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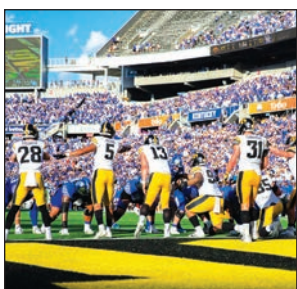
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The university community is questioning whether to wear masks to help control the spread of illnesses.



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David Lomoywara, a University of Iowa graduate teaching assistant earning his doctorate in mass communication, poses for a portrait inside the Adler Journalism Building at the University of Iowa on Dec. 2.

Kufre Ituk  
News Reporter

Nearly three years after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, UI students are choosing whether to mask up as seasonal illnesses spread across campus.

The choice to wear a mask during flu and cold season as a way to protect yourself against various illnesses is still relatively new, Sam Jarvis,

Johnson County Public Health Department community health division manager, said.

"Many folks were aware of covering your cough and washing your hands, staying home when you're ill. But because of the pandemic, the awareness has been heightened," Jarvis said.

There are currently 106 recorded COVID-19 cases in Johnson County as of Nov. 30.

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## Hispanic students increase at the UI

Hispanic and Latinx students are the largest and fastest growing racial/ethnic minority group among the Regent universities.

Virginia Russell  
News Reporter

Hispanic student enrollment numbers are growing across all Iowa public universities — including the University of Iowa.

A recent state Board of Regents report stated Hispanic and Latinx students make up the "largest and fastest growing racial/ethnic minority group among the Regent universities." The continued increase has sparked conversations between UI officials about how the university can foster more inclusivity and diversity on campus.

The number of Hispanic students enrolled at the UI grew from 6.6 percent in 2020 to 7.1 percent in 2022, according to the report.

The increase in Hispanic student enrollment is not just a trend at the UI. According to a report by the Pew Research Center, enrollment of Hispanic students at four-year institutions has increased by 287 percent from 2000 to 2020. This growth is due partly to the overall growth of the Hispanic population in the U.S.

The uptick in Hispanic students points to a more inclusive college environment, Tabitha Wiggins, UI Director of the Cen-

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Iowa's top-ranked 125-pound Spencer Lee walks onto the mat during a wrestling meet between No. 2 Iowa and No. 7 Iowa State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Sunday. Lee made his return to the mat for the first time in 11 months after sitting out last season for two ACL surgeries. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 18-15.



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Fans cheer and record Iowa's 125-pound Spencer Lee as he walks onto the mat for the first time in 11 months during a wrestling meet between No. 2 Iowa and No. 7 Iowa State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Sunday. Lee defeated Iowa State 125-pounder Corey Cabanban, 16-5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 18-15.

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Kenna Roering  
Sports Reporter

Iowa men's wrestler Spencer Lee had surgery to repair both ACLs in January, and the nation's best 125-pounder made his return to the mat Sunday afternoon.

Lee kicked off the Cy-Hawk dual at Carver-Hawkeye Arena as the No. 2 Hawkeyes defeated the No. 7 Iowa State Cyclones, 18-15.

The top-ranked three-time national champion made his season debut against Cyclone senior Corey Cabanban and won via major decision, 16-5.

Iowa's three bonus-point wins from Lee, 14th-ranked 157-pound Cobe Siebrecht, and 15th-ranked 174-pound Nelson Brands made the difference for the Hawkeyes as they secured their 18th consecutive victory over the Cyclones.

"I've had a lot of matches like that inside Carver," Lee said. "But the thing is, you just have to keep building. The season is a grind, and that's the epitome of what makes col-

lege wrestling great."

Lee is no stranger to injuries, as the Franklin Regional High School alum tore his right ACL a few weeks before the Pennsylvania state wrestling championships as a senior in 2017. At the time, he had surgery to repair the knee.

He reinjured his right ACL in the 2019 125-pound NCAA Championship match and still

managed to beat Virginia's Jack Mueller, 5-0, to clinch his second NCAA title. Lee opted out of a second surgery and wrestled through the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons with one healthy ACL.

In the 2021 Big Ten Championship match against Purdue's Devin Schroder, Lee tore his left ACL. Lee battled through the injury, earning a 21-5 technical fall to become a

two-time Big Ten Champion.

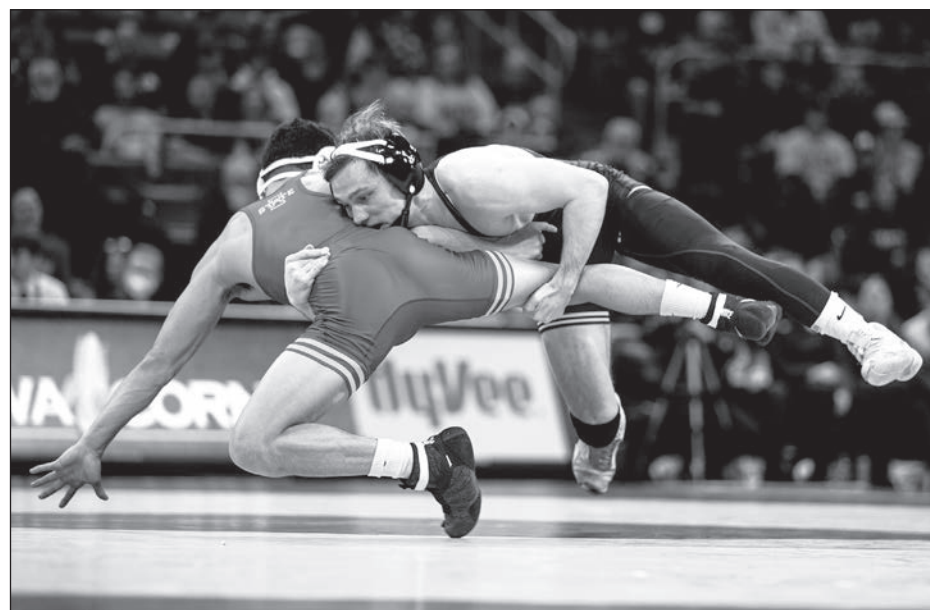
Lee won every match leading up to the 2021 NCAA championship and shut out Arizona State's Brandon Courtney, 7-0, for his third NCAA title.

After going 3-0 in the 2021-22 season, Lee underwent season-ending surgery to repair both knees and has been in rehab since. Lee said he trains each week like he is going to compete, but he finally got the green light from head coach Tom Brands and the medical staff on Saturday.

When Lee strutted out to the mat in front of the Hawkeye faithful for the first time since January 2021, the packed Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd gave him a warm welcome.

"People told me it was loud, but I was just so focused on getting out there for the first time and not thinking about the nerves," Lee said. "I was in my zone. ... But I'm really appreciative that the fans packed the arena, and it was exciting for me to run back out in the arena again."

Lee wasted no time in his season debut, scoring two takedowns and two near falls in the first period to go up, 12-2. Lee slowed the match down in the sec-



Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's 125-pound Spencer takes down 125-pound Corey Cabanban during a wrestling meet between No. 2 Iowa and Iowa State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City on Sunday. Lee defeated Cabanban, 16-5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 18-15.

**MASKS**  
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Alison Phillips, Iowa State University associate professor of psychology, wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that there are different factors that influence how people choose to mask.

"Descriptive norms are individuals' beliefs about how common a behavior is, and this has definitely increased (mask-wearing is more common now than before the COVID-19 pandemic, which we can all observe in those around us)," Phillips wrote. "Injunctive norms are individuals' beliefs about how much they think others think they should be doing a behavior."

Some UI students identified people wearing masks as indications the student is ill, and that they should be more wary of them.

UI first-year student Galilea Flores said the presence of people masking is still common in her day-to-day life.

"I have noticed some of my classmates in class randomly coming in one day with a mask," Flores said. "I feel like as soon as you see that you automatically form this whole perception that 'Oh, they're sick.'"

If Flores was sick, she would choose to protect others from her illness, she said.

"Personally, I would choose to mask if I do happen to come across a

cold one day," Flores said. "It just makes other people feel more comfortable in the space."

Masking up should be standard practice now in the UI, she said.

"I think that we should just normalize people wearing masks nowadays. I think people feel more comfortable being around people with a mask on, especially when someone's sick," Flores said. "I think it's just important to create that atmosphere in the classroom and an understanding of people."

Even if not all students wear masks when sick, other hygienic practices are taken into consideration when one feels ill. UI first-year student Colin Meehan said he tries to limit his exposure to

people to not spread any illness he may have contracted.

"Typically, I don't wear a mask," Meehan said. "I [go] to my classes, and then I'll just go back to my dorm and stay in there. I limited outside contact and only went out when I needed to."

Meehan said he is choosing to stay away from others, especially when he is sick, to protect himself and others and to slow the spread of diseases.

"A lot more people are getting sick," Meehan said. "I don't want to get sick as well, and I don't want to get other people sick, so that's why I limited my time outside and only going outside when I really had to."

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ond period and got called for a stall warning late in the third period, but he prevailed to earn his third career Cy-Hawk victory.

Lee looked tired after wrestling three full periods on Sunday, but Brands said that was expected after the long rehab process.

"It's tough out there sometimes," Brands said. "But the best way to remind yourself is to just go out there and face the demons."

Lee said he's not sure what the plan is for him moving forward and if he will wrestle in all of Iowa's

remaining dual meets, but he is excited to build his stamina and shape back up as the season continues.

Lee is now 79-5 in his college career and is seeking to become the first four-time individual national champion at Iowa and the fifth in NCAA history, joining Oklahoma State's Pat Smith, Iowa State's Cael Sanderson, Cornell's Kyle Dake, and Ohio State's Logan Stieber.

"Champions win when it counts and show up in big-time matches," Lee said.

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# Opinions

## Debunking the ‘War on Christmas’

How politicians and the media try to trick you with scare tactics.



Sophia Meador  
Opinions Editor

Happy Holidays; what a divisive sentiment.

The holiday season begins after Thanksgiving and is marked by religious holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Even people who are not religious partake in holiday festivities like gift giving, parties, and music.

But some people think the holidays are exclusively for Christians and claim non-denominational sentiments like “Happy Holidays” are a “War on Christmas.” This logic is a scheme by far-right commentators to distract from actual issues. Unfortunately, this type of rhetoric is not only seen during the holiday season.

The so-called “War on Christmas” is not a new phenomenon.

In 1920, Henry Ford published an antisemitic book titled “The International Jew: The World’s Foremost Problem.” Ford claimed Jews were attempting to rid the Christmas holiday from public settings.

In a similar pursuit, the John Birch Society, a far-right organization, distributed a pamphlet



claiming an “assault on Christmas” carried out by United Natopms fanatics in 1954.

In both cases, Ford and the John Birch Society placed blame on a segment of the population. Their ultimate goal was not to defend Christmas but to install fear that specified groups were going to change Americans’ way of life.

Throughout the 21st century, this unjustified rhetoric has been amplified in the media and GOP.

In December 2021, a Christmas tree outside the Fox News headquarters

in New York City was set ablaze. This prompted Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson to declare the fire a hate crime.

The fire was set by an

“If I become president, we’re going to be saying ‘Merry Christmas’ at every store.

— Former President Donald Trump

incoherent individual after “thinking about lighting the tree on fire all day,” according to the criminal complaint.

Former President Donald Trump fully embraced

this rhetoric during his presidential campaign and presidency.

“If I become president, we’re going to be saying ‘Merry Christmas’ at ev-

ery store,” Trump said in 2015.

Far-right politicians and commentators want you to believe that inclusive language and initiatives are attempts to go after

the Christmas holiday. This group wants Americans to believe liberals and Democrats are trying to change their way of life.

Unfortunately, this strategy works. In a 2021 survey by the Fairleigh Dickinson University, 37 percent of adults said they believe politicians are trying to remove the religious elements of the holiday season.

This rhetoric goes far beyond Christmas. It’s used widely by far-right politicians and commentators to distract from policy and issues.

Like the war on Christ-

mas, Gov. Kim Reynolds and the GOP are placing blame on transgender students to advance their own goals.

In the past year, Reynolds and Republicans in the Iowa Legislature have made drastic measures to bar transgender students from expressing their identity and participating in sports that align with their gender identity.

Reynolds and the GOP want you to believe that transgender students are predators, and their presence will strip parental choice from schools. Reynolds has used this rhetoric to promote policies to publicly fund private schools and gut social services.

Any rhetoric that targets a group of society, especially marginalized communities, should never be accepted. This is not exclusively an issue that pertains to the far-right; most media outlets and politicians have incorrectly blamed individuals for their own benefit.

Rather than focus on this divisive concept, the media and politicians should focus more on issues that matter, not made-up theories.

It’s important to stay informed with politics and recognize when commentators or politicians are falsely targeting groups of people or individuals.

Stay mindful, and — of course — happy holidays.

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## Take a philosophy course next semester

Philosophy courses help develop useful skills and knowledge of the subject.



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When one thinks of philosophy, they may think of the profound questions the discipline seeks to answer, such as “what is the meaning of life?” or “does free will exist?”

Though these questions encompass a large part of the subject, philosophy is more than just questions, as studying it provides several benefits. In addition to broadening horizons, philosophical inquiry develops one’s ability to argue, think critically, write clearly, and communicate effectively.

So, it is well worth your while to take a philosophy class.

In regard to arguing and thinking critically, research shows that students with prior philosophy experience possess significantly stronger argument-recognition and argument-evaluation skills than students with no prior experience. As evidence, in a test about arguments, the sample with prior philosophy experience did 7 percent better overall than those with no experience.

This is because students in philosophy courses are taught — and expected — to reconstruct arguments in such a way that even those unaware of the topic can understand. They are also expected to be objective, as this trait is necessary to fairly evaluate even the most outlandish-seeming contentions in search of truth.

These expectations necessitate the development of strong argumentation skills, which are beneficial in an academic setting and in the real world.

In terms of writing and communication, the discipline’s attention to arguments translates to one’s ability to write clearly as well. By constantly studying argument structures in passages or readings, it becomes clearer what a well-structured statement looks like. Thus, philosophy is particularly beneficial when it comes to learning how to write and communicate coherently.

However, it is important to note that regardless of the useful real-world benefits philosophy provides, it is most known for its personal benefits.

Ali Hasan, University of Iowa philosophy professor, believes philosophy classes are the most ideal place for inquiry.

“Philosophy classes

are one of the few places where you can raise all sorts of questions that would be either out of place or awkward or not relevant in other classes or contexts,” Hasan said. “What is our nature? What is the nature of the world? Do we have free will? It’s a place where you can ask big questions that could potentially transform your perspective on life and what you find valuable in it.”

In addition, Hasan believes philosophy provides more than just skills and methods of thinking.

“Philosophy, when practiced well with others, can teach us a lot of good, not just skills, such as open-mindedness and humility,” Hasan said. “Through time, we come to acquire these habits of careful listening, careful thinking, and considering views that are not necessarily comfortable to you.”

Every student should take at least one philosophy class because it is beneficial not only in terms of skill-building, but also virtue development.

The courses under this discipline vary in content and focus. Nevertheless, they all teach the same skills and virtues one would need to succeed in class and in the real world.

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## Beware of viral ‘health hacks’

Viral health trends on social media do more harm than good.



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Not everyone on TikTok is a health care provider, but anyone on the app can claim they are.

This unsolicited information can have negative ramifications on young platform users.

There are healthy trends on TikTok that promote positive behavior, but the platform also contains unhealthy trends.

TikTok is infamous for spreading “health hacks”: unconventional recipes or lifestyle changes with the purpose of improving one’s own personal health. But not all trends have merit.

In January, the “Nyquil Chicken” or “#Sleepy-Chicken” challenge went viral. This trend involved taking a chicken and cooking it in liquid cough medicine. Posts that encouraged this behavior claimed eating the meal would put you to sleep.

While many of the posts were ironic, videos sprouted of people trying to cook the dish. This challenge resulted in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration releasing a statement in September discouraging the prac-

tice.

“Boiling a medication can make it much more concentrated and change its properties in other ways,” the FDA wrote. “Even if you don’t eat the chicken, inhaling the medication’s vapors while cooking could cause high levels of the drugs to enter your body. It could also hurt your lungs.”

Trends like this are dangerous to the health of young platform users.

According to Statista, 25 percent of the user base were found to be aged 10 to 19 years-old in the U.S. That makes them the largest age demographic on the platform.

Anyone can call themselves a medical expert on the platform. Commenters and creators can claim that challenges with health risks are safe without knowledge to back it up. This comes with severe consequences.

In July, a lawsuit was filed against TikTok by the parents of two children under the age of 9 who died after following a TikTok trend. The parents alleged that the algorithm directed their children to a fatal “blackout challenge.” This challenge encouraged participants to choke each other until they passed out. The lawsuit is not yet settled.

However, there are also positive health trends on TikTok worth promoting. The “Hot Girl Walk,” started by Mia Lind, shows the

benefits of walking and self-affirming positivity. The trend asks participants to walk two to four miles daily while listening to positive music. It’s named the “Hot Girl Walk” because participants are encouraged to think about themselves positively using three ideas.

“One: things you’re grateful for. Two: your goals and how you’re going to achieve them. Three: how hot you are,” Lind said in a post.

A brisk walk provides health benefits when done regularly, according to the Mayo Clinic. Among many advantages, walking can help you maintain healthy body weight and improve cardiovascular fitness.

It is important to remember that not everyone on TikTok is a health care provider. Giving clout to these types of challenges could have negative health ramifications on more vulnerable users, like the 25 percent of users under the age of 19 who consume content on the platform.

While there are positive trends, it appears that more dangerous ones garner the most attention. Those with young relatives should be aware of what type of content they’re seeing on TikTok.

Next time you or your little sibling see a flashy health hack from TikTok, do some research first.

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# Roy Browning Jr. sentenced for wife's killing

Browning Jr. will serve a sentence of 50 years in prison after pleading guilty via the Alford Plea in October.



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Roy Carl Browning Jr., 70, is taken away after a sentencing hearing on Dec. 2 at Johnson County Courthouse in Iowa City.

**Kate Perez**  
News Editor

Roy Browning Jr., 70, was sentenced to 50 years in prison on Friday at the Johnson County Courthouse for killing his wife in 2019.

The sentencing comes after he pled guilty to second-degree murder on Oct. 12 and took a lesser charge. He pled guilty to murder in the second degree and will serve the

maximum sentence of 50 years but kept his innocence through the Alford plea.

The Alford Plea, established by the Supreme Court decision in the case *North Carolina v. Alford*, allows a defendant in a criminal case to assert innocence but admit that the evidence presented by the prosecution would likely persuade a judge or jury to find the defendant guilty beyond a reason-

able doubt.

Roy Browning was originally charged with first-degree murder on Oct. 28, 2019, after being accused of stabbing and killing his wife, JoEllen Browning, on April 5, 2019, at their Iowa City residence at 114 Green Mountain Drive. JoEllen Browning was a University of Iowa Health Care budget executive.

He is required to serve 70 percent of his sentence

before becoming eligible for parole. At his time of eligibility for parole, Roy Browning will be 102 years old. He will also be required to pay \$150,000 in restitution to his and JoEllen Browning's two children.

Roy Browning spoke at the sentencing about his late wife, saying she was beautiful and perfect while claiming his innocence.

"Jo will make heaven a

better place," he said. "I miss her, and I love her so much."

Johnson County Attorney Janet Lyness also read victim statements at the sentencing from JoEllen Browning's family. Nancy Wall, her sister-in-law, described her as "home," while her brother Larry Wall said his sister always had enough time for others but not for herself.

JoEllen Browning was killed shortly before a

meeting with a financial advisor on the morning of April 5, 2019. At the meeting, JoEllen Browning's advisor was going to inform her that Roy had taken out multiple loans and drained one of her savings accounts, which she was not aware of, according to court documents filed in October 2019.

Documents show JoEllen Browning had a retirement account and life insurance policy worth over \$2 million, while her husband did not have a revenue source.

JoEllen Browning died of sharp-force injuries, according to the final autopsy report released on April 10, 2019. She was stabbed multiple times on the front and back of her torso and on her left hand. Her death was ruled a homicide by sharp-force injuries following the autopsy.

JoEllen Browning's sister Jane Wall remembered her sister as someone who "liked to make life fun," and her memory will forever live on in her family and friends.

The final victim statement came from her sister Barbara Gerend, who described her as having a "heart of gold" that she will continue to honor and remember every day.

Elizabeth Adrianse, JoEllen Browning's daughter, also read a statement where she called her mother "a real-life Wonder Woman."

"I lost my whole heart," she said.

Adrianse described her mother as "well-lived and well-loved," and her kindness and love of family will be her legacy, not her death.

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## ENROLLMENT

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ter for Inclusive and Academic Excellence of the division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, said.

"I think they see themselves in the university environment," Wiggins said.

The Center for Inclusive and Academic Excellence is involved with various initiatives to increase diversity and inclusion at the University of Iowa, including the Storm Lake Scholars Program, a scholarship for first-year, first-generation students from Storm Lake High School in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Wiggins said the program is predominantly made up of Latinx students.

Additionally, the Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion established the Latinx Youth Summit and TRIO Upward Bound Program, which both support high school students in their paths to postsecondary education. There are also various scholarship programs to support and retain Hispanic students.

The Center for Inclusive and Academic Excellence also collaborates with the UI's Latino Native American Cultural Center and the Latina/o/x Studies Department.

"We work really closely with them to make sure that students feel like they can see themselves represented here at the university, so I think it does create a welcoming and inclusive environment for Latinx students on campus," Wiggins said.

UI sophomore Kayla Buehring, who identifies as Hispanic, said the report is a point of satisfaction and a sign of more diversity coming to the university.

"It's just showing that there are more and more Hispanic people who are

pursuing higher education, so I think just that, in itself, it really speaks to how the whole university is just becoming more and more diverse," Buehring said.

Wiggins said it is important to involve prospective students of diverse backgrounds and historically underrepresented groups early on in their university path. Getting diverse high school students on campus allows them to form connections with people of similar backgrounds.

"I think that's really important, that pipeline, and

then once they see themselves here and they come to Iowa, they are more likely to come to campus, and they know about our resources already," Wiggins said.

Charlie Taylor, UI Divi-

sion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion director of communications, also emphasized the importance of having diverse educators at the university.

"So to see themselves, it's got to be when you walk

into the classroom," Taylor said. "You walk into that discussion, you're working in that project group ... our culture is welcoming and inclusive of everybody."

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Kayla Buehring, a UI student, poses for a portrait on the Pentacrest on Sunday. Buehring explained she is proud to represent the Hispanic community at the University. "To show that there are people from our community who are doing things that some have been told they can't do makes me feel good," she said.

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# ETHICS & POLITICS

## New Republican attorney general could influence abortion laws

The office of the attorney general can play a role in Iowa's abortion rights.



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Iowa Attorney General-elect Brenna Bird delivers a speech after being elected during a watch party for Iowa Republicans on Election Day at the Hilton Downtown in Des Moines on Nov. 8.

Emily Delgado  
Politics Reporter

Iowa's next chief legal officer is poised to support Republican efforts to restrict abortion access, as the longtime Democratic Iowa attorney general's office is among the seats flipped by Iowa Republicans in the 2022 midterm elections.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson* that left abortions rights to the states, the future of access to abortion in Iowa is still undetermined. The current Democratic attorney general has refused to represent the state in cases challenging abortion rights. But now the office has flipped control, which will change how cases concerning abortion in the state are litigated.

Republican Brenna Bird defeated Democratic incumbent Attorney General Tom Miller, the longest-serving attorney general in the country, by 20,542 votes on Nov. 8.

As attorney general, Bird said she will defend laws concerning abortion, while Miller declined to defend the fetal heartbeat law.

"Our current attorney general refused to defend the heartbeat bill when it was challenged in 2018. He didn't do his job there. ... When I'm attorney general, I will do my job and defend the law," Bird said during an Iowa PBS debate with Miller.

Miller's ousting from the seat means there will be more Republican leadership on the state level working alongside a trifecta of Republican legislative control. It is probable a Republican attorney general will defend any cases involving abortion the state wishes to pass, said University of Iowa political science professor Tim Hagle.

"Conversations about abortion often overlook the attorney general's role in law making," Lynn Hicks, Iowa attorney general chief of staff, said.

"The legislature or governor could seek our advice on the bill, but there's no obligation that it goes to the attorney general before passage," Hicks said. "An attorney general kind of very publicly registers in favor or against a bill,



Gabby Drees/The Daily Iowan

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller speaks with the press at the Iowa Democratic watch party at Hotel Fort in Des Moines on Nov. 8. Miller lost to Brenna Bird after serving a combined 38 years in office.

or we can just, behind the scenes, express our opinion."

The office of the attorney general, which is the state's chief legal officer and is in charge of providing legal support to state officials, plays a role in how abortion rights fall in Iowa by either defending or prosecuting cases about abortion.

In June, Miller removed the office of the attorney general from representing the state in *Planned Parenthood v. Kim Reynolds*, when the Iowa Supreme Court ruled to allow a 2020 law that required a 24-hour waiting period for people seeking an abortion to take effect.

"Our office is withdrawing from the case involving the 24-hour waiting period, or House File 594, for ethical reasons," Miller said. "I have made many clear public statements supporting *Roe v. Wade* and the rationale that underlies it."

In this case, the state found outside counsel because Miller withdrew from the office of the attorney general. When the attorney general cannot

represent the state, an outside counsel is used, Hicks said.

"There may be times when the attorney general's office may feel that it's contrary to what Iowa law is, and so they chose not to defend it," Hagle said. "And so that's when the governor's office in this particular case would need to find some outside counsel of some sort."

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled abortion is not protected in the state's constitution on June 17, overturning a 2018 ruling that determined Iowans' abortion rights are fundamental.

One of the laws that restricts receiving an abortion in Iowa is the fetal heartbeat law, which forbids doctors from performing abortions around six weeks when a fetal heartbeat can be detected. As previously reported by *The Daily Iowan*, the law is held up in court and not currently in effect.

In 2019, the Polk County District blocked the fetal heartbeat law from taking effect based on the 2018 Iowa Supreme Court ruling that held abortion was a

fundamental right in Iowa.

During the discussions on defending the fetal heartbeat law, Miller removed the attorney general's office from the case.

"Attorney General Miller determined that he could not zealously assert the state's position because of his core belief that the statute, if upheld, would undermine rights and protections for women," Hicks said.

That case remains in litigation, as Reynolds seized upon the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* to ask the court to allow the law to take effect.

While these cases remain in limbo in the courts, a change in the attorney general's political party can lead to different views toward a case, Hagle said.

"So, having a switch from a party from Democrat to Republican might mean that there's a different interpretation, and the attorney general's office may view different laws differently," Hagle said.

Bird said it is up to the Legislature to decide how abortion rights will fall in the state but said it is her

job to defend any laws.

Abortion was a hotly debated topic during the midterm campaign season. In one of the televised debates between then-U.S. Senate candidates — the Republican incumbent Sen. Chuck Grassley and Democratic challenger Mike Franken — Grassley said he would not vote for a national ban on abortion but would leave the issue of abortion to state legislatures.

On the national level, the U.S. attorney general is appointed by the president, while the state attorney general and other offices like the treasurer and the secretary of state are elected by citizens on the state level.

As a result of this year's midterms, longtime Democratic incumbents in Iowa like Miller and state Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald were defeated by their Republican opponents. With Reynolds' reelection and the GOP's flip of these state offices, Republicans strengthened their hold on state government.

On the federal level, Iowa's Senate and House representatives remained

Republican and picked up one House seat with Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Cindy Axne's loss to Republican Zach Nunn in the 3rd Congressional District.

University of Northern Iowa political science Professor Scott Peters said now that a Republican has been elected, the office could likely defend Reynolds' abortion beliefs on the national level.

"If the Biden administration were to take action to support access to abortion in some way, it's unlikely Congress would pass any law protecting access to abortion, given that the House is going to be controlled by Republicans," Peters said. "But if that were to happen, maybe with the Republican attorney general we would see Iowa joining lawsuits to challenge those kinds of federal actions that promoted abortion or promoted access to abortion."

Peters said a situation like this is hypothetical because it is uncertain where access to abortion in Iowa will fall.

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# IC Municipal Airport sees 114 percent increase in economic impact

The airport is bringing \$24 million annually in total economic activity to the area.

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News Reporter

The Iowa City Municipal Airport has doubled its economic impact since 2009.

The airport is bringing in \$24 million annually in total economic activity to the Iowa City area, per the 2022 Iowa Aviation Economic Impact Report.

The airport opened in 1919 and is the oldest civil airport west of the Mississippi River that still stands in its original location.

The Iowa Department of Transportation last conducted the economic impact report in 2009. At the time, the study found the airport brought in \$11.2 million annually. Economic activity at the airport increased by 114 percent from 2009 to 2022.

Aviation in Iowa brings in a total economic impact of \$6.4 billion.

Tim McClung, Iowa Department of Transportation aviation director, noted the 2009 and 2022 aviation economic reports were conducted by two different consultants and may not be consistent in their methodology. The 2009 report was conducted by Wilbur Smith Associates and IMPLAN Multipliers. The 2022 report was conducted by Javiation.

However, both reports analyzed the same factors, so the scale of the increase indicates growth no matter the accuracy.

The economic activity report measures total annual operational revenue at the airport, including visitor spending, construction, and investments. McClung said the report is an overview of the impact the airport has on the community, but the most significant



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The sign for the Iowa City Municipal Airport is seen Dec. 1. The airport has seen a 114 percent increase in economic impact from 2009 to 2022. The airport's economic impact doubled since 2009.

impact of the airport cannot be measured.

"The airport is a really great way to get people and goods moved from all corners of Iowa to all corners of the world, but that's a little harder to measure, so we just measure the basic economic activity associated with the airport," McClung said.

Iowa City Municipal Airport manager Michael Tharp said the airport is the third most active general aviation airport in Iowa, with 84 total aircrafts based out of it. The airport's primary func-

tion is business aviation, especially related to the University of Iowa.

"As the university has grown in its specializations and treatment levels and capabilities, traffic that focuses on patient transfers, organ donations, has become more focused on bringing patients from around the state to Iowa," Tharp said.

Tharp said three entities work out of the airport: UIHC Care Ambulance, Jet Air, and the UI research lab.

According to the 2022 Iowa Aviation Economic Impact Report, the UI

Hospitals and Clinics air ambulance operates out of airports in Waterloo, Dubuque, and Iowa City.

Together, they total around \$449 million in annual economic impact.

Tharp said the increase of economic activity can take place because the airport has been self-sufficient since 2018, which means it doesn't receive funding or tax money from Iowa City.

"If you look around airports in the state, a lot of general aviation airports will get tax levy support," he said. "Iowa City, we don't have that. It's some-

thing that I know the airport commission and myself were pretty proud of."

The economic report stated the Iowa City Municipal Airport has a fixed-base operator, which is an airline that is allowed to operate out of that airport and provide aviation services.

Construction companies and developers add to the economic landscape of Iowa City and contribute to the airport's economic impact.

Tharp said the increase in economic revenue is largely a result of renovations done at the airport.

"Since 2009, we've done some capacity enhancements, so our runway has been able to get a little bit longer," he said. "While we haven't expanded the footprint of the airport, we've been able to change some things like the design characteristics."

According to the Iowa City Municipal Airport Twitter account, it has taken on multiple projects, including a terminal apron reconstruction and additional jet air storage tanks to double jet storage capacity.

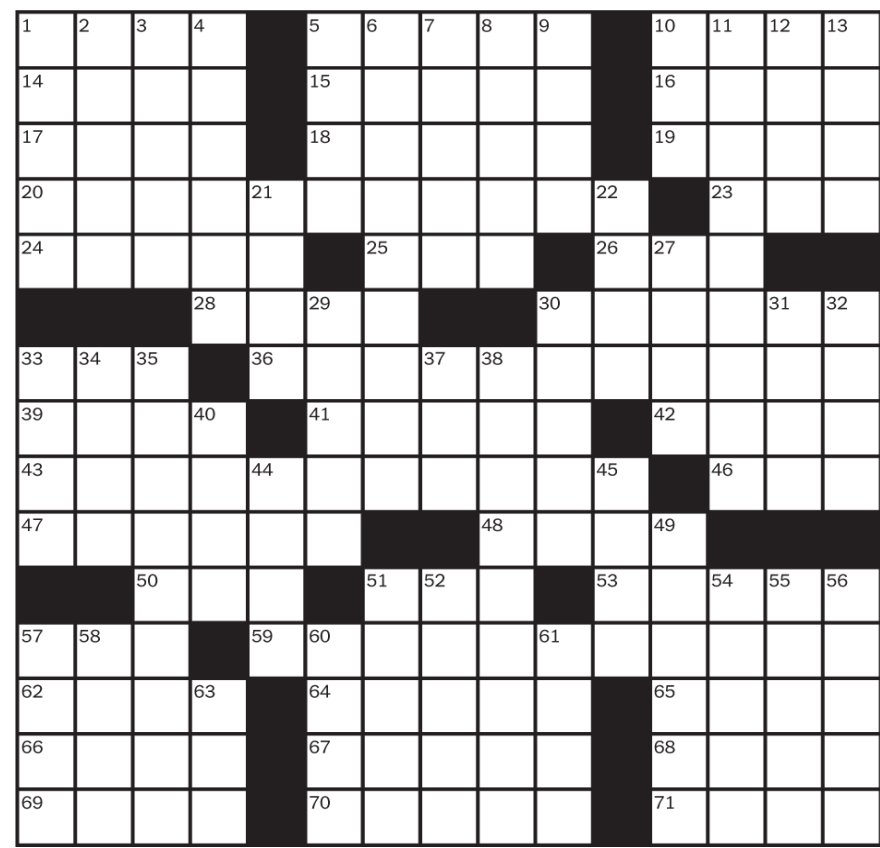
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## The Daily Break

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- Across**
- 1 Viral internet joke, like "Grumpy Cat"
  - 5 Trap
  - 10 Protected, as a horse's hooves
  - 14 Bar \_\_\_ (lawyer's hurdle)
  - 15 "Game of Thrones" servant
  - 16 Cover in blacktop, say
  - 17 Pixar's "Finding \_\_\_"
  - 18 Friend of Porthos and Aramis in "The Three Musketeers"
  - 19 Diva's delivery
  - 20 Punctuation marks indicating irony
  - 23 Common email attachment type
  - 24 Evaluate, as ore
  - 25 Alternatives to Macs
  - 26 Golf peg
  - 28 Shampoo brand with a "sassy" name
  - 30 "Amen!"
  - 33 "Moonlight" actor Mahershala
  - 36 Binge on bad news, in modern slang
  - 39 Wine and \_\_\_
  - 41 Michelangelo sculpture whose name means "compassion"
  - 42 Chair or bench
  - 43 Mail that cannot be delivered or returned
  - 46 Come to a close
  - 47 Helios, in Greek myth
  - 48 Chest muscles, for short
  - 50 Japanese money
  - 51 One shells out for it at Shell

- 53 Peabody or Pulitzer
  - 57 Instagram upload, informally
  - 59 Hired pen ... or, punnily, the author of 20-, 36- and 43-Across?
  - 62 Muslim prayer leader
  - 64 Like a pirouetting ballet dancer
  - 65 Walk back and forth
  - 66 Zap, as a cornea
  - 67 Stuck-up sort
  - 68 Cupid's Greek counterpart
  - 69 Former flames
  - 70 Nobles outranking viscounts
  - 71 Seven "deadly" things
- Down**
- 1 The brainy bunch?
  - 2 V.I.P.s at the top of an org chart
  - 3 The \_\_\_ & the Papas
  - 4 Hybrid hip-hop genre
  - 5 N.B.A. great O'Neal, to fans
  - 6 Unable to handle the task
  - 7 For a specific purpose, as a committee
  - 8 Cheers (for)
  - 9 Gaelic dialect
  - 10 Place for a facial
  - 11 "To Kill a Mockingbird" novelist
  - 12 Roman poet who wrote "Love will enter cloaked in friendship's name"
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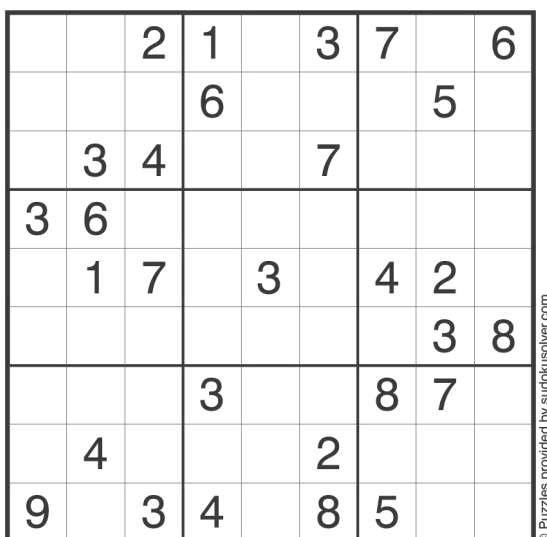
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## GAME

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Kentucky. Now, ironically, we're going to finish it on the 31st with the same opponent. So, that's a bit of an interesting sidebar."

The Wildcats went 7-5 on the 2022 season with wins over the likes of Mississippi State, Florida, and Louisville.

The Hawkeyes also enter the contest at 7-5. Iowa ranks outside the top 120 in the nation in passing, rushing, total, and scoring offense.

The Hawkeyes will likely be without backup quarterback Alex Padilla, running back Gavin Williams, and wide receivers Keagan Johnson and Arland Bruce. All four players announced their intent to enter the transfer portal last week.

"Not everybody is 100 percent," Ferentz said of his players' decisions to enter the portal. "That was kinda my encouragement when I talked to the team yesterday ... Deliberately take some time over the next few days and make sure, you know, if you want to be here, you're here, and full-fledged, and part of the team."

Johnson missed 10 regular season games with multiple undisclosed injuries. He recorded two catches for 11 yards this season.

Gavin Williams was reportedly hampered by an ankle injury and mono-nucleosis this season. He started the year as the top tailback on the Hawkeyes' depth chart but ultimately fell behind true freshman Kaleb Johnson and sophomore Leshon

Williams. Gavin Williams finished the year with 52 touches compared to the 146 and 124 Johnson and Leshon Williams received, respectively.

Bruce was the Hawkeyes' top option at receiver for the entire season, catching 19 balls for 187 yards and a touchdown.

Three-year starting quarterback Spencer Petras will not be available for the Music City Bowl. Ferentz said Petras underwent season-ending surgery after the Hawkeyes' 24-17 loss to the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Nov. 25.

Petras injured his throwing arm during the first quarter of Iowa's matchup with Nebraska. After an extensive visit to the medical tent, Petras was taken out of the game. While Padilla finished the contest under center, Petras was spotted with a sling on the sideline.

"Unfortunately, Spencer Petras will not be able to play in the game," Ferentz said. "The injury he had at the Nebraska ballgame was significant enough to require surgery, so he's not going to be able to compete. Nobody's more disappointed than him, obviously, like any player that has an injury that requires surgery. It's good that he'll be with us, but all of us wish he wasn't on the sidelines."

In two relief appearances this season, Padilla went 21-of-43 for 173 yards, one touchdown, and two interceptions.

Ferentz said redshirt freshman Joe Labas or true freshman Carson May will start for the Hawkeyes. Neither quarterback has thrown a pass



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Iowa running back Kaleb Johnson celebrates a touchdown with wide receiver Brody Brecht during a football game between Iowa and Nevada at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City on Sept. 18. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wolfpack, 27-0.

in a college game.

"We'll let those guys work the next four weeks and see how they do," Ferentz said. "We were on the field yesterday, and I thought both did some good things, but there's some work to do with both guys. The good news is that we have four weeks to get that done."

Ferentz said tight end Sam LaPorta and defensive back Cooper DeJean are on pace to play in the Hawkeyes' postseason game. LaPorta injured his leg in Iowa's 13-10 win over Minnesota on Nov. 19. DeJean sustained an undisclosed injury against Nebraska.

"They would not have played if we played this

weekend," Ferentz said. "I'd expect Cooper, for sure, to return here at the end of the week. Sam's very close. He's out on the field moving around pretty good. But he would not have been game-ready this weekend, nor would've Cooper. But I expect them both to be fully ready to go in the bowl game."

When he was recognized during Week 13 senior day festivities, LaPorta walked onto the field to greet his parents while the other seniors the Hawkeyes honored ran. LaPorta is Iowa's leading pass-catcher this season, with 53 receptions for 601 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore Luke

Lachey is LaPorta's backup. He's hauled in 25 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns in 2022.

Kentucky's defense is ranked 18th in the country. The Wildcats' pass defense is 17th in the 131-team FBS.

The Hawkeyes finished the season ranked inside the top 15 in the country in total, rushing, and scoring defense.

Iowa's defense will be tasked with slowing a Kentucky passing attack led by senior quarterback Will Levis, who threw for 2,406 yards, 19 touchdowns, and 10 interceptions during the regular season. Kentucky finished the year rated 107th nationally in total offense.

Levis said on Twitter he'll likely declare for the 2023 NFL Draft in the coming weeks, and he has yet to decide if he will participate in the Wildcats' bowl game.

Redshirt freshman Kaiya Sheron is the Wildcats' backup quarterback. When Levis could not play against South Carolina on Oct. 8 because of an injury, Sheron started and completed 17 of his 29 pass attempts for 187 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception. The Wildcats lost to the Gamecocks, 24-14.

The 2022 Music City Bowl will kick off at 11 a.m. and air on ABC.

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## MCNAMARA

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tions are unforeseen, but Ferentz seemed to assert who his starting quarterback will be next year by getting McNamara. Guys like McNamara don't commit to a school without being promised a chance to start.

McNamara isn't going to fix Iowa's ailing offense alone. While backup quarterback Alex Padilla — who entered the transfer portal on Tuesday — and Petras may not have done much to help the Hawkeyes fix their problems, they certainly weren't the only cause of the Hawkeyes' offensive woes.

Iowa currently lacks the requisite weapons to support McNamara. With top tight end Sam LaPorta likely leaving for the 2023 NFL Draft and wide receivers Keagan Johnson and Arland Bruce entering the transfer portal, the Hawkeyes will have to find a way to get McNamara some reliable pass-catchers.

"I like what Nico Ragaini, Diante Vines, and Arland Bruce bring to the Hawkeyes' wide receiver room. I also think tight

end Luke Lachey has a lot of upside. He caught 25 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns playing behind LaPorta this season.

Still, Iowa lacks depth at receiver. Behind the two aforementioned wideouts on the depth chart are two-sport athlete Brody Brecht and walk-ons Jack Johnson and Alec Wick.

Brecht caught nine passes for 87 yards during the regular season. Wick had two receptions for 31 yards, and Jack Johnson did not record any stats.

Iowa will also need to improve along its offensive line because McNamara isn't exactly known for his mobility. And coming off a devastating leg injury, he'll need solid protection. On 30 rushing attempts in 2021, McNamara gained 27 yards and scored a touchdown.

If five-star offensive lineman Kadin Proctor — who played high school football at Southeast Polk near Des Moines — remains committed to Iowa, that will only help McNamara play better. Perhaps McNamara's presence will reinforce Proctor's commitment

to Iowa — even after his visit to Oregon in early November.

Iowa's offensive line, however, likely needs more help than Proctor can provide. Through 12 regular season games, the Hawkeyes ranked 12th in the Big Ten Conference in sacks allowed with 37.

Since George Barnett took over as the Hawkeyes' line coach two years ago, Iowa has surrendered 69 sacks in 26 contests.

The Hawkeyes will also have to think about who will call their plays going forward. Under the direction of current offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz — Kirk Ferentz's son — Iowa has struggled. On more occasions than I can count on both hands, the Hawkeyes made some head-scratching decisions on offense this season.

In many third-down situations, the Hawkeyes would choose to throw the ball short of the line to gain. For example, the Hawkeyes had a chance to change the tone of their game in the 27-14 loss to the Wolverines on Oct. 1. Iowa drove the ball to the Michigan 6-yard line, and instead of running the ball

or throwing ahead of the sticks on a fourth-and-2 play, the Hawkeyes threw a 1-yard pass to LaPorta.

That moment is most exemplary of the questionable play calls Brian Ferentz made this season. It's difficult to say if the play was executed as called, but the point still stands.

I'm not certain Kirk Ferentz will make changes

at offensive coordinator or O-line coach, but McNamara's addition at least seems to signal that Kirk Ferentz recognizes things must change. As he said multiple times this season, the Hawkeyes aren't going to win many games unless they start finding ways to score more points.

Without any further portal additions or chang-

es, it's difficult to say that Iowa's offense will look much different under McNamara's direction. But if Iowa finds a way to build the right staff and roster around McNamara, the Hawkeyes could be a legitimate threat in the conference title race — not just in the West.

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## BOWL

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State-Georgia will head to the national title game at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles on Jan. 9, 2023.

## Penn State: Rose Bowl

Penn State was the highest-ranked Big Ten team to not qualify for the CFP this season. So, the Nittany Lions will head to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, to take on Pac-12 Champion Utah.

Penn State finished third in the Big Ten East with a 10-2 record in the 2022 season. The Nittany Lions' only losses came to the Buckeyes and the Wolverines.

Utah went 10-3 in 2022, including two victories over USC. The 2023 Rose Bowl Game will kick off on Jan. 2 at 4 p.m.

## Purdue: Citrus Bowl

Fresh off its first Big Ten Championship Game appearance, Purdue is heading to one of the most prestigious non-New Year's Six bowls.

The Boilermakers had a winding road to a Big Ten West Division title, heading to Indianapolis with an 8-4 overall and 6-3 Big Ten record.

Now, the Big Ten runner-up will play LSU in Or-

lando. At 9-4, the Tigers are coming off an SEC Championship Game appearance.

The Citrus Bowl will kick off at Camping World Stadium on Jan. 2, 2023, at noon.

## Illinois: ReliaQuest Bowl

The Fighting Illini are going bowling for the first time since 2019. Illinois accepted a bid to the ReliaQuest Bowl — formerly the Outback Bowl — in Tampa, Florida on Jan. 2, 2023.

The Illini started the season 6-1, but they went 2-3 in their final five games to miss out on a chance to go to the Big Ten Championship Game.

Illinois will take on Mississippi State, which went 8-4 on the 2022 season.

## Maryland: Duke's Mayo Bowl

Either Maryland head coach Mike Locksley or NC State's Dave Doeren will get dumped with mayo on Dec. 30. The Terrapins are heading to Charlotte, North Carolina, to take on the Wolfpack.

The Terrapins finished fourth in the Big Ten East with 7-5 overall and 4-5 conference records.

NC State will take just a 2 ½ hour drive to get to its bowl destination. The Wolfpack went 8-4 overall and 4-4 in the ACC this season.

## Minnesota: Pinstripe Bowl

The Gophers should feel right at home in one of the FBS' coldest bowls. Minnesota is heading to New York City to take on Syracuse at Yankee Stadium on Dec. 29.

Minnesota finished the season 8-4 with losses to Big Ten West rivals Iowa, Illinois, and Purdue.

Syracuse, which is just 4 ½ hours away from New York City, went 7-5 in 2022.

## Wisconsin: Guaranteed Rate Bowl

The Badgers are heading to the desert.

Wisconsin will travel to Arizona on Dec. 27 to play Oklahoma State at Chase Field — the home of MLB's Arizona Diamondbacks — in downtown Phoenix. Oklahoma State went 7-5 overall and 4-5 in the Big 12.

The Badgers, who went through a midseason coaching change, finished the season 6-6 under interim head coach Jim Leonhard.

Wisconsin announced Luke Fickell as its new head coach on Nov. 27. While he may not be the head coach until the 2023 season, Fickell said he plans to coach the Badgers' bowl game in some capacity, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

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## Keagan Johnson, Arland Bruce enter transfer portal

Two of Iowa football's top wide receivers announced their intentions to leave the program last week. Johnson and Bruce tweeted that they will enter the transfer portal, which opened Monday.

Johnson, who played for the Hawkeyes in the 2021 and 2022 seasons, will have three seasons of eligibility remaining. He played fewer than four games for Iowa this season, so he is eligible to take a redshirt year.

Johnson enrolled at Iowa as a four-star recruit in the spring 2021 semester. He started nine of the 13 games he played in the 2021 season and missed Iowa's bowl game because of a non-COVID illness.

He was Iowa's second-leading receiver with 352 yards on 18 catches in 2021, behind only tight end Sam LaPorta.



The 6-foot-1 194-pounder was listed as the Hawkeyes' first-team wide receiver in Iowa's spring practice and preseason depth charts, but he was hindered by injuries throughout the season.

Johnson only competed in two games this season. He played in Iowa's rain-delayed game against Nevada, recording two catches for 11 yards. He also appeared in the last game of the regular season against Nebraska but recorded no statistics.

Bruce caught 19 passes for 187 yards and one touchdown in 11 games during the 2022 regular season. As a freshman in 2021, he made 25 grabs for 209 yards and a score while playing in all 14 games.

Bruce made four starts as a first year and made eight as a sophomore, as he battled through injuries that limited him throughout this season and caused him to miss the Iowa-Wisconsin game in Minneapolis on Nov. 19.



As a four-star recruit, Bruce enrolled at Iowa in spring 2021. He worked his way from being absent on the depth chart at the beginning of the 2021 season to starting Iowa's final two regular season games and both the Big Ten Championship Game and Citrus Bowl.



## Gavin Williams becomes fifth Hawkeye to enter portal

Iowa football's offensive roster continues to thin, as running back Gavin Williams became the fifth Hawkeye to announce his intentions to enter the transfer portal on Friday.

Williams started the season as the Hawkeyes' No. 1 option at running back. But the sophomore went through mono and ankle injuries, falling to third on the depth chart. While Williams played in 11 games throughout the 2022 season, he only accounted for 138 yards on 43 carries.

Williams, who also had offers from Michigan and Nebraska, joined Iowa in 2020 out of Dowling Catholic High School. The Altoona, Iowa, native was a four-year high school football letterman and rushed for 1,263 yards as a senior in 2019.

Williams redshirted his true freshman season, playing in just one game against Michigan State in the Hawkeyes' COVID-19-shortened 2020 season.

In 2021, Williams backed up former Hawkeye Tyler Goodson. Williams played in all 14 games, rushing for 305 yards as a redshirt freshman. He started the Citrus Bowl in place of Goodson, who opted out of the Hawkeyes' bowl game to prepare for the NFL Draft.

Williams joins Johnson, Bruce, quarterback Alex Padilla, and offensive lineman Josh Volk as Hawkeye players from the 2022 roster in the transfer portal. Padilla and Volk both announced their intentions to enter the portal last Tuesday.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think, whenever I score 40 points, we lose."

— Iowa women's basketball guard Caitlin Clark about her 45-point game on Thursday.

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— Scholarship wide receivers currently slated to play in Iowa's bowl game.

# Music City rematch

Iowa football will take on Kentucky in the Music City Bowl in Nashville on Dec. 31.



Iowa's defense calls for a penalty during the 2022 Vrbo Citrus Bowl between No. 15 Iowa and No. 22 Kentucky at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 1. The Wildcats defeated the Hawkeyes, 20-17.

Austin Hanson  
Pregame Editor

For the second time in the last three seasons, Iowa football has accepted a Music City Bowl bid. Iowa was supposed to play Missouri at Nissan Stadium in Nashville in December 2020, but the game was canceled because of COVID-19.

The 2022 Music City

Bowl will be Iowa's first. Before 2020, the Hawkeyes had never accepted an invitation to Tennessee.

"I was really grateful to receive the call this afternoon from the TransPerfect Music City Bowl," Iowa athletic director Gary Barta said Sunday. "[This is] something that they've been talking to us now for a couple of weeks.

Actually, we've been in great conversations for a few years. As most of you know, we were invited and then that went sideways due to COVID ... I know it's a great bowl. I know our fans are going to enjoy it, and I know our players and coaches are truly going to enjoy it."

Iowa will match up with Kentucky for a second consecutive bowl

game on Dec. 31. The Hawkeyes and Wildcats played each other in the 2022 Citrus Bowl in Orlando. Kentucky won the Jan. 1 matchup with Iowa, 20-17.

"We certainly have a lot of familiarity with the Kentucky program," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "[Head coach Mark Stoops] being a graduate of this program and play-

ing when I was an assistant ... Nothing but great respect for them. I'm not overly knowledgeable about this year's team. I know what their program stands for and how it's built. We know we're going to be in a very competitive situation.

"We kicked off the calendar year 2022 playing

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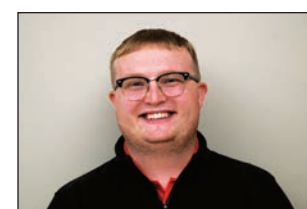
# McNamara needs support

The Hawkeyes will need to shore up the O-line and weapons at wide receiver to be competitive in 2023.



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Michigan quarterback Cade McNamara throws a pass during the Big Ten Championship game between No. 13 Iowa and No. 2 Michigan at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Dec. 4, 2021. The Wolverines became Big Ten Champions after defeating the Hawkeyes, 42-3.



Austin Hanson  
Pregame Editor

Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz and his coaching staff took a bold first step in the renovation of their offense Thursday evening, adding former Michigan quarterback Cade McNamara to their 2023 roster via the transfer portal.

Rumor of McNamara's interest in Iowa began to circulate Monday afternoon when his decision to enter the portal became public. At the time, I was admittedly skeptical about the reports.

Even when ESPN's Pete Thamel — perhaps the most reliable source in college football — tweeted McNamara was

coming to Iowa on Thursday, I had my doubts. I didn't believe it until the very moment McNamara posted a photo of himself adequately photoshopped into an Iowa uniform on Instagram and Twitter.

The news was exciting, and I'm sure Iowa fans are still amped about their team getting a new quarterback through the portal. The move was one-of-a-kind for the Hawkeyes.

Rarely, if ever, has Iowa brought in a transfer player as highly sought after as McNamara. The Wolverines' 2021 starter threw for 2,470 yards, 15 touchdowns, and four interceptions in 14 games, leading Michigan to the College Football Playoff.

The ex-Wolverine starter likely had several programs with championship pedigree greater than Iowa's pursuing him. Some reports even suggested Notre Dame could be a landing spot for McNamara.

How Ferentz brought Mc-

Namara to Iowa is beyond me. The Hawkeyes ranked outside the top 120 in the 151-team FBS in passing, total, rushing, and scoring offense at the end of the 2022 regular season.

Yet, Ferentz found a way to convince arguably one of the top portal quarterbacks to come to Iowa City. The move itself is very un-Ferentz-like. Traditionally, Ferentz has not made changes at quarterback once he decides to start an upperclassman.

Spencer Petras, who has been the Hawkeyes' top QB since 2020, does have his one year of collegiate eligibility remaining. McNamara's commitment to Iowa clouds Petras' future. Will Petras return to Iowa next season to compete against McNamara for the starting job? Will he transfer to another school or decide to end his college career?

The answers to those ques-

# Tracking Big Ten bowl destinations

Two conference teams are heading to the College Football Playoff.

Chloe Peterson  
Sports Editor

Bowl season is here, and eight Big Ten teams have been assigned games.

Iowa, which finished the season 7-5, is headed to Nashville to take on Kentucky in the Music City Bowl. The Hawkeyes and the Wildcats will match up in a bowl for the second season in a row — Kentucky beat Iowa, 20-17, in the 2022 Citrus Bowl.

Kentucky went 7-5 in the 2022 season, including a 3-5 record in the SEC.

The Hawkeyes and Wildcats will face off on Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. at Nissan Stadium — the home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

With selection Sunday over, *The Daily Iowan* recaps where the rest of the Big Ten's teams landed postseason games.

## Michigan: No. 2 seed in the College Football Playoff

Michigan cemented its spot in the CFP with a 43-22 victory over Purdue Saturday night in the Big Ten Championship Game.

The Wolverines are one of two undefeated teams in the Power Five and were seeded behind undefeated reigning national champion Georgia.

Michigan will play third-seeded TCU in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Arizona, on Dec. 31 at 3 p.m. TCU is 12-1, suffering its only loss to Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship Game. This will be Michigan and TCU's first-ever meeting.

## Ohio State: No. 4 seed in the College Football Playoff

The Buckeyes squeaked into the CFP, becoming the only team in the 2022 playoff that did not appear in a conference championship game.

The Buckeyes fell to the Wolverines, 45-23, in the final week of the regular season at Ohio Stadium in Columbus to lose out on a Big Ten East Division title.

The Buckeyes are 11-1 on the season and will play Georgia in the Peach Bowl at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta at 7 p.m.

Ohio State has competed in six CFP games since the playoff's inception in 2014, but it has never played Georgia with a national title on the line. The Buckeyes' only meeting with the Bulldogs came in the 1993 Citrus Bowl, where Georgia prevailed, 21-14.

The winners of Michigan-TCU and Ohio

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