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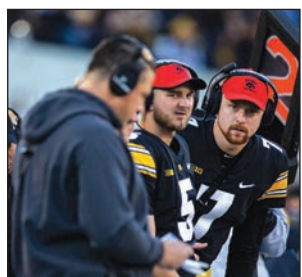
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Iowa City Community Police Review Board suggests revision to police misconduct ordinance

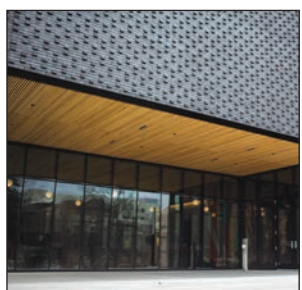
In the Iowa City City Council's Nov. 23 information packet, a memo from the Community Police Review Board contained a recommendation to revise an ordinance relating to filing complaints of alleged police misconduct.



Johnson County medical clinic files for bankruptcy after malpractice lawsuit

A jury awarded \$98 million to the parents of a newborn who suffered permanent brain damage in March after suing Mercy Hospital of Iowa City and Obstetric and Gynecologic Associates of Iowa City and Coralville.

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UI research finds long COVID-19 with X-rays

The model can detect abnormalities from long COVID-19 and classify patient subtypes.

Sofia Mamakos
News Reporter

University of Iowa researchers identified a new way to find effects of long COVID-19 like lung damage through 2D chest X-ray exams in a recent study involving UI Hospitals and Clinics patients.

Until now, patients experiencing long COVID-19

required a 3D CT scan to determine compromised lung function. UI researchers discovered a way to identify lung damage in participants using 2D X-ray images.

A CT is a scan that combines a series of X-ray images taken from different angles around the body.

Long COVID-19 is the continuation of the virus's symptoms after infection.

Nearly one in five American adults who have had COVID-19 continue to experience long COVID-19, according to a press release from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The resulting study, "Contrastive learning and subtyping of the post-COVID-19 lung computed tomography images," published online Oct. 11 in the

journal *Frontiers in Physiology*.

The UI study was based on 100 CT scans from participants at the UI Hospitals and Clinics who were originally infected with COVID-19 and continued to experience symptoms.

UI researchers plan on progressing this information by reproducing data from an increased number

of people with different variants of COVID-19 using the same approach.

Ching-Long Lin, UI professor and chair of the department of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, said, "The hope is to test the model more fully, so it can be used at hospitals and

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'I couldn't stand living in my own skin'

Advocates expect Iowa to continue to lead the nation in anti-trans legislation at the 2023 session.



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Attendees listen to speaker V Fixmer-Oraiz during a transgender rights protest at the Pentacrest on March 11. The protest started at South East Junior High School, went to Iowa City High School, and ended on the Pentacrest. Simon Reichel attended the protest.

Liam Halawith
Politics Reporter

Content Warning: This article mentions references to self-harm and suicide as well as mentions of transphobia.

Growing up in Dubuque, Iowa, Simon Reichel said he faced harassment and violence because of his identity. After coming out to his family and friends at 15 years old, he said his

parents verbally abused him for being a transgender male and called him the "antichrist."

Reichel said he didn't feel accepted by adults during his adolescence. He said, however, that he received support from friends and a handful of faculty members at his Catholic high school.

Now a recent graduate from the University of Iowa, Reichel found a welcoming and accepting

community in Iowa City, where he resides while working as a cook in the Hillcrest Residence hall during his post-graduation job search.

Reichel said he found a safe community, but he added that many transgender Iowans aren't so lucky.

In recent years, anti-transgender legislation and campaign rhetoric has increased among Republicans nationwide and

in Iowa.

Iowa Republicans in the 2022 legislative session introduced several bills that never made it to the governor's desk due to procedural rules. Such legislation would have banned medical gender-affirming measures like hormone replacement therapy and puberty blockers, restricted the use of public bathrooms at public schools to the facilities that align with

one's biological sex, and removed gender identity as a protected status from Iowa's civil rights code.

Iowa Republicans introduced 14 bills in total relating to transgender people.

While many of the bills failed to pass out of committee during the most recent legislative session, the handful of Republican legislators that introduced these bills won

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UI international student enrollment on decline

UI officials cite COVID-19, school safety in the U.S., and competition between institutions as causes.



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Iowa graduate Chinese student Muyun Lin takes a short water break between his workout at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center in Iowa City on Nov. 22.

Emily Nyberg
News Reporter

Following national trends, the number of international students

at the University of Iowa declined for the fifth year since 2017 — including a significant loss of Chinese students.

While the UI reported

4,011 international students in 2017 across all levels of education, the number fell to 2,176 in 2021, according to the university's 2021

international student and scholar statistics profile. Over the past five years, the number has steadily declined:

- There were 2,176

total international students in 2021.

- There were 2,509 total international students in 2020.
- There were 3,163 total international students in 2019.
- There were 3,665 total international students in 2018.
- There were 4,011 total international students in 2017.

The number of undergraduate international students also declined, while the number of graduate and professional-level students stayed consistent over the past five years.

Russell Ganim, UI associate provost and dean of International Programs, said the loss of Chinese international students, who make up 35 percent of UI international students, accelerated the student decline because of COVID-19.

In 2021, 777 students from China were enrolled at the UI, followed by India and South

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Featured photo | Party at the tailgate



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University of Iowa students Dalton Rippey, Andrew Schemmel, and Brad Swanson (left to right) shotgun beers before a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 25.

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Korea with 347 and 172 students, respectively. He said the UI was overly dependent on China for its international student population. China also built higher education infrastructure in recent years, Ganim said, which reduced the need for outsourced education. Muyun Lin, a UI student from China, completed his undergraduate degree in 2021 and is now pursuing a graduate degree in exercise physiology. Lin said he studied abroad because he wanted to see the world, and he chose the UI because of the program's quality and price.

While some international students chose to return home, Lin stayed at the UI during the pandemic. He said moving away from family was the most challenging part of his experience. "During COVID-19, some of my friends and my peers just went back to China," he said. "I cannot go back easily. I had to quarantine. I've lived here for a long time without going home, without my parents, my friends, my family." The decrease in international student enrollment is not only happening at the UI. Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa reported the same trend.

ISU reported 2,445 total international students in 2022 compared to 3,691 in 2018, according to data released this fall. International student enrollment at UNI fell from 480 in fall 2018 to 236 in fall 2021, according to enrollment reports from the state Board of Regents. Kristi Marchesani, UNI director of international recruitment and admissions, said COVID-19 played a significant role in the university's decline. "There are still major delays for students seeking visa appointments at the U.S. embassies and consulates," Marchesani said. "There continue to

be concerns about issues related to health and safety in the U.S. that lead to some students staying home for their education or seeing opportunities in other countries." **Global recruitment** Now, the UI is working to bring in more students from other countries and regions. Ganim said he recently visited the United Arab Emirates and Qatar and will soon visit Vietnam, Thailand, India, and Sub-Saharan Africa to recruit new students. "We try to make connections virtually first, and then we follow up with in-person visits if we can," he said. "We also have a student ambassador program here, so both domestic and international students here can share their experience with applicants abroad." Along with COVID-19 contributing to the decline in international students, safety concerns and gun violence also influenced the decrease, Ganim said. "When I was in the Middle East last month, this topic came up repeatedly," he said. "You are always going to

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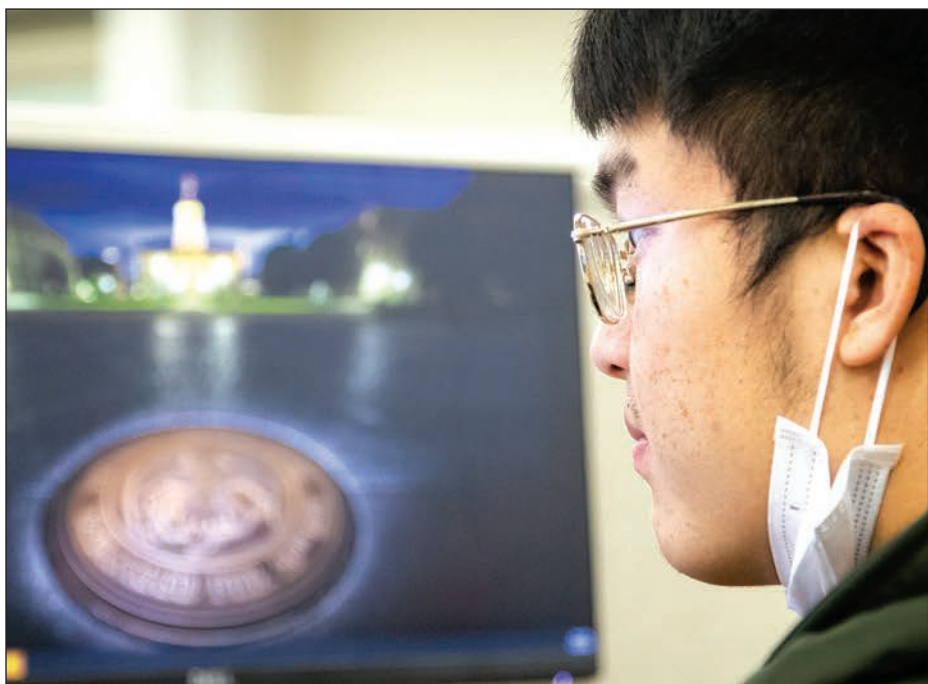
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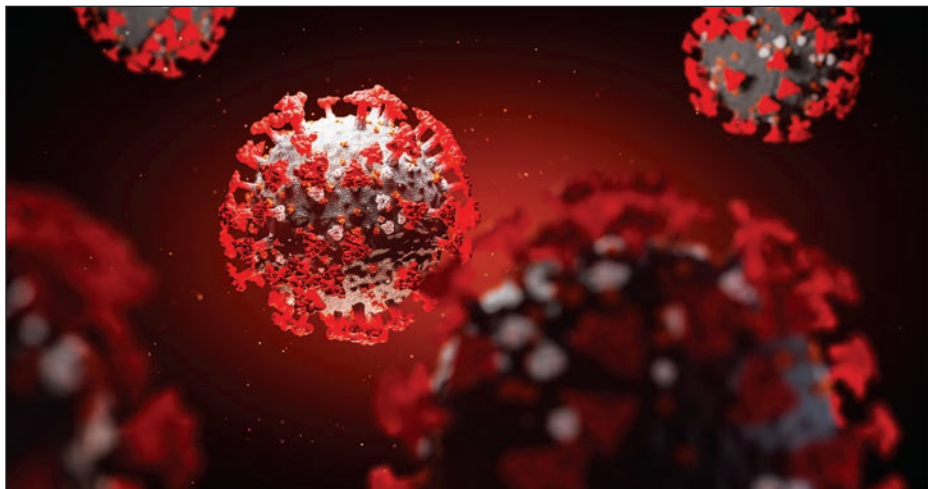
Iowa graduate Chinese student Muyun Lin looks at the computer screen for his research paper at the University of Iowa Main Library in Iowa City on Nov. 22.

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clinics that perform chest X-rays." The scans were done with the lungs at full inspiration and expiration — when the patients inhaled and exhaled — so researchers could determine abnormalities in the lungs and if participants were trapping air. Co-author of the study, Alejandro Comellas, said the team used the CT scans and deep learning methods to come across the same abnormalities using a scout scan. The study's goal was to find a new method to examine the lungs of long-COVID-19 patients that is more accessible and less costly. "A scout scan is just looking at your chest and your lungs, not as a 3D CT but closer to a 2D ray," Comellas said. The researchers used several types of techniques used in scientific-based studies including deep learning methods,

which are machine learning techniques that teach computers to do what comes naturally to humans. Lin said the methods used were contrastive learning, transfer learning, and artificial intelligence to create the model. Contrastive learning is a model that learns from composite 2D images constructed from 3D CT images to detect compromised lung function in long-COVID patients. Transfer learning involves using previous knowledge and skills in new problem-solving situations by conveying lung diagnostic information from a CT scan to a chest X-ray. "They were able to identify the people with lung abnormalities either in inflammation or air trapping," Comellas said. "They were able to reproduce what we're finding with CT scans and not require them to have this technology." Though the CT scan is more accurate with better

contrast and details, the technology required is expensive and inaccessible for some. Lin said the model means a 2D chest X-ray not only can reach similar conclusions but is easier to come across than a CT scan. "This is important because chest X-ray equipment is available, accessible, and less costly than CT scans," Lin said. Comellas and Lin said the model will have an effect on all patients who are suffering from long COVID-19, and it has implications for people globally as well as in the U.S. "The hope is to test the model more fully so that it can be used at hospitals and medical clinics that perform chest X-rays," said Lin. "Chest X-rays are more accessible at regular clinics, while CT is more accurate due to better sensitivity. Integration of the two models can combine advantages of both images." sofia-mamakos@uiowa.edu



be worried about safety and security. When you see reports of shootings and violence, it is hard to ignore it." Ganim added that international students are looking for schools with more prestige. "We always market ourselves as a school that is in the top two percent of institutions worldwide, but I think for some international students, they only want schools that are in the top 100 in the world," he said. "Iowa is close, but we are not at the level they are seeking."

Ganim said the UI's additional international recruiting efforts are working to rebuild the international student population and create a more diverse student body. "Our goal is to make this campus look more like the world," he said. "We owe it to ourselves as a globally engaged institution to interact as much as possible with people from all parts of the world. We all benefit greatly from that experience."

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JoCo law enforcement hires mental health liaison

Kieonna Pope will work with the agencies to respond to calls with signs of mental health crises and distress.

Emily Nyberg
News Reporter

Johnson County law enforcement will now be equipped with a mental health expert to assist in emergency situations.

Mental health liaison Kieonna Pope will work with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, the Coralville Police Department, and the North Liberty Police Department as a shared mental health liaison.

The position is a collaboration between the agencies and CommUnity Crisis Services — where Pope is employed. The collaboration was announced in a press release from the City of North Liberty on Nov. 7.

Pope will work with the agencies to respond to calls where there are signs of a mental health crisis and distress, the press release stated.

"The partnership will focus on providing increased access to mental health resources, diversion from hospitalization and jail, and other treatment services for individuals with mental illness or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders," the release states.

Pope will work out of the North Liberty Police Department and will be in contact with the other two agencies through phone and email.

Johnson County Sheriff Brad Kunkel said having one person across the three agencies will allow them to test the demand for the position in the area.

"This is brand-new, so obviously we don't know what the appropriate workload is for one person," he said. "We will continually monitor and evaluate the program as it develops over the next year. It's certainly possible that each agency could



The Johnson County Administration Building is seen on South Dubuque Street in Iowa City on Nov. 27.

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have its own liaison someday."

Kunkel said the position is funded by the East-Central Region's Disabled Mental Health Services, a government agency that receives funding from the state to serve the mental health needs of nine counties. After the first four years, the three departments will fund the position themselves.

Kunkel said there are two main reasons for bringing a mental health liaison into the agencies.

"It's yet another effort by local law enforcement to connect people in crisis with appropriate re-

sources and provide better outcomes over the long term," he said. "Second, we are looking to reduce the amount of contact law enforcement has with persons who really don't need a law enforcement response."

Johnson County, Coralville, and North Liberty are not the first police agencies to bring on a mental health liaison. Over the past five years, the role has been implemented in the Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, and Iowa City departments.

Kunkel said the three departments gave advice about adding a mental

health liaison into his department.

"I think the most important piece of advice I've received is making sure the right person is selected for the position," he said. "The key to success is making sure we have the right person for the job."

Joachim Seelos, Iowa City Police Department mental health liaison, was brought into the department in 2021.

Iowa City Police Department Sgt. Andrew McKnight said having a mental health liaison has benefited the department.

"One of the biggest im-

pacts that [Seelos] has had on our department is the increased ability to provide strong follow-up services to the people that he engages with," he said. "He is able to communicate with his clients after their crisis and then guide them to the appropriate level of service based on the types of things that are going on in their lives."

Seelos responded to 11 mental health calls on Nov. 16, McKnight said. He said the response of a mental health professional, rather than a uniformed police officer, helped with de-escalation at the scene of calls.

At the Iowa City Police Department, Seelos responds to calls that are determined to have no threat of criminality, McKnight said.

"Let's just say we're dealing with a call on behalf of a student or friend who articulated on Facebook that they were depressed and considering suicide," he said. "If we can ascertain that there are no weapons and there is no threat, it is an opportunity for the public to receive a response to a mental health crisis without police involvement."

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More UI colleges require sustainability courses

Two UI colleges added a sustainability course requirement for future semesters.



The Old Capitol is seen on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City on April 14.

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Archie Wagner
News Reporter

The University of Iowa College of Public Health and College of Education added a sustainability general education course requirement for next year's incoming undergraduate students.

Students in the colleges will take one course from the sustainability general education offerings starting next fall. Courses were requested by UI students over the years to learn more about sustainability issues like climate change and biodiversity loss.

Isabella Mullins, UI Undergraduate Student Government director of sustainability, said at the USG Nov. 15 meeting that the

colleges will implement sustainability courses in the future.

Earlier this year, USG voted to support the adoption of the sustainability general education requirement.

Mullins wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that she's consistently heard conversations about a sustainability general education course requirement since entering the UI as a freshman in 2019, but action on the idea did not progress until the 2022 UI Strategic Plan.

"A key aspect of the plan was 75 percent of undergraduate students will take a sustainability-related course by 2027. Since this announcement, I believe this really kick-started the creation of the gener-

al education requirement across all undergraduate colleges," she wrote.

For example, the University of Virginia started requiring a sustainability general education course in 2015.

Other colleges such as the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities structure graduation requirements by mandating that students take courses in four out of five topic areas that include the environment and science and technology to contribute to an understanding of sustainability.

Mullins wrote that the sustainability general education course requirement will change based on each UI college.

"The process for adapt-

ing the gen ed differs by college, as each college has different requirements," Mullins wrote. "Across the board, the requirement would be added onto a previously existing general education course."

Mullins wrote that the College of Public Health will implement the sustainability general education course next fall based on the existing model of the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The number of students taking sustainability courses will increase with the change.

Director of the UI Office of Sustainability and the Environment Stratis Giannakouros said only students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

— about 70 percent of all undergrad students — are currently required to take a sustainability course.

"I think that when you operationalize that a bit more, you end up thinking more about questions of equity and what are we trying to sustain and for whom," he said. "There's also opportunities inside the classroom, so we think about the campus as a living laboratory where students can experiment and learn, but we can also make progress toward being more sustainable."

A sustainability general education course is not necessarily an introduction to an environment course, he said, because sustainability involves thinking about systems

and the broader impacts of those systems.

"When you go into a company or a nonprofit and you look at the organization ... you learn to think about what are the unintended consequences of an action? How does that entity interact with the broader community?" he said.

Giannakouros said the course requirement will help students learn about the environment and its impacts as a whole.

"Teaching those kinds of systems principles teaches you a way of thinking that transcends thinking about perhaps a particular environmental challenge," he said.

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their reelection by a landslide.

In the 2022 legislative session, over 130 bills in over 30 states were introduced in the state legislative bodies that are considered anti-transgender by the Equality Federation.

With a rising number of anti-transgender laws moving through legislative bodies around the country, many transgender youths are feeling unsafe in their communities.

Among transgender youth nationally, 37 percent reported having been threatened or harmed because of their gender identity, according to the Trevor Project, a national LGBTQ+ advocacy group.

Conservative politicians are playing to their base as they advance discriminatory messages and legislation in Iowa. After a bill that banned transgender females from participating in high school and public collegiate sports, *The Des Moines Register* conducted an Iowa poll looking at Iowans' opinions on the bill.

The poll found that 46 percent of Iowans favored the law, 45 percent opposed it, and 9 percent of Iowans surveyed were undecided. The poll also found that the law was largely split down party lines, with 72 percent of Republicans supporting the bill, and 77 percent of Democrats opposing the bill.

In states led by conservative statehouses, lawmakers have advanced legislation that bans gender-affirming treat-

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ment — such as hormone replacement therapy, puberty blockers, and gender-affirming surgery — from transgender people under the age of 18.

But advocates for transgender youth legislation are quick to point out that without such support, individuals who identify as transgender are more likely to self-harm.

A study by the Trevor Project published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* found that gender-affirming hormone treatment in transgender people under 18 years old was associated with a 40 percent decrease in the likelihood of having



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A transgender flag pokes out of an attendee's pocket during a transgender rights protest at the Pentacrest on March 11. The protest started at South East Junior High School, went to Iowa City High School, and ended on the Pentacrest.

attempted suicide in the past year.

"If they are denied medical transitioning, they have to watch their body go through the things that they do not associate with or feel comfortable with," Reichel said. "It's frustrating when [legislators] make decisions for kids' bodies when they are people themselves and they will have to live with the choices of the adults around them."

Without medical options for gender-affirming measures, many transgender youths will endure more gender dysphoria. According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, gender dysphoria is psychological distress caused by a person having a mismatch between their biological sex and their gender identity.

According to a report published in June by the University of California's William Institute, 1.6 million people over the age of 18 identify as transgender in the U.S. The DSM found that less than 1 percent of all people experience gender dysphoria.

"It's more than being uncomfortable. It's a deep-seated knowledge that you and the body that you inhabit do not match," Reichel said. "Back in high school when I was really struggling, I wanted to die because I could not stand that deep discomfort — because I couldn't stand living in my own skin."

Advocates say anti-transgender messaging isn't new. Rather, it's part of a more significant national trend of conservative candidates increasing rhetoric surrounding gender — mainly in the name of parental rights, — during this last election cycle.

Iowa Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, Sen. Sandy Salmon, Iowa House Majority Leader Matt Windschitl, and Iowa House Speaker Pat

Grassley did not respond to multiple requests for comment from *The Daily Iowan* via phone calls and email messages over the course of two weeks.

Cram: "Trans-Antagonism" is a trend nationally and it's harmful to transgender individuals

E Cram, University of Iowa associate professor of communication studies and gender, women's and sexuality studies, said conservative narratives that spread misconceptions about gender and purposefully misgender transgender individuals are harmful.

They said rhetoric con-

Reichel said that defining gender and sex in simplistic terms leaves out people who are intersex and who have biological markers of male and female sexes.

Cram added that this rhetoric has put transgender individuals in danger, increasing public misconceptions about gender, and increasing anti-trans sentiment that can even bubble over to cisgender people who don't fit traditional gender norms.

"A cisgender woman who is androgynous or masculine-presenting in the bathroom, there are a lot of stories about those women being harassed

der identity at public institutions, including K-12 schools, community colleges, and state Board of Regents-controlled universities.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed the bill into law in March, applauding the legislation. She said allowing transgender females to participate in girls' and women's sports would provide an "unfair advantage" to those players, claiming transgender women have a biological advantage over cisgender women.

"Great things happen when women have access to the fair and equal playing field they deserve," Reynolds said. "But what

significant. Eric Vilain, the director of the University of California's Center for Gender-Based Biology, told National Public Radio that testosterone or male genetics do not contribute significantly to a difference in ability in sports.

Other legislation was introduced during the last session of the Iowa legislature that would have restricted and penalized doctors for providing gender-affirming care to minors. Damian Thompson, the director of public policy at Iowa Safe Schools, said this care is life-saving — restricting or putting undue burdens on this care can



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Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds speaks during a watch party for Iowa Republicans on Election Day at the Hilton Downtown in Des Moines on Nov. 8. In a campaign commercial released on Oct. 31, Reynolds said, "Here in Iowa, we know right from wrong, boys from girls, and liberty from tyranny."

cerning the definition of gender and sex in very limited ways can put legal and social roadblocks in the way of transgender people.

"We see in some of these bills that states are over-defining what a woman is or what a man is, or something like that using anatomical language," Cram said. "We see this multi-stage movement meant to concretize the way that we think about gender and sex in very limited ways — in really concerning ways."

For example, Iowa Republicans introduced several bills during the 2022 legislative session that would define access to public restrooms and facilities based on a person's biological sex.

Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives introduced a resolution in May that defines gender by biological sex. Republicans called the bill a "Women's Bill of Rights," and spread the misconception that transgender women sexually assault or abuse women in female restrooms.

A Williams Institute Study found that there is no link between gender inclusivity in bathroom access and violence toward women.

and saying you don't belong here, and it's kind of escalating," Cram said.

For instance, a video on TikTok recently went viral where a cisgender woman who presents with more masculine traits was harassed by another

would it say about a commitment to this principle if we let actual playing fields — the courts, fields, rinks, pools and tracks of youth and collegiate sports — be tilted in favor of biological males with inherent physical advan-

result in consequences for transgender youth.

Cram said they are observing two long-term objectives from the GOP regarding discriminatory legislation.

"One is to remove trans people from public life. The second is to criminalize trans health care," Cram said. "In the context of Iowa, the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics is the largest provider to Iowans and to many people outside of Iowa. It would have a cascade effect, basically, for not just minors seeking care, but also for adults seeking care."

Cram said conservatives' efforts to ban gender-affirming health care come from a false notion that it is abundant and easy to obtain this care. Cram said the truth is the opposite for transgender people in Iowa. University of Iowa Health Care is the only provider of gender-affirming surgery for transgender women in Iowa.

During the last legislative session, Salmon, a Janesville Republican, introduced the bill that would ban gender-affirming care for transgender youth in Iowa, but the bill failed.

“ We see in some of these bills that states are over-defining what a woman is or what a man is or what a man is, or something like that using anatomical language.

— E Cram, UI associate professor of communication studies and gender, women, and sexuality studies.

woman about her gender identity.

Cram said legislation looking to restrict or define gender and transgender identities is harmful and doesn't accurately define the human experience even for cisgender people.

Rhetoric turns into discriminatory legislation

During the last legislative session, Iowa led the nation with 14 bills introduced that discriminated against transgender people.

They included a bill banning transgender women and girls from participating in sports teams that align with their gen-

tages?"

Leah Thomas, a transgender woman competing on the University of Pennsylvania's swimming team, garnered national attention after claiming the NCAA Division I title. Thomas' participation and success brought up conversations about fairness in women's sports. Advocates for restricting transgender women's participation in sports claim transgender women have a biological advantage over cisgender females because of their biological sex.

Experts say that these alleged advantages don't have any scientific basis, rather any data on the subject isn't statistically



Contributed photo of Simon Reichel

Simon Reichel attended the transgender rights protest in Iowa City on March 11. Reichel came out as a transgender male at age 15 and experienced verbal abuse from their family.



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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 on Nov. 8. Hinson is a co-sponsor of the Parental Bill of Rights Act, which would require schools to post their curriculum publicly and to inform parents of their rights to review the school's budget and curriculum.

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Conservatives have pushed legislation surrounding parental rights in education in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Iowa Statehouse. U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa, is a co-sponsor of the Parental Bill of Rights act, which would require schools to post their curriculum publicly and to inform parents

have a constitutional interest in the care, and control of their child and not notifying parents of the plan would violate this precedent. A motion for a preliminary injunction was denied by a federal court judge in late October. An appeal is set to be heard in the U.S. Court Appeals in February of 2023. "Importantly, the district will not tell parents whether their child has requested or been given

must also train staff on bullying and harassment surrounding gender identity.

Linn-Mar's policy elicited public outrage from some parents and Republican politicians, including Hinson and Reynolds. Hinson and Reynolds both won reelection by wide margins.

Jordan Mix, the director of educational programming at Iowa Safe Schools,

a nonprofit invested in ensuring safe spaces for students in Iowa, said in an interview with the *DI* that the policy is exactly what is required from schools under Iowa civil rights protections.

Mix said the policy was created to help transgender students feel safe at school and to ensure their right to privacy.

The policy was not created by Iowa Safe Schools.

Iowa GOP candidates campaigned on gender politics

Hinson, the first-term congresswoman from Marion, has highlighted the issue in her campaign with multiple campaign commercials and frequent remarks regarding the Linn-Mar controversy in her campaign speeches.

During a campaign rally on Oct. 8 in Mason City, Hinson remarked on the policy, repeatedly using misgendered language when talking about the policy, rallying the crowd, and eliciting applause from the room of supporters.

"[Linn-Mar school district] passed a policy that allows for a boy to go to school and say that he wants to be a girl and then use the girls' bathroom,

“And the kicker is they're not going to tell the parents. So I think that's inherently wrong. As a parent, we should be deciding what's best for the well-being and mental health of our children — not the schools — and they've clearly decided that they know better.

— Ashley Hinson, Iowa's 2nd District U.S. representative

girls locker room — even room with a girl on an overnight field trip if they so choose," Hinson said.

Hinson, a mother of two young boys who attend the Linn-Mar school district, said the policy keeps the plan a secret from parents, emphasizing her support of parental rights in education.

"And the kicker is they're not going to tell the parents. So I think that's inherently wrong. As a parent, we should be deciding what's best for the well-being and mental health of our children — not the schools — and they've clearly decided that they know better," she said. "But what do we know — Parents matter, kids belong to parents, kids don't belong to the government — and we have to stand up and stand against those trying to blur the line and indoctrinate our kids."

Reynolds released a campaign commercial on Oct. 31 — about a week ahead of the end of the midterm election — where she painted a bright picture of Iowa as the forefront of the American dream.

In the commercial, Reynolds also said, "Here in Iowa, we know right from wrong, boys from girls, and liberty from tyranny."

In response, Ross Wilburn, the chair of the Iowa Democratic Party, posted a tweet highlighting the implications Reynolds' comments have on transgender Iowans.

Pat Garrett, Reynolds' campaign communications director, wrote in an email to the *DI* that the commercial highlights Iowa's achievements compared to Washington D.C. politicians.

"The latest ad focuses on the state's shared principles of faith, freedom, hard work, and the opportunity to succeed. It also spotlights that, unlike Washington D.C., Iowa

gets things done," Garrett wrote in an emailed statement to the *DI*. "Whether it's protecting girls' sports for girls, passing historic tax cuts, or bucking most of the country by keeping kids in school and businesses open during the pandemic, Gov. Reynolds and Iowa Republicans lead with common sense."

As Iowa approaches its first-in-the-nation caucus in 2024 and presidential candidates begin campaigning throughout the state, all eyes will be on Iowa to lead the nation in who becomes the country's next leader.

Democrats first-in-the-nation status is up-in-the-air as the Democratic National Committee considers the order of their primary elections for 2024. A decision is expected in early 2023.

However, Republicans are keeping their first-in-the-nation status for now. These policies could be a testing ground for Republican candidates.

Thompson said he saw an increase in anti-trans campaign commercials this election cycle.

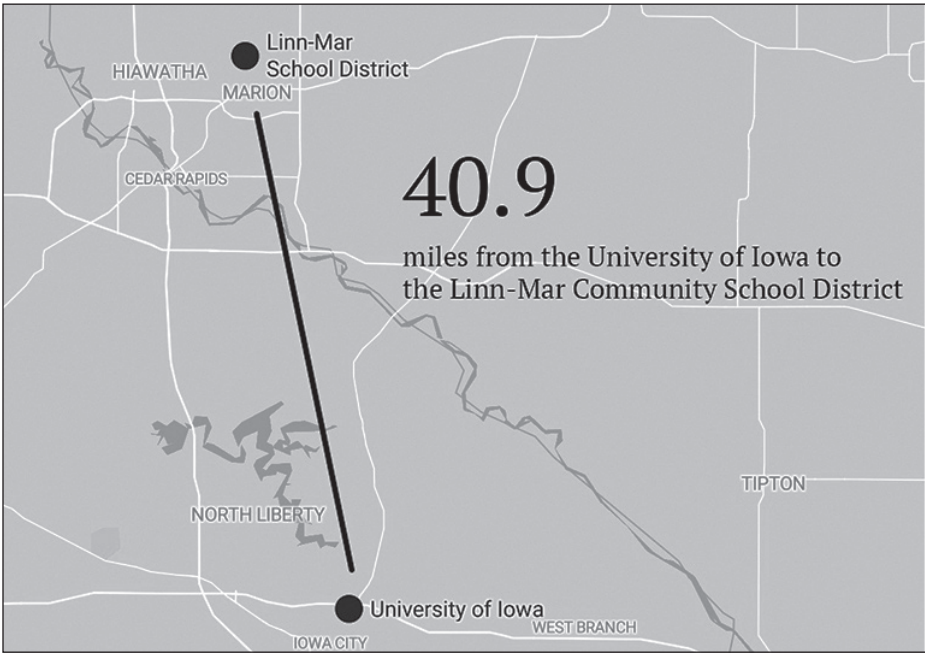
"Whether it's the anti-trans ads that we're seeing this electoral cycle or anti-trans legislation being introduced at the Statehouse, Iowa has been a leader in the last couple of years for the number of anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in the whole country," Thompson said.

Reichel, in turn, said the campaign season spread misconceptions and misinformation about transgender people. He is concerned that the takeaway will ultimately hurt fellow transgender people.

"They decided to have a harmful rhetoric for the sake of catering to a very specific niche," Reichel said. "They want to cater to conservatives who are worried about trans people in media and their kids becoming trans."

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Location of Linn-Mar Community School District



Infographic by Jami Martin-Trainor

of their rights to review the school's budget and curriculum. The law also requires schools to make a list of all books in the school's library.

This would restrict educators' abilities to perform social-emotional learning regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.

Iowa Republicans won a super-majority in the Iowa Senate and expanded their majority in the House. With their stronghold over the Statehouse, Republicans are likely to introduce legislation that would restrict the rights of transgender Iowans, Thompson said.

Linn-Mar's Gender Support Plans prompt legal dispute

In April, the Linn-Mar school board voted 5-2 to approve a new policy that would codify existing support plans and civil rights protections in the district's policy. The school district now has the ability to implement gender support plans. Gender support plans are documents that outline

a gender support plan, whether the child has made requests or actions have been taken concerning their gender identity, or whether it has any other information that would reveal the child's transgender status," the lawsuit alleges, according to official court documents. "Indeed, the policy openly encourages children to deceive their parents by hiding the name and pronouns they are using at school."

The Iowa City Community School District passed a similar measure in April 2018. Other school districts around Iowa align with the Iowa Department of Education policy on the topic. Iowa's equal rights protections for transgender students are based on Iowa code 216.9. According to *The Gazette*, the agency outlines a few key rights protecting transgender students:

- Students have a right to keep their gender identity private at school, and the school district is not allowed to disclose this information without the student's permission.
- Students can specify their preferred pronouns and name without legally changing their names.
- Students have access to locker rooms, bathrooms, and showers that align with their gender identity. Students cannot be forced to use facilities that do not align with their identity.
- School districts must include gender identity among the protected statuses in their non-discrimination policies. Districts

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Linn-Mar's school board voted to approve a new policy to support trans youth in school.

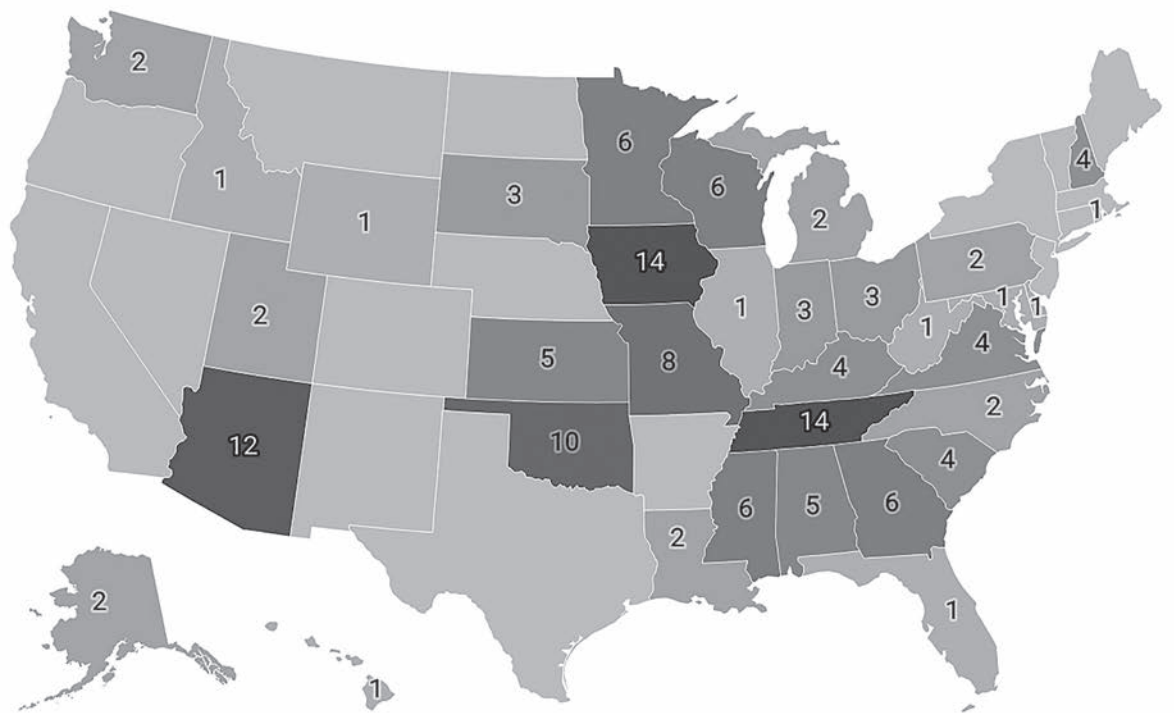
students' preferred names and pronouns. It also includes details about who knows about their gender identity and preferred name and pronouns.

Parents Defending Education, a national parental rights group, is suing Linn-Mar over the policy specifically because it does not notify parents.

The lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court in August argued that parents

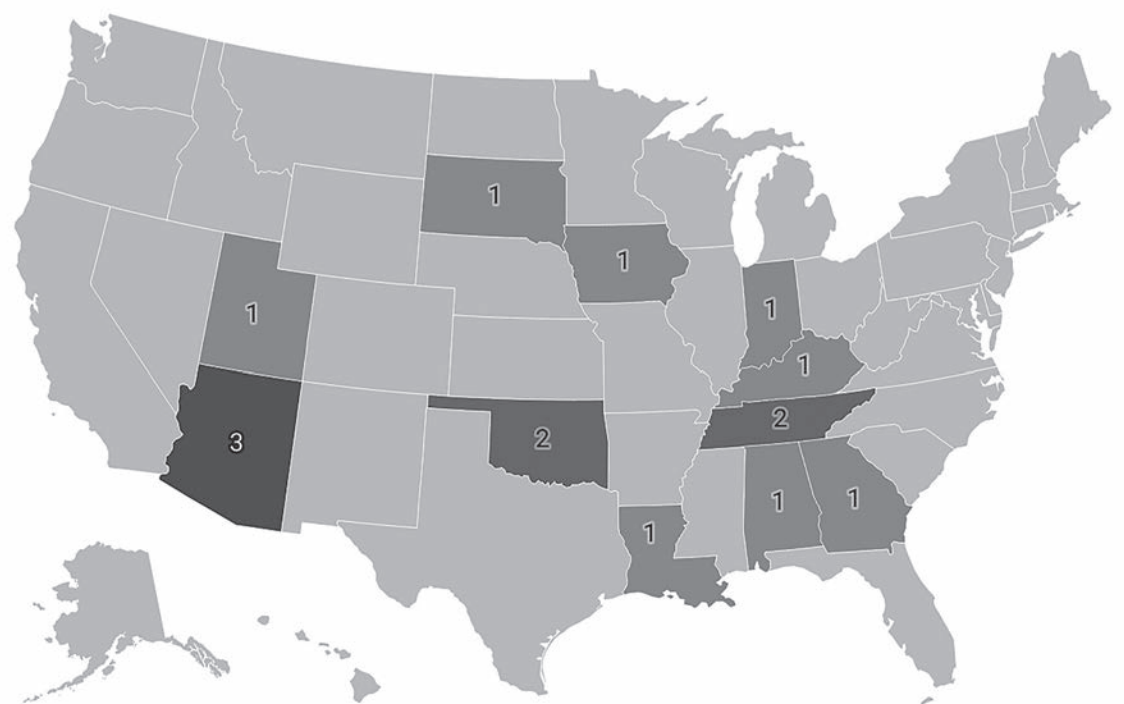
Anti-trans bills introduced in 2022

Anti-transgender legislation has been introduced all over the country in 2022, mainly in Republican-led states. Iowa ties with Tennessee for the most bills, at 14.



Number of anti-trans bills passed in 2022

Arizona led the pack in the number of anti-transgender legislation passed in 2022. Most of the bills in Iowa never made it out of committee.



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Opinions

'Yea' to assault weapons ban

Recent mass shootings reaffirm the need to ban semi-automatic assault weapons.



Sophia Meador
Opinions Editor

I was in the fifth grade when Adam Lanza shot and killed 20 Sandy Hook Elementary School students and six teachers in Newtown, Connecticut.

That is my first memory of gun violence. Now, almost 10 years later, mass shootings happen on a regular basis. Graphics with the names of gun violence victims pop up on our social media feeds, and mass shootings at schools, shopping centers, or restaurants circulate the evening news.

Since the second amendment to the U.S. constitution was ratified in 1791, the musket has evolved to the AR-15 platform rifle. We need to stop pretending that we're living in the days of the founding fathers. Firearms have changed with the times, and we must too.

This year will likely be the second deadliest year for gun violence on record in the U.S., according to the Gun Violence Archive Organization. This year,

over 35,000 people have been injured, and over 18,000 have died from gun violence. The number of deaths includes over 1,500 individuals under the age of 15.

The U.S. can't sit tight and wait for states to adopt progressive gun control measures while mass shootings happen on an almost daily basis. The federal government needs to act and ban semi-automatic assault weapons.

In November, Iowa voted to add the right to keep and bear arms to state constitution. The same month, seven people in Chesapeake, Virginia; four people in Hennessey, Oklahoma; five people in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and four people in Richmond, Virginia were killed by gun violence, reports the Gun Violence Archive Organization.

The last time the U.S. imposed a ban on semi-automatic firearms was in 1994. Former President Bill Clinton signed the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act on Sept. 13, 1994. The ban prohibited the manufacture, transfer, or possession of semiautomatic assault weapons. Clinton's act expired in 2004.

This past year, the U.S. House of Representatives

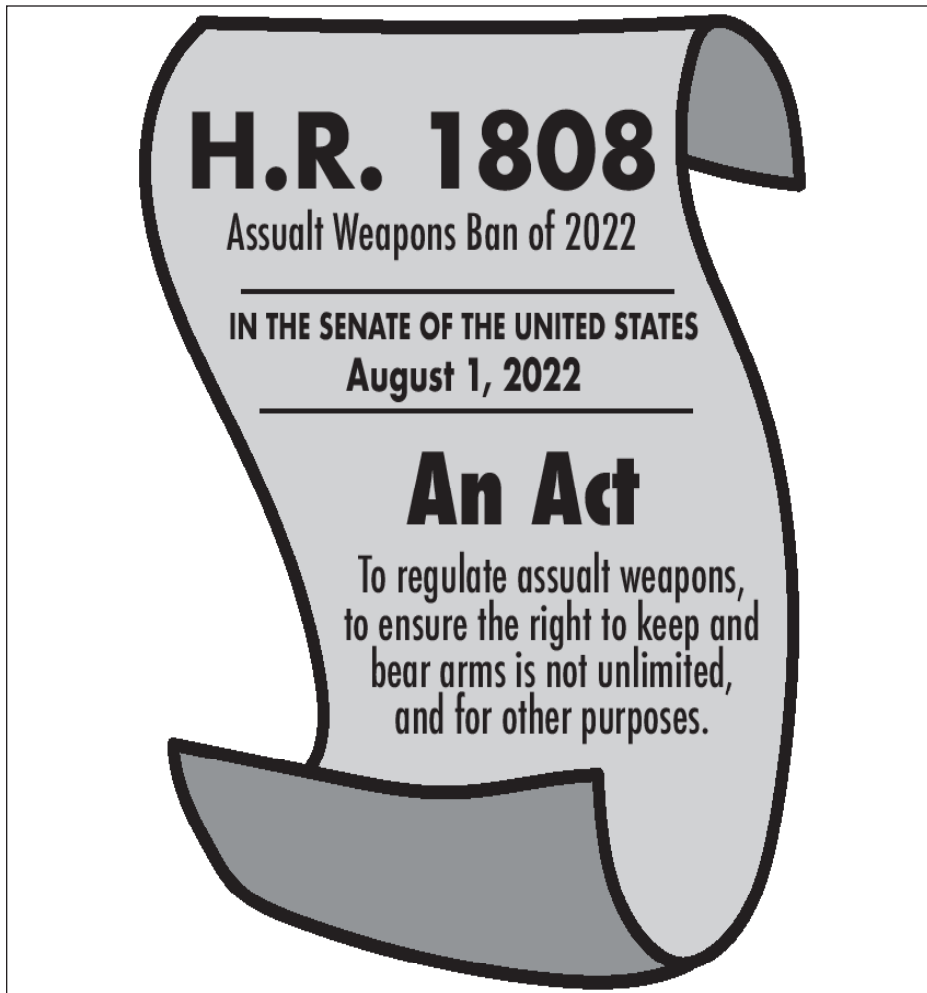
passed the Assault Weapons Ban of 2022. The bill would attempt to regulate assault weapons and ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited. The bill also includes expansive language on what constitutes a semi-automatic assault weapon.

The bill must be passed by the Senate before President Joe Biden can sign it into law.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, voted against the 1994 Act. In June, he voted against the bipartisan Safer Communities Act and will most likely vote against any attempt to ban semi-automatic weapons.

Unlike Grassley, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, voted for the Safer Communities Act and has voiced more willingness to negotiate with Democrats on laws to safeguard communities. As a firm defender of second amendment rights, it seems unlikely that Ernst would support a ban on semi-automatic weapons.

It's true; bans on semi-automatic assault weapons will not end all gun violence in the U.S. Yes, this law would have endless legal battles in state courts, especially in Iowa. But gun violence is an issue, and banning semi-automatic assault



Infographic by Sophia Meador

weapons is one solution. The next mass shooting could be on the University of Iowa campus or in the Iowa City Community School District. We

need to do everything in our power to protect our communities, even if that means giving up some of our rights.

I urge you to voice sup-

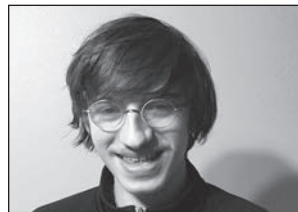
port for the Assault Weapons Ban of 2022 and call on our senators to support this act.

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Sharing Gratitude ☺

Showing Gratitude: Giving thanks to Iowa City

In the fourth edition of the four-part series, Opinions contributor Luke Krchak expresses his gratitude.



Luke Krchak
Opinions Contributor

Iowa City: It has a ring to it that has never left my mind.

Several places in Iowa City hold a special place in my heart, from the Fourth of July fireworks over the Old Capital, to eating at Pagliai's Pizza once a month, and to moving from the kids' section at Prairie Lights to the history section on the main floor.

I have been fortunate to visit big cities across the country. Still, no area compares to my hometown Iowa City. In the fourth and final edition of the series, I want to express my gratitude and thankfulness for Iowa City.

As an Iowa City native, I have grown up on the University of Iowa campus.

I have fond memories of visiting the UI Natural History Museum in fourth and fifth grade. The whole museum was closed, and the lights were turned off. The museum had a different perspective at night. We toured the museum wearing mining helmets with flashlights.

These memories at the museum inspired me to pursue the museum studies program at the UI.

I am grateful for my educational journey through the Iowa City Community School District. I got to see my friends grow up alongside me. While a few moved over time, the connections I made with the ones that were fortunate enough to stay were lifelong.

When I was at Northwest Ju-



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The University of Iowa Museum of Natural History is seen on May 2.

nior High, I got low grades. At the time I loved school, just as I do today, but I was never motivated to do homework.

My junior high geography teacher, Kurt Crock, told my parents and I a simple, but meaningful, sentiment: "I believe in Luke."

That short statement made me want to do better in school. I was holding myself back, and if I tried my hardest, I could do whatever I put my mind to.

Freshman year, I went to West High School and fell back to old

"Iowa City is not just another place to me. It is the place that helped me grow into the person I am today.

habits. I was getting B's and C's in class, but I just couldn't get myself to do the homework. This changed when my brother went to college.

My father and I went to Hawkeye Visit Days on campus in 2018. My father and brother went to the engineering sessions at the event, while my mother and I went to different sessions.

The first event was in the history department, where I am now, and the second one was in geography. I met Colin Gordon, a UI history professor, and saw what I could learn.

This reinvigorated my spark from Junior High. My grades went up, but more importantly I had a clear goal of where I wanted to be: UI

Iowa City is not just another place to me. It is the place that helped me grow into the person I am today.

As the final piece of the grat-

itude series, I would like us all to give thanks to the places that have been there for myself and others. Iowa City has helped us, UI Students, reach the goals and dreams we never thought possible.

Thank you, Iowa City, thank you.

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The UI needs seizure first-aid training

Seizure first aid should be taught on UI campus.



Yasmina Sahir
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After a 2018 surgery to remove the growing brain tumor in the right anterior lobe of my brain, my neurosurgeon warned my risk of seizures would remain high in my surgical recovery, remission, and tumor-free stages of my medical journey.

I have always had one concern: If I seize in public without in public without a close friend nearby, will bystanders be more concerned with taking photos of an embarrassing moment, or will people know what to do that could potentially save my or another person's life?

The University of Iowa should start requiring first-aid training in their orientation services for all students when they enroll in their first semester. Similar to the teaching process for alcohol poisoning, including quick instructions in video format could be a lifesaving measure one day.

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder that affects approximately 1.2 percent of the U.S. adult population and is the fourth most common neurological condition in the country, according to the Epilepsy Foundation. It is estimated that one in every 26 people will experience a seizure in their lifetime.

That means over 1,200 of the total 31,317 student population on the UI campus are potentially at risk of seizing in their adult lives.

While walking across campus on Nov. 10, I witnessed a young adult having a grand mal seizure on the crosswalk of Iowa Avenue and Clinton Street.

Several students chose to stand around, staring and taking photos. Others stepped in, bravely handling the situation by making sure emergency services arrived and proper seizure first aid was administered.

Seizure conditions are diagnosed for a variety of reasons. Epilepsy, brain tumors, and diabetes can all

lead to a person experiencing seizure-like symptoms.

Until I was forced to understand the ins and outs of seizure aid, I was unaware of how easy first aid in these scenarios can be.

My classmate asked me last week what she should do if I ever were to seize in front of her. This question caused me to pause, as she was the first person — outside of legally obligated professors — to ask me about lifesaving measures in the case of an emergency.

But the burden of seizure education should not be placed on those who must navigate a non-seizure friendly world in the first place.

The first step in seizure first aid is to stay with the seizing individual until they are conscious. Alert nearby medical personnel, or call 911. If the seizure lasts longer than three minutes, especially if the five-minute mark passes, the seizure should be considered a medical emergency.

Another point of seizure advocacy that should be taught by UI during orientation is to remind students peer pressure has no place on campus. Not all college students will be able to drink, watch flashy horror movies, or attend concerts with strobe lighting amongst other activities that can be seizure inducing.

It is important to avoid peer pressuring your friends when they say they can't do something. Whether or not they have an "obvious" disability, no one owes anyone else a more detailed answer than "no" to an activity that places them in potentially risky situations.

The UI should provide the entire student population with information on seizure first aid and advocate for safe campus environments for all students.

To the student who seized on Nov. 10, I hope you are okay and know you aren't alone.

To the students who make a mockery out of other peoples' medical emergencies, be better humans.

To the students who step in and advocate for their peers with chronic illnesses and life-threatening conditions, thank you.

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Trial for former UI student pushed to March 2023

Ali Younes, 19, was charged with first-degree robbery, first-degree theft, and attempted murder.



The Johnson County Courthouse is seen on South Clinton Street in Iowa City on Nov. 27.

Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

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The trial for former University of Iowa student Ali Younes was pushed back from its original Dec. 6 date. It will now be held on March 28, 2023, at the Johnson County Courthouse and is estimated to last three days, according to court documents filed on Nov. 18.

Younes, 19, was a first-year student at the UI from August 2021 until his arrest in April 2022.

He was first arrested after allegedly strangling a woman and stealing her earrings outside of the UI Art Building West in April. According to the criminal complaint, Younes tackled the victim to the ground and rendered her unconscious. When witnesses interrupted Younes as he stood over the victim's body, Younes told them that "she was walking and passed out." He then ran away after he said he would call the police.

Police later obtained a search warrant and found both Younes and the stolen earrings at Younes' girlfriend's house.

He was issued a criminal trespass warning for the UI campus at the time, according to a police report.

Other reports and complaints to the UI before arrest

Several complaints were made against Younes to the UI Department of Public Safety before his arrest. He was accused of stalking, sexual assault, and sexual harassment four times, all of which happened at Slater Residence Hall.

Younes was first reported to UIPD on Oct. 4, 2021, by a female student who lived on his floor for harassment, according to police records. The second report was made by a first-year female student for allegedly sexually assaulting her in his dorm room.

The third and fourth reports were made by a UI employee in compliance with the Clery Act to compliance officials in UIPD for stalking.

The Clery Act was signed in 1990 to make sure transparency is provided by colleges and universities about campus crime.

He was also reported for a physical altercation to University Housing and dining by his first-year roommate Al Zukowski. After Zukowski reported the incident to his resident assistant on Aug. 29, 2021, he never heard anything about the report's status, as previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*.

Current accusations against Younes

Younes currently faces three charges:

- First-degree robbery, which is a Class B felony.
- First-degree theft, which is a Class C felony.
- Attempted murder, which is a Class B felony.

He is pleading not guilty to all three charges, according to court documents. Younes was originally only charged with first-degree robbery and first-degree theft and was later also charged with attempted murder, according to court documents.

According to a document from the Legislative

Services Agency of Iowa, Class B felonies are punishable by up to 25 years in prison. Class C felonies

are punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$13,660.

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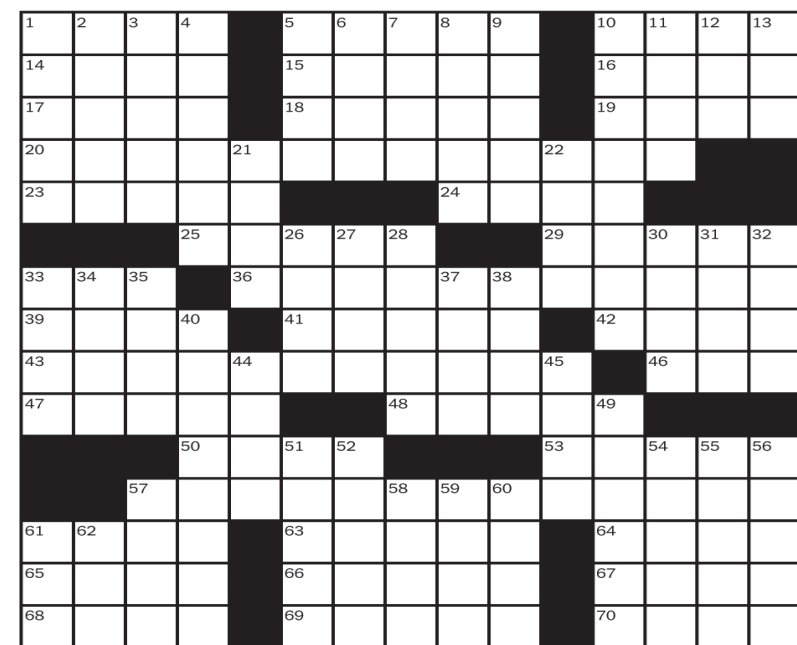
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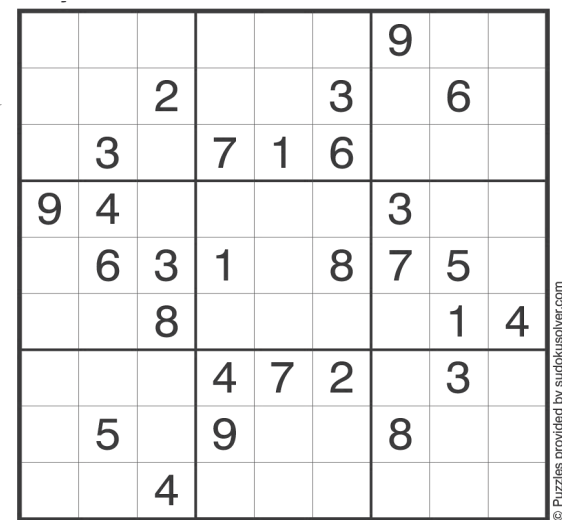
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- 1 Feudal laborers
- 2 Love, Italian-style
- 3 Bite playfully, as a puppy might
- 4 Surgical tubes
- 5 "Parasite" co-star ___ Woo-shik
- 6 Many modern Christmas bulbs, in brief
- 7 Monthly util. bill
- 8 Event lasting 40 days and nights in the Bible
- 9 Pacific nation whose name becomes a dance if its vowels are switched
- 10 Annual football game between rival military academies
- 11 Actor Gooding Jr.
- 12 Spill the ___ (gossip)
- 13 Picks out of a lineup, say
- 21 Like Yale since 1969
- 22 Prefix that means "everything"
- 26 Concern for a speech therapist
- 27 Lead-in to physics
- 28 Audibly shocked
- 30 Airplane ticket info
- 31 River that divides Florence
- 32 Summer camp setting
- 33 Snapchat and Instagram, for two
- 34 Sketched
- 35 Extinct bird that wasn't really "dumb"
- 37 Killer whale
- 38 Genuine
- 40 Question that might have a ring to it?
- 44 Burden
- 45 Relating to the congregation
- 49 Hall-of-Fame QB Johnny
- 51 Hajj destination
- 52 Some natural hairstyles
- 54 Magna ___
- 55 The "U" of the E.U.
- 56 Hotel bookings
- 57 "Jumpin' ___" (Cab Calloway dance classic)
- 58 Sunrise direction
- 59 Classic margarita flavor
- 60 Frankenstein's assistant
- 61 Smooching on the street, e.g., for short
- 62 Number of legs on an insect

Across

- 1 French for "without"
- 5 Like Superman's chin, famously
- 10 When Romeo meets Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet"
- 14 Give off, as light
- 15 Less formal "Salutations!"
- 16 Lamented
- 17 Equipment in tug of war
- 18 Common theater name that comes from Greek
- 19 Some Wharton deqs.
- 20 Spanish painter of "The Third of May 1808"
- 23 Small brawl
- 24 "Drat," but stronger
- 25 1965 civil rights march locale
- 29 ___ spray (allergy relief option)
- 33 Press "*" on a calculator
- 36 Mexican muralist twice married to Frida Kahlo
- 39 Item on a stage
- 41 Gawk (at)
- 42 Give a hard tug
- 43 Chilean American actor of "The Mandalorian" and "Narcos"
- 46 "Little piggy"
- 47 Faint with passion
- 48 Western Pacific island nation
- 50 Athletic brand with a cougar in its logo
- 53 Acquire, as debt
- 57 Puerto Rican singer with more than 50 albums, including "Feliz Navidad"
- 61 Trident-shaped Greek letters
- 63 Former late-night host Kilborn or Ferguson
- 64 Snap, Crackle and Pop, for one
- 65 Prima donna type
- 66 Pink cocktail ... or a fashion mag
- 67 Elementary building block
- 68 Figure skating jump
- 69 Fall bloom

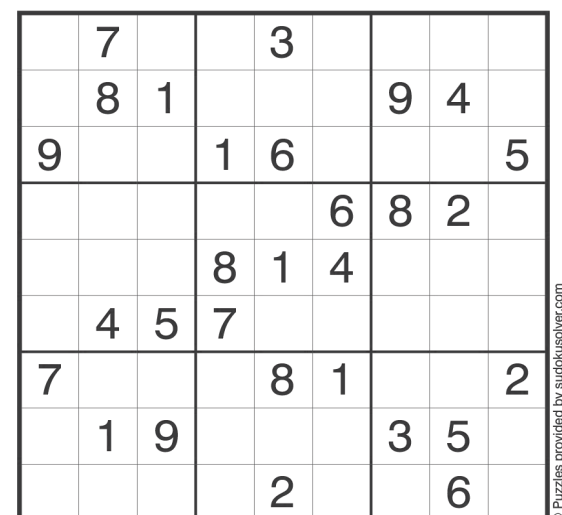


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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Grades

Offense — C-

Iowa's offense did not take care of the ball on Friday afternoon, recording two fumbles, a turnover on downs, and an interception.

Petras was struggling at the beginning of the game. He went just 1-of-6 for 9 yards before fumbling the ball on a strip sack. Petras was injured on the first-quarter sack, and he exited the game with an 88.3 quarterback rating.

Then, backup quarterback Alex Padilla came into the game.

Padilla fumbled the ball on a sack in his first drive since Week 8, allowing Nebraska to recover the ball on Iowa's 39-yard line. The 6-foot-1 junior settled into the position after that, completing 16-of-33 passes for 141 yards and a touchdown.

His next miscue, however, came at a crucial time. Padilla threw an interception on the Hawkeyes' final drive of the game with 42 seconds left, sealing the Cornhuskers' victory.

The Hawkeyes also turned the ball over on downs late in the game after officials deemed a near-30-yard catch by wide receiver Arland Bruce to be an incompletion. Referees said Bruce stepped out of bounds before securing Padilla's pass.

To give the Hawkeye offense credit, they did mount a comeback in the second half of the game. True freshman running back Kaleb Johnson exploded for a 44-yard touchdown in the third quarter, and sophomore tight end Luke Lachey grabbed a 14-yard reception from Padilla in the fourth. Kicker Drew Stevens also connected on a 45-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, cutting the Hawkeyes' deficit to seven points.

Defense — C

Cornerback Cooper Delean is only one player on an 11-man defense, but the Hawkeyes greatly missed his defensive skills on Friday afternoon.

The sophomore went down with an injury after absorbing a hard block from Nebraska's Marcus Washington just two minutes into the game. Delean walked to the medical tent under his own power, but he was quickly ruled out for the rest of the game.

True freshman cornerback TJ Hall replaced Delean, and Nebraska took advantage. On the Cornhuskers' next drive, quarterback Casey Thompson lobbed an 87-yard touchdown throw past Hall and to wide receiver Trey Palmer for Nebraska's first score of the day.

Hall and sophomore Jamison Heinz, who usually backs up cornerback Riley Moss, traded reps at left corner on Friday afternoon. All three of Nebraska's passing touchdowns came against Hall or Heinz.

Overall, the Hawkeyes could not stop the Huskers' air raid. Nebraska finished the game with 278 passing yards, including 165 to Palmer.

Nebraska's 17-point lead after 30 minutes was the largest half-time deficit Iowa has faced this season. The Hawkeyes contained the Huskers in the second half, however, allowing just seven points in the final 30 minutes.

Special teams — C-

A muffed punt was one of the nails in the Hawkeyes' coffin on Friday.

With DeJean out for the game, Bruce fielded punts for the Hawkeyes. He fumbled a punt in the third quarter, and Nebraska recovered the ball at Iowa's 18-yard line. The Cornhuskers converted the 18-yard field into a touchdown.

Bruce finished the game with two punt returns for -2 yards.

Punter Tory Taylor was up to his usual strength on Friday afternoon, booting five balls for 214 yards — an average of 42.8 yards per kick.

Stevens made his lone field goal attempt from 45 yards out in the fourth quarter. The true freshman is 16-of-18 on field goal attempts this season.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They are going out a winner."

— Nebraska head coach Mickey Joseph on the Huskers' win over Iowa.

STAT OF THE DAY

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— Years Nebraska football went without beating Iowa.



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Iowa's defense points toward a change of possession during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 25.

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starters — gave up 278 passing yards to Nebraska, including an 87-yard touchdown pass from Cornhusker quarterback Casey Thompson. The Hawkeyes came into Friday's matchup allowing 164.4 passing yards per game.

The Hawkeye defense limited the Cornhuskers to 51 rushing yards, marking the eighth time this season the Iowa defense has allowed fewer

than 100 yards on the ground.

Senior starting linebacker Jack Campbell, who leads the Hawkeyes with 118 total tackles this season, is taking the loss to Nebraska and the missed opportunity to make it back to the Big Ten Championship Game at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis as a chance to grow.

"Obviously, an opportunity to go to Indianapolis is huge," Campbell said. "We're going to keep pushing and focus on the

next one. We will look at ourselves and reflect to see how we can change. I feel like it all starts with me. I need to do a better job of making sure everyone, including myself, is ready to go from the first snap."

Senior linebacker Seth Benson, who has started alongside Campbell for much of his career in the Black and Gold, said he is going to miss the memories he's made with his teammates off the field.

"The things I am going to remember the most are

the guys I came in with," Benson said. "... That's what I'm going to miss the most — getting up with each other and going to lift, getting some refuel sandwiches, and sitting down at the table before meetings. Win, lose, or draw, I am going to miss those moments the most."

Campbell — one of five finalists for the Dick Butkus Award — said he will not opt out of Iowa's bowl game despite his rising NFL stock. The Dick Butkus Award is given annu-

ally to the nation's best linebacker.

The Hawkeyes will receive a bowl designation during ESPN's College Football Playoff and bowl selection show on Dec. 4 at 11 a.m.

"The opportunity to throw the Tigerhawk on the side of your head and put that jersey on, that is something that every kid should try to seize," Campbell said. "... I'm proud to be a Hawkeye and always will be."

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Iowa quarterback Alex Padilla throws a pass during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 25.

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to take on the Big Ten East Champion Michigan Wolverines in the league title game. Purdue beat Indiana Saturday to clinch a West championship.

Iowa defeated Purdue, 24-3, on Nov. 5, but the Hawkeyes' tiebreaker was not a factor, as the Boiler-makers finished the year with better overall and conference records.

Illinois also ended up 8-4 this season, picking up a win over Northwestern Saturday. The Boiler-makers beat the Fighting Illini and earned a divisional tiebreaker on Nov. 12.

"Yeah, it's tough," Iowa tight end Luke Lachey said of the Hawkeyes' dashed title hopes on Friday. "I mean, it's just hard for us. Obviously, that was our goal — to win the game and make it there. That was one of our goals at the beginning of the season. We fell short. Now, we just gotta recompress and just look forward to the next game."

I still have to give the Hawkeyes credit where it's due. Fans and pundits alike — myself included — were ready to write them off after they dropped to 3-4 overall with a loss to No. 2 Ohio State on Oct. 22.

Iowa has since gone 4-1 and qualified for a bowl with marginal improve-

ment — if any — from its offense. Not many thought Iowa would be bowl eligible five weeks ago. Now, they're at least in position to play somewhere around New Year's Day — whether it be in the Duke's Mayo, Pinstripe, or Music City bowls.

"They're a great group of guys," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said of his team postgame. "They're resilient. They stay positive. They really care about each other. That happened a lot today. It's evident in little things you see and certainly evident in the locker room — older guys with younger guys. Just really proud of the guys. They're a great group to be associated with."

But without the circumstantial framework of the season, it's difficult to ignore how good the Hawkeyes could've been with an average offense. If Iowa ranked in the middle of the country in total offense — that's 65th, for those keeping score at home — the Hawkeyes would probably be sniffing 10 wins right now instead of seven.

Pittsburgh, which had the nation's 65th-ranked offense as of Week 12, averaged 21.6 points per game — not counting defensive or special teams scores. Had the Hawkeyes dropped 22 in each of their games this season, they'd be 9-3.

A two-game difference in the loss column

doesn't sound like much, but it's the difference between a potential Rose or other New Year's Six Bowl berth and the Duke's Mayo Bowl. I'd

like to see Ferentz get a Gatorade cooler full of mayo dumped on him as much as the next guy. But as comical and great for charity as that would

be, I know bigger bowls are always more fun for teams to play in, for fans to watch, and for reporters to cover.

Ferentz said Friday that he hasn't evaluated the 2022 season as a whole yet. He added he probably won't do so for a few more weeks.

"That's something I'll do down the road," Ferentz said. "Maybe we can have more conversation next time we're together. My thought right now is just about today's game. Mostly how our seniors feel."

Ferentz likely won't start breaking down the 2022 season until after his team has played its bowl game. When he does ruminate on this year, it'll be difficult for him to overlook the Hawkeyes' offensive shortcomings.

I'm not saying Ferentz will make a groundbreaking discovery or have an epiphany, but he'll surely have to recognize that things will be different on offense next season if Iowa wants to compete at a high level.

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Husked out of the West

Nebraska defeated Iowa, 24-17, at Kinnick Stadium on Friday, winning the Heroes Trophy for the first time since 2014.



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A fan raises a sign saying "Big Time Nepotism" during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium.



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras fumbles the ball during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium.



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Iowa punter Tory Taylor punts the ball during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium.



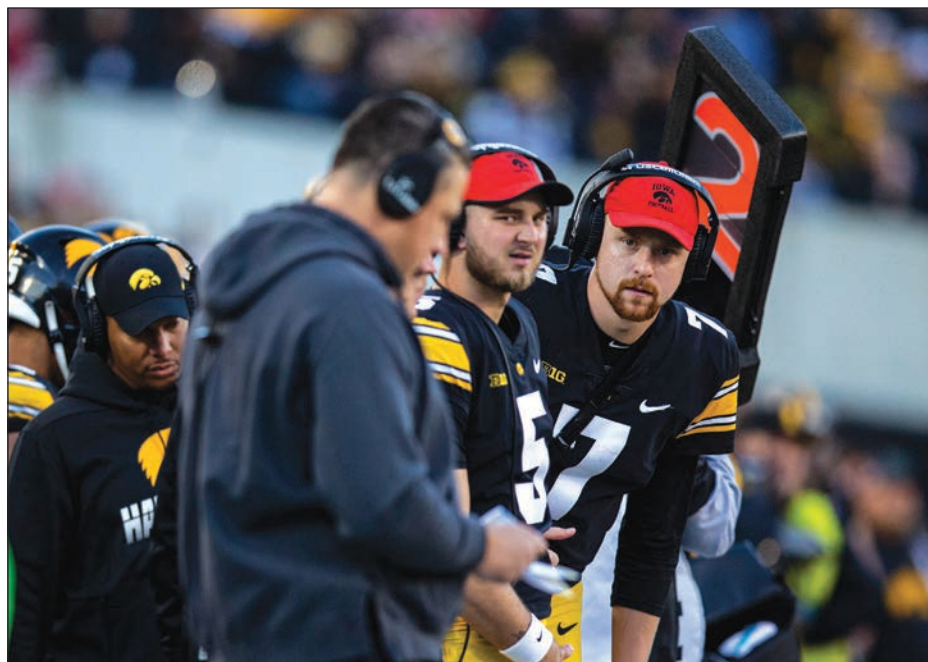
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Nebraska quarterback Casey Thompson prepares to throw the ball during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium.



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Nebraska wide receiver Trey Palmer celebrates after scoring a touchdown during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium. Palmer recorded nine receptions for 165 yards and two touchdowns.



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Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras looks at Iowa offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium.



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Nebraska defensive back Myles Farmer carries the Heroes trophy after a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium.

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Senior day slouch

The Hawkeyes relinquished control of the Big Ten West during senior day at Kinnick Stadium on Friday.



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Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell runs onto the field for senior day before a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 25. The Huskers defeated the Hawkeyes, 24-17.

Kenna Roering
Sports Reporter

Iowa football's 2022 senior class will be remembered for its ability to fight through adversity.

From enduring a COVID-19-shortened season in 2020 to starting a season 3-4 for the first time in 15 years in 2022, the Hawkeyes' 27 seniors can take credit for keeping the program's head above water.

"Can't say enough

about our seniors," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said after the Hawkeyes' 24-17 loss to the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Friday. "All of our upperclassmen have done a good job of being leaders, but our seniors, it all starts with them. Really proud of them and proud of the way they've led our football team and proud of all of our guys. They never quit. They just keep fighting."

It would've been easy

for the Hawkeyes to be down on their luck after they started October 0-3, falling to Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio State in a four-week span.

But Iowa's seniors kept their focus inside the locker room and rallied to four straight wins against Northwestern, Purdue, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The Hawkeyes' four-game win streak positioned Iowa for a second consecutive run at a Big Ten West title.

"Coach mentioned it before the game that coming out of that Ohio State game it all looked very grim, but the senior leadership that we had is some of the best we've ever seen," quarterback Alex Padilla said. "Guys like Jack Campbell, Sam LaPorta, Kaevon [Merriweather] — guys like that kind of willed us to get back on our feet and have a goal that we wanted to win five. We were really close to doing that. I

credit that to the senior leadership that we had."

The Hawkeyes entered the Heroes Trophy game on Friday in control of their own destiny in the West. But the 3-8 Cornhuskers charged into Kinnick Stadium and beat the Hawkeyes for the first time since 2014.

Senior quarterback Spencer Petras, who ranks 10th in program history with 5,190 passing yards, sustained a shoulder injury in the first quarter

against Nebraska and did not return.

The Iowa offense showed signs of life after a 44-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Kaleb Johnson in the third quarter. But four turnovers leading to 17 points for the Cornhuskers were too much for the FBS' 130th-ranked offense to come back from.

The Iowa defense — made up of seven senior

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Offensive shortcomings define 2022 season

Struggles on offense kept the Hawkeyes from reaching their full potential this year.



Austin Hanson
Pregame Editor

Winning in improbable fashion isn't a sustainable route to a championship of any kind — no matter the sport. The 2022 Iowa football team proved that.

The Hawkeyes were fun to watch weekly. Five of Iowa's 12 regular season games were decided by one score. Iowa often found ways to win games with big plays on defense and special teams. The Hawkeyes weren't just forcing turnovers or changing field position either — they were scoring points via pick sixes, fumble returns, and punt blocks.

But the Hawkeyes' unstable style caught up to them Friday afternoon. With no defensive or special teams scores, Iowa fell to Nebraska, 24-17, at Kinnick Stadium. The Hawkeyes dropped to 7-5 overall and 5-4 in Big Ten Conference play.

The Hawkeyes played a two-phase game for much of the regular season. Iowa will likely finish close to last in the 131-team FBS in a number of key categories like to-



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Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz talks to nearby officials during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 25.

tal, scoring, rushing, and passing offense.

On the flip side, Iowa is likely to wrap up the 2022 season in the top 25 in defensive touchdowns and total and scoring defense. Punter Tory Taylor

and kicker Drew Stevens are on pace to be ranked inside the top 25 nationally in total punting and field goal percentage, respectively, come January.

During the Hawkeyes' four-game winning

streak, I thought Iowa had solved an impossible riddle and figured out how to win matchups without much offense.

Iowa was playing with fire all season, and it ended up getting burned.

The Hawkeyes lost control of the Big Ten West Division with their loss to the Cornhuskers Friday. Coming into the contest, Iowa was a win away from a second consecutive appearance in the Big Ten

Championship Game at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The Hawkeyes' loss paved a path for the now-8-4 Purdue Boilermakers

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