer.

This is a cherished tradition that generations of Hawkeyes have participated in, but changes have occurred over the years. Herky finally had a makeover in 2014, and while some fans long for the old Herky back, many favor the newer version.

If you were a student before 2014, you watched the bobble headed Herky with a disproportionate head-to-body ratio sprint across the field. If you were a student after 2014, you saw the more toned, masculine version of Herky baring his teeth as he did his victory lap.

Controversy has surrounded the decision to revamp Herky's image, as it does any issues involving Iowa football.

Herky the Hawk has been a symbol of the university since 1948. After his predecessor, a real-life bear named Burch, was deemed unsuitable to be the mascot after

terrorizing the football team on the bus ride to a game, a contest was created to pick Iowa's new mascot.

Dick Spencer III, a UI professor came up with the concept from which Herky was born.

He has had slight modifications over the years, but the UI decided to take Herky in a new direction in 2014. His iconic football helmet was removed, he was buffed up, and he assumed a perpetual sneer.

Matthew Kliegl, a second-year student and a member of Herky's security team, has been a lifelong Hawkeye fan. He has childhood memories of the old Herky and has a lot of experience with the new one because of his current position.

"The old Herky was a staple to Iowa's history, and he will be missed," Kliegl said. "But this new version of Herky much better embodies what Herky's all about — he's much more intimidating and that's what we need in a mascot."

Nevertheless, some may argue that Herky should not be intimidating because of the time he interacts with kids. Who wouldn't be scared of this oversized, toothy bird coming up to them? Fortunately, this has not seemed to be a problem, and kids adore the new Herky just as much as the last one.

There is much to say about the difference in the mascot's physical appearance, but on a more practical note, "Herky 2.0" is a much more formidable mascot. The

old Herky head weighed about 30 pounds and limited the motion of the person wearing it a considerable amount. With this lighter and more pliant suit, Herky can now

be more animate when doing his job to energize the crowd. It can't hurt that he can now turn his head, as well.

While the old Herky mascot will forever live in

the hearts of Hawkeyes, this change was a constructive decision that will lead the Hawks in a new direction.

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Herky gets the crowd excited before a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 18.

COLUMN

It's time to renovate the library

The University of Iowa's outdated Main Library poses a threat to resources in the Department of Special Collections and Artifacts.



Grace Hildahl
Opinions Columnist

Did you know the third floor of the University of Iowa Main Library holds hundreds of thousands of dollars and centuries worth of time in relics collected throughout history?

The UI Department of Special Collections and Artifacts, located on the third floor of the Main Library, is a repository for the archival of rare books, maps, manuscripts, and documents. With over 300,000 items ranging from a clay tablet dated back to 2050 BCE to modern works, this extensive, world-class collection brings pride and prestige to the university.

Although extraordinary in monetary and educational value, these resources are housed in an environment that is anything but desirable.

A few weeks ago, I experienced the Department of Special Collections firsthand. As I flipped through the pages of an original pressing of the medieval manuscript, the Nuremberg Chronicle, I couldn't help but notice the lack-luster, inadequate setting that held such prestigious works.

In an email to *The Daily Iowan*, Eric Ensley, curator of

rare books and maps for the Department of Special Collections and Artifacts, described the central downfall of boarding the collection in the Main Library.

"A struggle for us and many other special collections is space," Ensley wrote.

The Main Library, constructed in 1951, allocates not only an inadequate amount of space to the collections, but also insufficient conditions in such space.

Unfortunately, the saying "out of sight, out of mind," is also applicable to the resources provided by the Department of Special Collections and Artifacts.

While students and community members are encouraged to use the expansive collection for research as well as pleasure, the location of the department considerably reduces foot traffic.

"I think one disappointment we all have is when students come to a class in senior year and say that they weren't aware we existed," Ensley wrote. "I wish we had a bit more visibility in the library so students might have to walk by and see our space and materials."

Tucked away on the third floor, the resources cataloged in the Department of Special Collections and Artifacts often go unnoticed and are underused.

While the location of the space proves to be a liability for the use of resources, so is the quality of the space.

The artifacts in the collection require specific and

spacious areas for upkeep. For example, temperature-controlled rooms for storage, repairs, and viewing of the relics are necessary for the collection's survival. There must also be room for proactive safety precautions, like vaults for locking more valuable pieces, alarm systems, motion detectors, and fire-suppression systems.

The aging Main Library building restricts not only the upkeep of the collection, but also its accumulation and growth.

"It won't surprise Iowa students to learn that our current library was built in bursts at different periods and is a quirky building," Ensley wrote. "Some floors can't support bookshelves in some places, for example."

While the department prioritizes expanding its collection, each addition poses a literal threat to the safety of the preexisting artifacts. The Main Library's floors cannot support the weight of an increase in number of pieces or else it might cave in. Therefore, the university's weak infrastructure is limiting educational growth.

The UI needs to remodel the Main Library to showcase the impressive accumulated works of the Department of Special Collections and Artifacts, as well as provide a safe space that encourages growth and enjoyment of the collection's resources long into the future.

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DOCTOR IS IN

Noticing signs of breast cancer

Breast health is important at any age. Breast self-awareness allows you to know what to look for and when to seek help.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), breast cancer is the most diagnosed type of cancer and second most common cause of cancer-related deaths in women, in the U.S. In honor of breast cancer awareness month, we would like to share general breast health tips. Breast issues can be seen at any age. We will discuss common breast problems, breast self-awareness, and when to contact your health care provider.

1. Common breast problems

It is normal for your breasts to change throughout your lifetime. Noticing a change can be scary, but it's important to know that most breast problems in a woman's lifetime are not caused by breast cancer. Common breast problems that may bring a patient in to see a health care provider include lumps or pain, nipple discharge, new nipple inversion, and skin changes.

2. How to have breast self-awareness

While the ACS does not recommend regular clinical or self-breast exams as part of cancer screening, the following can help with breast self-awareness: Know what is normal for you, know your personal risk (more below), and know when to talk to your provider.

A self-exam only takes a couple minutes and can be done once a month. Visually inspect your breasts and take note if there is any swelling or changes in the shape, skin, or nipples. Feel your breasts and take note

of any lumps, thick spots, rashes, tenderness, or other noticeable changes. Check for any nipple discharge by squeezing the nipple. The point of this exam is for you to know what your breasts look and feel like normally, so that if there is a change you will notice.

The second part of breast self-awareness is to be aware of your personal risk factors for developing breast cancer. Risk factors are certain characteristics that are associated with an increased likelihood of developing a disease. The more risk factors you have, the higher the chances of developing breast cancer.

Risk factors for breast cancer include: being born female, older age (most breast cancers are found in women 55 years and older), certain gene changes, a family history of breast cancer, a personal history of breast cancer, smoking, and alcohol use. Risk factors and disease development can be a complex topic. If you have a known family history of cancers or breast/ovarian cancer, talk about this with your family and your health

care provider.

3. When to talk to your health care provider

If you notice any changes in your breasts, make an appointment with your provider immediately. You should be evaluated as soon as you can. If an appointment is delayed for months, the problem could potentially get worse. Depending on your situation, a clinical appointment may be the only necessary step. Other times your provider will recommend imaging, lab tests, follow-up, or a referral to a specialist.

Breast health awareness can increase your chances of detecting breast cancer early. The ACS reports that if it is detected early, and in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99 percent. Visit University of Iowa Student Health to set up an appointment with a primary care provider today to discuss any breast concerns, and go to <https://studenthealth.uiowa.edu/info/> for more details.

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'The Grand Inquisitor' animates library exhibit

The monologue, based off a chapter in one of Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky's novels, raises questions about faith.

Olivia Augustine
Arts Reporter

The traditional theater experience is stripped away in Riverside Theatre's production of *The Grand Inquisitor*.

After opening last weekend and finishing out performances this upcoming weekend, the monologue is performed in the University of Iowa Main Library's *Dostoevsky at 200* exhibit as part of the Iowa City Book Festival's programming. Set up as a "tennis-court" arrangement, the audience is surrounded by the history of 1800s Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky.

The Grand Inquisitor is a monologue based on a chapter from the book *The Brothers Karamazov*, one of the many works of Dostoevsky.

The story is set in the middle of the Spanish Inquisition, days after the inquisitor orders 100 people to be burned to death as heretics. In the beginning, the character Jesus Christ appears to perform two miracles, only to also be sentenced to death by the inquisitor.

From there, the play begins to discuss Dostoevsky's profound questions about religion, church, and the teachings of Jesus.

Actor John Williams Watkins, who plays the inquisitor, called the play a "joyless piece of theater," because of its thought-provoking intensity and discussion of institutional immorality in the Catholic Church.

Watkins has the only speaking role in the entire show, while the character of Jesus Christ sits and listens to his monologue.

"[*The Grand Inquisitor*] explains how the church has built this institution, this corporation — this means to control the human race," Watkins said. "He's not wrong about the points he makes. But what he lacks, I think, is what the Jesus character is filled with, which is free love, faith, and freedom, and giving the human being the option to do good or do bad."

Though the content of the monologue is joyless, director Ron Clark describes the experience of working with people on set as joyful.

In agreement with Watkins on the subject matter

of *The Grand Inquisitor*, Clark raved about the professionalism and kindness he experienced on set, referring to Watkins as one of the greatest actors he's ever worked with.

Clark also explained the significance of the monologue taking place in the *Dostoevsky at 200* exhibit.

"It's very exciting to be in there, because you're surrounded by all the history of Dostoevsky — incredibly scholarly research and visuals that are stunning," Clark said.

Clark said performing a piece written by Dostoevsky in a designated UNESCO City of Literature is something special, a feeling which is only furthered by *The Grand Inquisitor's* collaboration with the Iowa City Book Festival.

Adam Knight, the producing artistic director of Riverside Theatre, said the theater did a production of *Uncle Vanya* two years ago in collaboration with the Iowa City Book Festival, but unlike *Uncle Vanya*, *The Grand Inquisitor* falls under the umbrella of other works featured in the festival, as it deals with



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A chair sits empty before *The Grand Inquisitor* at the Main Library in Iowa City on Saturday.

Dostoevsky's work.

"The literary world doesn't always cross over into the theater world, even though theater is one of the oldest forms of literature," Knight said. "It provides us a way to expand the conversation, just a way to introduce the work we do to folks who may not have had us on their radar, and vice versa." Though the production

is free, reservations will be required for this weekend's performances. Only 40 audience members will be allowed at a time. The production runs 45 minutes with no intermission and can be viewed Thursday, both Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon.

"This production is a rare opportunity to see a

site-specific production that really brings together greats. We have great literature, we have a great actor, and we have terrific collaborators," Clark said. "It's an opportunity to come back and engage in live theater in a setting that is what I call, 'undeniable theater.'"

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County considers GPS trackers for pre-trial sex offenders

The proposal requests \$250,000 of the \$29.3 million in federal relief funds for a program that would put GPS tracking devices on alleged domestic abusers and sexual abusers before they go to trial.

Meg Doster
News Reporter

GPS locators may be attached to pre-trial people who face domestic violence, sexual assault, or forcible felony charges, using federal American Rescue Plan Act funding in a plan proposed by Johnson County Sheriff Brad Kunkel.

Johnson County received \$29.3 million in COVID-19 relief funds from the American Rescue Plan. Over 70 proposals were originally submitted to the county's American Rescue Federal Plan Act team and were then

narrowed down after the Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted out 11 proposals on Oct. 13. The sheriff's proposal made it to the next round of consideration on the same day with a 3-2 vote.

The board is set to make further plans regarding the proposals during its Oct. 27 American Rescue Plan Act team meeting.

Kunkel's proposal is among almost 60 still being discussed.

"It's a reasonable, progressive proposal and I'm hopeful that they approve the concept and approve the funding," Kunkel said. The current propos-

al requires an estimated budget of \$250,000 to pay for the salaries of two full-time deputy sheriffs, one additional vehicle, and the hardware and software for the GPS devices.

The GPS trackers will be ankle monitors, Kunkel said.

"We have to think about the victims and survivors that are on the other side of these offenses as well," he said.

Kunkel said he came up with the idea for the proposal a few years earlier when visiting Pitt County in North Carolina and saw how the sheriff's office there dealt with domestic

violence offenders with GPS tracking.

Kristie Fortmann-Doser, executive director for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program — an organization that works to help victims of domestic abuse — worked alongside Kunkel during his time on the board as co-chair for six years.

"If batterers know that they have a monitoring system that can determine where they are, then that has an impact on their capacity to go to places that they can threaten victims at," Fortmann-Doser said. "It does give additional ev-

idence, and like I said it does give pause for many batterers in considering appropriate and inappropriate behaviors terrifying."

Kunkel said the data from the GPS locators will not be available to the public.

"I think it has the potential to reduce no-contact or violations," Kunkel said. "It's not uncommon for a person to be arrested for a crime of domestic violence, with that comes a mandatory no-contact order that is issued at their initial appearance, and it's not uncommon for an offender to violate

the no-contact order — sometimes, within hours or less, maybe, of getting out of jail."

Fortmann-Doser said she and Kunkel have discussed putting forth similar proposals for several years.

"It's something that we've wanted in this area in support of victims and victim safety for several years," Fortmann-Doser said. "His election to sheriff has brought about the opportunity to increase a lot of support networks for victims in Johnson County."

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 - Lead-in to girl or boy
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 - Lucy of "Charlie's Angels"
 - Five, in French
 - Classic arcade game set in outer space
 - Take on a position, along with its responsibilities
 - Cleaned, as a window
 - Storage for garden tools
 - Sticky part of a gecko
 - Dress like, for a costume party, say
 - Contemptuous look
 - Soccer great Mia
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 - Eastern place of worship

- James who played Sonny Corleone
 - Letters on a bottle of tanning lotion
 - Lacking any moral compass
 - Year, in Spain
 - "Cleanup on ___ 5!"
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- Latvia's capital
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 - Aid in solving a mystery
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 - Land between Norway and Finland
 - Couches
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 - Grow older
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 - "... and the list goes on"
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Iowa kicker Caleb Shudak attempts a field goal during a football game between Iowa and Kent State at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 18.

SPECIAL TEAMS
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the difference-maker, he said.

True freshman Luke Elkin, a walk on from Neen-

ah, Wisconsin, took over snapping duties from senior Austin Spiewak earlier this season. Senior Ryan Gersonade acts as the holder for Taylor and Shudak in game time.

"I'll talk about Tory. He's not doing that with-

out the snap," Woods said. "With the snap comes great coverage from our coverage unit and guys protecting them on front. I think they'll be the first

to tell you — the same thing with Caleb, kicking the ball well, scoring points, putting the ball in the net, however, can't do that without the smooth operation of the snap or the holder, and then the

protection." Woods mentioned the special teams unit took the bye week to tweak their personnel and improve scheme heading into the second half of the season.

The Hawkeyes kick off the final five-game stretch with a matchup against Wisconsin on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.

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Chloe Peterson
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No There's no doubt in my mind that Iowa women's basketball

Peterson is going to be successful this season.

The Hawkeyes are returning all five starters and 99 percent of their scoring on an offense that scored 86.1 points per game last season — second in the nation.

Now, ranked No. 9 in the AP Preseason Women's Basketball Preseason Poll, Iowa will contend nationally.

But the Hawkeyes are not the only team in the Big Ten to boast a top-10 national rating.

Maryland is the top-

ranked team in the Big Ten, coming in at No. 4 in the AP poll. The Terrapins were the only team to top the Hawkeyes nationally in offensive production last season, averaging 90.8 points per game.

The Terrapins also had something the Hawkeyes couldn't find — defense.

While Maryland only allowed 69 points per game, the Hawkeyes gave up a whopping 80.3 — 336th out of 336 Division I teams in the country.

The Terrapins got the best of the Hawkeyes twice in 2020-21. First, the Terrapins took down the Hawkeyes in the regular season, 111-93. When Iowa and Maryland met again in the Big Ten Tournament Championship game, the Terrapins eclipsed triple digits again, 104-84.

Both the Hawkeyes and the Terrapins were

knocked out in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, giving them relatively equal footing to begin the 2021-22 season. Maryland is also returning all five of its starters, and 96 percent of its scoring.

But Indiana, in an unsuspecting national run, advanced to the Elite Eight of the 2021 NCAA Tournament.

The Hoosiers are ranked eighth in the AP Preseason Poll, just one spot above the Hawkeyes. Indiana also took down the Hawkeyes twice in the 2021-22 regular season.

If the Hawkeyes can find their defensive form, they will be a contender in the conference and nationally. But until then, Maryland and Indiana have a competitive advantage.

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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark laughs at a statement made by a reporter about her lack of free time during Big Ten Basketball Media Days at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Oct. 7.

McCLEAR
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to his consecutive poor outings. Now, following his recent top-10 show-

ing, McClear said he is healthy and prepared to get back into contention

as the Hawkeyes wrap up their fall season. "I believe [I'm playing well enough to win], yeah," McClear said. "You always got to have that

hitting good enough and putting it good enough to definitely get a win."

McClear and the Hawkeyes will tee it up for the final time this fall at the Williams Cup in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Iowa will be part of a 10-team field at the University of North Carolina-hosted event at Eagle Point Golf Club. The Hawkeyes will compete in two rounds on Monday and finish the event Tuesday afternoon.

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“ You always got to have that self-belief no matter how you're playing, but I definitely believe that I'm hitting good enough and putting it good enough to definitely get a win.

— Iowa men's golfer Mac McClear

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Iowa Heartlanders win inaugural game at Xtream Arena

The Iowa Heartlanders were prepared to put on a show for their fans as soon as they walked out of the tunnel at Xtream Arena ahead of their first-ever game Friday night. Iowa forward Ryan Kuffner scored the first goal in club history 25 seconds into the Heartlanders' game against the Kansas City Mavericks.

The score sent the 4,017 fans in attendance at Xtream Arena into a frenzy.

Ultimately, the Heartlanders defeated the Mavericks, 7-4, in a chippy game that included multiple fights and 58 penalty minutes.

Iowa forward Kris Bennett and defenseman Billy Constantinou each had two goals. After the final horn sounded, Kuffner, Constantinou, and Bennett were announced as the three stars of the game.

"We came out and had to match their physicality and get pucks to the net," Heartlanders head coach Gerry Fleming said. "I thought we did a good job creating offense by taking pucks to the net and creating rebounding and scoring opportunities."

Fleming added that both teams play a physical style of hockey because they have a lot of big and strong players.

When the cheers settled down from the Kuffner goal, it wasn't long until the arena saw another green flash from behind the goal. Forward Jack Billings, one of the first players to sign with the Heartlanders, scored the second goal of the game at the 3:15 mark in the first period.

The Mavericks scored their first goal midway through the opening period. Then, in the second period, Bennett and Constantinou posted their first scores of the game.

In the third period, the Mavericks amassed two more goals. But Constantinou and Bennett scored a goal each in the third, sealing a victory for the Heartlanders.

The Heartlanders traveled to Missouri for another game against the Mavericks Saturday night. Iowa tied the game twice before ultimately falling, 5-3.

Iowa women's swim and dive falls to Nebraska

The Huskers lapped the Hawkeye women's swim and dive team Saturday in Lincoln at the Devaney Center Natatorium, 193-59. With a 12-member squad, Iowa started the season 0-3 for the first time in program history.

Iowa only won one event at the meet. Senior Sam Tamborski took home a victory in the 1-meter springboard with a score of 287.32. Tamborski also took second in the 3-meter springboard with a 305.25 score. Sophomore diver Sarah Ballard took second and third in the 1-meter and 3-meter, respectively, behind Tamborski.

"We had an opportunity to compete against a quality Big Ten opponent for our first meet on the road [this season]," Iowa women's swim and dive head coach Nathan Mundt. "Our team performed well in the environment and learned what we need to continue to work on going forward to improve."

The Hawkeyes have almost a month break before returning to the pool on Nov. 18. Iowa divers will travel to the Georgia Tech Diving Invitational in Atlanta, while the swimmers head to Coral Gables, Florida, for the Miami Invitational.

Iowa volleyball wins set, falls to Northwestern

Hawkeye volleyball won its first set in eight matches Saturday night, in its loss to Northwestern, 3-1, in Evanston, Illinois. The Hawkeyes, facing elimination, took the third set from the Wildcats, 25-13.

But Iowa couldn't muster enough power to win the match, and fell to 2-18 overall and 0-10 in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes have lost 12 straight games.

Senior outside hitter Courtney Buzzerio led the Hawkeyes with 11 kills, including a career-high five service aces. Sophomore setter Bailey Ortega tallied 22 assists, and junior libero Mari Hinkle accumulated 13 digs.

Iowa will take a week hiatus before traveling to East Lansing to take on Michigan State on Oct. 29.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was looking for the reset button the other day"

— Iowa football offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz on Iowa's 24-7 loss to Purdue

STAT OF THE DAY

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Goals scored by the Heartlanders in their inaugural game at Xtream Arena

Flipping the field

The Hawkeyes' special teams unit has been integral to its success in the first half of the season.



Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan

Iowa punter Tory Taylor kicks the ball away during a football game between Iowa and Penn State at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 9.

Chloe Peterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Iowa football's special teams unit has been the X-factor for the Hawkeyes this season.

Sixth-year senior kicker Caleb Shudak has converted on 11 of his 13 field goal attempts this season, and is a perfect 23-for-23 on extra points.

Australian sophomore punter Tory Taylor, who had not stepped foot on an American football field

until 2019, averages 46.1 yards per punt. Taylor has notched 12 punts over 50 yards so far in the 2021 season, flipping the field for the Hawkeye defense.

"I'm happy with where we're at, as far as how our special teams have been playing, how we've been helping contribute to wins," special teams coordinator LeVar Woods said at a press conference on Oct. 20. "Definitely not satisfied, there's a lot more out there for our

football team and for our special teams to help us win football games."

The then-No. 2 Hawkeyes fell to then-unranked Purdue, 24-7, Oct. 16 to head into their bye week. The loss knocked the Hawkeyes down to No. 11 in the AP Poll.

Some facets of special teams, along with the Hawkeye offense, struggled in the loss.

Shudak missed a 25-yard field goal in the second quarter, and Taylor

only averaged 40.7 yards per punt. Although, the punter still downed one within the 20-yard line.

But the Hawkeyes don't let their emotions get the best of them, in or outside of the game.

"One thing about our team that I really appreciate and respect is consistency," strength and conditioning coordinator Raimond Braithwaite said. "These guys are extremely even. Never try to get too high, never get too low,

and I think that's a question of our leadership. And they understand that one game is not a season, and there's five more games to go."

And consistency is what makes the special teams phase an entire unit — not just an individual.

Woods stressed that no one player on special teams can change the tone of the game, or the play, himself. There are multiple players around

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McClear finds form

Mac McClear recorded back-to-back finishes outside the top 40 in fall tournaments, but rebounded with a top-10 showing earlier this month.



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Iowa's Mac McClear drives the ball during the men's golf Hawkeye Invitational at Finkbine Golf Course on April 17.

Chris Werner
Sports Reporter

Iowa men's golfer Mac McClear had a stellar sophomore season last spring, claiming the individual medalist title at the Big Ten Tournament.

The conference tournament was McClear's second individual title in the spring, after he also won the Spartan Collegiate at Sea Island March 8-9.

But the first-team All-Big Ten selection struggled to begin the 2020 fall season.

McClear failed to break par in the first six rounds of his junior season and finished outside the top 40 in the Marquette Invitational on Sept. 5-7 and Gopher Invitational on Sept. 12-13.

"I think, probably, early in the year he was just putting way too much pressure on himself," Iowa men's golf head coach Tyler Stith said. "Coming off a season where you win twice and you're a Big Ten champion, I think his expectations for himself were maybe just too high."

Stith noted that McClear plays better when he is more relaxed on the course and playing in the moment — to start this season, the junior was too calculated.

"Last spring when he was winning all tournaments, he played with so much more

freedom than he is now," Stith said. "I think he recognized that maybe after the [Marquette Invitational], maybe even after the Gopher [Invitational], and now he's kind of back to his old form."

Stith also mentioned that on-course awareness of his attitude was the biggest key in McClear's midseason improvement — nothing to do with physical form.

"I think, more than anything, it was just the awareness of how he was reacting to situations, to bad shots, and bad holes on the golf course," Stith said. "Over the course of four hours, reacting that way can have a negative impact on your mental state, which ultimately has an impact on how you perform."

McClear returned to form at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic Oct. 4-6 in South Bend, Indiana. He notched his first top-10 finish of the season, finishing in a tie for eighth place in the 80-player field.

McClear carded his first two under-par rounds of the year at the Warren Golf Course. He fired back-to-back 3-under-par rounds of 67 at the par-70 course and finished the tournament with a 2-over-par 72 to post a 4-under-par total of 206.

The golfer from Hinsdale, Illinois, said he was sick to begin the season, leading

PCP | Is Iowa the Big Ten's best team?

Two DI staffers debate if Iowa women's basketball is the conference's best team ahead of the 2021-22 season.

Austin Hanson
Sports Editor



Hanson

Yes
Iowa women's basketball wasn't the Big Ten Conference's best program last year.

In 2020-21, the Hawkeyes finished the regular season with 20-10 overall and 11-8 conference records. Iowa was the fifth seed in the 2020-21 Big Ten Tournament.

Iowa ultimately placed second in the Big Ten Tournament, losing to Maryland in the league title game. The Hawkeyes made it to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

Iowa came on strong at the end of last year, and all its 2020-21 starters will be back for the 2021-22 season. Point guard Caitlin Clark led Iowa and the nation in scoring last year, dropping nearly 27 points per game. The Hawkeyes ranked second in the country in scoring offense in 2020-21, racking up about 86 points per game.

Only one thing held the Hawkeyes back in 2020-21: Defense. Iowa surrendered about 80.3 points per game last season.

The Hawkeyes finished their 2020-21 campaign with the worst defense in all of NCAA Division I Women's College Basketball. Iowa ranked 336th out of 356 Division I teams in scoring defense last year.

The good thing about rock bottom, however, is that there's only one place left to go: up.

The Hawkeyes have been working to improve their defense since last season ended, per Clark and Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder.

If that hard work pays off, and Iowa's defense improves, the Hawkeyes could be tough to beat this year.

Even if Iowa's defense ranks 150th in the country in 2021-22, the Hawkeyes are still likely to win a lot of games.

Last year, St. Bonaventure was rated 150th in the nation in scoring defense. The Bonnies surrendered 64.5 points per game a year ago.

Iowa will win a lot of games in 2021-22 if it maintains its 86 points per game average and starts to hold its opponents to 65 points a contest.

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