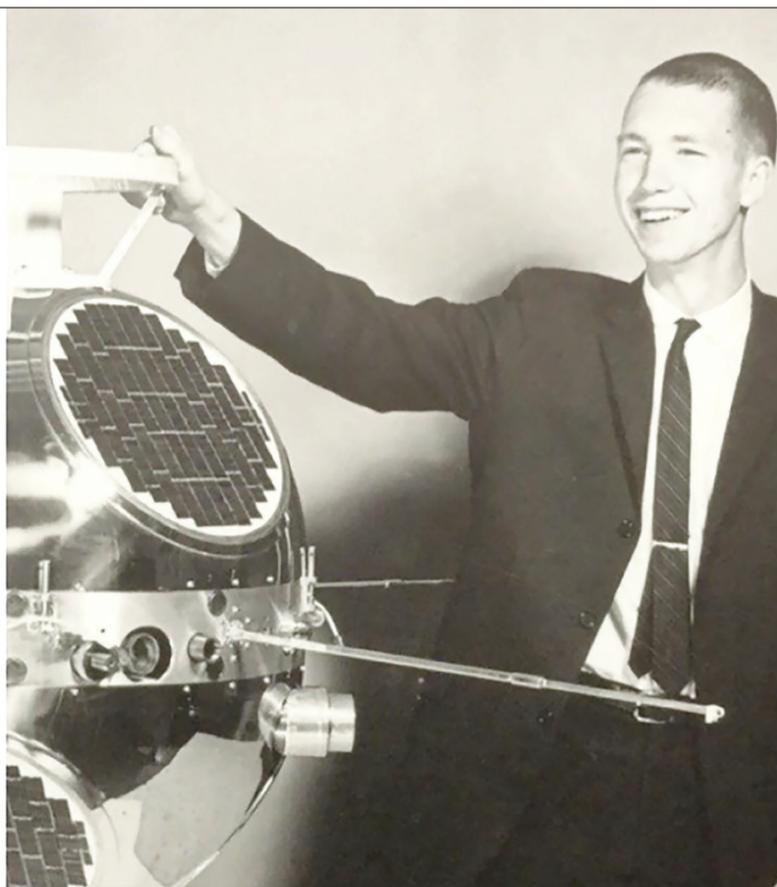


Iowa physicist leaves legacy

Donald Gurnett, who died Jan. 13 at 85, left his mark on the world through the work and discoveries he left behind.



Contributed photos of Donald Gurnett in 2015 (left) and 1962 (right).

Marandah Mangra-Dutcher
News Reporter

In 2004 on the seventh floor of Van Allen Hall, Phil Kaaret looked up to find Donald Gurnett in his office doorway, unable to wait a second longer to discuss a new idea he had thought up.

"When he got an idea in his head, sometimes he would stop by in my office every day for a week and want to discuss it," said Kaaret, UI department chair of physics and astronomy.

Donald "Don" Gurnett, professor emeritus at the University of Iowa, died on Jan. 13 at the age of 85, after a short illness at The Bird House Hospice Home of Johnson County.

Space sounds

Gurnett worked on over 30 instruments launched into space over the course of his career, including an instrument on Voyager 1 and Voyager 2, which visited all the outer planets.

"In addition to that, he had an instrument on the Galileo mission to Jupiter," Kaaret said. "He had the instrument on the Cassini mission to Saturn, and he even helped build a radar that was orbiting around Mars to try to look for ice, or water in the form of ice, underneath the surface of Mars."

Kaaret said Gurnett's biggest discovery from the past decade was when the Voyager probes finally reached what is called "interstellar space."

With some of the instruments Gurnett sent into space, he measured and recorded "space sounds."

Donald A. and Marie B. Gurnett Chair in physics astronomy Craig Kletzing said scientists can record a particular group of waves and create an audio file that plays back sound.

"If you measure them like, let's say, on our Van Allen Probes Mission, we measured them at 35 kilo samples per second, which is fast enough to hear them," he said.

Kletzing noted that some of the captured sounds have specific names.

"There's some called 'chorus,' which sounds like birds chirping," he said. "There's another one called 'whistlers,' which were actually known."

Space sounds that Gurnett help record are available to the public on a UI website published by the physics department.

Gurnett's daughter, Christina Gurnett, said her father's space sounds are the reason his dinner parties are among some of her favorite memories of him.

"He would get out his tape recorder at many parties, and he would play the whistlers and the sounds of space," she said. "I have recollections of being in my bedroom, which was right above the dining room, and hearing the sounds of space as my dad would entertain and enjoy good conversation with other faculty and friends at our home."

Gurnett's sounds of space are incorporated into music written by the Kronos Quartet, Christina said.

"His recordings of space were incorporated into Sun Rings, a composition of Terry Riley's, which received a Gram-

my Award in 2020," she said.

Flying and sailplanes

When he wasn't exploring the deepest reaches of outer space, Gurnett's eyes were still on the sky, as he flew airplanes in his spare time.

"He was born and lived in Fairfax, Iowa, and grew up near his grandmother's home that actually became the first passenger terminal for the current Cedar Rapids airport," Christina said.

She noted that Gurnett's interest in flying started showing in the hobbies he chose as a child, when he built model airplanes. Then, in his 20s, he began flying gliders, or non-motor-powered "sailplanes."

Christina said her mother always jokes that Gurnett bought his first sailplane before they bought a house.

As Gurnett got older, his interest in planes shifted.

"When I was in high school, he was

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Iowa City unveils four new electric buses

Since 1971, Iowa City has used diesel buses. On Monday, the city is launching new electric buses that will replace four diesel buses in its 27-bus fleet.

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Iowa City educators comment on legislative leaders' remarks

As Republicans introduce legislation that could limit educational materials in public schools, Iowa City educators say these could limit discussion about several topics in the classroom.

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Iowa City schools face staffing shortages

Local schools say they are understaffed, especially among transportation services and educators.



An Iowa City Community School District sign outside of the central office is seen on April 15, 2021.

Simone Garza
News Reporter

Many schools in Iowa, including the Iowa City Community School District, are dealing with staff shortages as administrators work to keep students and staff in person.

The current COVID-19 positivity rate for Johnson County over seven days is 29.8 percent.

J.P. Claussen, Iowa City Community School District board member, said the district has dealt with a lack of bus drivers for transporting students.

The bus drivers, who are under contract with Illinois Central and not directly employed or paid through Iowa City's school district, will have an additional stipend pay considered at the next school board meeting on Jan. 25,

Claussen said.

"We feel an obligation to them, and we are going to make a point to directly get a stipend," Claussen said. "The bus-driver shortage is nationwide. It's a tough job."

Claussen said bus drivers tend to be older, which can put them at higher risk for more severe symptoms of COVID-19. He added that bus-driver shortages have not caused any complaints to come before the school board, but they have forced other schools to temporarily close.

"It has not risen to that level at this point," he said. "Districts in the state just had to close solely because they do not have bus drivers and can't get kids to school."

COGS: 'Will I be punished for trying to do my job safely?'

The graduate student union is continuing its push for instructors to "e-pivot" their classes.

Kate Perez
News Reporter

The Campaign to Organize Graduate Students is taking "collective action" by continuing to push for an "e-pivot" — a request for University of Iowa instructors to voluntarily move their classes online indefinitely, without university permission.

The original pledge, created on Jan. 14, called for an e-pivot for the first two weeks of class. Now, COGS has suggested that instructors decide on their own basis how long they want to teach remotely.

Although COGS has not made an official statement about the continuation of the e-pivot, COGS member and doctoral student Caleb Klipowicz said it is still a concerted effort made by all members to take their classes online.

"Many people are having to weigh the decision between two threats to them: their health and the health of their students, or their career," he said. "This being a collective action isn't dependent on every single person being able to make the decision to take it online, but it's a call for everyone to have the right to do so."

Klipowicz said there is no official timeline for when the e-pivot efforts by COGS will conclude.

"Right now, we haven't made any official statements on the amount of time," he said. "The original and still standing e-pivot pledge is really for as

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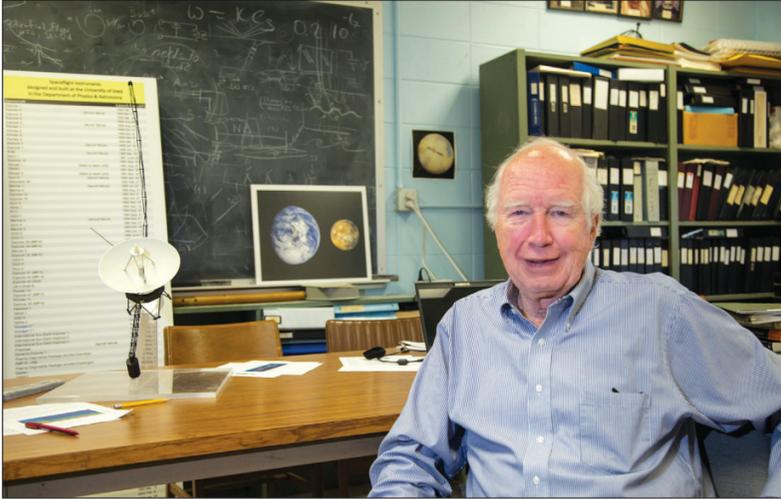
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Hawks hit the track



Grace Kreber/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Renee White, a triple jumper, runs up for a jump at the 2022 Larry Wiecek Track and Field Invitational at the University of Iowa's Recreation Building on Saturday. The Larry Wiecek Invitational hosted Baylor, Gonzaga, Mount Mercy, Northern Iowa, Purdue, Simpson, Wartburg, and Wisconsin.



Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

Donald Gurnett poses for a portrait in his office in Van Allen on June 19, 2019. Gurnett retired in 2019 after 60 years of space research at the UI. He died at age 85 on Jan. 13.

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part owner of a bright red biplane," Christina said.

"Later, he owned a T-6 trainer airplane, so he was often spotted flying in the skies above Iowa City."

Christina said she believes that her father still wore "his scientist hat" when he was flying, and that is

where some of his interest in planes stemmed from.

"He also enjoyed flying with eagles," Christina said. "Eagles soar just like gliders by riding thermals to stay aloft."

Christina said her father would often describe how eagles would sometimes surround the wings of his sailplane as he flew.

Legacy

The physics department expanded at the UI to include astronomy at Gurnett's suggestion.

Kaaret said Gurnett chaired the committee that hired him to that same department.

"I'm here pretty much because of Don Gurnett," he said.

Gurnett fostered the UI's space-physics department, which Kletzing said helped maintain the university's

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leadership in the field.

"Don played a key role in helping to make sure we got new young faculty members in this area, so that we can maintain our expertise and our leadership in the field of space physics," he said.

Kaaret said Gurnett was a beloved professor.

"He took such interest in his students and really looked out for their well-being and just wanted to make sure that they became the best scientists they could," he said.

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long as folks feel is comfortable and safe, contingent upon case numbers."

Instructors who move their classes online without permission from the university are violating university policy.

Currently, if instructors want to move their classes online, they must request a modality change through a new form. Specific guidelines are provided at the college level, according to guidance from the provost's office. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website states that one of these justifica-

tions for moving classes must be met:

- The instructor is ill or must be quarantined. (If needed, a substitute instructor or alternative arrangement should be found by the unit overseeing the course.)

- More than 20 percent of the students enrolled in a face-to-face or hybrid course or section have appeared on the daily reports of students who have submitted the UI self-report form. These reports are sent each morning to instructors. (The threshold was previously at 50 percent.)

- The course is upper level and primarily for majors and therefore is not a high priority for

in-person instruction. Additionally, the course content and learning objectives align well with online delivery.

COVID-19 cases among UI students and employees are higher this semester than they were at the beginning of the fall 2021 semester. From Jan. 17 to Jan. 21, the UI reported 275 cases among students and 257 among employees.

In an email to *The Daily Iowan*, UI Assistant Vice President for External Relations Jeanene Beck wrote that not many instructors have asked to move their classes online.

"The Office of the Provost shared that they have had a few requests

to move courses online and have approved a few that met the criteria outlined in the spring guidance provided," Beck wrote. "For context, the University of Iowa has more than six-thousand class sections this spring, so the number of requests is minimal."

Hannah Zadeh, COGS member and graduate teaching assistant in the department of sociology and criminology, said they had to request the modification form after being exposed to COVID-19.

"I did [use] the form because that is what the university decided that they wanted us to do," Zadeh said. "Because COGS is obviously launching this concerted action, collective action for teaching assistants to teach the first two weeks online, that was, for me, my plan anyway to do that, as well."

After submitting the form, Zadeh said they got an email from their department chair communicating that UI Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education Cornelia Lang said Zadeh's justification for moving classes online could not be used.

"They said that the justification was unacceptable and that I had to take a COVID test. If my COVID test was positive, I had official permission to teach next week online," Zadeh said. "And if not, then I would have to go in person. They did say that I was allowed to teach this week online while I got a test."

COVID-19 tests have been hard to obtain, Zadeh said, adding that they were waiting for one to be mailed to them while teaching online.

Klipowicz said COGS will continue to push for stronger COVID-19 policies and the right for instructors to move their classes online if they want to.

"The plans put out are not prevention plans, they're a plan for crisis, if nothing else," Klipowicz said. "It's not about stop-

ping cases anymore. It's about normalizing them and keeping things going as usual — which we're saying, that's not right."

Klipowicz said, while he thinks the state Board of Regents and UI administration are concerned about making the college experience as normal as possible for students, the current COVID-19 policies are making it worse.

"You are the ones that are making this harder for students to get the education that they deserve and are paying for," Klipowicz said. "You're the ones that are making it harder for instructors who are just trying to do their job. Now they have to deal with this whole other question of 'Will I be punished for trying to do my job safely?'"

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Members of COGS protest the lack of mask mandates on campus at the Pentacrest on Sept. 2, 2021.

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The Davenport Community School District announced a school cancellation on Jan. 3 because of a shortage of bus drivers.

Joseph Brown Sr., interim superintendent of Clear Creek Amana Schools in Tiffin, said his district is also experiencing shortages, specifically among educators.

"We have teachers that are doing double duty," he said. "In other words, [they] are teaching their class, plus, in the preparation time instead of having prep time during the day," he said.

Since instructors are covering for absent teachers' classes and planning their own classes while teaching, teachers are currently being paid an extra \$25 an hour.

Financial support is also coming from the state level. In her Condition of the State Address on Jan. 11, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said she would use federal funds to give a \$1,000 retention bonus to teachers that have continued teaching throughout the pandemic.

The director of Clear Creek Amana Transportation Services has occasionally driven routes because of the bus-driver shortage, Brown said.

Brown noted that the lack of access to day cares at the moment is also contributing to staffing shortages.

"We had some employees that had to stay home because day care was closed from COVID-19," he said.

Despite the challenges, Brown said the district's goal is to keep students and staff at school in person.

"Our goal is to try to keep everybody here as much as we can," Brown said. "We want to keep our kids in school, but it's getting challenging at times to do that."

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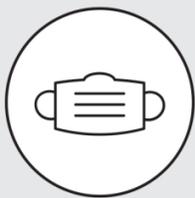
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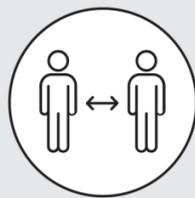
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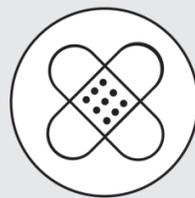
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Stop trying to mandate patriotism

Politicians need to focus on issues that impact on Iowans' lives, not enforcing the Pledge of Allegiance.



Yassie Buchanan
Opinions Columnist

Yet again, Iowa Republicans are introducing harmful and unnecessary bills in the Legislature.

In an effort to uphold blind patriotism, Sen. Adrian Dickey, R-Packwood, introduced a bill that would require teachers to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Teachers would also be barred from talking about the pledge in an "unpatriotic" manner. The only exception is if the teacher has a disability that prevents them from standing and reciting the pledge.

This bill infringes on the freedom of speech of teachers and further enforces harmful censorship that has been used to erase marginalized identities.

Besides the freedom of speech and censorship concerns, teachers respecting the pledge doesn't even seem to be a problem in Iowa's public schools.

Without any legislation in place, we started every morning with the Pledge of Allegiance when I was in elementary school. Most students stood and mindlessly re-

cited the words, with the exception of some students who did not participate because of religious beliefs. Nevertheless, some students did not because of religious beliefs. Nevertheless, it was a daily practice that my teachers never commented on, and students paid very little attention to.

This is not the first time in recent history that Iowa Republicans introduced a bill about the Pledge of Allegiance. At the end of last year's legislative session, a bill was passed that required schools to present the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day.

Ultimately, students cannot be forced to recite the pledge because of their right to free expression. This was established in 1943 with the Supreme Court case, *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*.

If it's been established that students cannot be forced to say the Pledge of Allegiance, why should it be any different for teachers? In fact, this bill takes these free-speech infringements a step further by censoring the language used surrounding the pledge.

Instead of improving the public school system in Iowa, this seems to be another attempt to uphold conservative ideas of patriotism, which often means erasing minority voices.



Through this proposal, teachers would not be allowed to say any "unpatriotic commentary on the United States," or language that has any political influence on students. Along with possible infringement on free speech, this bill is further complicated by how we view patriotism.

Republicans have made attempts left and right to censor teachers. However, it all seems rooted in silencing minorities. Bills were put into place last year to bar teachers from teaching the 1619 Project in schools be-

cause of concerns it is not historically accurate and misrepresents the values of the U.S. Iowa schools are also facing increasing attention and possible bans of several books, mostly ones that highlight minority experiences, such as *The Hate U Give*, and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*.

The abundance of censorship and backlash when it comes to language or teaching that involves minority experiences suggests this Legislature is not about protecting students —

it's about continuing to erase and censor certain identities.

Censoring the language that teachers use regarding the Pledge of Allegiance is a step in the same direction, attempting to control unpatriotic language in the classroom. But what do we define as unpatriotic, and who curates those definitions?

It seems Republicans' focus is less about unifying the country and more about making sure certain ways of thinking about America are controlled — wheth-

er through book bans, attempts to erase the 1619 Project, or censoring speech around the Pledge of Allegiance. Conservative powers are infringing on what information can be shared or spoken.

Classrooms can be powerful places to grow through education. Instead of investing in bettering the education system, Republican senators are focused on censoring language and upholding their definition of patriotism.

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GUEST OPINION

2021: Biden's mixed bag

Although the president gives lip service to progressive causes, he has lacked progressive action.

Following one of the most contentious elections in recent memory, President Joe Biden has now spent a year in the Oval Office.

Given the number of candidates and perspectives represented in the 2020 Democratic primary, it is worth looking back at Biden's first year from the perspective of a progressive Democrat whose first and second choices were Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. How has Biden performed as president? Has he lived up to his campaign promises?

In short, it's a very mixed bag.

One example of this has been this administration's tepid support for striking workers and labor unions. The president supported Kellogg strikers after the company sought to permanently replace its striking workers, calling for a ban on the practice.

Biden's Secretary of Agriculture, former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, went so far as to join striking John Deere workers on the picket line in Ankeny. When Amazon workers sought to unionize in Alabama, Biden released a video strongly voicing his support.

Unfortunately, Biden has stopped short of outright support for striking workers in many other instances, with his administration

preferring to reaffirm "the right" to strike rather than weigh in on the merits of the strikers' cases. This is disappointing, as it appears to contrast his campaign portrayal of himself as "the most pro-union president." Shouldn't the most pro-union president be working tirelessly to get striking workers what they need?

Another abandoned staple of Biden's campaign was the \$15 minimum wage, which was one of the first items cut from the negotiation table of the earlier American Rescue Plan. In the middle of a pandemic — which has led to a worker shortage in Iowa and the U.S. overall — the raising of worker pay would have had an immense impact on both young people in college and working-class members of labor unions.

Biden's agenda for college students has been similarly frustrating. Biden all but abandoned his goal of eliminating \$10,000 worth of student loan debt per person, which would have helped relieve one of the largest burdens facing college graduates entering the workforce.

This proposal wouldn't require some radical shift in the power of parties in Congress. The Trump Administration canceled student loan debt for certain groups of people via executive order. Why does

Biden seem unwilling to simply broaden those same policies?

Congress is not doing Biden's agenda any favors, either. The negotiations for Biden's signature Build Back Better Act — now stalled in a Democratic Congress — resulted in the sacrifice of Biden's plan for tuition-free community college. The failure of this plan combined with Biden's unwillingness to broadly eliminate student loan debt stunts any effort to lower the astronomically high price of college.

Perhaps some of these items were doomed to fail. It is impossible to ignore the role of Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., in the scrapping of these proposals. But the White House needs to get creative.

The president has not yet proven to progressives who voted for him that he is truly committed to their causes. But he clearly wants to be, otherwise he wouldn't be paying lip service to unions, drawing down the drone war, or fighting for the rights of LGBTQ+ people.

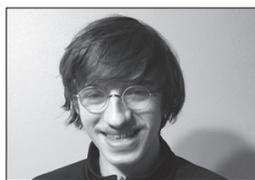
Hopefully, his second year will demonstrate his desire to enact progressive policy more than his first year. With the midterms approaching, I have my doubts.

-Caleb Slater, University Democrats President

COLUMN

It's time to expand power outage information

Energy companies' power outage reporting system is insufficient as outages become more common.



Luke Krchak
Opinions Columnist

Power outages can already be a scary and harsh experience, but not knowing when it will end makes it that much worse. People need more access to information about how widespread a power outage is and approximately when it will end.

On Jan. 12, the power went out in my house at around 11 a.m. Because it was during the day and no storm loomed overhead, there was no way to know how widespread it was or how long it was going to take to fix it.

Toward the end of the outage around noon, I saw an article from my former high school news team, wsspaper.com, that showed that the power outage was widespread across Iowa City. The power came back on 20 minutes later.

The MidAmerican website, however, showed that only one person was reporting an outage over the many times I viewed it during the outage.

The current reporting system for Mid-American, and other electric companies throughout the country, involves people reporting outages themselves. This works on small scale outages but not for larger ones, as the map does not reflect how many people were affected.

One solution would be to get more people in the loop of reporting outages themselves. Most of Iowa City's residents can call 800-799-4443, or sign

into the MidAmerican website to report an outage. This way, that map is provided with more up-to-date information while still using the current system.

Another solution that many energy companies have, but don't use, is sensors. While the sensors currently detect power outages for the energy companies themselves, they do not use them for the outage maps. The sensors are placed on the electrical equipment itself, so if a power line goes down, they know when and where it happened.

The problem with the current outage map system is one that will continue to get worse as time progresses: Climate change will progressively cause more natural disasters and other weather effects, impacting more outages.

Additionally, an increasing demand for electricity is causing a strain on the power grid. As the population increases and smart devices drive up power demands, people will use more electricity.

If people start to mass switch to electric cars, the current power grid will not be able to handle that much demand, and outages will become more common.

The U.S. power grid is also aging, with much of the electrical equipment built over 50 years ago. As people push for more clean energy and use the power grid more, its age will begin to show as more of it breaks and causes increased power outages.

With the power grid likely to be under more strain in the future, whether from worsening weather or an increasing demand for it, people need a map that best reflects ongoing power outages. Then, people would have the information and ability to better plan what they need to do to make it through.

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News Reporter

Standing adjacent to the Pentacrest, the Old Capitol Town Center has been enjoyed by the Iowa City community since it opened in 1981. By 2025, the University of Iowa will have complete ownership of the building.

Currently, the Old Capitol Town Center, also known as the Old Capitol Mall, is partially owned by the UI and a condo association owned by Hodge Commercial Development. The Hodge group leases out the majority of the first floor.

The university has a share in the condo association, and both groups jointly operate the mall, said David Kieft, UI campus planning and development business manager.

“Back in 2006 and 2008, we acquired most of the upper level of the mall,” Kieft said. “There’s the international programs — that part of the first floor is also owned by the university, so it’s 60 some odd percent we already have of the mall.”

The university leased space in the mall after the flood of 2008 damaged 22 university buildings. While recovering from the



The Old Capitol Mall is seen in Iowa City on Thursday.

Lillie Hawker/The Daily Iowan

flood, the UI bookstore and parts of the School of Music were located there, Kieft said.

Rod Lehnertz, senior vice president for UI finance and operations, said the flood caused the university to start viewing the mall’s space as a necessity. He noted the Iowa Memorial Union was housed there for several years.

“This became one of our student centers, became our union space, and even though we recovered the IMU, it has remained a very important space for university students,” he said.

The Old Capitol Town Center contains UI QuickCare, University Counseling Services, UI Services Center, UI International Programs, and more. In the store directory, all UI-associated offices are under the name University Capitol Center.

When the UI purchased the mall’s upper floor in 2006, it signed an agreement giving the option to purchase the remainder of the building in 2025 as long as the Hodge group was notified by 2024, Kieft said.

The Old Capitol Town Center purchase was in-

cluded in the 10-year master plan for the UI presented to the state Board of Regents on Jan. 12. The regents approved the plan but have not investigated the specifics of the projects proposed in the plan, Senior Communications Director Josh Lehman wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

“Any of the specific projects mentioned would need to come before the Board again for approval to move forward,” Lehman wrote, “That future presentation would include official project budget and timeline.”

There are no plans yet as to what the university will do with the vacant spaces in the mall, Kieft said, but it does intend to honor all the mall’s current leases and seek to develop a vision in the coming years that will benefit both the university community and students.

“We recognize the value of having, especially in a student-centered place, retail, having food options,” Lehnertz wrote. “Those kinds of things are important to the students.”

Lehnertz wrote that the university plans to pur-

chase the remainder of the mall, mainly to keep it campus owned and benefit students, as opposed to a third party buying out the building.

“We continue to see it as a stronger and stronger part of the university’s mission in serving the students of the University of Iowa,” Lehnertz wrote. “That’s why the site being so co-located with the core of our campus is strategically a right place for us to occupy it, program it for the generations to come.”

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UI services in the Old Capitol Town Center

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- University Counseling Services
- UI Services Center
- International Programs
- Office of the Vice President for Research
- Student Disability Services

Four electric buses hit the Iowa City streets

Iowa City is replacing four of its diesel buses with new electric buses purchased with federal and state grants.

Sam Knupp
News Reporter

Iowa City is rolling out four electric buses on Monday as part of a 2017 climate action plan.

The city, which has been using diesel buses since 1971, is going electric for the first time, with the electric buses replacing four diesel buses in its 27-bus fleet.

Darian Nagle-Gamm, Iowa City transportation director, said the electric buses are projected to use only 5 percent of the diesel fuel the current buses use.

“The buses are completely propelled by electric, and that auxiliary heater that’s powered by diesel will just be used in the cold weather months to provide that additional heat without taking away from power that’s used to keep the buses on the road,” Nagle-Gamm said.

Nagle-Gamm said this is the first of many planned steps to reduce emissions, as the city plans to get more electric buses in the future.

“We do have some buses that are probably in the age range where they would potentially qualify for replacement,” Nagle-Gamm said. “So, I would say within the next year or two, we’ll probably be applying for more grants... I think we can expect, really, as we roll in any new buses on the road, they’re likely going to be new, cleaner, greener, more

sustainable technology.”

The buses were paid for with \$3.3 million in grant money from the Federal Transit Administration, along with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

“You’re going to get cost savings in multiple ways with electric buses,” Nagle-Gamm said. “It is less expensive to fuel them. Electric power is less expensive for us to actually feel the losses. We don’t have a transmission and a conventional engine to deal with, and that requires a lot of maintenance.”

Currently, 22 percent of Iowa City’s carbon dioxide emissions come from transportation.

Nagle-Gamm said the electric buses will significantly reduce emissions. She added that, on average, one diesel bus uses 39 gallons of fuel per day.

“MidAmerican Energy is producing our power, [which] is 84 percent renewable energy, and most of that is wind,” Nagle-Gamm said. “So, not only are we consuming energy which is less polluting for the vehicles as they travel through the community, and better for air quality, but the energy that’s being consumed is of much cleaner source.”

Jerry Schnoor, a University of Iowa professor of environmental engineer-

ing, said the introduction of four electric buses into the fleet is a good first step not only for Iowa City, but for the state overall.

“Ames is doing pretty much the same thing in connection with Iowa State, and other cities are looking at it, including Des Moines, so I think it’s the start of a trend towards electric buses, and Iowa is a good spot to do it, because we are in the top 10 states in terms of use of renewable energy as a fraction of our total,” Schnoor said.

Director of Transit for Iowa State University’s CyRide Barbara Neal said CyRide, equivalent to the UI’s Cambus campus transportation, plans to introduce two electric buses to its fleet starting this summer — plans which have been years in the making.

“In 2019, I applied for the Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission grant to start getting the battery electric infrastructure and try a couple buses and see how it works in our service,” she said.

The Center for Transportation and the Environment projects the two new electric buses will save “295,013 pounds of greenhouse gasses” per year, she said. The department has more electric buses on the way.

“We have three scheduled in 2023,” Neal said. “And then we have one scheduled in 2026 and one scheduled in 2027.”

Schnoor said policies in cities like St. Louis, where every car has to be inspected for greenhouse gas emissions, might not be the answer for Iowa.

“I wouldn’t go that direction,” he said. “I guess I would favor more of the carrot rather than the stick. That is, to try to make incentives [to] make it easy for people to buy electric vehicles, or at least hybrid vehicles.”



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An Iowa City electric bus sits outside City Hall.

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BOHANNON

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High School prep shot a combined 7-for-33 from floor, including 5-for-25 from 3-point range, over Iowa's previous three games. That included airballs and shots that left Bohannon shaking his head as he watched them clank off the rim. Against Rutgers, the former point guard now turned primarily shooting guard missed nine of his 11 shots, and he didn't let that thought escape his mind on his return trip to Iowa City.

If a 3-pointer here or there had gone in, Iowa (14-5 overall, 4-4 Big Ten) may have left Newark with a conference win rather than a Big Ten loss.

Assistant coach Kirk Speraw wanted to put that thinking to rest ahead of Iowa's game against Penn State. Speraw pulled Bohannon into his office before tipoff and played him highlights of his clutch shots and memorable moments from his six-year collegiate career.

"He showed me the cockiness and swagger I played with, and I need to get back to that because that's myself," Bohannon said. "I haven't been myself these past couple games."

Message received. "Here we go again" briefly crossed Bohannon's mind when his first transition 3-point shot of the night

went in and out. But then the sharpshooter settled in.

Bohannon scored 11 points and hit three of his seven 3-point attempts in 33 minutes against the Nittany Lions — none bigger than his last one. Just under three minutes into the second half, Bohannon (who finished plus-24 in the +/-, the best of any Hawkeye) was off the mark on a shot from beyond the arc. Iowa point guard Joe Toussaint hustled to secure the offensive rebound, dished the ball back to Bohannon, who buried a 30-footer from the Tiger-Hawk logo to give Iowa a six-point lead in front of a sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd. The Nittany Lions never came within three points after that shot.

"Jordan is flying around," Penn State head coach Micah Shrewsberry said postgame of Bohannon's impact. "He takes a lot of energy from guys because you've got to chase him around the whole game — chase him around screens."

Bohannon's performance was far from a career-best, but the confidence he felt from his coaches and teammates to keep shooting despite recent struggles comforted him.

The 6-foot-1, 175-pounder wants to embody the same resilience that his team does as a whole.

"We're a really tough group," sophomore Kris Mur-



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Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon sets up to shoot during a men's basketball game between Iowa and Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday. Bohannon scored 11 points. The Hawkeyes defeated the Nittany Lions, 68-51.

ray said. "We're not going to let anyone out-tough us."

"When people hit us in the mouth, we've got to hit them right back," Bohannon added.

Bohannon threw his first punch back at his recent shooting slump on Saturday, and he's hoping to throw another one in Iowa's next game against Purdue on Thursday.

Bohannon's confidence may not be all the way back

— but it's getting there.

"I want this final year of mine, because this team that we have is really special, to be special," Bohannon said.

"We have what it takes to get it done. I think we have the group that can make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament. Right

now, we just have to keep building things one game at a time."

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28, stating that it would review all canceled or postponed events to determine whether it will be a "no contest" or a forfeiture. "No contests" will not modify win-loss records.

The Big Ten also said it will work with the universities with postponed games to find rescheduled dates. Bluder said, while the conference has to approve all rescheduled games, coaches and universities can attempt to find new dates.

"The conference, ultimately, has the final say in everything," Bluder said. "I think it's good when schools try to work

it out within themselves and coaches try to work it out among themselves. Sometimes that works and sometimes that doesn't ... it's really a combination of coaches working with administrators and then working with the Big Ten."

Bluder worked out a deal with Illinois women's basketball coach Nancy Fahey, however, to bring the Fighting Illini to Carver-Hawkeye Arena in place of the Hoosiers on Jan. 25.

Iowa's original rescheduled game against Illinois was on Feb. 12 in Iowa City. The Hawkeyes and Illini will no longer play on that date.

Iowa now has just one day to prep and travel to

Penn State for its rescheduled game against the Nittany Lions on Tuesday.

With all the uncertainty they've faced this season, the Hawkeyes have just tried to focus on controlling the controllable in 2021-22.

"I think having our own COVID situation taught us that you can't control it," sophomore point guard Caitlin Clark said. "You can take all these precautions and steps that you need to, and we have, but at the end of the day, it happened and all you have to do is bounce back and hope everybody stays healthy ... You can't control what other teams are doing."

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Sam LaPorta

To put it bluntly, tight end Sam LaPorta is the most valuable player returning to the Hawkeyes' roster in 2022. Aside from Rimington Trophy-winning center Tyler Linderbaum, LaPorta was the lone player the Hawkeyes could rely on, offensively.

Linderbaum declared for the 2022 NFL Draft on Jan. 14. LaPorta announced that he'd be returning to Iowa Jan. 12.

With two somewhat inept quarterbacks hurling the ball his way this season in sophomore Alex Padilla and junior Spencer Petras, LaPorta still managed to haul in 53 of the 220 passes the Hawkeyes attempted in 2021. LaPorta netted 670 yards and three touchdowns across his 53 receptions.

LaPorta was easily Iowa's biggest threat in the passing game last year. The 6-foot-4, 249-pound now-senior led the Hawkeyes in receiving yards and touchdowns.

Wide receiver Charlie Jones, who announced he'd be returning to Iowa for the 2022 season on Jan. 13, actually tied LaPorta for the team lead in receiving touchdowns. From a yardage stand-

point, LaPorta bested the Hawkeyes' second-leading receiver by more 300 yards, as now-sophomore Keagan Johnson picked up 352 yards last season.

Iowa's passing offense ranked 10th in the 14-team Big Ten Conference last year. On a national level, the Hawkeyes' passing attack ranked 109th. There are only 130 FBS teams in the nation.

Without LaPorta, the Hawkeyes' passing game might go from bad to worse. And there's not much standing between Iowa and the bottom of the NCAA's passing statistics list.

The effects a LaPorta departure would have on Iowa's offense are catastrophic. Hawkeye fans should be thankful No. 84 is coming back for another season. Otherwise, Iowa's 2022 campaign could've been a disaster.

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Educators say legislative leader's comments criticizing teachers are harmful

Iowa City Community School District leaders say government leaders are afraid of the conversations that can stem from reading certain books in the school library.

Emily Delgado
News Reporter

Iowa City educators say rhetoric from Iowa lawmakers about material distributed in public schools is problematic and prevents constructive conversations on difficult topics.

Following the opening of the 2022 legislative session, Iowa City Community School District Superintendent Matt Degner took to Twitter to respond to comments from Republican leaders about public education.

"Why are today's leaders so opposed to conversations on improvement and working together on hard issues rather than instilling fear and blame? We are not the enemy," Degner wrote in a Twitter thread. "We love your kids and your family that serves our schools. We were once a state others looked to as an educational leader."

In his opening address to the Senate on Jan. 10, Senate President Jake Chapman, R-Adel, said lawmakers should work this session to prevent educators from distributing material he called obscene.

"Our students should be learning about science, and mathematics; they should be learning about engineering and innovation," Chapman said in his speech. "Instead, some teachers are disguising sexually obscene material as desired subject matter and profess it has artistic and literary value. The literature being pushed on our students should disturb all of us and if you aren't disturbed, I can only hope it is because you have not actually heard or seen

the content."

In November, Chapman shared a Facebook post calling for felony charges for educators distributing that material.

Iowa City Community School District Board Member J.P. Claussen said he thinks government leaders want to control which books are in school libraries because they are afraid to have conversations about these books.

"I also think it is no coincidence that the books they choose [are] usually centered around LGBTQ themes, or themes dealing with students of color, or people of color," Claussen said. "And so, I think that's what's behind it, is that certain segments of our society just don't want to talk about issues they find challenging or difficult."

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said in her Condition of the State address on Jan. 11 that some educators are pushing their worldview onto students, and parents should be involved in their children's education. She proposed legislation requiring school districts to list books available in school libraries and a process for parents to report a book, as well as including academic standards, textbooks, and syllabi on district websites.

Claussen said Reynolds' idea to publish a syllabus is harmless at first glance, but once someone keeps reading, there can be problematic encounters.

"The problem is, when you put things out, and then they're used against you, right?" Claussen said. "And they're used in a way where people who



Superintendent Matt Degner listens to a community member speak during a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Iowa City Community School District Administration Building in Iowa City on Nov. 9, 2021. Gabby Drees/The Daily Iowan

have a specific agenda are going to pull things out of context, which is exactly what they're doing with these books — pulling these most sensational things completely out of context and that changes the meaning."

Claussen said teachers would feel that they need to avoid teaching certain topics, for fear of being attacked by the parents of their students.

"I think we need to talk about difficult topics," Claussen said. "We need to teach our kids how to engage in conversation about difficult topics without

getting polarized — without getting violent."

There are several Republican-led proposed bills that could potentially limit topics students would learn about or teachers would be required to address.

House File 2053 states that a teacher cannot be required to affirm the existence of systemic racism, fluid gender identities, or other similar topics if it goes against the educator's religious or philosophical beliefs.

House File 2054 would allow for students to be excused from lectures con-

cerning sexual orientation or gender identity. House File 2060 would require the Iowa Department of Education to review and approve educational material used in social studies class before it is used the first time.

In response, Democrats are proposing an amendment to the Iowa Constitution that would guarantee a "right to read" by prohibiting the general assembly from making laws restricting educational material.

Claussen said schools should be a safe place for students to feel they can

be who they want to be. He added that actions like these are harmful for students.

"School really needs to be a safe place for everyone, right?" Claussen said. "And for a lot of kids, especially if they don't have a validating home environment, school might be where they learn about stuff, they learn about their identity, they're able to connect with other stories that resonate with them. And that's important, because all of our kids need to be seen."

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Xtream Arena to host 2022 and 2023 Men's and Women's Wrestling Freestyle World Cup

USA Wrestling announced Jan. 20 that Xtream Arena in Coralville will host the Men's and Women's Freestyle World Cup for the next two years.

The event will be held Dec. 10-11, 2022, and Dec. 9-10, 2023. It will be the third time the World Cup will come to the Iowa City area, after Carver-Hawkeye Arena hosted the event in 2018.

The 2022 World Cup, the annual dual meet championships, will mark the first time that men's and women's wrestlers will compete side-by-side.

"For the first time in history, the Women's World Cup will be held in the United States," Terry Steiner, USA Wrestling National Women's head coach, said in a release. "This will also be the first time that the World Cup for both men's and women's freestyle will be held together. I can't think of a better place to host these events than in the state of Iowa, and in the Iowa City/Coralville community. I know that this community appreciates great wrestling."

The lineup will feature the top five men's and women's wrestling teams in the world, as well as an all-around team for each gender — made up of top wrestlers whose teams finished outside the top five in the World Championships.

The Senior World Championships, held in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2022 and Krasnoyarsk, Russia, in 2023, will determine the teams.

USA Wrestling has hosted multiple events at Xtream Arena since it opened in 2020, including the 2020 Junior Nationals and the USA Girls Wrestling Folkstyle Nationals.

"USA Wrestling is excited to once again bring one of the most important wrestling competitions on the planet to the Coralville/Iowa City community, which is truly an international wrestling hotbed," USA Wrestling Executive Director Rich Bender said in a release. "We are extremely pleased that we will be able to showcase the world's best men's and women's freestyle wrestlers in the same location."

Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Feb. 4. Xtream Arena has a seating capacity of 5,300.

Keegan Murray named midseason second-team All-American by *Sporting News*

Iowa men's basketball sophomore Keegan Murray was named a midseason second-team All-American by *Sporting News* Jan. 20.

This is the third straight year that a Hawkeye men's basketball player has been named to the *Sporting News* midseason list. Former Hawkeye Luka Garza was on the midseason list in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

Murray has also been named to the Wooden Award Midseason Top 25 and the Lute Olson National Player of the Year Award Midseason List.

Murray is averaging 22.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game in the 2021-22 season. He's also registered five double-doubles.

Mazur named preseason All-Big Ten

Iowa baseball sophomore pitcher Adam Mazur has been named to the preseason Perfect Game All-Big Ten team.

Mazur transferred to Iowa from South Dakota State ahead of the 2022 baseball season. He went 3-9 over two years as the Jackrabbits' Friday night pitcher, accumulating 106 strikeouts in 88 1/3 innings with a 5.50 ERA.

The pitcher from Woodbury, Minnesota, competed with the Wareham Gatemen in the collegiate Cape Cod League in summer 2021. Mazur was named to the Cape Cod All-League team after going 3-0 with a 1.55 ERA.

Mazur is considered the No. 2 Big Ten prospect in the Major League Baseball draft by Perfect Game.

Iowa baseball starts official team practice on Jan. 28 and will face Air Force in Charleston, South Carolina, on Feb. 18-20 for its season-opener.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Obviously, Caitlin's going to do what Caitlin does."

— Iowa women's basketball senior Monika Czinano on teammate Caitlin Clark

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Iowa women's basketball team's margin of victory of Minnesota on Jan. 20.

'Got my swagger back'

Iowa men's basketball guard Jordan Bohannon is regaining confidence after a shooting slump.



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Iowa guard Jordan Bohannon releases a 3-pointer during a men's basketball game between Iowa and Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday. Bohannon shot 3-of-7 from outside the arc. The Hawkeyes defeated the Nittany Lions, 68-51.

Robert Read Pregame Editor

Jordan Bohannon grinned as he strolled to his post-game press conference after the Iowa men's basketball team's 68-51 win over Penn State on Saturday. The sixth-year guard's cheerful attitude had as much to do with the Hawkeye win as it did the company he brought with him to the podium.

Booker, Bohannon's infant nephew, sat on his uncle's lap in a black Iowa onesie with a gold bib

around his neck as the Big Ten Conference's all-time leader in 3-pointers fielded questions.

"He's the next sharpshooter at Iowa," Bohannon joked. "He will be in the 2039 recruiting class."

The moment offered a stark contrast to the last time Bohannon left the floor.

Bohannon, the Iowa men's basketball program's all-time leader in games played (he also boasts the NCAA record), 3-pointers, and assists hung his head

while leaving the locker room after Iowa's two-point loss to Rutgers in New Jersey Jan. 19.

The Hawkeyes had plenty of time to soak in the loss. Head coach Fran McCaffery's team didn't land at the Cedar Rapids airport until around 3 a.m. on Thursday.

Because of the frigid January temperature, Bohannon's car wouldn't start when he attempted to leave the airport. After getting a jump from some resourceful team managers, Bohannon

finally got back to Iowa City around 4 a.m. The late night gave Bohannon plenty of time to think about his latest performance.

"It was a long night," Bohannon said. "I played terribly, personally."

"This was probably one of the first times in my career where I doubted myself," Bohannon added. "For whatever reason, I haven't been able to find a rhythm. Shots I normally would make my entire career haven't been falling these past couple games. I wasn't my

normal self."

The same player who once left his shoes on the floor at Hilton Coliseum after a win over Iowa State and pops transition 3s as if they're worth extra points had lost some confidence in himself.

The career 39.6 percent 3-point shooter felt like he was hesitating on shots that he would normally make because of his struggles. Before the Penn State game, the former Linn-Mar

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Iowa women's basketball adapts to schedule changes

Iowa has had six games postponed or canceled this season.



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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder talks to her players during a timeout at a women's basketball game between No. 15 Iowa and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Dec. 21, 2021. The Jaguars defeated the Hawkeyes, 74-73.

Chloe Peterson Assistant Sports Editor

Cancellations and postponements have plagued Iowa women's basketball throughout the 2021-22 season.

The Hawkeyes have had six games postponed or canceled so far. Iowa had to cancel three nonconference games, and a trip to Mexico, because of COVID-19 cases in the Hawkeye program in November.

The Hawkeyes had back-to-back games against Penn State and Illinois postponed on Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, respectively.

Iowa's latest postponement came against Indiana. The Hawkeyes and Hoosiers were originally scheduled to match up on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, but COVID-19 issues in Indiana's program prevented the Hoosiers from making the trip.

"I just don't know how that's going to be made up," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said in a Zoom meeting with reporters on Jan. 19. "There's just no time in the schedule to make up a lot of these games."

The Hawkeyes and the Hoosiers were originally slated to play twice this season — once in Iowa City, and once in Bloomington, Indiana.

In the event that the two teams cannot find a new date in Iowa City, the game will be considered a "no contest." Bluder said she has asked the conference to flip Iowa's road game against Indiana on Feb. 20 to Carver-Hawkeye Arena if no rescheduled date is found.

"I don't think that we should have to go to Indiana when they canceled our home game," Bluder said. "I think we would've had between 8,000 to 10,000 people here and it would've been a great environment and a great opportunity to host a top-10 team."

At the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year, the Big Ten released a policy that stated any games canceled because of COVID-19 would result in a forfeiture by the canceling team — impacting win-loss records.

The league changed its policy on Dec.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who is the most valuable returning Hawkeye?

Two *DI* staffers debate which returning Iowa football player will make the biggest impact in 2022.



Robert Read
Pregame Editor

Jack Campbell

Jack Campbell's announcement that he would return to the Iowa football team for his senior season rather than declare for the NFL Draft wasn't necessarily surprising — at least not as surprising as his teammate Riley Moss doing the same thing.

Of all the players coming back for a final season as a Hawkeye (Moss, Sam LaPorta, Charlie Jones, etc.), Campbell's decision will be the most beneficial to Iowa in 2022. Why is that? Let me take things a step further.

Campbell will be a first-team All-American at linebacker next season. Book it.

As a junior, Campbell finally got a full season to show off his sideline-to-sideline quickness, ability to close on the ball, and all the other attributes that make him such a force as Iowa's defensive leader.

The first-team All-Big Ten performer led the nation in tackles last season (143), while also posting two interceptions, a forced fumble, two recoveries, and a couple of touchdowns. Not bad at all. And this upcoming season, he should be right in the middle (along with Seth Benson and Jestin Jacobs) of what could be the best linebacking corps at Iowa under Kirk Ferentz. And that's saying something.

Despite losing three starters in the secondary and its best defensive lineman, Iowa's defense should start off 2022 right where it left off at the end of the 2021 season. Why is that? Well, partially because the Hawkeyes have their elite middle linebacker back and better than ever for one final season.

Big Ten offenses, beware.

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