

Iowa's D.C. delegation prepares for midterms

Iowa Republicans look to flip the Congressional majority, but Rep. Cindy Axne says she doesn't plan to return to Washington as the lone Democrat after the midterms.



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U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne, D-Iowa, speaks in a *Daily Iowan* interview at the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C. on April 5.



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U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, answers a question during an interview on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. on April 6.

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With a longtime U.S. senator and three competitive house races on the ballot, members of Iowa's congressional delegation said they're confident in their party's chances in the midterm elections.

Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, said winning by a narrow margin in 2020 has not influenced her approach to reelection in 2022, where she is running in a new district.

"I think that I fit the district well. I was on faculty with the University of Iowa. I'm the first woman president of the Iowa Medical Society," she said. "I was the first woman on faculty at the Department of Ophthalmology in the University of Iowa. So, I continue to take a course which fits the district well."

Miller-Meeks said she understands agricultural and broadband issues from living in a rural area, but is also informed on manufacturing, education, and health care.

The Iowa Republican, representing the southeast district of Iowa, won her seat by six votes in 2020 against Democratic candidate Rita Hart.

In the redistricting process, Miller-Meeks was drawn into the same district as Rep. Cindy Axne, D-Iowa. She will run in the newly drawn 1st Congressional District, which contains much of her current constituency, and gain residence within the district, while also keeping her current property.

"I'll keep my home and my acreage in Ottumwa, and have residence there just like I have a residency here," Miller-Meeks said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan* in Washington, D.C. "But without moving into the new 1st District, I can't vote for myself, so I intend to cast a vote for myself so at least I win by seven."

State Rep. Christina Bohannon, D-Iowa City, is challenging Miller-Meeks for this seat.

According to the Iowa's voter registration from April, of the 466,843 active voters in the newly drawn district, 34.41 percent are Democrats, 32.31 percent are Republicans, and

32.48 percent vote under no party.

In Iowa's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Districts, the political makeup of the districts suggests they are all competitive.

In the 2020 election, Axne — who represents Iowa's 3rd Congressional District — went from being one of three Democratic congresspeople representing the state to the lone Democrat in Iowa's delegation.

Axne is a top target in the Republicans' effort to flip the House red in 2022, making the National Republican Congressional Committee's list of around 50 races that are "on the radar."

The redrawn 3rd District leans more toward Republicans than the district Axne won in 2020, but Axne said she plans to win reelection and see some other Iowa seats flip back to blue.

"I plan on coming back with two other great colleagues. I'm doing everything possible to make that happen," Axne said. "I don't plan on coming back being the lone [Democrat-

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Iowa politicians defend state's caucus status

The DNC's Bylaws and Rules Committee drafted a proposal to reinvent the presidential nominating system, which could cause Iowa to potentially lose its first-in-the-nation status. Some Iowa Democratic Party representatives say that Iowa's caucus status should remain, while others say that Iowans are beginning to lose faith in the process.

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Green Bandana Project steps up to plate

After a COVID-19-induced hiatus, the Green Bandana Project returned with its first in-person event since the pandemic began. Those involved in the project say the organization is important to have on the University of Iowa campus, as it opens the door to discussions on mental health.

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Double Tap bar arcade to open

Paramount Barco from Cedar Falls will open Double Tap, a bar arcade, in Iowa City in late April. The new bar will be next to Roxxy, which is also owned by the company.



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The future site of Double Tap is seen in Iowa City on April 8.

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News Reporter

A new bar arcade is coming to Iowa City.

The Paramount Barco of Cedar Falls is bringing a Double Tap location to Iowa City, set to open in late April. The bar will be in the Pedestrian Mall next to Roxxy and beneath the Stuffed Olive, a martini and tapas bar set to open in May, which are both owned by Paramount.

Aaron Schurman, an owner of Paramount Barco, also owns a video game company called SciPlay. He said his passion for gaming led him to come up with the concept for Double Tap.

The concepts of the three

bars owned by the company in Iowa City go well together, Schurman said, and can make for the ultimate night out.

"You can take your girlfriend or boyfriend out, and you've got a place to get some food and chill and get a little romantic, [the Stuffed Olive]," he said. "You got a place, [Roxxy], to dance and get crazy. Got a place to play some games, [Double Tap], which makes it really fun."

The arcade will include games like Mario Kart, Pac-Man, NFL Blitz, Killer Queen, Galaga, Skee-Ball, and several iterations of Pinball, to name just a few of over 50 games slated to be in the bar.

Schurman said some of the games offered are perfect for

gaming leagues, which he plans to host at the bar on weeknights.

Paramount Barco CEO Darin Beck said Double Tap will have a variety of Iowa and national craft beers on tap at all times, along with typical domestic beers.

When finished, the bar will be over 3,000 square feet in size and hold around 150 people at a time. Beck said the walls will be decorated with over 200 beer taps and a myriad of beer and game-themed art.

While all three of Paramount's Iowa City locations will be bar forward, Beck said, they will all offer food, with

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2021 Campus Climate Survey raises concern

Some UI undergraduate students voiced concern about representation of minority student populations in the 2021 Campus Climate Survey report.

Arabia Parkey
News Reporter

After the release of the 2021 Campus Climate Survey report and the opening of the 2022 survey, undergraduate students reacted to the survey results and voiced their concerns to *The Daily Iowan*.

The University of Iowa Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion conducts periodic campus climate surveys to gauge student perceptions of belonging on campus and equity in student achievement.

UI first-year student Dana Egan, who is Black, said that some of the wording used in the survey concerned her, including the grouping of multiple racial and ethnic groups into the underrepresented minority (URM) category.

"I don't even know what that term really stands for, but I do know that it's not separate, and I feel like if it was separate, they might get a ton of much different results than just having that clump," Egan said.

The URM category encompasses students identifying as Black, Latinx, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaskan Native, according to the survey.

According to the survey, 75 percent of URM undergraduate students feel that their social identity is respected on campus.

Andre Perry, director of arts, engagement, and inclusion and senior adviser to the executive officer of the UI Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, said a factor in using the term URM is to ensure a large enough sample size to account

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Andrew Usachev throws a ball for his dog Mis to fetch at the Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park in Iowa City on Sunday.

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ic] delegate.”

There is a crowded Republican primary to challenge Axne: Des Moines’ Nicole Hasso, Senator from Altoona Zach Nunn, and Garry Leffler, a Republican activist known for driving an American flag-embazoned tractor at pro-Trump events, are all in the running to be the GOP’s nominee.

While Iowa has trended toward Republicans in recent years, Axne said in one-on-one conversations, Democratic values resonate with voters. She pointed to the infrastructure bill Con-

gress passed last year, which is bringing an estimated \$5 billion to Iowa for roads, bridges, broadband, and water quality.

“Who’s working for Iowa?” Axne said. “Who’s working for rural America? It’s Democrats. It’s not Republicans, they are gutting rural Iowa.”

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said he plans to keep his political approach consistent as he approaches his eighth run for a Senate seat he’s held for decades.

Grassley first ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and has swept each reelection race since.

“I want to emphasize how it isn’t different, because I’ve

approached reelection from this standpoint: Just continue doing the very best job you can, where you are and what you’re doing, and continue to do it the best you can, is the best evidence for the voters to return you,” he said.

Grassley’s top Democratic challenger is former Rep. Abby Finkenauer. He also faces a primary challenge from state Sen. Jim Carlin, R-Sioux City.

Critics have raised concern about Grassley, 88, because of his age, as he seeks another term in the Senate.

“I faced the same question six years ago, when I was 81 or 82, and I’m still alive,” he said.

Rep. Ashley Hinson,

R-Iowa, is running for her second term. She said issues like border security and inflation could motivate voters to support Republicans in the midterms.

“I think Americans are ready for a change in leadership in Congress, because they see the policies coming up of Nancy Pelosi’s supposed leadership here and unfortunately, they’re not seeing solutions to all the real crises that they’re facing,” Hinson said.

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, won her reelection to a six-year term in 2020. She won’t be on the ballot this year, but said she expects the House to win seats and



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U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks during an interview at the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., on April 5.

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Double Tap offering several specialty pizzas and sharing a kitchen with Roxxy and the Stuffed Olive.

He said Paramount decided to expand to Iowa City in April 2021. At the time, Beck and the other owners were unsure what

to expect, but have been pleased with the results since entering the new market.

Beck said the success of Roxxy, which opened in November 2021, has given Paramount additional confidence for the openings of Double Tap and the Stuffed Olive.

“It’s a party area, but we’re trying to bring some-

thing a little different to Iowa City,” he said. “But I don’t feel like Iowa City has anything like what we’re bringing here in all three concepts. I hope people think I’m right.”

Matt Buffington, vice president of operations at Paramount Barco, said Double Tap will likely host family days from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sun-

days, when people of all ages can come into the bar.

“Whether you’re an active gamer in college or you get nostalgic from playing some old arcade games from the ‘80s, I think everybody will find something that they enjoy,” he said.

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for the different racial and ethnic groups on campus.

If there were fewer than 10 respondents in any of the categories, it was not detailed in the survey report to maintain the confidentiality of the data, Perry said.

“That is probably the most important thing, is that we need to respect the confidentiality of this survey so that all of us, like faculty, staff, students, that we feel comfortable taking it,” Perry said. “We’ve got to feel that our information can meet people in an ethical way.”

UI fourth-year student Olivia Manaligod said the experiences of the diverse racial and ethnic groups deserve deeper investigations, instead of grouping them into a single category.

“I think, in general, to lump all minorities together is really disrespectful, just because, like, Black students are going to face very different experiences than Latino students,” Manaligod said. “To not go in depth with it or treat it

as an actual issue is also frustrating.”

Haram Saravanan, an Indian American student who is also a UI fourth-year student, said the overall length of the survey and the variety of topics were fatiguing.

“In my opinion, I think it was kind of flawed to have such a long survey encompassing several different ideas and thoughts into one thing,” Saravanan said. “Because I feel like, myself included, toward the end of the survey, I was just trying to get it over and done with.”

Manaligod said that it’s necessary to go beyond surveys in efforts to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion. She suggested that the university engage in more outreach to student organizations and the Multicultural and International Student

Support and Engagement office.

“Across America, across the world, it’s very clear that minorities are not treated well,” Manaligod said. “You can just assume at any institution, especially predominantly white institutions, that that’s going to be the case and that you can always improve.”

Perry said recommendations based on the survey and from the DEI division are brought into strategic plan meetings to ensure that the feedback is incorporated into the 2022-27 UI strategic plan.

“We want to see things changed, written down, because the conversation is important, and we do need to build community and relationships and trust with each other,” Perry said. “But we know when a rule changes, a policy

changes — that’s when the university changes.”

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take the majority.

She said there is a pathway for Republicans to take the Senate, as well.

“I think, as Iowans look at the inflation — highest we have had in 40 years — if they look at the extreme level of spending coming from the federal government, Iowans

are dismayed about that. If they look at even their gas and energy prices, they are very, very upset about that,” Ernst said. “So, I think all of these things will translate into Republican victories in the fall.”

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ETHICS & POLITICS

Iowa politicians defend the state's caucus status

Iowa may be in danger of losing its first-in-the-nation status after the DNC's Bylaws and Rules Committee drafted a proposal to reinvigorate the presidential nominating system.

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In the midst of discussions between national Democratic leaders to scrap the Iowa caucuses, Iowa's Democratic party leaders are determined to make the process more accessible in order to keep the state's first-in-the-nation status.

Iowa Democratic Party Chair Ross Wilburn, also a state representative from Ames, wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that he looks forward to working with the national committee to explore possible changes that could make the caucuses more straightforward and accessible.

"I will always fight for Iowa to remain first," Wilburn wrote. "I also understand that the DNC has its own procedural framework that will guide that discussion."

With a goal of making the presidential nominating process more transparent and accessible, the

es go first is that national media and the nation as a whole brings attention to the state.

Iowa offers Democratic and Republican candidates an affordable campaign early in the process, Redlawsk said, and this helps to make sure more voices and ideas are heard before people begin to drop out of the race.

"In bigger states, it becomes too expensive to run, so if you don't have the money to start with, or the attention to start with, it's really hard to get started," Redlawsk said. "A smaller state like Iowa, it's possible even when you're not well known at the beginning to get into the race."

Iowa garnered its first-in-the-nation status in 1972 because of a historical accident, Redlawsk said. After the Democratic party changed its rules between 1968 and 1972, Iowa happened to be pushed ahead of New Hampshire. He said the leaders decided to keep it there because no one



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University of Iowa students caucus at the Iowa Memorial Union on Feb. 3, 2020.

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Democratic National Convention is drafting a proposal to make changes to the presidential election

could decide on what to do.

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Fesler said Iowa Republicans have worked hard to show the Republican National Committee how important the first-in-the-nation status is, not just for Iowa, but for the party and country as a whole.

"I think that Iowa has done a very good job with it," Fesler said. "I'm hoping that Democrats will reconsider and think about what they're doing and maybe try to figure out a way to meet some of the criteria they would like to meet."

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Iowa Democratic Party Chair Ross Wilburn leads a speech during a rally for voting rights at the Pentacrest on Aug. 28, 2021.

process — possibly sacrificing Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus status.

According to DNC documents shared with the *DI* first reported by the *Des Moines Register*, Democratic leaders are drafting rules that will favor primaries over caucuses in a way to highlight diversity.

The documents state that, over the course of recent committee meetings, members raised support for reviewing the nominating process because of concerns about diverse representation, election competitiveness, and a transparent process.

States will be required to apply to hold their nominating contests, caucuses or primaries, before the rest of the country. The four leading states, Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina, may have to give up their spots if another state is considered.

David Redlawsk, political science professor at the University of Delaware and former Johnson County Democratic Party Chair, said that threats to scrap Iowa's first-in-the-nation status which were previously not very serious are now real.

In the past, Redlawsk said, the complication fell onto deciding which state would be first instead. That is where the DNC's proposal comes into play.

Why Iowa, anyway?

Redlawsk said a benefit of having the Iowa caucus-

many candidates come to Iowa helps them to better understand rural issues.

He said both Republican and Democratic candidates benefit from meeting Iowans to help bring these issues to the national scale.

Cranston said the Iowa caucuses help test a campaign because it nearly forces candidates to go out and meet people. This, in turn, allows local political groups to work with them and build communication.

"They can't just do it all by the media," Cranston said. "So, with that, it just makes for stronger candidates."

Regardless of whether the Democratic Party scraps the caucuses, the Republican party — which hasn't raised the same concerns about diversity and accessibility — will likely keep them for the time being.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said that some presidents, namely former Presidents Barack Obama and Jimmy Carter, would not have won the presidency without winning the Iowa caucuses first. He said that, back in 2008, Obama had to prove to the Democratic party that an African American man could win the presidency — and he did so by winning Iowa.

"I think that was a big thing. If he couldn't prove that he could be the president of the United States, Iowa being first in the nation gave him that op-

portunity to prove that,"

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Caucus crystal ball

Out of the last eight presidents, only three won the Iowa caucuses. Photos in color indicate a president who won the caucuses.



Carter



Reagan



H. W. Bush



Clinton



W. Bush



Obama



Trump



Biden

Source: Des Moines Public Library, Wikipedia

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— David Redlawsk, University of Delaware political science professor

If not Iowa, then where?

Iowa has maintained its status because the DNC hasn't been able to solve the issue of who would replace it in the presidential process.

Now, as the party moves

to win back.

"I think it's manageable. It still focuses on smaller states so that even candidates who are not well known have a chance to get started," Redlawsk said. "And it recognizes the history in Iowa and New Hampshire's positions

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Hinson, Miller-Meeks: support women

Throughout their first term, Reps. Hinson and Miller-Meeks of Iowa have failed to vote to protect women.



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Iowa understands the importance of female representation.

The Republican Party of Iowa has several women in leadership, including Gov. Kim Reynolds, Sen. Joni Ernst, and Reps. Ashley Hinson and Mariannette Miller-Meeks. While this representation is positive progress, it's not enough if the women in leadership do not work for women.

Both Hinson and Miller-Meeks are up for reelection in the 2022 midterms. During their first term in Congress, both representatives have failed to vote to protect women. We need leaders who will stand with women, not vote against them.

HR 3755

HR 3755, the Women's Health Protection Act, was introduced in June 2021. The bill sought to protect a person's ability to end a pregnancy and protect health care providers who

provide abortions.

This bill would help people who already face barriers in accessing health care — such as Black women and other women of color, low-income individuals, the LGBTQ+ community, and people living in rural areas.

Both Hinson and Miller-Meeks voted against HR 3755.

Because the GOP is typically considered the pro-life party, it would be reasonable to expect that both congresswomen would vote alongside most Republicans against this bill.

You can be pro-life and still vote for women. Yet, both Hinson and Miller-Meeks have not done so. The congresswomen have routinely voted against legislation to support marginalized communities, such as HR 4, HR 5, and HR 2119.

Even with pro-life values, Congress can support women by passing legislation that promotes equality and equity to services. But Hinson and Miller-Meeks have failed to do so.

HR 1620

HR 1620, the Violence Against Women Act of 2021, was a bipartisan bill to give more protections for survivors of domestic violence.

This bill protects women and other people from

domestic violence by prohibiting anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of stalking a partner from possessing a firearm, expanding unemployment eligibility for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or harassment, and authorized funding for justice response programs for domestic and dating violence.

HR 1620 protects all victims of abuse. That is why members of both parties supported this bill, including Miller-Meeks. But Hinson voted no.

Domestic violence can affect anyone, no matter their gender. Statistically, however, women are more often the targets of domestic violence. Approximately 23.2 percent of women have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

We need representatives in Congress who will vote to protect women. It is admirable that Miller-Meeks joined her Republican colleagues in voting for this bill, but we should expect this from all our leaders.

HR 5

HR 5, the Equality Act, is a bill to prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.



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U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa, speaks during an interview at the Longworth House Office Building in Washington, D.C., on April 6.

This bill would prohibit discrimination in areas including public facilities, education, federal housing, employment, and more. HR 5 also protects an individual's rights to access shared facilities, including restrooms and dressing rooms.

Hinson and Miller-Meeks voted no.

If both congresswomen were against basic rights, such as protections against discrimination in the workplace and public facilities, neither women would be in Congress. If both are for

equal rights for men and women, why would they vote against these basic rights for transgender women, men, and non-binary people?

As women in a male-dominated system, the congresswomen should understand the necessity of equal rights in the workplace. Leaders cannot pick and choose which women they choose to support.

We deserve better

Being a woman in power matters, no matter your

party. In a male-dominated system like Congress, women in power have the moral obligation to stick up for historically oppressed and marginalized communities. Based on their voting records, Hinson and Miller-Meeks are not doing enough.

With the 2022 midterms approaching, voters must remember how their representatives have worked for them — and how they have worked against them.

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COLUMN

The rise of slacktivism

Posting on social media is not enough when it comes to supporting a cause. Turn those posts into meaningful conversation.



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As we're all painfully aware, the world has gone through a troubling few years. Tragedy has struck, one after another — in the form of pandemic, instances of police brutality, and the war in Ukraine.

There have been varying responses to these tragedies. Some people act as though nothing has happened and continue with their everyday lives. Others devote their body and soul to a cause.

In between these two extremes, there is a level of response that has been dubbed slacktivism.

It is more than likely that you know a slacktivist. There's a chance that you, yourself, are a slacktivist.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the term, a slacktivist is someone who supports a cause on social media, but in reality does very little to actually aid the cause.

More specifically, these are the people who post vague things on social media. They spread no useful information and provide no resources to monetarily contribute to a cause. The key identifier of a slacktivist is that posting on social media does not translate to having meaningful conversations about the issue.

A prime example of this is the ominous black squares that flooded Instagram feeds on June 2, 2020, in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. While the intentions were pure, this simply turned into the next trend and lost its meaningfulness due to the lack of conversation it sparked.

A more recent example can be seen in demonstrations of support for Ukraine, after it was recently invaded by Russia. Scrolling through social media apps, you are bombarded with videos of people dyeing their hair, working out, or painting their nails for Ukraine.

Just like the Black Lives Matter move-

ment, people following these trends are not being malicious. But without providing any other information, this action is meaningless and does not provide any support.

The act of posting such things on social media can help people feel useful and part of the cause. While cultivating this feeling around a movement is imperative, there is a disconnect between posting on social media and taking the next step by having these meaningful conversations with people in your everyday life.

This is a key part in furthering a movement, and the rise of slacktivism has arguably led many movements to stall. Once people post, they believe they have fully contributed what they can and move on with their day. This mindset needs to be banished.

There is so much more that needs to be done, including small acts like donating money to a cause or spreading useful facts to keep others informed. More bold acts may be participating in protests or reaching out to your local representative. These things are what further a movement.

I want to make clear that this is not an opinion piece condemning people for posting important news on social media. The emphasis is on stopping the flow of inane and useless information that simply clogs up social media feeds and leads nowhere.

The act of posting information on social media is not necessarily slacktivism. There are many ways to positively influence a movement through social media. Spreading helpful information and links to donate can seriously help further a cause. Also, it can help bridge the gap to international news that we otherwise would know nothing about.

If you've read through this article and realized that you yourself might be guilty of being a slacktivist, don't fret. The way forward is to hold yourself accountable and leave these tendencies behind.

Next time you are passionate about an issue, don't stop at posting an infographic on your Instagram story. Talk to your friends, talk to your family, talk to everyone and anyone. That's how you turn a post into a movement.

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COLUMN

Jail time won't end medical errors

Following RaDonda Vaught's conviction related to a medication error, nurses locally and nationwide are responding to how this verdict will affect the medical field.



Yasmina Sahir
Opinions Columnist

Editor's note: Sources in this column were granted anonymity in order to speak freely about their opinions without fear of retaliation.

Nurses around the country are arguing against the recent conviction of a Tennessee nurse related to medical error. Some believe this decision will only make the nursing field more secretive.

On March 25, RaDonda Vaught was found guilty of two felony charges. Both charges come from a medication error, in which Vaught gave a patient a dose of a paralytic drug instead of a sedative before a routine MRI scan. The patient died as a result.

Vaught's sentencing hearing is set for May 13. She faces a maximum prison sentence of 12 years.

This case has not gone unnoticed in the Iowa City nursing community.

"When punitive systems exist for error reporting, less errors are reported. When less errors are reported, we prevent important opportunities to develop systems that can prevent future errors and when we prevent opportunities to prevent errors, health care is less safe for everyone," one University of Iowa faculty member said.

Vaught is not the only medical professional to have accidentally caused the death of a patient. A Johns Hopkins study estimated more than 250,000 Americans die from medical errors annually.

The study defines medical error as "death due to 1) an error in judgment, skill, or coordination of care, 2) a diagnostic error, 3) a system defect resulting in the death or a failure to rescue a patient from death, or 4) a preventable adverse event."

That study, conducted before the

COVID-19 pandemic, concluded that medical errors were the third leading cause of death in the U.S., though the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do not group medical errors together. Now, that estimate would put medical errors as the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S., falling between COVID-19 and accidental deaths, with 350,831 and 200,955 annual deaths, respectively.

While medical errors are not rare, it is unusual that a health care worker faces criminal charges for an error. Vaught's employer, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, has not faced any criminal charges for the error. A second-year UI nursing major said co-workers and peers have raised concerns about what this case says about workplace protections for nurses.

In response to how she felt about the Vaught decision, the student said medical professionals are also human.

"All jobs are susceptible to human error. We have the ability to do great things in the medical field, but there is always a risk that a course of treatment will not go as planned," she said.

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, hospitals around the country have experienced nursing shortages. Even so, nurses are quitting their jobs in an act of solidarity for Vaught. At the end of 2021, UI Health Care struggled to hire for all open medical personnel positions, including nurses, due to rising daily workloads and burnout.

When asked what she saw as contributing to the rate of medical error-related deaths, the UI student said the answers lie within the medical system rather than a singular hospital or professional.

"Nurses often have low control over treatment plans and are overworked to the point of fatigue. This is all while trying to provide the best care they can," she said. "When nurses report their mistakes, hospitals around the country have shown a pattern of blaming the individual rather than taking accountability for how the work environment contributes to mistakes like Vaught's."

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Green Bandana Project steps up to the plate

The organization, dedicated to increasing mental health awareness on college campuses, held its first in-person event this semester to reconnect with the University of Iowa as the COVID-19 pandemic recedes.

Marandah Mangra-Dutcher
News Reporter

The University of Iowa Green Bandana Project is seeking to reconnect students on campus through events during the spring semester.

The UI Green Bandana Project began at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2016 with the goal of increasing mental health awareness on college campuses.

The UI Undergraduate Student Government and the Foundation of Events Management class implemented the Green Bandana Project in 2020.

"The whole purpose of it is, anybody who's involved with Green Bandana, or who wants to spread awareness about resources on campus, wraps a green bandana on their bookbag," said Ryan Dee, a UI fourth-year student and Green Bandana member.

He said the bandana shows that you are a resource for those who need it.

"It signifies that you're a person that they could talk to about mental health issues, and be there for them," Dee said.

Dee got involved with the Green Bandana Project through the UI Events Man-

agement Program.

"The Event Management Program puts on events for Green Bandana throughout the semester in order to create a safe space for students to come and know that there are peers on campus," Dee said.

Green Bandana has planned three major events for this semester. The first was a partnership with the Iowa athletics to sponsor the baseball and softball game on Sunday.

The chapter had representatives throw the first pitch, host a table at the event, and shared mental health facts between innings, Dee said. Other events will happen later in the semester.

Tracy Hufford, a lecturer for the foundations of event management class that creates events for Green Bandana, said a now-graduated student brought the Green Bandana Project to the UI.

"We were talking about projects because we always do a project in this class, an event, and someone said at the end of the semester, 'Hey, I heard of this thing called the Green Bandana Project,'" Hufford said.

She knew it was something students would care about, Hufford said.

"I knew that the students

would be engaged because it was about them and for them," she said.

Dee said the pandemic impacted the types of events and the level of interaction the Green Bandana Project had with students.

"The past semesters were doing virtual events, and they were doing more outdoor events, which are COVID-safe events," he said.

Hufford said that, while the Green Bandana Project is campus-focused, it also does some community outreach.

Rosanne Hopson, a philanthropist involved with many community organizations, has provided community outreach opportunities for people to learn about the project.

"I have a few groups within the community that I belong to that I have been able to kind of interweave the two," Hopson said. "One group, in particular, is 100+ Women Who Care, and her [Hufford's] students came and talked to our group. That was a big chunk of the community that got educated about what was going on on campus."

Hufford said Hopson's involvement inspired students from Iowa City West High School to create their

own chapter.

"We met with her all summer, and now West High has a Green Bandana," Hufford said.

Green Bandana will host two more events this semester, Dee said.

"We're gonna have a bags tournament at Big Grove for the whole Iowa City community to come and play bags, and they're providing food for the event," he said.

"And then the third event is May 4, they're doing a Star Wars-themed night yoga session on Hubbard Park."

Hufford said her class wants to expand the involvement of the Green Bandana on campus.

"They'd like to start a student organization for the Green Bandana Project so it can live outside of just my class," she said. "We're in the process of seeing if we can form that if the USG gives us permission to do that because we've been working with them."

Dee said it is important to increase the project's involvement of the project on campus by expanding into a

student organization.

"It's really important to be able to be connected with a group of people who understand what it's like being a college student during COVID," Dee said. "Just being a college student in general, the stresses that go with that, so I think being a part of the organization means that you're open to having those discussions and being there for others who need it."

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A kid wearing a green bandana watches a baseball game on Sunday.

Balancing ethics, decision-making among entrepreneurs

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Researchers at the University of Iowa are investigating how entrepreneurs and businesses balance ethics and decision-making when creating a successful business.

Interest in the research stems from the recent, nationally-recognized unethical decision-making of Elizabeth Holmes, an entrepreneur whose company, Theranos, claimed to have a working device capable of analyzing various metrics of an individual's health through just a small sample of blood.

A highly publicized trial in January, along with a popular podcast that has been adapted into the Hulu series *The Dropout*, have brought more publicity to the Theranos story.

Miranda Welbourne Eleazar, UI Tippie College of Business assistant professor of management and entrepreneurship, said Holmes — whose technology did not work — is an extreme example of poor ethical decision-making by entrepreneurs.

"Initially, you would think that she was a great role model for entrepreneurs," Welbourne Eleazar said. "She started out at Stanford and dropped out and was able to be valued at a billion dollars by getting a lot of investment into this company, where she was going to, hopefully, do something great."

After following the

Theranos story, Welbourne Eleazar said she was interested in pinpointing how Holmes ended up at the point where she decided to prioritize earning investors over creating a successful, working product.

Welbourne Eleazar said that, while Holmes and Theranos might be one of the most radical and high-profile cases of misguided entrepreneurial ethical decision-making, other businesses have faced similar ethical problems.

JUUL, the vaping company originally focused on helping smokers stop smoking tobacco, was forced to appear in front of Congress for marketing to children. Welbourne Eleazar said this is another example of the kind of decisions her research aims to analyze.

"A lot of times I think, 'They're not trying to do these things, so how did they end up there?'" she said.

There should be a delicate balance between ethical decision-making and entrepreneurial success, Welbourne Eleazar said.

"We don't want to discourage innovation by being too harsh," she said. "Sometimes, people have this black and white view on ethics. That could make people be potentially less risk-taking if they're afraid to get in trouble if they exaggerate."

Karl Reinke, UI doctoral student and Welbourne

Eleazar's research assistant, said the research team will conduct interviews of entrepreneurs to shed light on the factors that influence poor ethical decision-making.

The interviews will ask entrepreneurs in Iowa about which decisions they make under certain pressure situations.

He said some established literature shows a uniquely increased pressure that can be placed on entrepreneurs.

"There can be big pressure to get sales as an entrepreneur," Reinke said. "You need to bring the money in. The way you do that can be problematic sometimes."

He said his interest in researching the decisions of businesses and entrepreneurs stems from his youth, when he worked with his father's asphalt and concrete company for years, and overlaps with his undergraduate education, in which he minored in philosophy and entrepreneurship.

Reinke said this research seeks to give guidance to entrepreneurs and businesses faced with tough situations.

"They're not easy decisions, especially when you have those financial and time constraints," Reinke said. "The problem is, I think a lot of entrepreneurs sort of have to fire at the hip when [issues] pop up ... I don't think it has to be that way."

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University of Iowa researchers are exploring how entrepreneurs work to maintain consistency between making ethical choices and those that are successful for their business.

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Mission Creek Festival rejuvenates Iowa City arts

After two years of COVID-19-related postponements and cancellations, the Mission Creek Festival returned with a bang to the Iowa City arts scene on April 7-9.



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A festivalgoer talks to a literary vendor at the Small Press and Literary Magazine Book Fair during day three of the Mission Creek Festival in Iowa City on Saturday.



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Alternative Pop/R&B artist Alyx Rush performs at the Englert Theatre on the first day of the Mission Creek Festival in Iowa City on April 7.



Gabby Drees/The Daily Iowan

Beach Bunny's Lili Trifilio sings at the Englert Theatre in Iowa City as part of the Mission Creek Festival on Friday.



Gabby Drees/The Daily Iowan

Concertgoers clap at the Englert Theatre in Iowa City during day three of the Mission Creek Festival on Friday.

The Mission Creek Festival, run by the Englert Theatre, is an annual three-day series of events celebrating music and literature in Iowa City. After several postponements and cancellations as a result of COVID-19-related safety concerns in 2020 and 2021, the festival returned on April 7-9 with live, in-person music performances and literary readings from a variety of artists.

Some of this year's headlining acts included Beach Bunny, Soccer Mommy, and Squirrel Flower. Events took place at various Iowa City arts venues, including the Englert, Gabe's, FilmScene, Big Grove Brewery, Prairie Lights, and Riverside Theatre.

The Daily Break



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 - 24 Sports org. for Rangers and Red Wings
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 - 28 Pop singer Lady ___
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 - 34 Meeting handout
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MOSS

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194-pound corner who returned two interceptions for touchdowns against Indiana in the 2021 season-opener wanted to come back and strengthen his Iowa legacy. Moss is currently tied for 11th in Iowa history with 10 interceptions and ranks second with 293 interception-return yards.

Moss, who sipped on a cup of black coffee during his first interview of spring practices, is now classified as a “non-degree undergraduate.” The former Ankeny Centennial prep said he is taking on a smaller course load, with classes like “Acting for Success” and “Human Sexuality.”

As Moss likes to joke, he’s on the Matt Hankins plan.

Hankins returned for his fifth season at Iowa last year and earned Iowa’s Hayden Fry Award on defense as a cornerback.

Moss met with Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz and defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach Phil Parker shortly after the bowl game and informed them of his intention to return for another year. Their reactions were, well, unsurprising.

“I was excited,” Parker said. “You could see the stress the week of the bowl game for what decision he was going to make. I was excited about the reason why he came back. He knew what he had to do.”

What Moss has to do, as Parker would say, is get better at the point of attack.

Moss and Parker have



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Iowa cornerback Riley Moss celebrates an interception from teammate Matt Hankins during a football game between No. 10 Iowa and No. 9 Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 11, 2021.

met regularly and watched films this offseason. One of their focal points was taking every play in which Moss was in position to make a tackle and give those plays a plus or a minus based on the result of the play.

“I think he understood that it might be beneficial for him to come back and have the opportunity to keep being one of our leaders back there,” Parker said. “... He could do a lot

of things athletically, but now he’s starting to catch on and starting to recognize things he can gather information-wise when we’re out there that’s going to help him become a better, more productive player.”

Iowa heads into the 2022 season having lost three starters in the secondary: Hankins, Koerner, and starting “Cash” Dane Belton, who declared for the draft after his junior

season. Ahead of the start of spring practice, Iowa released a two-deep depth chart that had Moss and Jermari Harris as the starting cornerbacks, Kaevon Merriweather returning as the starting strong safety, and Quinn Schulte taking Koerner’s spot at free safety.

The Hawkeyes led the nation and set a program record with 25 interceptions last season. Despite having to replace produc-

tive players in the secondary, Iowa is confident in this new version of the “Dough Boyz.”

“I think we understand that, when we get on the field, us talking and communicating, I think we still have that camaraderie that we had this past fall,” Merriweather said.

Parker said Moss has played some reps at Cash, a slot defender position, this spring, but will likely keep him at corner, where

he has started 25 games for Iowa.

Three months after deciding to postpone a professional career and returning to Iowa City for one more season, Moss isn’t having trouble sleeping anymore. He’s having no trouble at all.

“I absolutely think I made the right decision,” Moss said, “and I’m excited for this year.”

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DEFENSE

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During a near-four-minute answer to a question pertaining to Iowa’s defense, Wallace also expounded on why he thinks the Hawkeyes force so many turnovers.

“A lot of [the turnovers are] due to how we’re built

defensively,” Wallace said at an April 6 press conference. “We’re built back-to-front ... We’re getting takeaways, and we’re limiting the big plays. While all that’s going on, we’re still doing a pretty good job of stopping the run.”

Wallace’s opinion on the way the Hawkeyes’ defense is built isn’t universally

agreed upon among Iowa’s coaches. Defensive line coach Kelvin Bell said the Hawkeyes’ defense is built front-to-back.

“That’s opinion, and everybody’s entitled to their opinion,” Bell said. “You know, he may think it’s built back-to-front. I truly believe that it starts up front. The things that we do up front allow things to hap-

pen the way they do on the back end.

“From coverage standpoints, whether we’re kind of eight-man spacing, whether we’re playing with seven-man spacing, that’s all dictated by what we can handle up front,” Bell added. “So, Seth’s entitled to his opinion, but our guys in our room, when we look at our contributions, we know,

good practice, bad practice it’s predicated on how we did, not what happened on the back end.”

Parker, who oversees both Wallace and Bell, settled the debate during his time with reporters last Wednesday.

“Every year, some people talk about where we are defensively,” Parker said. “I do believe what Kelvin said. To win, you gotta win up

front — offensive and defensive line. I think that’s very important. I think the comment Seth was talking about was a little bit of icing things from the back end and how we want to do it. But we need the defensive linemen. Totally, absolutely correct. But we need everybody on the team.”

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infielder on the Hawkeyes’ roster, most of his time this season has come roaming the outfield. Even so, Petersen has yet to make an error this season and has made multiple diving plays to save hits and runs for his team.

So, Petersen is my pick for the Hawkeyes’ most valuable freshman.

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Keaton Anthony

Technically, Iowa baseball outfielder Keaton An-

thony isn’t a true freshman. He joined the Hawkeyes ahead of the 2021 season. But he only made one appearance in 2021 as a pinch hitter because of a pre-season hamstring injury.

In 2022, Anthony has fully recovered from his injury to become the Hawkeyes’ most valuable (redshirt) freshman.

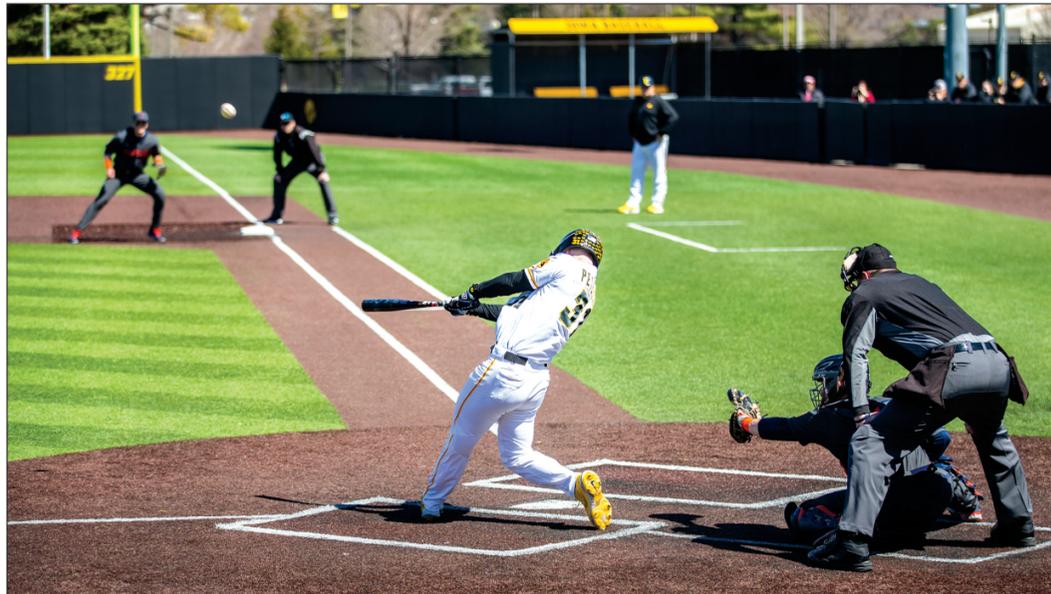
Anthony has been strong for the Hawkeyes all season, leading Iowa with a .348 batting average over 25 games as of April 8. He also tops the Hawkeye leaderboard and is second in the Big Ten with 12 doubles.

He has started all of the Hawkeyes’ 25 games and hit safely in 19.

The outfielder out of Hoschton, Georgia, has earned the Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor a conference-leading three times this season.

Most recently, he won the conference freshman of the week award on April 5 for his performance against Michigan.

The Hawkeyes took two of three games over the Wolverines in their opening



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Iowa’s left fielder Sam Petersen hits the ball during the first baseball game of a doubleheader between Iowa and Illinois at Duane Banks Field in Iowa City on Saturday. Petersen batted four times. The Hawkeyes defeated the Fighting Illini, 4-2.

Big Ten series April 1-3 behind Anthony’s .462 batting average. He hit 6-of-13 in the three game series and contributed a three-run home run in the final game of the series.

Anthony also hit .500 against UC-Irvine with five runs and four RBIs March 11-13.

Like Petersen, Anthony has a perfect fielding percentage in the Hawkeye

outfield. Anthony has 22 putouts and one assist in 2022.

Both Petersen and Anthony are assets to the Hawkeye outfield and batter’s box. But Anthony is

en route to be the Big Ten’s Freshman of the Year, making him the most valuable freshman for the Hawkeye baseball team.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Women's wrestling adds Nanea Estrella, Ava Bayless

Nanea Estrella and Ava Bayless will join the Hawkeyes' 2022 recruiting class, Iowa women's wrestling head coach Clarissa Chun announced on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

Estrella will transfer to Iowa from NAIA Menlo College in California. She was the NAIA national runner-up at 130 pounds and finished the season with an 18-2 record.

"I chose the University of Iowa to optimize every opportunity I have," Estrella said in a release. "Academically and athletically, I can't imagine a better fit for me. The Mecca of wrestling! Nowhere else but Iowa."

Both Chun and Estrella hail from Hawaii. The pair had a previous relationship before Estrella transferred to the Hawkeyes.

"Being from Hawaii, I have watched Nanea wrestle since she was in ninth grade," Chun said in a Wednesday release. "I was happy when she went to Menlo, but was sad, knowing I wouldn't have the opportunity to work with her. When I was announced as Iowa's head coach, Nanea reached out and went through the transfer process. I am excited to add her to our program as I have seen her grow in the sport. She's a tenacious competitor and likes challenging herself."

Estrella was a four-time state champion at Lahainaluna High School in Makawao, Hawaii. She also won the UWW Junior National title in 2020.

Bayless, who attends Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania, is currently a teammate of fellow Hawkeye commit Reese Larremendy.

Bayless is a two-time GIRLS National Prep Wrestling champion at Wyoming Seminary. She is also a National Prep All-American.

"I chose to attend the University of Iowa because of the academic and athletic opportunities," Bayless said in a Thursday release. "There is no better place to become the best wrestler I can be than under coach Clarissa Chun and the support of the Iowa Hawkeye fans, community, and University. I am extremely grateful to be a part of this historic team!"

Bayless is ranked 12th nationally at 112 pounds. The commit out of Greenville, Pennsylvania, won seven consecutive Pennsylvania Girls' State Junior Championships in her career. She has won multiple wrestling championships around the world, including the 2019 Flats Open in Austria and 2019 Tallinn Open in Estonia.

"Ava is a silent, hard worker who goes about her business," Chun said in a Thursday release. "I have been around her at various overseas and domestic camps at development age groups with USA Wrestling. She is a good student, a great person and comes from a family of wrestlers. I am excited to get the opportunity to work with Ava again."

Chun now has eight athletes in her 2022 recruiting class. The 2022 recruits will compete unattached in 2022-23 before starting organized team competition in the 2023-24 season.

Field hockey signs two graduate transfers

Iowa field hockey announced the addition of graduate students Olivia Frazier and Laura Drees for the 2022-23 season.

Frazier is from Cary, North Carolina, and spent four years playing field hockey at Richmond. As a midfielder, she was a two-time selection to the All-Atlantic 10 team. Frazier tallied 14 points with four goals and six assists in spring 2021, leading to a first-team honor.

Drees will graduate from University Hildesheim in Germany before joining the Hawkeyes for the 2022-23 season. Drees hails from Bremen, Germany, and was a four-team all-state team selection.

"We are excited to add Olivia and Laura to the Iowa field hockey program," Iowa head coach Lisa Cellucci said in a release. "Selecting to advance their academic degrees while competing for the Hawkeyes says a lot about our world-class university and competitive field hockey program. Olivia and Laura are outstanding athletes and dynamic hockey players."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we don't win, what happens? Unemployment line."

- Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker on putting his best lineup on the field

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- Big Ten freshman of the week awards for baseball outfielder Keaton Anthony

Unfinished business

Iowa cornerback Riley Moss spent most of last season convinced he was nearing the end of his Hawkeye career. Then, Moss put off his NFL future to return to Iowa City.



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Iowa cornerback Riley Moss returns an interception for a touchdown during a football game between No. 18 Iowa and No. 17 Indiana at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 4, 2021.

Robert Read Pregame Editor

Iowa cornerback Riley Moss spent most of the 2021 season convinced that his time as a Hawkeye was coming to an end.

As a senior, the Big Ten's Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year picked off four passes and was named a first-team All-American by Sporting News. Moss went through Senior Day ceremonies in November and earned his degree in sports management from the University of Iowa in

December. A career in the NFL seemed to be the next destination for Moss. But, as Iowa's Jan. 1 matchup with Kentucky in the Citrus Bowl crept nearer, Moss started losing sleep — a lot of it. One question stayed in his mind: Should he use the extra year of eligibility provided to him because of the 2020 COVID-19-impacted season?

Apparently, the answer was yes.

Four days after Iowa's 20-17 loss to Kentucky in the Citrus Bowl, Moss announced on Twitter

that he was coming back for a fifth season with the Hawkeyes.

"It was the hardest decision of my entire life," Moss said.

Moss and fellow senior defensive back Jack Koerner routinely stayed up past midnight in their Orlando hotel room ahead of the matchup with the Wildcats, discussing their futures.

The pair of Hawkeyes considered declaring for the NFL Draft, signing with the same agent, and staying in Florida to train. Koerner, a three-year

starter at safety, ended up moving on toward a professional career. Moss, though, was having second thoughts about ending his college career. He had some unfinished business in Iowa City.

"Go to the NFL and make millions, or stay," Moss said. "It's a win-win. But, at the same time, you want to make sure that you're making the right decision for yourself... The NFL will always be there for me. I figured, when I'm dead in the grave, I'm not bringing the money with me, I'm

bringing the memories. I enjoy playing football at the University of Iowa. I figure those memories are going to last a lifetime."

Missing three-and-a-half games with a knee injury last season was not a huge factor in coming back, Moss said. By the bowl game, Moss said he was close to 100 percent and the injury would not have hindered his draft stock (Moss was a projected mid-to-late-round pick). Still, the 6-foot-1,

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Death, taxes, defense

The Iowa football team's defense has remained the same, in principle, since 1999.



Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan

Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker walks onto the field to talk to his team during the 2022 Vrbo Citrus Bowl between No. 15 Iowa and No. 22 Kentucky at Camping World Stadium in Orlando on Jan. 1. The Wildcats defeated the Hawkeyes, 20-17.

Austin Hanson Sports Editor

A lot of things have changed since 1999. Cell phones have touch screens, smoking isn't allowed in public buildings, and music can be played without CDs.

One thing that hasn't changed in the last 25 years is the Iowa football team's defense.

"The game is definitely changing from what it used to be in 1999," said Phil Parker, who has been the Hawkeyes' defensive coordinator for the last 10 years. "[We use] the same philosophy of how we try to defend the run and defend the pass."

Even with its philosophies exceeding 20 years in age, Iowa's defense is consistently one of the best units in the Big Ten Conference and nation. Last season, the Hawkeyes led the country in interceptions with 25. Iowa ranked 17th nationally in total defense.

"I think it starts with stability," Iowa linebackers coach Seth Wallace said of Iowa's defensive success. "The fact that the defense has been around since 1999. The stability within that is the personnel on the coaching side of things. That stability is well-documented. I don't think it gets enough credit behind the scenes ... I think

that stability, whether it be philosophically, scheme-wise, personnel-wise, when it all blends together and there's a unique relationship that's being formed, that's where you're seeing the success."

Wallace added that the consistency of the Hawkeyes' on-field alignment and coaching staff helps him recruit the talent Iowa needs to maintain its perennial top-25 defense. Wallace said he can show recruits that the Hawkeyes have lined up against certain offensive formations in the same fashion for years.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who is the Hawkeyes' most valuable freshman?

Two *Daily Iowan* staffers debate whether Sam Petersen or Keaton Anthony is Iowa baseball's best freshman in 2022.



Sam Petersen

Sam Petersen is the best freshman on the Iowa baseball team this spring, so far. His timely hitting and perfect defense have made him the most valuable first-year Hawkeye on the diamond.

Chris Werner
Sports Reporter

At the plate, Petersen started the season off slow. Through his first 14 games in the Black and Gold, the freshman from Huxley, Iowa, batted just .222 with six hits in his first 27 official at-bats. During that stretch, Petersen hit one home run and tallied four RBIs.

In his last seven games as of April 8, however, Petersen has heated up. In an identical 27 at-bats over that span, Petersen has batted .407, collecting 11 hits, eight RBIs, and two home runs.

Against Central Michigan from March 25-27, Petersen drove in the winning runs in both Hawkeye victories.

First, in the series-opener, he bashed a three-run homer in the second inning that proved to be the difference. In the finale, with two outs, two runners on base, and down 0-2 in the count, he poked a single into center field to drive both runners home and give Iowa another win.

In the Hawkeyes' first Big Ten series of the season against Michigan the next weekend, Petersen added six hits in 13 at-bats. In Iowa's most recent game against Bradley, Petersen went 2-for-5 at the plate. He is riding a five-game hitting streak and had two or more hits in four of those contests. The freshman has hit safely in seven of the last eight games.

Defensively, although Petersen is listed as an

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