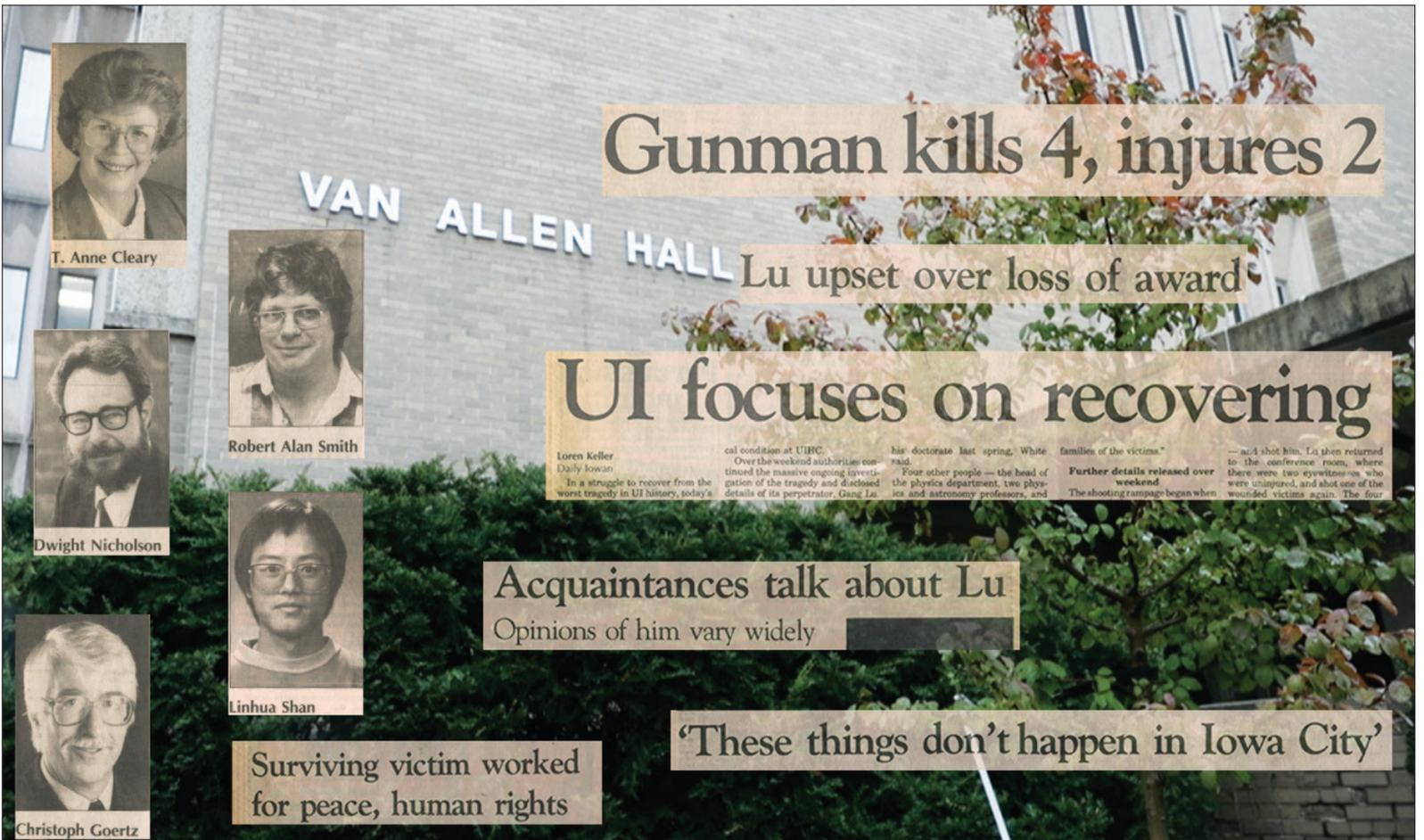


30 years: Remembering UI 1991 shooting

Those who were on campus Nov. 1, 1991 — and even some who weren't — have a story to tell about the University of Iowa shooting.



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Van Allen Hall at the University of Iowa is seen on Friday. Overlaid on the image are photos of newspaper clippings and the five victims of the 1991 UI campus shooting.

Parker Jones
Arts Reporter

On Nov. 1, 1991, the University of Iowa community suffered one of the largest tragedies in its history. Thirty years later, those closest to the event still feel its effects.

It was a quiet, snowy day when enraged former UI graduate student Gang Lu shot and killed five people in two different campus buildings. Among those who lost their lives were Christoph Goertz and Robert “Bob” Smith, both professors of physics and astronomy; Dwight R. Nicholson, chairman of the physics and astronomy department; Linhua Shan, a postdoctoral researcher; and T. Anne Cleary, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Writer Jo Ann Beard was not on campus the day of the shooting, but knew several people who were. Beard was the managing editor of the *Journal of Geophysical Research* and worked closely with Goertz and Smith. She considered Goertz a close friend, Beard said.

A graduate of the UI's Nonfiction Writing Program, Beard wrote an acclaimed personal essay about the shooting. Her essay, titled “The Fourth State of Matter,” was originally published in *The New Yorker* in 1996. Beard currently works as a professor of creative writing at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York.

“I knew Chris [Goertz] really well, and I knew the people in his research group,” Beard said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*. “I knew his research team and his students, and I knew the student who wound

up being the perpetrator of the crime. I would have called him a friend.”

Beard said, although her experience surrounding the shooting was an extremely impactful life event, she prefers not to reflect solely through the filter of her own work, but rather acknowledge the severity of the tragedy through her connection with the victims.

“It was an enormous tragedy. It profoundly affected not just the school, but the town itself and the countryside,” Beard said. “When you lose that many people in one afternoon, in a small community, nearly everybody has some connection to the story, if not to one of the victims.”

Mary Allen, a writing coach and graduate of the UI

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UI departments and schools ask for mandates

Many University of Iowa departments and schools, including the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Department of English, have released statements asking the university's administration and state Board of Regents to enact mandates for masks and COVID-19 vaccine on the UI campus.

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Midterm elections ramping up

Iowa candidates are staking their territory one year out from the 2022 election. Republicans, in particular, have received attention from national figures, while both parties say they have reason to be optimistic about the election.

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Pence on campus

Former Vice President Mike Pence will speak at the Iowa Memorial Union Main Ballroom Monday at 7 p.m. The event is hosted by Young Americans for Freedom and is free and open to the public.

Election day coverage

Iowa City and Coralville residents will vote tomorrow to decide their leaders on city councils and school boards. Read stories on the elections in Iowa City and Coralville at dailyiowan.com as results come in Tuesday night.

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UI grad student Logan Augustine bound for Los Alamos

Augustine will head to the Los Alamos National Laboratory to study how to extract ions from nuclear waste to reduce toxicity.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

University of Iowa Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Chemistry Sara Mason poses for a portrait inside the chemistry building on Oct. 26.

Anthony Neri
News Reporter

University of Iowa graduate student Logan Augustine is taking steps to make nuclear power a safer source of energy.

Augustine, a fourth-year graduate student in the Department of Chemistry and member of the Mason Group — a computational chemistry group at the UI — received a U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Student Research Award this fall.

The project could lead to the reduction of radiotoxicity of nuclear waste and the recycling of neptunium for more nuclear processing.

“[Neptunium] is a specific radioactive actinide element,” Augustine said. “A big reason people study neptunium chemistry is for nuclear waste reprocessing.”

He said he will use computational chemistry — a form of chemistry that uses computer simulations to solve problems — to extract Neptunyl ions from nuclear waste at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The fellowship will last a year, starting in January 2022, and will serve as a

part of his thesis research, Augustine said.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, there are 94 nuclear reactors in use at 56 nuclear power plants in 28 states, including Iowa, and the U.S. produces more nuclear power than any other country.

Augustine said Neptunyl ions, which he described as a linear molecule composed of one neptunium atom and two oxygen atoms, are particularly damaging sources of radioactivity.

“A lot of times when [scientists] do nuclear reactions from nuclear energy and everything, one of the side products that comes from it is this neptunium element, and it is very radioactive,” he said. “It’s an alpha emitter, and its half-life is like two million years — maybe a little bit over two million years.”

Currently, Augustine said the neptunium produced by nuclear reactions is stored on the sides of mountains where people are less likely to be exposed to it.

As an alternative way to dispose of neptunium, Augustine said he is interested in po-

Voters cast early ballots ahead of Nov. 2 election

Johnson County voters cast early ballots in the upcoming school board and city races before upcoming Nov. 2 elections. Some noticed the impact of Iowa's new voting laws, while others said the process remained simple and easy.

Natalie Dunlap and Kate Perez
Politics Editor and News Reporter

Iowa voters looking to cast their ballot election ahead of time for the local and school board elections had a shorter window this election cycle, a result of new voting laws passed by the Iowa legislature earlier this year.

The new laws require voters casting their ballot at satellite polling locations before Nov. 2 and those mailing in absentee ballots to fill out voter identification information. Auditors also had to petition to have satellite voting sites. For this election there were seven satellite sites in Johnson County where voters could cast their ballot in the weeks leading up to election day.

“You now have to fill out that actual form that you see everybody write when they walk in,” Johnson County auditor Travis Weipert said. “Normally, what would happen is you hand us your ID, we scan it, it tells us all your info, we print it off, we ask you to make sure it’s all correct, your address, all that. You say yes [and] sign. Well, now you have to fill it all out for us.”

According to statistics from the Johnson County Auditor's Office, Johnson County voters had returned a total of 3,392 ballots as of Sunday night, with 153 ballots that had been requested not returned.

Of those who voted early, 805 voted by mail, 1,729 voted at the auditor's office or at the Johnson County Health and Human Services parking ramp, and 1,003 were at satellite locations. Twenty-three early votes were from people in health care facilities or uniformed or overseas voters.



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Demonstration for Sudan



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A protester speaks over a microphone during a protest against a military coup in Sudan on Saturday. Around 100 people came and showed their support after the first protest last week.

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MFA Writers' Workshop, who still lives in Iowa City, was working on the second floor of Van Allen Hall at the time of the shooting. She also wrote about her experiences in an essay titled "Cowboy Justice," which was published in the 2019 anthology *If I Don't Make It, I Love You: Survivors in the Aftermath of School Shootings*.

Allen worked alongside Beard at the same journal, she said, and the two remain close friends to this day. She said it shocks her that the shooting happened so long ago, and that her experience in the moment was a surreal one.

"I didn't believe it at first — you can't just go from ordinary, everyday life to, 'There's a murderer' in a second," Allen said. "When I think about it, I feel like I was less scared than people who just heard about it because I knew exactly what was going on."

Todd Kleusner was one student on campus the day of the shooting. A 19-year-old undergraduate student at



Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

Former Associate Editor for the Journal of Geophysical Science Mary Allen poses for a portrait at her home in Iowa City on Friday. Allen was working in Van Allen Hall at the time of the 1991 shooting. Chris Goertz, Allen's boss, was a victim of the shooting.

the time, he heard about what happened from other students in his dorm hall — and the impact of hearing the news was still immense.

"It was big, and I really didn't know how to feel at that time. It was something new," Kleusner said. "These mass shootings — there weren't as many back then as there seems

to be today." Ultimately, Beard said the event was a sorrowful and appalling one, although she doesn't expect the same feelings to last for those who are not as connected to the shooting.

She said the shooting had a lasting impact on her opinion of gun control, which became much

firmer after experiencing the shooting.

"It became something other than an abstract concept to me," Beard said. It became real, and it had faces attached to it, and personalities. All those people had families. They all did. It's just as tragic now, 30 years later."

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tentially learning how to convert it into plutonium or using the extraction as recycled fuel for more nuclear reactions.

Separating the element alone is useful for reducing radiotoxicity and nuclear waste, he said.

If he can make the neptunium hydrophobic, or averse to water, he said it can be extracted from the nuclear waste as a separate layer. Augustine compared this to layers of salad dressing that stack on top of one another without mixing.

Augustine's academic advisor, Sara Mason, who is also a UI associate professor of chemistry and director of the Mason Group, said she will still be involved with Augustine's research in

Los Alamos.

"He has worked on a variety of projects since starting with me," she said. "But all of them use electronic structure calculations to understand and predict the properties of materials."

Mikaela Pyrch, a UI graduate student in the department of chemistry and member of the Forbes Group — the hands-on complement to the computer-oriented Mason Group — said Augustine's award will allow him to develop new skills that can be applied to their shared work at the UI.

"I think Logan's uniquely situated to be successful there," Pyrch said. "He's a creative problem-solver, and sometimes when you get stuck especially in more of an analytical, computational, mathematical side, he can see the prob-

lem that's going to be really beneficial and then fix it and move on."

Augustine recently had two significant scientific successes, Mason said.

One is the award, which allows him to do research in Los Alamos, she said. He is also the co-principal investigator on a National Science Foundation Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment grant for computer science in 2021.

Mason said the National Science Foundation grant gives the UI research group access to federal supercomputers to do research.

"He played a big role in basically scoring us time and access to those resources," she said. "Logan is a student who has built a castle brick by brick... He's the sort of person where you give him an idea or a project,

and he takes it in his own direction."

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For some early voters at satellite locations, the new changes were an inconvenience that made the voting process longer.

Iowa City Councilor Laura Bergus voted early at the Old Capitol Mall in Iowa City on Oct. 26. Bergus said she almost always votes early because she finds it more convenient than going on election day.

Bergus said it was unfortunate that the time and locations for satellite voting are more limited this year.

"I certainly had to be more on top of it than in the past, just as far as paying attention to what days it would be available or where it would be available," she said.

Others noticed the changes, but it didn't make the voting process more difficult for them.

"It was a little different to have to fill out the absentee ballot on site, instead of just going right to the

ballot," Coralville resident Casey Baustain, who voted on Sunday at the Coralville Library, said. "Some extra steps, but they made it really easy."

Iowa City residents Jim and Karen Larimore voted early at the Iowa City Public Library on Saturday because it fit into their schedule, considering travel and time with family.

"For this election, it's really around the school board," said Jim Larimore. "We both worked in education, so education is important. With the City Council, there are lots of decisions to be made about the future of Iowa City, expansion and growth and things like that."

The Larimores said they started paying more attention to the Iowa City Council after they heard about plans for land near their home.

"We started getting more interested in what the City Council was doing when we found out that there's some land near as that's being resolved, so then I started getting more interested in

what they're doing," Karen Larimore said.

Iowa City residents Rita and Robert Schmidt voted Saturday at the Iowa City Public Library. They said an issue important to them is supporting education in the city.

"Strange as it sounds, I'm always willing and glad to vote to increase taxes to raise some money for the schools," Robert Schmidt said.

It was important to them that Iowa City has what they consider a good, progressive City Council and school board, they said.

"I just hope people get out and vote," Weipert said. "I always tell students when I go to high schools that the bulk of your property taxes go to the school board, so I get that you don't have kids, you're a senior in high school, but if the school board raises the levy rate, even if you're renting an apartment, you're gonna have to pay that those increased taxes."

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One year out, midterm campaigns ramp up

The field of candidates has emerged in Iowa for many of the 2022 races, as redistricting shakes up congressional races and Iowa Republicans get attention from national figures.



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Former Vice President Mike Pence addresses the crowd during The FAMILY Leadership Summit in Des Moines on July 16. Pence said his favorite encounters with Americans were when people mentioned they were praying for him.

Natalie Dunlap
Politics Editor

One year out from the 2022 midterm elections, those working to elect both Republicans and Democrats in Iowa say they have reason to be optimistic.

Iowa Republican Party Chair Jeff Kaufmann has invited several national figures in the party, such as Sens. Ted Cruz and Tom Cotton, to Iowa, to create excitement around elections, as well as promote Iowa's first in the nation status for the Republican caucuses over the last several months. A few weeks ago at a rally in Des Moines, former President Donald Trump endorsed Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and indicated he planned to endorse Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds.

Kaufmann said these events are mutually beneficial because they provide a platform for potential 2024 presidential hopefuls, while garnering support for Iowa's elected officials seeking reelection in 2022.

On the Democratic front, candidates are running on a record of success at the national level, said Mara Kunin, Midwest political director at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee — a political committee focused on electing Democrats to the U.S. House.

"This has been a very trying year since the pandemic started, and our caucus has been very focused on making sure that we are getting shots in arms and making sure that we are investing in things like roads and bridges through our infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better agenda," Kunin said.

Iowa saw a shift in the

partisan makeup of its Congressional delegation in 2020. The state went from having three Democratic House representatives and one Republican to one Democrat and three Republicans. Additionally, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, beat a challenge from Democrat Theresa Greenfield, despite Greenfield out-raising Ernst. Trump won the state with 52.80 percent of the vote in 2020.

Though there have been recent Republican wins in the state, Kunin said Democrats are well positioned to take up the message of economic stability, creating jobs, ending the pandemic, and advocating for justice for Americans in the upcoming election.

"We are forward looking, we are very confident. And we're exceedingly excited for this upcoming election," Kunin said.

Kaufmann said, with a year to go to Election Day 2022, Iowa voter registration numbers and polling about Trump, Biden, and the parties are encouraging for Republicans.

There are 51,349 more active Republicans registered than active Democrats, according to October voter registration totals from the Secretary of State's office. An Iowa Poll from *The Des Moines Register* conducted on Oct. 4 found that 53 percent of Iowans have a favorable view of Trump, and 91 percent of Iowa Republicans had a favorable view of him.

"And then of course, you know the old adage — and it usually turns out to be true — and that is that during a midterm election, the party of the president in power doesn't fare very well," Kaufmann said. "So you

add everything together, I'm not willing to say this is a perfect storm, but I'm willing to say that there's some really odd looking clouds in the sky."

Kaufmann said he's spoken with U.S. House Minority Leader Kevin

districts, and that the 4th Congressional District is a "slam dunk."

"We obviously hope to retain the three incumbents we have now, and we will pour everything we have into the 3rd District," Kaufmann said.

chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee from 2015-2019 and is now the ranking member. During the Trump administration, Grassley served as president pro tempore of the Senate from 2019-21.

"When you consider what Biden's policies have been — just think, inflation, the taxes spending spree, how people are treated, leaving Americans in Afghanistan and the crisis at the border that you see on TV every day — You need Republicans back in control," Grassley told *The Daily Iowan* in a press call. "And right now, although I'm saying this understanding that in the next 12 months a lot can happen, but it looks like a pretty darn good environment for Republicans to win, sweep, in Iowa in 2022."

In 2016, Grassley won reelection with 58.56 percent of the vote against Democratic challenger Patty Judge.

Grassley's most high-profile challenger is former Democratic Rep. Abby Finkenauer. In 2018, Finkenauer unseated Republican incumbent Rep. Rod Blum with 50.46 percent of the vote and became one of the youngest women ever elected to the U.S. Congress. Finkenauer served one term representing Iowa's 1st Congressional District and lost her 2020 reelection

though which district she plans to run in is yet to be seen.

University of Iowa law Professor and Iowa House Rep. Christina Bohannon, D-Iowa City, announced her candidacy for Iowa's Southeastern district in August. Bohannon is currently serving her first term in the Iowa House. She won the Democratic primary race for her House seat in 2020 against Vicki Lensing, a 20 year incumbent.

Iowa's six-member congressional delegation is majority Republican, with the exception of Rep. Cindy Axne, D-Iowa, who is serving her second term as a member of Congress. Axne is the only Iowa representative up for reelection who hasn't announced an intent to run, and she has publicly considered pursuing the gubernatorial race.

Three Republicans have announced their candidacy in Axne's district: State Rep. Mary Ann Hanusa, State Sen. Zach Nunn, and Nicole Hasso.

Redistricting shake-ups

With the passage of the Iowa Legislative Service Agency's second set of district maps last week, Iowa voters now know the state's political boundaries for the next decade. Both cham-



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Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks addresses a crowd on Sept. 18 at her inaugural tailgate, where she criticized President Joe Biden's vaccine mandate for millions of workers, the Afghanistan withdrawal, and the border crisis.

McCarthy, R-California, about Iowa being a focal point in taking back the U.S. House. Democrats currently hold a narrow majority in the House, with 220 members compared to Republicans' 212.

Kaufmann said the party wants to be competitive in all four of the newly-drawn

The Candidates

Grassley, Iowa's longest serving senator, announced in September that he would seek an eighth Senate term. Grassley, 88, began his career in politics in 1959 when he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives.

Grassley served as the

bid to current Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa. In 2020, Finkenauer received 47.49 percent of the vote.

The Finkenauer campaign didn't provide a comment by time of publication.

Other Democrats have announced challenges to Grassley. Dave Muhlbauer, the former vice chairman of the Crawford County supervisors, was the first Democrat to launch a 2022 Senatorial campaign. Glenn Hurst, a rural physician and Minden City Council member, retired Navy Admiral Mike Franken and Bob Krause, a former state legislator, have also announced campaigns.

Hinson, a former television news anchor, announced in August that she will seek reelection.

Hinson faces a challenge from State Sen. Liz Mathis, D-Hiawatha, another former television news anchor.

Rep. Randy Feenstra, R-Iowa, launched his reelection bid for the 4th Congressional District seat two weeks ago. Another House Freshman, Feenstra, won in 2020 with 59.12 percent of the vote, after defeating incumbent Rep. Steve King in the Republican primary.

No Democrats have announced they will challenge Feenstra in 2022.

Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks won by six votes in 2020 and has declared her intention to run again,

bers of the Iowa Legislature passed the Iowa Legislative Services Agencies' second redistricting plan on Thursday in bipartisan and nearly unanimous votes.

"We have the most competitive maps we could have hoped for, and we think this will really help us as we deliver seats in Iowa's 1, 2 and 3," Kunin said.

The congressional map kept Feenstra and Axne in their current districts, but Eastern Iowa candidates were shuffled around. Hinson and Mathis will now face off in Iowa's new 2nd Congressional District, and Bohannon, with Johnson County now in the 1st District, will campaign for that seat.

"I'm thrilled that our state upheld our fair and nonpartisan redistricting process," Bohannon wrote in an email to *the DI*. "Now that we have a map, I'm looking forward to continuing to meet with folks in the new first Congressional district and tackling our toughest problems together."

Miller-Meeks' current address is in the new 3rd District.

"I have indicated that I will be a candidate for re-election," Miller-Meeks said in a prepared statement shared on Thursday night. "I will be evaluating the new districts to determine my next step, which I will be announcing shortly."

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Iowa House Rep. Christina Bohannon speaks during her birthday celebration in Iowa City on July 2.

Opinions

Repeal harmful right-to-work laws

Unions bring workers better wages and more bargaining power. Right-to-work laws must be ended to protect workers.



Shahab Khan
Opinions Columnist

It is time for Iowa legislators to reverse right to work laws and strengthen labor unions.

Policymakers should learn from the John Deere strikes in eastern Iowa that workers are tired of getting short-changed by their employers and want their unions to have more bargaining power after right-to-work laws gutted their membership rates.

As corporate profits have risen, wages for workers have become stagnant. By repealing right-to-work laws and increasing an industry's union density, not only will wages go up, but worker productivity would skyrocket.

Compared to other markets, the labor market model functions quite differently, in that firms cannot purchase workers. Rather, firms can only hire workers for a specific amount of time and pay them a wage. As a result, many firms must compete for workers, and do so by paying out

competitive wages.

Workers, for their part, have the ability to accept or reject the wage being offered. Therefore, in the perfectly competitive labor market described above, firms are wage takers, meaning they let market forces set the wage at a socially optimal quantity and price.

For these reasons, many economists used to be skeptical of unions because, in a perfectly competitive labor market, firms would be forced to reduce the amount of workers they hire if a union were to set a wage higher than the market wage. This would lead to a surplus of workers and high unemployment.

However, in the real world, labor markets are rarely perfectly competitive.

Recent empirical work has shown that large firms have monopsony power, meaning they have enough buying power to dictate the price that wages will be set at. Because the goal of firms in any market is to maximize profits, the monopsonist is going to set the wage at a point lower than the socially optimal wage and hire less workers than the socially optimal quantity.

To ensure workers are protected, labor unions are absolutely critical to counteract monopsony power. Through their ability to negotiate, unions can force the



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Members of the United Auto Workers strike outside of the John Deere Engine Works plant on Ridgeway Avenue in Waterloo on Oct. 15. About 10,000 UAW workers have gone on strike against John Deere since Oct. 14 at plants in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas.

monopsonist to pay a higher wage, which will attract more future employees for the firm to hire.

The monopsony power in the labor market is what makes right-to-work laws so dangerous for workers. Before the passage of the right-to-work law in 1947, many unions required that non-union workers pay union dues.

These union fees incen-

tivized many workers to join unions, thus increasing their bargaining power as well as density — the number of union members that make up a workforce within an industry. In other words, the more unionized members in an industry, the better the wages the workers received.

Right-to-work laws banned unions from collecting fees for non-union members and allowed them

to negotiate their wages independently of unions. While this sounds like a good policy, once unions cannot collectively act as one voice for the workers, the union density begins to decline, followed by wages and productivity.

If Iowa lawmakers want to truly help workers striking against John Deere, then the best thing they can do is to repeal the right-to-work

law. This archaic law has only benefited CEOs, while leaving workers at a severe disadvantage.

Getting rid of the right to work law would make it possible for unions to check the monopsony power of firms and ensure that ordinary people can earn a decent, living wage to live comfortably.

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COLUMN

The journalism industry is going digital

As social media and the internet become the primary way for people to consume news, newspapers have had to adjust for their audience.



Kelsey Harrell
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Nothing quite compares to the feeling of picking up a copy of your local paper from a newsstand around town. The grittiness of the paper between your fingers and the ink residue left on your hands from holding it too long create an experience like no other.

Not to mention, for a young journalist like myself, your biggest aspiration is getting your byline above the fold on the front page. That dream is changing to your byline appearing on the homepage of your publication's website.

Print media has gradually shifted toward the online world over the past decade, but in recent years, this shift has picked up. The rise of the internet and social media has made print news almost obsolete. Almost.

Print media won't die off — it'll continue evolving as it has been.

Older generations prefer walking out their front door each morn-

ing and picking up their copy of the day's paper off the porch. But younger generations might start their day by picking up their phone and scrolling through Twitter for the latest headlines. Both are consuming the same kind of news.

I've watched this shift from focusing primarily on print to digital in the almost four years I've worked at *The Daily Iowan*.

When I started working as a news reporter as a first-year, the digital team was only in its second year. I'm now the second person to hold the position of managing digital editor, which I've held for two years.

There are jobs in the digital sector of journalism now that didn't exist a few years ago. According to the Pew Research Center, the total number of newsroom employees working in the digital-native sector increased from 13,470 in 2018 to 16,090 in 2019. The number increased again to 18,030 in 2020.

On the reverse end of this, the total number of newsroom employees working in the newspaper sector has been steadily decreasing since 2008, according to the Pew Research Center. The number has gone from 71,070 in 2008 to

30,820 in 2020.

This isn't to say that there isn't value in print journalism and consuming news by reading a physical newspaper.

Local newspapers provide a service to their communities that national news outlets can't. Most of these papers are doing this through daily or weekly print products and their websites, appealing to and making information available to all different audiences.

For some older journalists, it might be harder to adjust to the evolving digital world, just like it might be for some readers.

A smaller digital presence shouldn't prevent people from investing in local newspapers — they're breaking important stories and focusing on local voices. The landscape of news media will continue growing and adjusting as society changes. Journalists will always be needed, but the way we do our work will look different than it does even now.

While some jobs in news media are disappearing, others are being created that didn't exist even five years ago. However, it's important to invest in local journalism, no matter form you choose to consume news.

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THE DOCTOR IS IN

Practicing optimal oral health care

Along with brushing and flossing, some of the best measures to take for strong oral hygiene lie in routine checkups by your dentist.

Oral health is a critical part of overall well-being. Optimal oral health is achieved through daily self-care, proper diet, and regular visits to a dental professional.

Early adulthood may be a time where self-care routines can change for many reasons, including recent independence from home, changes in financial status, and/or transportation. One study showed that nearly a third of studied college students (31.3 percent) had a current untreated dental health issue.

This statistic highlights the importance of spreading awareness surrounding preventative dental care. This article talks about how cavities form, defines preventative dental care, and dental resources available to you.

Understanding cavities

One of the biggest concerns for patients walking into a dental office is having cavities or other forms of tooth decay.

Cavities occur when plaque, a thin film of bacteria, covers the teeth. These bacteria convert the sugars you drink into an acidic by-product that breaks down tooth enamel.

If plaque is not cleaned off soon enough, it can harden into a substance called tartar/calculus. Calculus build-up can spread below the gum line, making the teeth harder to clean. Only a dental health professional can remove the calculus that builds up.

Nevertheless, with preventative dentistry, you can minimize your risk of developing these dental complications.

Diet

Keep the consumption of sugary foods and beverages to a minimum. If you choose to drink sugary drinks, finishing them in less than 30 minutes is a good goal to set.

This limits the time for bacteria to attack the acidic environment in your mouth. If you're sipping on sugary beverages throughout the day, it's a good idea to rinse and drink water intermittently to help cleanse the oral cavity.

Foods eaten during a meal can cause less harm to teeth than eating snacks throughout the day. More saliva is released during a meal which helps wash foods from the mouth and lessens the effects of acids.

Importance of preventative dental care

Preventive dentistry is dental care that helps maintain good oral health.

It's a combination of regular dental check-ups as well as the development of good habits like brushing and flossing.

Prevention is the first and most important part in maintaining strong oral health. This is accomplished by a combination of practices such as:

- Regular oral exams/cleanings (~6 months): Dentists can get to areas in your mouth that aren't accessible by brushing and flossing
- Teeth cleaning (brushing twice a day and flossing once a day)
- Routine X-rays: These are important in diagnosing cavities or other problems in the oral/maxillofacial regions that may not be visible with a regular oral exam.

Dental Resources available to University of Iowa students

Available free dental resources include Iowa Mission of Mercy, the UI College of Dentistry, and Free Clinics of Iowa.

-Ankur Parupally, third-year dental student, Class of 2023



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UI departments advocate for mandates

Over the past two months, multiple University of Iowa schools and departments drafted COVID-19 statements requesting mask and vaccine mandates on campus.



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University of Iowa Professor David Ryfe poses for a portrait in the Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building on Friday.

Kate Perez
News Reporter

Multiple departments and schools at the University of Iowa have released statements encouraging UI administration and the state Board of Regents to implement campus-wide vaccine and mask mandates.

The UI Department of Communication Studies released a statement on Facebook on Sept. 16, highlighting its support for Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague's mask mandate — which was extended indefinitely as of Sept. 29 — as well as the U.S. Department of Labor's mandate requiring workers to be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing.

"We support these guidelines because mandating vaccines or serial testing, and universal masking is the best way to mitigate risks associated with COVID and to ensure equal access to space of learning and work," the statement said.

Kembrew McLeod, chair of the communication studies department, said the statement was the result of concern among his faculty about a lack of mask and vaccination mandates and feeling like they didn't have the support of UI administration.

McLeod said what matters to him is if there's a mask or vaccine mandate.

"In the absence of [mandates], my faculty decided to make a public statement asking the university and the Board of regents to follow the recommendations of scientists in terms of

how to avoid the spread of COVID," McLeod said.

The regents do not require masks or vaccines on Iowa's three public college campuses, and those universities cannot impose their own mandates. The UI strongly encourages masks and provides masks and hand sanitizer in campus buildings, among other measures.

UI faculty in the Department of Communication Studies drafted their statement and voted on it, McLeod said.

"I think the fact that statements have been produced by different departments and schools and other units at the University of Iowa shows broad consensus that we should be following scientific recommendations," McLeod said.

McLeod said the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences responded stating that the department would have to follow the regents' guidance.

"As a department chair who wants to make life as good as possible for my colleagues, I felt like it was really important for our departments to add our voices to the conversation and emphasize that we should be following scientific recommendations," McLeod said.

On Oct. 18, the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication released a statement that the faculty and staff "unequivocally endorse the recent statement of the Department of Communication Studies."

The statement called

on leaders of the university and the regents to immediately adopt a mask mandate and the leaders to strongly advocate for a vaccine mandate.

David Ryfe, director of the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said the school's faculty endorsed the Department of Communication Studies' statement and added their own statement, too.

He said faculty voted on the statement in their October faculty meeting.

"They felt like it was important to be on the record at this moment because we're in a historical moment," Ryfe said. "These pandemics don't come around often, and it's relatively rare for a state to have adopted policies that contradict the scientific evidence as we know it today."

Ryfe said the statement was written more for posterity than trying to actually change policy.

"I don't think we're naive enough to think that a statement from one academic unit is going to change anyone's mind about those issues, but it can be symbolically important for the community to express its collective voice for the future," he said.

Along with the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Department of Communication Studies, the UI Department of English released a statement on Sept. 8.

Loren Glass, chair of the UI Department of English,

"I think the fact that statements have been produced by different departments and schools and other units at the University of Iowa shows broad consensus that we should be following scientific recommendations.

— Kembrew McLeod, Communication Studies Department chair

said his faculty originally wanted to make stronger rules regarding COVID-19 in the department, but he believed it would not be allowed, so he suggested a statement instead.

"I felt like a statement on the website, in a way, had a double meaning," Glass said. "It was expressing our position about this, but it was also expressing our right to state the position.

The college cannot tell us that we can't say this."

He said the department's faculty felt that their autonomy was also being violated, and they should be able to determine what is the best way to deliver an English education.

"The truth is, we are all one university, but we're also a bunch of different colleges and departments that teach different things

in different ways," Glass said. "There's a reason that we're set up as departments with a lot of autonomy to run things as we want."

Overall, Glass said he feels the faculty continue to be in an unnecessarily risky teaching and learning environment, where people have lost their sense of caring for others.

"The capacity to care for other people is being compromised," Glass said. "If you're going to live in a society with other people, you have to realize that you're mutually responsible. You're not responsible just for your own health, but you have to watch out for other people's health too."

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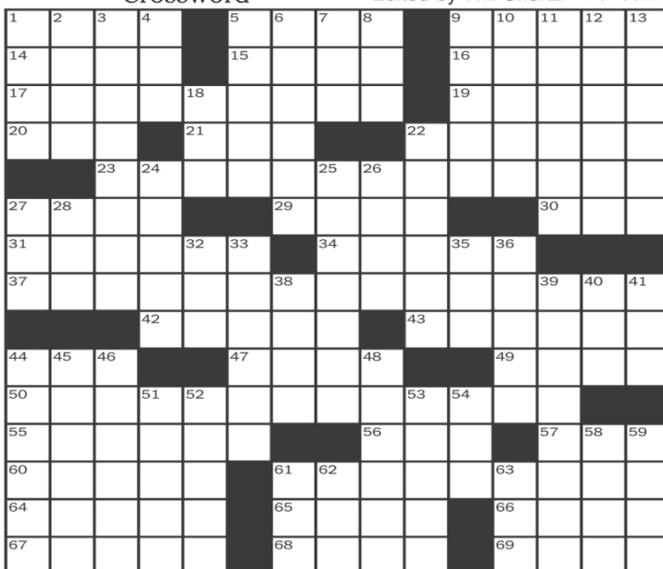
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Across

- Org. exploring Mars
- Paul who sang "Diana" and "Lonely Boy"
- "Tsk!"
- Highest point
- One of 10 on a ten-speed
- Hulk in a wrestling ring
- Olympic event for which the world record stands at a little over 20 feet
- Obvious
- Tanning lotion spec
- Broadcast
- One of Haiti's two official languages, along with French
- Magic duo with a 20+ year act in Las Vegas
- Explorer Ericson
- San __ Obispo, Calif.
- Prefix with function
- __ the Hun

- Tex-Mex items associated with Tuesdays
- "Spring forward" and "fall back" plan
- Writer __ Allan Poe
- Like some food for dieters
- Areas for hosp. surgeons
- Mexican poet Juana __ de la Cruz
- Any member of NATO to any other
- Added cost of buying soda
- Keeps watching ... and watching
- "Rocks" in a drink
- "I"-strain?
- Completely fail
- Guaranteed ... or where you can find the ends of 17-, 23-, 37- and 50-Across
- Basketball great Curry
- It's a bad look
- Relatives of ostriches
- Taste or touch

- Ore locale
- Canadian gas brand

Down

- Quick time outs?
- Each ... as in the price of balloons?
- "Woe is me" feeling
- Lumberjack's tool
- Once more
- __ network
- __ Kan (dog food brand)
- Paintings and sculptures
- Where the land meets the sea
- Rude dwelling
- Seemingly timeless
- Bob who sang "One love, one heart / Let's get together and feel all right"
- Goes in
- Airport shuttle, typically
- M.R.I. alternative
- Modern tax option
- Almond or pecan
- "Buenos __"
- Young fellow
- I __ Pi (punny fraternity name)
- Jar topper
- Longhorns : Texas :: __ : Texas A&M
- Egg: Prefix
- Peninsula in the Six-Day War
- Round of applause
- Two of them meet every year in the Super Bowl
- Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
- Pigs' digs
- Dwell (on)
- What blades on windmills do
- __ Island (part of New York City)
- Treated maliciously
- Stumbles
- River of forgetfulness, in myth
- Earth tone
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- Sick
- Prefix with natal
- "Busy" insect

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Wisconsin safety Scott Nelson wraps up Iowa running back Tyler Goodson for a tackle during a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday. The Badgers held Goodson to 27 yards on 13 carries.

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the Boilermakers and Badgers. Iowa has also fallen from first place in the Big Ten West Division to fourth.

Iowa was also firmly entrenched in the College Football Playoff conversation 23 days ago. Now, it's been virtually eliminated from national championship contention.

"We're 6-2 right now," Hawkeye safety Jack Koerner said Saturday afternoon. "It feels pretty bad being 6-2 right now

with how we started the season. We were 6-2 at son. So, I like to think that we can respond re-

“ I like to think that we can respond really well from this and finish out the season, because there's plenty more to play for.

— Iowa safety Jack Koerner after losing two straight games

the end of last season and feeling pretty good. We won six games straight after being [0-2] last sea-

son. So, I like to think that we can respond really well from this and finish out the season, because there's plenty more to play for.”

Technically, the Hawkeyes can still win the Big Ten West if they win the four games that remain on their schedule.

If Iowa wins out, the Hawkeyes will need help from Wisconsin and Purdue to claim the Big Ten West crown. Currently, the Boilermakers, Badgers, and Hawkeyes are tied for second in the division behind Minnesota.

The Golden Gophers boast a 4-1 conference record, while the Hawkeyes, Badgers, and Boilermakers trail them at 3-2.

Any end-of-season standings tie between the Hawkeyes, Badgers, and Boilermakers would keep Iowa out of the Big Ten Championship Game at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The Badgers and Boilermakers both beat the Hawkeyes head-to-head, which would break any standings tie either team might have at the end of the year with Iowa.

If Iowa wins out, it'd make the Big Ten Championship Game over Minnesota, should Wisconsin and Purdue lose one more

game each.

"I mean, everything's still in front of us," junior linebacker Seth Benson said. "We just gotta stay positive. We gotta keep coming in every day with a positive attitude. We just gotta make sure we keep everyone together, keep everyone going. We still got four games to play. No one should have their head down. Obviously, we're disappointed. But there's no reason not to be positive."

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COLUMN

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minus-three in losses to Purdue and Wisconsin.

In those back-to-back double-digit defeats — a first for the program since 2013 — the Hawkeyes have been outscored, 51-14.

"We're not moving the ball consistently enough and, I mean, go right down all the lists of reasons," Ferentz said. "It's like anything, you just continue to learn more about your players as the season goes on. What they can do, can't do and then we've got to figure out a better way to plan to give them a better chance."

"I don't think there's any one specific reason right now. We're just not executing well enough to get the job done and get the ball moved with consistency."

Questions surrounding Iowa's offense have plagued the Hawkeyes all season. But when Iowa was winning, its flaws were easy to ignore. After consecutive losses in which the Hawkeyes could only muster seven points in

each game?

Not so much. Only three weeks separated perhaps the best win of Ferentz's 23-year tenure as Iowa's head coach from possibly the Hawkeyes' ugliest loss in that same stretch. Hawkeye fans stormed the field at Kinnick Stadium after Iowa's comeback win over Penn State in a top-five matchup on Oct. 9. Wisconsin fans did the same thing on Saturday.

College football playoff aspirations have turned into needing assistance from other teams to even win the Big Ten West.

It was pretty clear Wisconsin had a typical Wisconsin defense pretty early in the game. But if you were waiting for any adjustments from Iowa's offense coming off a bye week, well, just keep on waiting.

Wide receiver Charlie Jones said that, during the bye week last week, "We were just focused on things that we do." Going back to the fundamentals didn't seem to pay off.

And no scheme tweaks

seem to be coming.

"We're not inventing any plays," said Petras, who finished with 93 passing yards and left the game in the fourth quarter with a shoulder injury. "It's the same offense. We got beat, twice. We got outplayed, twice. That can't happen."

A season that at one point seemed like it was going to be a special one is looking like the latest example of Iowa coming up short of a West title. Sorry, Phil Parker and LeVar Woods, the Hawkeye defense and special teams are better than this. But the offense isn't.

When asked postgame about fifth-year offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz, his father said he remains confident in the entire coaching staff. You can be mad at that answer, or you can just accept that nothing major is going to change on that side of the ball for the Hawkeyes.

And as far as things staying the same, who is ready for another Out-back Bowl?

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Iowa defensive back Jack Koerner brings down Wisconsin running back Braelon Allen during a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday. Koerner forced 11 total tackles.

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Wisconsin players hoist the Heartland Trophy after a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday.



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Wisconsin band members participate in their "Jump Around" tradition at the end of the third quarter during a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday.



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Wisconsin wide receiver Chimere Dike pushes down Iowa defensive back Jerami Harris after catching a pass during a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday.

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 HAWKEYES BADGERS

The then-No. 9 Iowa football team now sits at 6-2 on the season after its 27-7 loss to Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday. The Hawkeyes have lost back-to-back games by double-digits for the first time since 2013.



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Wisconsin fans storm the field after a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday.

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B1G West up for grabs

The Hawkeyes can still win the Big Ten West Division, mathematically.



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Iowa linebacker Seth Benson dives to tackle Wisconsin running back Chez Mellusi during a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday. Benson registered seven total tackles during the game.

Austin Hanson
Sports Editor

MADISON, Wis. — Fans have stormed the field in two of Iowa football's games this season. The first time the Hawkeyes had to fight through a sea of fans to get to the locker room was Oct. 9.

Fans clad in Black and Gold rushed Duke Slater Field at Kinnick Stadium soon after Iowa clinched a 23-20, come-from-behind victory over then-No. 4 Penn State.

Then-No. 3 Iowa's Oct. 9 game against Penn State was the biggest that had been played at Kinnick

Stadium since 1985, when then-No. 1 Iowa took on then-No. 2 Michigan.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock in this year's Iowa-Penn State game, fans began to realize the Hawkeyes had earned their most monumental regular season victory in about 25 years.

Spectators started to file down the bleachers and push each other before they eventually spilled onto the field at the end of regulation.

The Hawkeyes' record improved to 6-0 after their Oct. 9 matchup with the Nittany Lions. Iowa was ranked No. 2 in the

Oct. 10 AP Poll.

A lot has changed since Hawkeye fans took to the turf at Kinnick Stadium three weeks ago.

Iowa is now 6-2 after it fell to Wisconsin, 27-7, in Madison on Saturday.

When the final whistle was blown, Badger fans sprinted onto the field

— just as Hawkeye fans had three weeks earlier in Iowa City — at Camp Randall Stadium to celebrate their now-5-3 squad's upset win over then-No. 9 Iowa.

Since Oct. 9, the Hawkeyes have dropped from No. 2 in the AP Poll to No. 19 after losing to

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Game ball

Freshman running back Braelon Allen was a thorn in Iowa football's side all afternoon Saturday. The 17-year-old freshman carried the ball 20 times, netting 104 rush yards in Wisconsin's 27-7 win over Iowa.

The Hawkeyes were ranked third in the Big Ten Conference in rush defense ahead of Saturday's game, allowing about 90 yards per game on the ground through seven contests.

Turning point

After trailing, 20-0, Iowa football finally got on the scoreboard at the 8:21 mark of the third quarter in its game against Wisconsin Saturday. Hawkeye quarterback Spencer Petras scored a touchdown via a 1-yard sneak.

The Hawkeye defense forced a three-and-out on the next Badger drive, and Iowa's offense got the ball back with a chance to put together back-to-back scoring drives and get back in the game.

Petras connected with wide receiver Charlie Jones on a third down to move Iowa past midfield.

Four plays later, facing fourth down with one yard to gain, offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz called a fullback dive to Monte Pottebaum, which came up short of the line to gain.

"Needless to say, we thought it was the best call," Ferentz said. "And needless to say, it wasn't successful. That third quarter, our guys came out and played. We had a chance to win that football game, or at least have a chance to get right back in it. That play wrapped it up and swung the momentum. Would we like to have the call back? Absolutely!"

Iowa's drive ended at Wisconsin's 40-yard line. The Badgers took over and went on an 11-play, 60-yard touchdown drive to go up 20 points again and all but end the game.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm sure our fans are frustrated right now."

— Kirk Ferentz on Iowa's lackluster offensive performance.

STAT OF THE DAY

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Sacks absorbed by Iowa QBs Saturday.

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An offensive offensive display

Iowa only mustered 156 yards in its 27-7 loss to Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium.



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Wisconsin outside linebacker Nick Herbig and inside linebacker Jack Sanborn combine for a sack on Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras during a football game between No. 9 Iowa and Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium on Saturday. The Badgers defeated the Hawkeyes 27-7.

MADISON, Wis. — Kirk Ferentz smirked and let out a somber laugh at the postgame podium when he was informed that Iowa fans weren't thrilled over the Hawkeyes' offensive output in a 27-7 loss to Wisconsin on Saturday.

"I'm sure we'll get plenty of suggestions on how to fix our issues," Ferentz said.

Frankly, the Hawkeyes could use any help they can get.

Iowa's offense entered Week 9 ranked 119th out of 130 FBS teams. Somehow, that ranking is going to plummet even further after a 156-

yard performance (keep in mind a good chunk of those yards were gained in garbage time) at Camp Randall Stadium. Oh, and there's more to say about Iowa's offense than just its lack of yardage.

The then-No. 9 Hawkeyes (6-2 overall, 3-2 Big Ten) didn't pick up a first down until the final minutes of the first half. Iowa's offensive line allowed six sacks and 10 tackles for loss on the day and could only provide enough space up front for 24 rushing yards on the day. Play calling wasn't on point either — not that that's necessarily a surprise — particularly on a fourth-and-short fullback dive that didn't convert.

Then there are the turnovers — three of them, to be exact. And all three fumbles (one on a strip sack, one on a miscommunication on a handoff at Iowa's own 1-yard line, and one on a muffed punt) set Wisconsin (5-3, 3-2) up inside Iowa's 20-yard line.

Iowa's turnover margin has been mi-

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Grading Iowa's loss to Wisconsin

Remember when Iowa was No. 2 in the nation? Seems like a long time ago.

Robert Read
Pregame Editor

MADISON, Wis. — *Daily Iowan* Pregame Editor Robert Read graded the Iowa football team's performance in all three phases after the Hawkeyes' 27-7 loss to Wisconsin.

Offense

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Iowa only gained 156 yards of total offense, gave up six sacks and 10 tackles for loss, turned the ball over three times (granted, one of those was on special teams), and didn't score a point in the first half. So, yeah, Hawkeye fans aren't thrilled with offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz right now. The fullback dive on fourth down late in the third quarter, when Iowa still had a chance to get back in the game, was uninspired.

Defense

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Iowa's streak of allowing fewer than 24 points came to an end. That was mostly the offense's fault, though. Wisconsin started three drives inside Iowa's 20-yard line after three Hawkeye fumbles. Even when drives didn't start off of an Iowa mistake, Wisconsin sustained a couple of long drives and ate up time of possession.

Special teams

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Iowa's special teams was actually pretty good on Saturday, except for one glaring play.

With Charlie Jones out for a couple plays being checked on for an injury, wide receiver Max Cooper fielded a punt for the Hawkeyes. Well, he tried to. Cooper muffed the punt, and Wisconsin took over inside Iowa territory. Other than that, Tory Taylor averaged 49 yards per punt, and Jones averaged 10 yards per punt return and 30 yards per kickoff return.

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