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Dance **Marathon** to accessibility increase through organizational changes

University of Iowa Dance Marathon Executive Director Raginya Handoo and her team are promoting accessibility with new fee waivers, free registration day, and fundraising training.



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### UI develops AI for radiology

The technology will supplement manpower and keep people healthy by using artificial intelligence.

News Reporter

New artificial intelligence technology is being developed for radiology practices at the University of Iowa.

The team, led by interventional radiologist Sandeep Laroia, will use programmed medical information and input by physicians to pinpoint patients' illnesses and determine the proper treatment for dif-

ferent medical issues. The technology will supplement manpower during a nationwide employee shortage and keep people healthy.

Multiple teams have assisted with the development of the project for about four years, Laroia said.

"The concept actually started even before COVID hit us — so, in 2018 to 2019," he said. "So, we gathered a team, and the department was quite supportive in this initiative. Then, during COVID time, we realized that this can be made into something really useful and really helpful."

Laroia said AI in medicine serves two main functions: reducing manpower and keeping employees safe.

As of July 2022, hospitals in almost 40 states reported critical staffing shortages. Laroia said AI will serve a crucial function by filling gaps created by the short-

"In the medical field, there are very highly complex procedures like neurosurgery or tumor surgery and things like that, but there are many tasks which do not need that high amount of expertise and training," Laroia said. "It frees up the manpower to do things machines can't

Hozhabr Mozafari, a licensing associate at the UI Research Foundation, is working with Laroia's team to bring their product to market by filing patents and copyrights and pitching the product to consumers.

'There is a lot of back and forth here, discussions and meetings with the company, and if they're interested, we'd license that," he said. "Basically, our main mission is for those com-

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### Amtrak Chicago-IC line sparks student interest

Iowa City is getting closer to securing a Chicago-Iowa City Amtrak route after negotiations.



Infographic by Marandah Mangra-Dutcher

Sources: Amtrak

Isabelle Foland News Reporter

Nathan Creech is intrigued by the possibility of a Chicago-Iowa City Amtrak line. The University of Iowa senior currently drives himself and carpools with friends to get back to his hometown of New Lenox, Illinois — a suburb of Chicago. A direct train would provide a more comfortable ride

He's not alone in looking forward to jumping a train home. Nearly 35 hail from Illinois. But it goes both ways: Many Iowa City residents say they long to travel to Chicago more easily to catch a baseball game, watch a show, or just experience the big city life for a weekend.

Iowa City resident Ida Santana moved to the city from Nashville last year

see theatre performances, the Art Institute of Chicago, eat at restaurants, and stay in Airbnbs in Chicago neighborhoods.

"My husband and I would both be elated to have Amtrak. We go to Chicago a few times a year," Santana said. "I just think the idea of mas transit ... it makes life

And now, Iowa City is

and has since traveled to one step closer to secur-Chicago multiple times to ing a Chicago-Iowa City Amtrak route after city officials explored the possibility for almost a decade. While the project is still not guaranteed to happen because of several obstacles on the state and federal levels, it would potentially benefit thousands of Iowans and Illinoisians alike.

"I think it's a great idea," Creech said. "Having a car on campus is

honestly kind of a privilege. Without that, you can find someone to either come to pick you up. And also, the area where I'm from is right by Joliet and the highway, in that portion of I-80, there are a lot of accidents there. It always is pretty stressful getting any out of pretty much right where I live, so I think a train would definitely make it a lot

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## Hollywood screenwriter to teach new UI class

The "Adaptation for Television" course introduces students to television writers' rooms.



Contributed photo from Joshua Parkinson

**Archie Wagner News Reporter** 

University of Iowa students can learn from a Hollywood screenwriter

this spring. The new course, a writing class called "Adaptation for Television," will be taught by screenwriter Josh Parkinson during the next

spring semester. Parkinson has 12 years of experience working in Hollywood on shows such as "Eastbound and Down" "The Terror" earned a graduate degree in creative writing from Johns

Hopkins University. never anything formal for an institution like a university or something like like that," Parkinson said. "But there's things that just come up occasionally where you know, I have other novelist friends who also wanted to try their hand at television

writing.' While the fall Writers Room Pro-Seminar course included just under 20 students, the new course will have only six to mirror the realities of a Hollywood writers' room.

'We could actually have two ongoing writers' rooms at the same time, like a real showrunner would,"

Parkinson said. Director of the Magid Center for Undergraduate Writing Daniel Khalastchi said the course received many applications from students.

"The writing was so good," Khalastchi said. "It was really hard for Josh to pick the students, but we know it'll work because our students are so talented."

Parkinson said one of the main components that interested him in getting involved with the class was the practical nature of it instead of it being based on a lecture format.

There's plenty of skill set conversations that we're going to have in the class, but it really is about collaborating on an actual piece of work," Parkinson

The class will focus on turning a piece of already existing intellectual property comic books, short novels, stories. poems, or podcasts — and adapting it into a three or four episode mini-series.

The class will do outlines, write collaboratively on scripts for television, and then workshop Khalastchi said it's difficult to get that experience with a larger class.

With funding donors Kevin and Donna Gruneich, Khalastchi said they created a small class. Kevin Gruneich is an alum of the UI and has been distinguished in the past for his philanthropic investments.

'Usually, the university wants a certain course size because of the way tuition dollars work out etc., and so in this case, we were able

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Elisabeth Bird works on her laptop in Fortuna Board Game Cafe on Nov. 15. Fortuna is a place where everyone can come in and play as many board games as they want while enjoying drinks and snacks.

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panies to manufacture our [intellectual property] so the public can benefit from

The team has filed multiple patents for Laroia's technology, Mozafari said.

Laroia's team is not the only one developing AI at the university. Mozafari said the UI Research Foundation saw an increase in AI projects at the university over the last few years.

"AI is a hot topic. Recently, we have received different AI technologies for a variety of applications," he said. "One of the applications of the AI that we are seeing is for scanning medical images. We have a technology that can implement AI to diagnose cancerous tumors."

The development of AI is also increasing across the U.S. A White House task force has been working on expanding the development of AI across the nation by making technological resources more accessible. The National AI Initiative Act of 2020 is one step toward this goal.

Bijaya Adhikari, UI assistant professor in the department of computer science, said the public has concerns about AI. He said one concern is that AI will impact the quality of patient care, but he said it

"The AI algorithms will run in the background," Adhikari said. "So, for patients, things will look pretty much the same, but in the report maybe instead of just your blood test results, you might see things like your risk scores, which have to be computed using AI algorithms."

He said another common concern about AI is that it will replace human labor and cause people to be laid off, but he also does not see this happening. He said AI will complement human expertise and inform healthcare providers of possible next steps in treatment.

Adhikari said one maior barrier AI faces as it is introduced in the medical field surrounds data.

"There are a lot of administrative issues, data privacy issues, sensitivity issues, which have to be resolved before these things can be deployed," he said. "The tools that we build, right now we do in a very secure environment where there is no potential data loss, before these things can actually be deployed where it can affect patients' lives.'

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# New restaurant, tequila bar to open in IC

Coa Cantina, a Mexican restaurant based in Des Moines, will open a second location on Clinton Street in January 2023.



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Coa Cantina is seen on Clinton Street in Iowa City on Nov. 15. Coa Cantina, originally from Des Moines, is expected to open a second location in Iowa City in January 2023.

**Maddie Willis News Reporter** 

Des Moines-based Mexican restaurant and tequila bar Coa Cantina will open a second location in Iowa

City in January 2023. The restaurant will open at 18 ½ S. Clinton St. where the Clinton Street Social Club is located and will feature tortas, tacos, burritos, nachos, and various drinks including its made-from-scratch tequila. The Clinton Street Social Club is listed as "temporarily closed" on its Facebook page and last posted in 2021.

Coa Cantina co-owner

Brian Rorris said he is familiar with the Iowa City area and the atmosphere, as he is the owner of Quinton's Bar and Deli on 215 E. Washington St. Rorris is one of four partners who own Coa Cantina.

Rorris started in the bar industry in 2011. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 2009, he bought his first bar in Des Moines — Quinton's. Rorris now owns all Quinton's locations in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Coralville.

The restaurant, coined as "Des Moines' Finest Tequila Bar" will join other Mexican restaurants in Iowa City, including the three Cactus Mexican Grill and Cantinas, Casa Azul, Estela's Fresh Mex, Perez Fami-

ly Tacos, and others. Additionally, the cantina joins other bars in the area, including The Airliner, Roxxy's, Double Tap, The Stuffed Olive, The Summitt, Sports Column, and others.

The restaurant and bar will serve a long menu of cocktails, including the "Bloody Maria," "Mexican Ashtray," "Ranch Water," and eight types of margar-

Iowa City's Downtown District Executive Director Nancy Bird said it is beneficial that Rorris understands and is familiar with Iowa City and its customer base.

In Bird's opinion, the Coa Cantina will be a great addition to downtown Iowa City because the clientele is similar to that of East Des Moines.

"He's putting in really nice fixtures and finishes, and he's working hard to make sure that the space comes to life," Bird said. "It's a natural fit."

Rorris said they have been working on fixing the building for the new tequila bar for a month.

"It'll bring life back into that building, which has

glamor and unglamorous

Khalastchi said one of the struggles in getting the course up and running was the fear of not being able to find the right teacher.

interesting about Josh he comes from a fiction writing writing background," Khalastchi said. "He moved toward television, [and] has had a hugely successful career doing everything from scripts, pilot scripts for television, full on movie scripts, rewrite scripts, writers room work creating shows where he's done all of it. And so he just fit this sort of unicorn of an

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idea that we had."

essentially been vacant and closed since COVID, so we're glad to have this beautiful space restored and looking good again,"

Rorris said the restaurant's two-floor concept is being done by a construction company out of Des Moines that worked on the first location.

'The guys move pretty quick when they are traveling all the way from Des Moines. It's an incentive just to get the job done," Rorris said.

As for the construction process, Rorris said they are keeping the integrity of the building by maintaining the historical aspects while updating it to have the same feel as the Coa Cantina in Des Moines.

"It's a beautiful place," he said, "It's going to look like a whole new place by the time we are done with

The cantina aims to target four important business times throughout the day, including lunch, happy hour, dinner, and late night. Rorris said everything

from Coa Cantina's kitchen is made from scratch. 'There's nothing like it

here. There's no dedicated true tequila bars," he said.

Kayla Buehring, a University of Iowa second-year student, said she is excited about Coa Cantina's arrival in Iowa City and how it will

add to the nightlife scene.

Buehring said nightlife in Iowa City is really popular, and she believes Coa Cantina will only add to it. Overall, Rorris said he

is excited to have another restaurant and bar to oversee in Iowa City.

'Iowa City itself is a good downtown market," he said. "I've had success individually down here.'

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and so we are really trying to mirror that writers room experience," Khalastchi

Khalastchi said those involved with the course's planning and facilitation include UI alumni, such as Vinnie Wilhelm and David Kajganich. Wilheim and Kajganich both worked on the television show "The Terror." Kajganich is also known for his new film 'Bones and All.'

"We've been working with them over the last couple of years to develop this course, and they've all committed to working with us moving forward," Khalastchi said. "So, there might be weeks where they fly out here, or that they Zoom to actually do edits with students as well.'

The course is part of a broader program at the UI called the Iowa Writers Room, which has been expanding since 2015 before the creation of the undergraduate bachelor of arts in screenwriting in

Alan MacVey, former department of theatre arts director for 29 years and director of the division of performing arts, developed the Iowa Writers Room program in 2018.

MacVey said he helped in the launch of a new course called the Writers Room Pro-Seminar, which focused on writing long-term television.

UI alumni Mitch Burgess and Robin Green taught the course the first year.

They really spent a lot of time, Robin especially, a huge amount of time with individuals, helping them to develop not just a pilot, a pilot episode plus what they call a Bible, which is an extended vision for where theories might go," MacVey said.

Parkinson said he is old friends with Kajganich and also worked with Wilheim on "The Terror," leading to them becoming friends.

'When they were telling me about this, I was like, this is kind of in its own way, like a service for people to get a taste of what this world is," Parkinson said. "And like I've said before, all the

parts of it that you would just never know."

really "What's



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easier."

According to fall 2022 enrollment data from the UI Office of the Registrar, there are currently 18,333 enrolled students from Iowa, and 5,840 students enrolled at the UI who are from Illinois. Illinois is the state with the largest share of nonresident UI students.

In mid-October, the Iowa City City Council unanimously approved the \$475,000 purchase and acquisition of three residential properties near the Iowa Interstate Railroad rail yard and Oak Grove Park to make room for a potential Iowa

City-Chicago Amtrak route.

This purchase is one of several steps Iowa City has taken to facilitate the potential agreement with Amtrak.

Amanda Martin, director of the Iowa Department of Transportation's Rail Transportation Bureau, said the Iowa DOT has been working with Amtrak since about 2007 to determine the feasibility and logistics of a Chicago-Iowa City route. A study commissioned by both entities determined the Chicago-Iowa City route would run two round trips per day, Martin said.

The Iowa DOT received federal funding for the project in 2010 then conducted an environmental impact statement from Chicago to Omaha, Nebraska, Martin said. As a result, the Iowa DOT determined the most feasible place for the route to be constructed is on the Iowa Interstate Railroad, Martin said.

Martin said the state of Illinois is currently working with the Iowa Interstate Railroad and BNSF, a major North American railroad company, to establish a route from Chicago to Moline, Illinois. If the route gets approved and constructed, the state of Iowa would consider extending the Chicago-Moline route to Iowa City.

"You have to use a host railroad to be able to introduce a passenger rail like this. Otherwise, if you build a new railroad, it's so expensive, you can't afford it. There's no way to justify it," Martin said. "So all the states that introduce new intercity passenger rails, they put it on what we call host railroads and existing freight railroads."

Because the project is not guaranteed to happen, there is not much else Iowa City officials can do to prepare for the route, Iowa City City

Manager Geoff Fruin said. Fruin said the route is not guaranteed because Iowa did not match the federal funds the government provided for the project in 2010, which was a requirement the state had to meet to re-

ceive the federal funding. "We will certainly continue to advocate for the creation of that line. whether that's at the federal or state level, but in terms of planning locally, there's not a whole lot more we can do right now until we know that there's some funding in place to bring that line here to Iowa City," he said.

Other nearby Big Ten schools have established Amtrak routes, including the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. These routes saw a total of 156,462 and 180,427 riders in 2019, respectively.

According to the Am-

- trak website ticket prices: Coach seats are listed at a starting price of \$40, and business seats are listed at a starting price of \$98 to travel from Chicago to Ann Arbor, Michigan.
  - Coach seats are listed at a starting price of \$17, and business seats are listed at a starting price of \$53 to travel from Chicago to Champaign-Urba-

na, Illinois. The Amtrak route for

Chicago saw over 3 million riders in 2019, with nearby suburbs also seeing substantial ridership. Erin Monroe, UI assis-

tant director of admissions for the Chicago area, said a Chicago-Iowa City Amtrak route would benefit UI students who originally live in Illinois.

'I know that Amtrak runs to several of our other Big Ten peers, so when students are considering their college options, distance and affordability of getting to and from campus is something that's on their mind," Monroe said. "I've certainly been asked before specifically if we've had a train that comes from the Chicagoland area to Iowa City."

Fruin said the line would provide more economic opportunities in Iowa City because it

would connect it to other larger cities and economies.

According to the Amtrak website, the projected economic impact of a Chicago-Iowa City route would be \$81 million annually, plus \$2.2 billion in economic activity from one-time capital investments.

"You can look at communities, particularly college communities, that have rail lines established, and they generally perform really well, which I think is why Amtrak really wants to connect that Chicago to Quad Cities line one stop further to Iowa City," Fruin said. " because typically, university communities have significantly higher ridership on a per capita basis than non-university communities.

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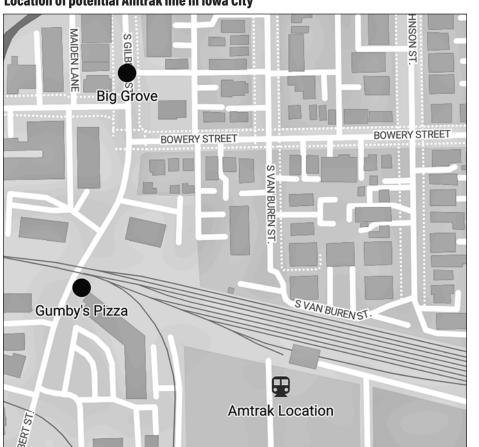






Contributed photo of Peter Speltz and Ida Santana on Oct. 10. Santana has been hoping for an Amtrak station in Iowa City because she makes regular trips to Chicago.

### **Location of potential Amtrak line in Iowa City**

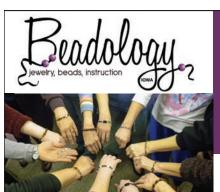


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# Opinions Iowa Republicans are campaigning right

While the GOP fell short in most of the country, Iowa was an exception.



Evan Weidl **Opinions Columnist** 

The anticipated redwave in this year's midterm elections didn't hit much of the country. But Iowa drowned in it.

Republicans completely dominated Iowa's elections, but the success they expected across the nation never arrived. Democrats retained control of the Senate and suffered fewer loses in the House of Representatives than expect-

Iowa Democrats must nominate candidates with more name recognition and working-class appeal in 2024.

Young people carried the Democrats to victory this year with the second highest turnout of people ages 19-27 from any midterm election, according to

CNN reported Democrats were the minority in each age group above the age of 45 years old by at least seven points but won the majority votes of people under 45 years old by 13 points. Without the



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U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa, speaks to supporters during a watch party for the 2022 Iowa midterm elections at Spare Time in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Nov. 8.

efforts of young people, there is no doubt the Democrats would have been destroyed this year.

But Iowa was a different story. Republicans cruised to victory on all fronts. The GOP party retained the trifecta in the state, gained one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, and reelected Sen. Chuck Grasslev.

Iowa's disdain for President Joe Biden fueled the Republican victories in the state. A whopping 61 percent of Iowans disapprove of Biden, according to The Des Moines Register. Almost three quarters of Iowans believe the country is not headed in the right direction.

One of the most prominent issues to hit the U.S.

this year was inflation. Over 30 percent of voters said inflation was their top issue, and eight in 10 people said they experienced hardships due to inflation, reported CNN.

In Iowa, inflation is up over 5 percent from one year ago, according to U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee.

Among Democrats in

Iowa, only 36 percent compared to 84 percent of Republicans and 60 percent of Independent voters see inflation as a critical issue, according to The Des Moines Register.

The Democratic nominee for governor Deidre DeJear for governor did not have experience in office before running for governor. The lack of name rec-

ognition certainly put her at a disadvantage, especially when put up against a well-known incumbent.

Rep. Ashley Hinson is a prime example of the advantage of name recognition. Before she won election to Congress, she was a TV news reporter in Cedar Rapids. Her consistent appearances on the television gave her an upper hand when voters saw her name on the ballot.

Iowa Democrats should look to Pennsylvanian Senator-elect John Fetterman as a successful balance of experience and working-class appeal.

Known for sporting his signature look of shorts and a hoodie as opposed to a suit and tie, Fetterman became widely known across the country for his unconventional image.

While his persona may have been an outlier for a Senate candidate, his experience was not. He was the mayor of a small working class town and then lieutenant governor. The combination of these factors propelled him to an election victory in a blue collar swing state.

While Democrats had an impressive performance across the country, there is much work to be done in states like Iowa.

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Sharing Gratitude (5)

# Showing gratitude: Give thanks to local businesses

In the third edition of a four-part series, Opinions contributor Stella Logsdon expresses her gratitude.



Stella Logsdon **Opinions Contributor** 

Everyone has their favorite local shops. Now is the time to show up for them.

My parents opened up La Mie Bakery in Des Moines in 2002. The bakery opened in a small unit of a strip mall near Roosevelt High School, where it remains today. I was born a year later, which means there hasn't been a period of my life where La Mie hasn't been relevant.

I remember my sister and I playing with leftover dough and throwing our own baked goods into the ovens when no one was looking.

We would run around on the back patio and play pretend or take over the espresso bar and make hot chocolates for ourselves after school.

As I grew older, my pre-teenage angst took hold of me, and I wished my parents had "normal" jobs. I remember feeling embarrassed of the bakery, and I hated the fact that this was somehow always a factor that distanced myself from my friends and their families. I continued to grow up and grow out of this phase.

When the nation was placed under lockdown in March 2020, I saw fear in a way I hadn't seen before. My parents were suddenly placed under conditions they had no preparation for, and the direct connection between the stability of the business and our family's well-being had become incredibly evident to

In this moment, everything shifted.

La Mie is a family business, and that does not solely include my family. Employees of the bakery and their families have been with the business for years, creating a tightknit group of people we risked losing.

The National Library of Medicine reported that between the months of February-April 2020, the number of active businesses owners in the U.S. plummeted by 3.3 million — or by 22 per-

family's business, My alongside other local businesses across the country, struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 changed my attitude on both the ownership of and membership toward local businesses. For a while, I took for granted the success and sta-

bility of my family's bakery. Now that I have sur-

passed this period, I've gained a newfound perspective on local businesses. What once seemed to be something that was so personal to me turned into something I knew was a shared experience. So many families like mine dedicate their lives to the businesses they've created. These people stand behind the register and greet their customers every morning and close up shop every

night. Managing to come out of the other side of the economic and social challenges heightened by COVID-19 is no small feat. That said, it is so important to not take these places for granted or assume they will always be around. Frankly, they won't. As members of the community, it's up to us to support these businesses and the people behind them.

To local business owners, I want to express my gratitude for your dedication to both your craft and your community. Supporting these business owners

and the goods and services they provide has never been more important, and I encourage the consideration of choosing local and showing up for our community.

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La Mie Bakery is seen in Des Moines on Nov. 11.

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### Should stores and restraunts be open on Thanksgiving?

Luke Krchak and Kyle Tristan Ortega debate whether stores and restraunts should stay open on Thanksgiving.



Luke Krchak **Opinions Contributor** 

opening on Thanksgiving is a win for everyone. fam-

As ilies prepare their Thanksgiving feast, it is inevitable that one necessary ingredient will be missing. Thanksgiving can be a stressful day for the family chef, and not being

adds more stress. While cooking is a good option for Thanksgiving dinner, it's nice to have the option to eat out. The main part of Thanksgiving is family, and food should not be the barrier to enjoying that.

able to get the one vital ingredient only

In a survey of 1,800 individuals by cars.com, 80 percent of respondents said they plan to drive to their Thanksgiving destination. During my family trips to

Illinois on Thanksgiving, we often eat our Thanksgiving feast at one of the few restaurants open.

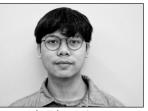
Black Friday also comes after Thanksgiving. Closing stores the day before the busiest shopping day of the year is counterproductive — it adds an extra amount of people and stress to employees working on Black Friday.

Initiatives like stores extending deals into the weekend is a good start, but having stores open during Thanksgiving could ease the load of customers on Black

Additionally, remaining open on Thanksgiving is a win for employees. Many companies — like CVS, Walgreens, and Whole Foods — offer holiday pay on Thanksgiving.

Stores should treat Thanksgiving like another day of being open. Consumers should spread out their shopping to ease the madness of shopping on Black Friday.

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Kyle Tristan Ortega **Opinions Contributor** 

together. Allowing employees to stay home will enable them to enjoy that.

Though it would be beneficial for people who need to do some last-minute shopping if stores stayed open on Thanksgiving, this would come at the cost of store employees missing quality time with their loved ones.

As consumers, this idea might not be at the forefront of our minds. But it is important to realize that store workers have lives outside their jobs as well. Closing stores on Thanksgiving will allow them to live those lives and celebrate the holiday.

Moreover, if we consider some of the reasons why stores would want to remain open during the holidays, staying open is pro-employer instead of pro-employee.

Stores would lose potential sales if they were closed on Thanksgiving. If a competitor stayed open, it would be disadvantageous for closed stores.

These are not good reasons to make employees work during the holidays. Thanksgiving is a time when people are supposed to give thanks and spend quality time with their loved ones, so making a profit should be the least of anyone's worries.

I am not arguing that people who need to do last-minute shopping should be left to their own devices or that stores should completely stop caring about doing business. But I am arguing that employees should get to spend time with their friends and family.

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Harding in the Hawkeyes' 2023 class.

"I am super excited to be a Hawkeye and play basketball at the next level for my home state," Pryce Sandfort said in a statement provided by Iowa Athletics. "What really attracted me to the University of Iowa was the culture and style of play. I believe they both fit me perfectly."

The 6-foot-7 190-pounder is a four-star recruit and the 98th-ranked player in the 2023 national class, according to 24/7 Sports. Pryce Sandfort had multiple offers on top of Iowa, including Washington State, Seton Hall, Nebraska, Davidson, Clemson, and Drake.

But the Waukee, Iowa, product chose to reunite with his brother in Iowa City. Payton Sandfort, however, didn't want to influence his brother to continue his basketball career in Iowa City.

"I really wanted him to make his own decision, so I kind of stayed away,' Payton Sandfort said. "I'd kind of throw in subtle jabs all the time, but I'd always answer any questions that he had for me. Ultimately, I wanted it to be his decision. I wanted him to come here because he wanted to come here, not just because I love it here. I'm happy for him."

While Payton Sandfort added he was nervous his little brother might choose

2020

Patrick McCaffery joins his

older brother and father on

2017

Connor McCaffery, the son of head coach Fran McCaffery, joins the lowa men's basketball team.

2019

the Hawkeyes.

Hawkeye.

Keegan and Kris Murray become the second set of brothers on the men's basketball team and joined together.

a different school, he was

confident in Pryce Sand-

fort's decision to become a

With a commitment to

Iowa, Pryce Sandfort gets

a seamless transition. He's

already been making the

trip from Waukee to Iowa

his brother on the Iowa men's basketball team, giving the Hawkeyes their third set of

2021

After playing with his brother for two years at Waukee High School, Payton Sandfort joins the Hawkeyes.

Iowa guard Payton Sandfort shoots a 3-pointer during a men's basketball game between Iowa and North Carolina A&T at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Nov. 11. City to attend football and basketball games and hang out with his future teammates.

when he arrives next year.

Connor McCaffery is using his final year of eligibility in 2021-22, so he won't be Pryce Sandfort's teammate

2023

Pryce Sandfort will reunite with brothers in four years.

"Some weekends, if he's free, [Pryce] will just come up and come hang out with the guys," Connor McCaffery said. "We're already pretty comfortable with him, and it should be a seamless transition for him. I'm excited. Even though I'm not his teammate, I've spent a lot of time with him."

But he knows the younger

Sandfort will fit in well.

Having family members together, like Payton and Pryce Sandfort or Fran, Connor, and Patrick Mc-Caffery, can also help build camaraderie. The family ties can keep tensions down, Connor McCaffery said.

"You're on each other's nerves, but it's always in a good way," Connor Mc-Caffery said. "You're not really, you're never actually mad at your brother. Like, you are, but it's different. It's not like somebody you're competing against, or even another teammate. Like you know it won't last the same way with your brother than it does with

somebody else."

the 2021 4A state championship together.

Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan

And the competition aspect will still be there for the two brothers — if there's a last-second free throw opportunity, Payton Sandfort said he'll be the

one to take it. "We grew up fighting in

We grew up fighting in the driveway and stuff, so I'm excited for him to get here.

Iowa men's basketball guard Payton Sandfort

Payton Sandfort said he's excited for Pryce Sandfort to join him at Iowa. Payton Sandfort hasn't played on the same team with his brother since his senior year at Waukee High School when the pair won

the driveway and stuff, so I'm excited for him to get here," Payton Sandfort said. "I think we can do some special things and carry on the brother legacy."

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myself there, and I never felt that anywhere else. And I think that was part of the African American culture, where they take people for who they are and emphasize what's good in you and try to develop that."

He also explained how overthinking was a detriment to his growth as an athlete. To alleviate that, Hyland placed Choukroun in an environment where he didn't have to think: 5 a.m. practices.

'And then [Hyland] put me in cross country just to get me in shape," Choukroun said. "I was training with the cross country team, and when you're running a mile six to eight times with a 90-second rest on the cross country course at 5 a.m., you have to learn how to disconnect your brain. With that mindset, I was able to accomplish things I never thought I could've."

described Choukroun how being at a small school like Benedict made him recognize his complacency and, in turn, realize he could improve.

"I had success early on in my career as an athlete, and so I had put myself at this

level that, 'I'm good,' and was ignoring the fact that I wasn't good anymore," Choukroun said. "So, going to an HBCU and a team that didn't necessarily have as many resources as a school like the University of Iowa, and seeing my teammates being able to perform way better than I did ... At the end of the day, it's your performance and your numbers that talk about who you are as an athlete, and so I was able to humble myself."

graduated Choukroun from Benedict in fall 2011. While he was no longer eligible to be on the track team, he was still on scholarship for the rest of the year.

Still wanting to contribute to the team, Choukroun asked Hyland if he could help with coaching. On his very first day as a coach, the team ran time trials, and he was sure that he had found his passion.

"I could feel myself getting so excited about getting ready for a championship," Choukroun said. "I'm trying to get them ready to win a championship. The excitement I felt that day, that was my calling; this is the job that I want to do."

As an assistant coach at Stephen F. Austin State University from 2018-22,

I'm trying to get them ready to win a championship. The excitement I felt that day, that was my calling; this is the job that I want to do.

- Track and field assistant coach Hadrien Choukroun

Choukroun led the women's team to outdoor titles in the Western Athletic Conference in spring 2022. At Stephen F. Austin, Choukroun learned how to focus on developing athletes rather than simply signing the best ones out of high school.

"You can't count only on those high-profile recruits because that's not enough to win a championship," Choukroun said. "I learned how to develop athletes, which had never been difficult because in France I had coached kids 5-10 years old. You really have to break it down to very raw kids, so when you get a very raw young athlete from Texas that's 18 years old, it's very

similar.' Choukroun learned about the Hawkeyes' program just three years ago. Choukroun hopes to use his experience as a decathlete in track to help the men's team achieve the same success as it did during the indoor season last year.

"Those little feedbacks that I've experienced myself that I can pass on, you know, how to manage your emotions, how to manage your nutrition, and having done it, it's good," Choukroun said. "I want to continue the success the men had. I think we have a team that can potentially be top five in the country if everything goes properly. And then try to get the women's team in a direction to also be a conference champion team and also be a top 25 program in the country."

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Jun 10, 2021; Eugene, Oregon, USA; Stephen F. Austin jumps and multis coach Hadrien Choukroun reacts during the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field.

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few more wins onto its belt — but the goal is to continue building camaraderie.

'One of my favorite things about coming to Iowa is the people that I've met here," Tessier said. "I feel like I've formed really

and there's just a really good group of girls here."

strong bonds and relation-

ships with my teammates,

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lowa setter Lily Tessier sets the ball during a volleyball match between lowa and Minnesota on October 19. The Gophers beat the Hawkeyes, 3-0.

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Sports

#### **HAWKEYE UPDATES**



#### lowa field hockey falls to Northwestern in Elite Eight

lowa field hockey's season ended after an Elite Eight loss at the hands of No. 3-seeded Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois.

The Wildcats took down the No. 11 Hawkeyes in a shootout, 2-1, to even the season series between the teams at one win apiece. The Hawkeyes upset the then-No. 1 Wildcats on Sept. 23.

On Sunday, the two squads ended regulation knotted at one goal apiece. Iowa's Leah Zellner scored off a penaltycorner deflection from fifth-year senior Anthe Nijziel in the fourth quarter, and Northwestern's Bente Baekers scored three minutes later to even the contest.

Northwestern's Ana Medina Garcia converted her shot in the shootout while sophomore Annika Herbine was unable to match for lowa.

Iowa ends its tumultuous season at 12-8, losing seven of its last 11 games. Three of those losses came in the span of one month at the hands of Michigan.

Seven fifth-year seniors suited up for their final game as Hawkeyes in the Elite Eight loss: two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Anthe Nijziel, transfer Richmond Frazier, Germany native Laura Drees, second-team All-Big Ten midfielder Lokke Stribos, All-American second-team goalkeeper Grace McGuire, and forward Ciara Smith.

McGuire did not compete for a third straight game due to injury, leaving redshirt freshman Mia Magnotta in goal. Magnotta notched four saves on the day.



#### Czinano earns Big Ten Player of the Week Player of the honors

Iowa women's basketball fifth-year senior center Monika Czinano earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for her 36-point performance on 66 percent shooting against Drake on Sunday, Czinano also recorded the seventh double-double of

her career with 11 rebounds. Czinano won the first Big Ten Player of the Week award of the 2022-23 season.

The Watertown, Minnesota, product is averaging 23 points per game on 69 percent shooting through three contests so far this season.

#### ONLINE



Hawks in the NFL | Week

Rookie Giants safety Dane Belton recorded the first interception of his career on Sunday, picking off Texans quarterback Davis Mills in the end zone and helping New York to a 24-16 victory.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"I don't spend a lot of time in the locker room."

 Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz on if there's any talk about winning the Big Ten West.

#### STAT OF THE DAY

– Yards per play Iowa football averaged in its 14-point win over Wisconsin

# **Brotherly love**

When Pryce Sandfort joins the Hawkeyes in 2023, the Iowa men's basketball team will have three sets of brothers over four years.



Dimia Burrell/The Daily Iowan

lowa forward Patrick McCaffery goes to hug guard Connor McCaffery during a men's basketball game between No. 5 Iowa and No. 12 Northwestern in the Big Ten Basketball Tournament at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on March 10. The McCaffery brothers combined for 15 points.

Chloe Peterson Sports Editor

Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery has an affinity for recruiting sets of brothers.

First, he recruited his own sons, Connor and Patrick McCaffery, to the Hawkeye men's basketball team. Connor McCaffery

joined the Hawkeyes in 2017, and Patrick McCaffery followed two years later.

Kris and Keegan Murray, an identical set of twins from Cedar Rapids, joined the Iowa men's basketball team together in 2020. While Keegan Murray left for the NBA following the 2021-22 season, Kris Murray is still in Iowa City for the 2022-23 season.

The Hawkeyes will receive their third set of brothers from the past four years when Pryce Sandfort joins Iowa in 2023. Pryce Sandfort is the younger brother of Iowa forward Payton Sandfort, who is currently a sophomore.

"Well, I think there's familiarity on a number McCaffery said about recruiting brothers on Nov. 10. "Obviously, the younger guys already know the guys on the team, and they've watched the pro-

of different levels," Fran

gram. They've watched the games. There's comfortability there. "I think the fact that the

older brothers are telling

the younger ones to come, I think that's great. Obviously, Keegan and Kris were the same year, but you're happy that the older broth-

ers had a great experience." Pryce Sandfort officially signed his national letter of intent on Nov. 9, joining Owen Freeman and Brock

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# Setting with spunk

Setter Lily Tessier wants to bring fun and focus to the Iowa volleyball team.



lowa setter Lily Tessier celebrates during a volleyball game between Iowa and North Florida at Xtream Arena in Coralville on Sept. 16. The Hawkeyes defeated the Ospreys 3-0.

Kenna Roering Sports Reporter

Senior setter Lily Tessier brings the perfect balance between fun and focus to Iowa vollevball.

Whether she's setting specific goals for herself during practice to stay motivated or exploring the outdoors with her friends off the court, Tessier tries to make the best of each day, middle hitter Amiya Jones

said.
"I think she brings a really spunky personality to the team," Jones said. "She brings a lot of energy. She's so versatile, and she's always willing to listen. So, it's just so nice to have someone who's willing to work with you through all the things you're going through."

The 6-foot-3 Fort Myers, Florida, native was a four-year starter at Evangelical Christian High School. In 336 career sets with the Eagles, Tessier recorded 185 aces, 600 digs, 376 kills,

and 2,282 assists. Tessier committed to Florida

State while still in high school. In her career with the Seminoles, she notched 7.25 assists per set, good for 11th in program history, while her 1,711 assists were good for 14th. Last year Tessier became the first Seminole setter since 2008 to reach 1,000 assists in her junior

Despite her distinguished career at Florida State, Tessier felt it was time to explore a different conference and part of the country because "if you're not changing, you're not growing."

When Tessier entered the transfer portal, she never thought she would end up in the brisk Midwest with the Hawkeyes. But after a single phone call with Iowa assistant coach Aubrey Becker — who she met at a few high school camps when Becker was the Seminoles' director of operations in 2016-17 — she was all

Tessier joined six other transfers brought in by firstyear Hawkeye head coach Jim

Barnes in hopes of rebuilding the program, as Iowa has not had a winning conference record in over two decades.

Tessier made an immediate impact on the Hawkeyes, starting 26 of 27 matches. She leads Iowa with 6.91 assists per set and is third on the team with 192 total digs.

"We're grateful that we have Lily with us and that she took a chance to come up here and help us turn this program around," Barnes said. "She's worked extremely hard, and even through the close games and close losses, she's working hard to get this program where it needs to be."

While Iowa is tied for last in the Big Ten with a 2-14 conference record, Tessier feels the Hawkeyes are playing with more trust and comfort, and she's proud of her teammates for caring about more than just wins and losses.

With four conference games remaining, Iowa wants to tack a

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### Choukroun's eye-opening track journey

In his previous stops, Iowa's new assistant emphasized self-improvement and development.

**Matthew McGowan** Sports Reporter

The University of Iowa track and field team's new assistant coach Hadrien Choukroun expe-

rienced an eye-opening journey to Iowa City. Choukroun was raised in Paris before heading off to college and competing as a decathlete for two years at Benedict College, an HBCU in South Carolina. After he graduated in 2011, he

served as an assistant coach at Benedict. Along his journey from Paris to Iowa City, Choukroun not only learned the importance of self-improvement as an athlete but also the

ability to develop athletes as a coach. While he was a student athlete, Choukroun experienced one distinct learning moment in the spring of 2011. Frank Hyland, the Benedict men's track and field coach, suggested he take six steps on his approach to the first hurdle, and

Choukroun was in disbelief. Choukroun argued with his superior about the biomechanical elements of the suggestion. He had studied the subject in France and insist-

ed he should only take four steps. "I'm leaving practice and I was like, 'Why are you arguing with your coach?' Choukroun said. "You're running 16 seconds, you're the slowest hurdler you can be. You might as well try something new because you can't be slower than you already are.' But it took me all the way to being in the U.S., to having that stupid argument to be like, 'Look, you just suck. Anything can't be worse, so you might as well try something

He eventually adopted Hyland's instruction and improved his time in hurdles by over half a second. That improvement opened his eyes.

Choukroun always wanted to be a P.E. teacher. When he finally got his master's degree at 24 years old, he decided to change paths and pursue personal training and business manage-

At Benedict, Choukroun met his wife, Priscilla. He said he felt the university embraced him for who he was and allowed him to feel com-

First I fell in love with African American culture, the language, the way they relate to sports," Choukroun said. "I felt like I could be

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#### Weekend Events

### 17 THURSDAY

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**ASK THE AUTHOR** 

# Samantha Zuhlke

Samantha Zuhlke, a geographer and political scientist, discusses bottled water and her first book "The Profits of Distrust."

**Charlotte McManus** Arts Reporter

Samantha Zuhlke is a geographer and political scientist. She received a bachelor's in geography and political science from Colgate University and her doctorate in political science from Texas A&M University. She is an assistant professor at the University of Iowa's School of Planning and Public Affairs. This year, she co-authored the book "The Profits of Distrust" with researchers Manuel P. Teodoro, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and David Switzer, an assistant professor at the University of Missouri. On Feb. 16, Zuhlke will discuss the book as part of the "Book Matters" series at the Stanley Museum of Art.

The Daily Iowan: What is "Profits of Dis-

Samantha Zuhlke: Our book answers this question: Why do people buy bottled water? Bottled water is kind of a paradox. It's more expensive than tap water. It's environmentally destructive, and it's actually less regulated. So, the question is, why do people buy bottled water when most people in the U.S. have access to tap water that is more strictly regulated, less expensive, and more sustainable? That's the big puzzle the book tries to answer.

What we find, and what we argue, is that the reason people are willing to spend extra on tap water is because they don't trust the government to provide safe clean drinking water. Obviously, the government doesn't always provide safe drinking water - look at the Flint water crisis or what's happening in Jackson right now. But for the most part, most Americans have safe drinking water that comes out of their tap every day. And so, we argue the reason that people choose not to drink tap water is that they just don't trust the government to provide basic services.

**DI**: What inspired you and your colleagues to research this issue?

Zuhlke: I'm originally from the Northeast, and I moved to Texas for grad school, and they had these water kiosks everywhere. Big standalone

structures in parking lots where people can drive up, fill up a big jug of water, and drive away. And I'd never seen them before because we don't really have them in the Northeast. In grad school, you have an advisor. And so, my advisor Chad asked me to look into where these [kiosks] were located because he's also from Texas. He was like, "Let's figure out with going on with these things" because they're pretty expensive. It's like 25 cents a gallon while tap water is pennies to the gallon. And you also have to put effort into making that trip. So, the question was, "Why is this hap-

We started seeing that there were clear patterns to where these kiosks were located. Originally, we thought they might be a luxury good located in really wealthy neighborhoods because they're that much more expensive. But what we were seeing is that they were located in the poorest neighborhoods in Houston and primarily located in Hispanic neigh-

Originally we thought it would be a simpler story, that [the location of kiosks] might be related to water quality problems or income. And they were related to income, just not in the way we expected, and so it became this real mystery. Sometimes as a social scientist, you have the option of writing either a paper or a book, and sometimes an idea is too big for a paper. The answer to this mystery we felt was too big to put into a paper, so we decided to write a book about it instead.

DI: Why do you think this research, and other research like this, is important?

Zuhlke: When we look at government right now in the U.S., there is absolutely a lack of trust in our political institutions, and that's really what our book is about. Our book is about drinking water, but the story is much bigger in that it's really asking, Why do people distrust the government? Our answer for that is that people don't trust the government in part because they don't expect the government to provide basic services for them anymore. In social science words, that's endogenous, meaning these things feed each other. So, if I don't trust the government to provide safe drinking water, I am more likely to buy water from kiosks. That is what we call an exit from government because I'm no longer receiving services from government, and in turn that decreases government's incentives to provide that basic service, and the quality of that service suffers. So, it becomes this vicious cycle where people don't trust the government to provide services, they exit to private providers, and then the government has even less incentive to provide a good service. It just leads to this downward spiral. In the book, we show that people that drink bottled water are less likely to vote, less likely to partake in civic life, support political candidates, campaign that sort of thing. Some groups of people have very good reason to distrust the government. In the book, we have 300 pages to talk about this. But in the short version, It's rational for people to distrust the government. Sometimes government just needs to do a better job. Like Flint and Jackson, when those things happen, there's consequences. So, distrust of government is not equally spread throughout society. It tends to be racial, ethnic, and lower-income groups. And those groups have good reason to distrust the government. So, government needs to do a better job of proactively providing better services to them.

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Disenchanted

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Next in the unending line of Disney's remakes and reboots is "Disen-chanted," though it comes with a bit more status as a sequel rather than a pure remake.

Following its 2007 predecessor "Enchanted," the rom-com musical will premiere on Nov. 18 on Disney+. Several years after their original "happily ever after," Princess Giselle, Robert, and his now-teenage daughter Morgan move to a new community where the magical cartoon world of Andalasia and the real world are thrown off-balance like never before because of an unexpected threat.

The sequel will see a mix of returning cast and crew along with some newcomers. "Disenchanted" is directed by "So You Think You Can Dance" judge Adam Shankman, who was not involved in the first film. One notable returning figure is Disney legend Alan Menken, famous for several Disney renaissance film soundtracks like The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast." He served as both lead composer and songwriter for the original "Enchanted."

Returning cast members include Amy Adams as Giselle, Patrick Dempsey as Robert, James Marsden as the dim-witted yet lovable Prince Edward, and Idina Menzel as Robert's ex-girlfriend Nancy - who falls for Edward. Gabriella Baldacchino will

Morgan. They are joined by Maya Rudolph as the evil Malvina Monroe who turns Giselle into a villain herself, as well as several others with new roles.

With a largely returning cast and a unique new plot, "Disenchanted" could prove to bring back some of Disney's lovable whimsical storytelling despite not being an entirely new tale.

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### MFA student expands grandmother's salt and pepper shaker collection

Kyle Agnew inherited his grandmother's salt and pepper shaker collection and explores its traditional values.

**Anaka Sanders** Arts Reporter

The ceramic salt and pepper shakers that once rested along the soft pink and forest green walls of Kyle Agnew grandmother's turquoise house now belong to a new col-lection that transforms their meaning.

Agnew, a graduate student at the University of Iowa seek-ing a Master of Fine Arts, spent a lot of his childhood with his maternal grandmother at her cozy Indiana home, which was decorated with around 300 salt and pepper shakers.

Much like other peo-ple, Agnew picked up a new hobby while stuck in quarantine during the pandemic. Of all the collectibles in his grandmother's home, ĥe was most interested in the shakers due to

their unique coupling. "This idea of a 'set,' as well as the ideals during this period in America that are often reflected are very heteronormative, often based on whiteness and racism," Agnew said. "This was a really interesting reflection of the time that I just

found fascinating."
During this time, he began adding to his grandmother's collection so he could add his own voice and shift the traditional narrative.

Agnew described a series of shakers called

"kissers" where the two figures are connected through a kissing-like motion. The "male" figure has one eye open while the "female" figure has both eyes closed.
"I thought that was a

very malicious and vio-lent gesture that they had to make on these

objects," Agnew said.
Wanting to see himself in the shakers and envision what a "queerer" version might look like, he decided to design the box for viewers to deconstruct the shaker sets and make new matching sets with limitless possibilities.

With a lifelong fascination for museums and experience in the museum industry, Agnew thought to display his collection in the UI Pentacrest Museums.

He was looking through ways to display his shaker collection and stumbled upon the "My Collec-

tions" section of the museum's website.
Each fall and spring semester, "My Collections" features the collections of two individuals. It is a continuous learning collaboration exhibition program through the UI Pentacrest Museums where the museums invite the community to participate in exhibiting personal collections.

In October, Agnew and his grandmother Jeffy Pearl Cromer's salt and pepper shakers were exhibited in an old wooden display. The collection's sentimental title is "Salt and Pepper: Looking at Love and Familial History."

Visitors can see Agnew's collection until January.

'My favorite set from her is this pair of two pink deer with flowers painted on them that are about to kiss, and they're glued togeth-er," Agnew said. "They no longer function as shakers since you have to pick up the whole unit, which I think is ludicrous and crazy because it destroys the function."

However, the idea of no longer "being of use" as salt and pepper shakers is what he believes elevates them to the level of art. Because their function is no longer important, the aesthetics turns into the main point.

described Agnew himself as a huge collector as a child, as he spent hours cutting magazines and gath-ering pieces of everything he loved and stuffing them into his now tattered purple folder. As an adult, the collections have transformed into souvenir plates, thimbles, '50s and '60s-era cookbooks, and — of course salt and pepper shakers.

He made many memories at his grand-

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mother's house during his childhood. Agnew believed her collecting habits began in the

post-Depression Era.

"After she passed,
we went through her house, and she kept everything," Agnew said.
"We would have milk jugs full of red tags and zip ties because she never knew if she would have access to them again based on her time living through

the Great Depression." Even though his collection is large, there are still some shakers he has his eyes on. He said most people can find interesting sets for around \$5, though he has been looking at sets in the \$200s — particularly ones by the brand Lefton.

This old love for his grandmother's knick-knacks has grown into a passion of his own: knowing the ins and outs of the salt and pepper shaker world. He said for those wanting to start collections of shakers of their own or any vintage objectshould follow social media accounts and get involved in the community.

'Know what you want because you can't collect everything; that's not practical," Agnew said. "You have a limited amount of space. Figure out why you like the shakers. Ís it the faces? Is it the colors? What draws you into that?

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# Afrofuturist center brings in artists of color

The IC Center continues to provide artists of color with resources through its open call for 2023-24 residents.

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On the first floor of Public Space One's Close House is a small room filled with artwork and book-lined shelves. Warm sunlight streaming in through the windows overlooking Gilbert Street illuminates the Reading Room of Iowa City's Center for Afrofuturist Studies

The center, located at 538 S. Gilbert St., is an artist residency program that provides workspaces for artists of color to work toward equitable futures.

Transgender poet and artist Anaïs Duplan founded the program in 2016. Duplan was in Iowa City attending the Iowa Writers' Workshop when he reached out to PS1 about an idea for a space that provides artists of color with community

Duplan has made connections with multiple artists during his time in Iowa City, some of which he refers to the program. At other times, the center will send out an open call to artists of color. An interested artist will be vetted based on a certain standard of criteria and then meet with PS1 to discuss their residencv needs.

The Close House's Reading Room acts as a home base where PS1 members and the center's artists in residence can engage with Afrofuturist works by artists of color or do research for their own projects. It was installed when PS1 bought the Close House last year.

The Close House also contains a third-floor apartment space used by artists for their residency. Ryan Kuo, who finished his residency with the program this month, lived in the apartment during his time in Iowa City.

Kuo spent his residency working on a project called "File: A User's Manual," which is an artist book that is part of a larger process work called "File."

Kuo described the book "simple, abstract diagrams about the ways that different bodies relate and fail to relate to each other." For the book, he takes the rhetorical perspective of whiteness to analyze the relationships between white people and people of color.

As an artist and a person who has experience working with technology, most of Kuo's work is created

and displayed on screens. For example, "File" is an interactive artwork that can only be accessed online in the form of a Keynote animation.

During his time at the center, Kuo's residency helped him make progress on his project and find time to focus on himself.

'My second day here, when I was sort of already knee-deep in reading and I was really enjoying myself, just being in the apartment and reading. And that made me realize that I was actually quite happy and feeling together with myself, and it's because of the space that they created," Kuo said.

The center's residents recognize every artist is in a different phase of their work and their life, which is why not every residency experience will be the

While one artist might spend their time finalizing a larger work, another might brainstorm ideas for a new project.

"Our residency is fairly unique because it's not meant to be a cookie-cutter sort of thing, so there's not one recipe for every residency," Executive Director of PS1 John Engelbrecht said.

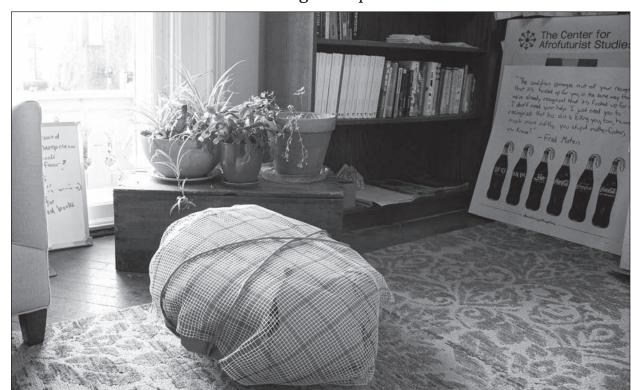
As well as providing artists with space and time to work or relax, PS1 helps artists create connections within the local community and beyond. Engelbrecht said these connections tend to be formed between artists and youthbased groups like G! World, a mentoring group for girls of color between 12-18 years old.

PS1 encourages every artist to hold at least one public event during their residency to facilitate these connections. Kuo gained publicity by visiting Grinnell College and speaking to students about

"It's really special to be able to have a local community to be able to interact with [the artists] in person, at least sometimes when that's possible, and to learn more about their work in a more direct way than you would just by looking at their website," PS1 Program Director Kalmia Strong said.

PS1 funds travel and provides a stipend for artists so they don't have to worry about money during their residency.

Today, the center is one of PS1's biggest programs,



An art piece from former resident Jonathan Gonzalez sits on the floor of the Center for Afrofuturist Studies Public Space One in Iowa City on Nov. 14.

and the two directly impact each other.

Engelbrecht said after founding the program, Duplan insisted on keeping it central to Iowa City instead of bringing it back to New York where he began a fellowship with the Museum of Modern Art and the Studio Museum in Harlem.

A program like the Center for Afrofuturist Studies was more unexpected in Iowa City than in New York, which drew more attention to it in a predominantly white space, Engelbrecht said.

The Center for Afrofuturist Studies is constantly expanding and reaching around the country by bringing in artists from across the U.S. like movement artist Jonathan González, who just arrived at Close House for his residency on Nov. 8.

The center also received a \$2,500 grant from the USA Today Network this year that will help fund their residencies.

Engelbrecht said the center has a larger reputation than PS1 itself because of the work it's been doing and the presence it has beyond Iowa City.

"I think it also is something that Iowa City can point to and be proud of, that there is this forward-looking organization that is really wanting the lives of people of color to be valued equally," Engelbrecht said.

The artists in residence focus on work revolving around racial and social justice. Giving them visi-

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Decorations and art are seen in the Center for Afrofuturist Studies Reading Room of Public Space One in Iowa City

bility is the beginning of equitable Afrofuturism an idea that is slowly taking root in Iowa City.

That's a hard stone to

lift and move because of systems and histories that are all intertwined, but there is a presence and there is a space, and so I

think in some ways the idea itself is really potent," Engelbrecht said.

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# The New Hork Times Crossword Edited by Will Shortz No. 1012

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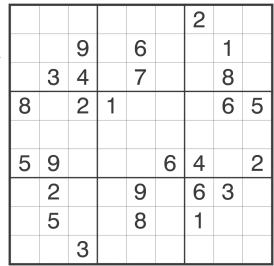
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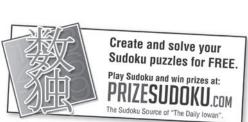
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# Carl Klaus garden to offer remembrance

The memorial will be located at the new Nonfiction Writing Program building and will pay tribute to its creator.

Stella Shipman Arts Reporter

A patio is lined with flowering hedges and neat rows of seedlings sweeping across a grassy stretch of yard. Sunlight dapples tables and Adirondack chairs through a shady pergola. A small fountain bubbles, dimming sounds of traffic from the nearby street.

This is the vision for the Carl Klaus memorial garden that will pay tribute to the founder of the University of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program. It will be located on the corner of North Clinton and Church streets, where the new Nonfiction Writing Program building is currently under construction.

Klaus died in February at 89 years old. His legacy lives on through the Nonfiction Writing Program and Iowa City's literary community.

The building's construction has been in development since 2008. Two weeks after the Nonfiction Writing Program signed a contract with the UI Dean's Office to break ground, the 2008 flood devastated Iowa City. Construction was delayed to prioritize the buildings lost in the flood.

Stanley Art Museum's completion in 2022, the last building affected by the flood, finally marked the beginning of construc-tion for the Nonfiction Writing Program building.

In spring 2022, the Non-fiction Writing Program held a fundraiser for the building. It was a successful endeavor, generating a high turnout and significant donations from nonfiction writing alumni. These funds helped drive construction forward on the building and the memorial garden, which both aim to be completed by fall

The opening of the garden and the building are expected to feature a program reunion that will bring together alumni do-nors and thank them for their funds.

The garden has been a key feature of the building since construction plans were first drawn. Former director of the Nonfiction Writing Program and nonfiction professor John D'Agata suggested the idea of a garden to Klaus, who

was an avid gardener. "Besides writing, gar-dening was his life," D'Ag-

> The garden's design was based on Klaus's specific interests as a gardener. Scott Gritsch, director of landscape services at the University of Iowa, ex-

plained the design in an

email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Carl was a traveler and seemed to enjoy time near water on the island of Kauai and the north shore of Lake Superior," Gritsch wrote. "So, the design of the garden takes into consideration seasonal color, from spring bulbs, flowering perennials in the summer, fall leaf color and interesting shapes of trees

for winter interest." The opening of the Nonfiction Writing Program building will provide a long-awaited space for students to learn and practice their craft with recognition of their merit. As an extension of that space, the garden will provide solace and inspiration for students.

Since the late 1990s, the Nonfiction Writing Program has been looking for a place to call its own.

It has been located in the UI's English and Philosophy Building for the last 50 years, but D'Agata said it has become insufficient for the program's needs.

'The program nationally is the top-ranked program in the country, and the students are extraordinary. And just as fiction and poetry students have a glorious space to do their work in, our students for 50 years have deserved the same thing, and they'll finally get it," D'Agata said.

The memorial garden will honor Klaus's contributions to the Nonfiction Writing Program as its founder and director, and it will provide a place for those who knew and loved him to remember him.

Hope Edelman, nonfiction writer and graduate of the Nonfiction Writing Program, is one such person. Klaus helped her

This way, anyone new who comes through the program who wasn't fortunate enough to know him or study with him will also continue to associate him with gardening.

-Hope Edelman, Nonfiction Writing Program graduate

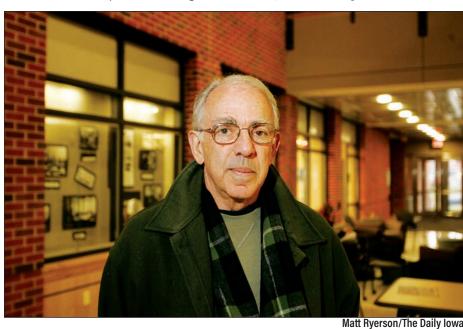
write her career-launching first book "Motherless Daughters." Orphaned at 6 years old, Klaus shared with Edelman the pain of losing a parent at an early age, which allowed him to help Edelman write about her own experiences in the

Edelman said Klaus was like a father figure to her from the time she arrived in Iowa City in 1989 until Klaus' passing. She visited Klaus in Iowa City every summer and often rode her bike to his house for dinner, which Klaus would

make with vegetables he had grown himself. She believes the memorial garden will be a wonderful

"This way, anyone new who comes through the program who wasn't fortunate enough to know him or study with him will also continue to associate him with gardening," Edelman said. "He loved Iowa; he loved its soil. He loved Iowa City, and so a memorial garden for him is per-

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Iowa Nonfiction Writing Program founder Carl Klaus stands inside Adler Journalism Building on March 27, 2006. Klaus, the founder of the University of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program, died in February.



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