

## Sweet victory: Hawkeyes heading to Sweet 16

After taking down Georgia, Iowa women's basketball will head to second weekend of the NCAA Tournament.



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Iowa center Monika Czinano hugs teammate Caitlin Clark after winning the 2023 NCAA second-round women's basketball game over No. 10 Georgia at a sold-out Carver Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Lady Bulldogs, 74-66. Czinano scored 22 points in the victory.

Chloe Peterson  
Sports Editor

There was no home-court heartbreak for the Hawkeyes on Sunday afternoon.

After Iowa women's basketball was ousted by 10th-seeded Creighton in the second round at Carver-

er-Hawkeye Arena in the 2022 NCAA Tournament, the Hawkeyes "righted the wrong" in 2023, taking down 10th-seeded Georgia, 74-66, and punching their ticket to the Sweet 16 in Seattle.

But on Sunday, the loss to Creighton wasn't on their mind.

"That was last year," head coach Lisa Bluder said.

"We used it for motivation that summer, but it's not something we talked about this week. Now, maybe it's in the back of everybody's mind, but it's not something we really brought up. It feels good to win this game, certainly. But it's more that we beat a really good Geor-

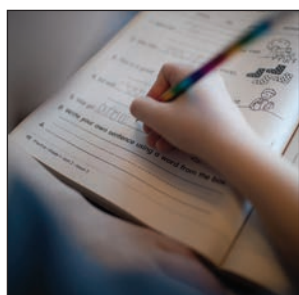
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The 141-pounder was Iowa's only finalist in the 2023 NCAA Championships on Saturday at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The No. 1 seed lost, 6-4, to Northern Colorado's Andrew Alirez.

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## Study indicates high general health rank in JoCo

A population health report ranked the county sixth out of 99 for general public health.



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A StairMaster step machine at Hillcrest Hall is pictured on March 9.

Sofia Mamakos  
News Reporter

The general health of Johnson County's residents has improved, and the county is ranked one of the healthiest in the state, according to a report.

The County Health Rankings and Roadmaps program by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute ranked Johnson County sixth out of 99 Iowa counties for general public health for 2022. Johnson County ranked significantly higher in the program than other Iowa counties with similar populations, including Polk County, Linn County, and Scott County.

The program measures the health of every county in all 50 states.

The model of general population health used by the program emphasizes the many social, economic, physical, clinical, and other factors that influence the length and quality of life in a county.

The number is an increase from 2021, when the county ranked seventh. In 2020, the county ranked 25th. The program started collecting public health data for Iowa in 2011.

Sam Jarvis, Johnson County Public Health community health division manager, said he is not surprised by this high ranking given the county's active health care community.

"Johnson County, typically being a little bit larger, having the tax base, and the forward-thinking agencies

and organizations that really put in the resources, time, and effort to maintain these amenities ends up making a difference," Jarvis said.

While the ranking is positive for the county, Anjali Deshpande, clinical associate professor in the University of Iowa department of epidemiology, said these rankings need to be taken with a grain of salt.

"It measures where a county is relative to the other counties in the state, and just because a county improves in the rankings, doesn't only mean that that county improved, but it can also mean that other counties went down," she said.

Deshpande said a potential cause of the large increase

## Ukrainian scholar to share research with UI amid war

Volodymyr Vakhitov researches psychological complications around evacuation.

Archie Wagner  
News Reporter

A Ukrainian researcher is finalizing his analysis on the psychological complications of the Russia-Ukraine war with help from the University of Iowa's Tippie College of Business faculty.

Volodymyr Vakhitov, a Kyiv resident and academic researching the behavioral psychology behind evacuations, will give two virtual talks to amplify and receive feedback about his research he conducted while he's been in Ukraine. Vakhitov's second talk is scheduled for April.

He is working with the UI through the organization Economists for Ukraine, which is a non-residential fellowship program designed to help scholars who decided to stay in Ukraine, according to its website.

Vakhitov's research focuses on people's behavior, with an emphasis on why people may hesitate to evacuate.

"People didn't want to evacuate, and I thought that this was a behavioral problem," Vakhitov said. "So, we basically got some personal files of two researchers, got them together, and some company in Ukraine, which provided this service collected about 2,000 observations from a questionnaire in the experiment."

The war in Ukraine started in February 2022 after Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an invasion. Russia still classifies the Ukraine invasion as a special military operation after a year of fighting.

The questionnaire, sent out to participants after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, asked if participants had an evacuation plan, concerns about evacuation, a mode of transportation, assistance in evacuating, and if they had kids or elders to worry about helping evacuate, Vakhitov said.

"It looks like those people who were pre-

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Iowa guard Gabbie Marshall dribbles the ball past Georgia forward Malury Bates during the NCAA Tournament second-round game between No. 2 Iowa and No. 10 Georgia at a sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Bulldogs, 74-66.

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gia team and advanced to the Sweet 16. And we get to play another week.”

The Hawkeyes relied almost entirely on their five starters on Sunday, with junior guard Caitlin Clark playing the full 40 minutes.

Clark was a playmaker throughout the entire game, scoring 22 points and dishing out 12 assists — she was responsible for 31 of Iowa’s 33 second-half points. “I really did not want to let this team lose again in this round,” Clark said. “And I knew I needed to step up and make plays for this team. And I thought I was able to pick up their zone with my eyes and get the ball inside.”

Every Hawkeye starter played over 37 minutes on Sunday, with only three players coming off the bench.

Iowa had no bench points, partly because of freshman Hannah Stuelke’s absence. Stuelke, who is usually the

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first off the bench for the Hawkeyes, didn’t play Sunday because of an ankle injury sustained in Saturday’s practice.

“It literally happened in the last three minutes of practice yesterday. She just turned her ankle,” Bluder said. “They did some treatments on it last night and then this morning, and I really thought she was gonna be able to go today. But when she came into the locker room after the first warmup, I knew it was gonna be tougher.”

Bluder added Stuelke should be available for the Hawkeyes’ Sweet 16 game in Seattle on March 24.

Senior guard Molly Davis also suffered a lower-leg injury early in the first quarter, playing just two minutes in the game. Bluder said Davis should be fine as well, and she hasn’t heard anything bad about Davis’ condition.

With Stuelke and Davis unavailable, the Hawkeyes’ main bench rotation shortened to just sophomores Sydney Affolter and Addy O’Grady, who played fewer than seven combined minutes.

While the Hawkeyes had a short bench, Bluder credited ABC television network’s commercial length for keeping her starters rested.

“The nice thing is, ABC, you have a little bit longer timeouts,” Bluder said. “... It’s just unfortunate that Hannah went down. Obviously, when Molly went down right away, I mean, it’s just one of those things. But honestly, our players never hung their head, they never got upset.”

Now, Iowa has its ninth berth to the Sweet 16 — its fourth since 2015 — and will play the winner of No. 3 Duke and No. 6 Colorado in Seattle on Friday. Even though the Hawkeyes righted their wrong, they have higher aspirations this year.

“I think any time you are one of 16 teams that get to play basketball, it’s pretty special,” Clark said. “But it wasn’t a huge part of our celebration in the locker room. This wasn’t our goal. It’s one of our steps to reaching our goal, but it’s not the end-all-be-all for us. This is the first weekend, and we won, and now we have a second weekend. And we hope there’s a third weekend, too.”

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Georgia forward Malury Bates attempts to block Iowa forward McKenna Warnock during the NCAA Tournament second-round game between No. 2 Iowa and No. 10 Georgia at a sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The Hawkeyes beat the Bulldogs, 74-66. Warnock scored 14 points and eight rebounds.



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Iowa guard Caitlin Clark hypes up the crowd during the NCAA Tournament second-round game between No. 2 Iowa and No. 10 Georgia at a sold-out Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The Hawkeyes beat the Bulldogs, 74-66. Clark scored 22 points and 12 assists. Clark was named Big Ten Women’s Basketball Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

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# Amplify

## Iowa Youth Writing Project fills gap in academics

The Iowa Youth Writing Project facilitates students, no matter what their goals are outside the classroom.

Yasmina Sahir  
Opinions Columnist

As a social justice and advocacy intern with the Iowa Youth Writing Project since last fall, I've never walked into a meeting when the room wasn't filled with laughter and a sense of community.

At Iowa Youth Writing Project meetings, a collection of students from all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds along with peers from the LGBTQ+, first generation, and international student communities come together to discuss how to better serve K-12 youth in Iowa City.

I know the struggles associated with being removed from campus and opportunities because of remote learning; I'm a fifth-year undergraduate, and I was a sophomore at the University of Iowa in March 2020.

Current high school and college students like me had years impacted by teacher shortages and Zoom learning. In the Iowa City Community School District, over 30 positions are waiting to be filled for the spring.

Now, three years after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of the virus directly harmed learning proficiency in young adult age groups, including teens and college students.

The Iowa Youth Writing Project hosts programming at local public schools, including City High School, West High School, Tate High School, and several elementary and middle schools.

"I started volunteering when I was a student," Iowa Youth Writing Project Director Mallory Hellman said. "What it did for me was break me out of the campus bubble in my head. Social and campus issues can feel so consuming, but getting off campus and engaging in the community can greatly benefit your educational and career goals."

Inclusivity is a key component of the Iowa Youth Writing Project's values. Kind, fair treatment for all is expected from leadership, college-aged volunteers, and youth partaking in programming.

As a North African student from a mixed-cultural background, I have encountered many uncomfortable, white-dominated spaces on the UI's campus. But I can say that my time at Iowa Youth Writing Project has never left me wondering when or even if instances of microaggressions will occur. Staff, students, and youth work together to ensure the Iowa Youth Writing Project remains a safe space each semester.

The programming is designed for all students no matter their grade in school, socioeconomic background, primary language, or reading and writing abilities. Students in the program engage in writing clubs focused on personal growth during and after traditional school hours at no cost.

Kamilla Jacobo, a UI student studying psychology and Latinx studies, found their way to the Iowa Youth Writing Project be-



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Phillips Hall is seen in Iowa City on Sunday. The Iowa Youth Writing Project is located at the Magid Center for Writing in room 24.

cause it filled a desire for teaching and giving back to the community that their studies on campus didn't allow them to highlight in the classroom.

"Iowa Youth Writing Project works extremely hard to make the program diverse and inclusive. Everyone I've met in the program comes from a diverse background and works hard to make sure that everyone is welcomed and feels like they belong," Jacobo wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

This is Jacobo's first year with the program.

"I'm passionate about

serving my community and knowing that I can make a difference in a student's life. Everyone deserves the right to learn how to read, write, and expand their creative mind. In return, being able to teach students allows me to never lose my own creative spark," Jacobo wrote.

Iowa Youth Writing Project directors said they've noticed a surge in participation when local public schools returned to in-person learning, and these numbers are comparable to pre-pandemic numbers.

The heightened positive atmosphere returned to campus in fall 2021 when college students returned to partially in-person classes. Just like college students, Iowa City youth want to connect with their peers and engage with community visitors.

As they head into the latter part of the 2022-2023 school year, Iowa Youth Writing Project directors are looking forward to an optimistic spring and summer session.

"For me, experiential learning was and is such a valuable part of the college experience," Associate Director Camille Socarras said.

The current site coordinator Emmlyn Dversdall, a senior at UI majoring in

English and creative writing, started work with the Iowa Youth Writing Project in fall 2021.

Dversdall was drawn to the Iowa Youth Writing Project because of a passion for working with the youth.

"My favorite part is being in the classrooms with students," Dversdall wrote in an email to the *DI*. "No matter what age the students are, they always bring so much joy to every meeting. Seeing students share their thoughts and watching their imaginations bloom is a one-of-a-kind experience where I'm incredibly grateful to see and help facilitate."

One area where college student engagement can be helpful is through the college admissions essay and application program. Although this program is usually hosted during the summer programming cycle, it has not been possible to host in-person opportunities for local youth since the pandemic lockdown in March 2020.

With the directors hoping all typical Iowa Youth Writing Project programs will be up and running for the 2023 summer session, and with more schools asking for literary-based programming, the need for college aged volunteers within the Iowa Youth

Writing Project has increased.

Iowa Youth Writing Project depends on college student interns and volunteers to keep the program running at its full potential. The project has volunteer and internship opportunities during the fall and spring semesters for college students who are interested and have a passion for writing and working with children.

"You don't need an MFA to get children excited to express themselves," Hellman said.

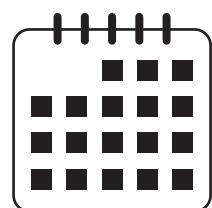
There is nothing quite like knowing that what you do and have a passion for is making a tangible impact on the world. The Iowa Youth Writing Project mission becomes personal to me when I reflect on the hardships and experiences my illiterate family members face when confronted with an increasingly globalized world where the ability to read and write has become essential to survival.

Through working with organizations like the Iowa Youth Writing Project, we can all uplift and support individuals in this community on their journeys to become more engaged learners, critical thinkers, and developed writers.

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## Calendar

### Community Events on Campus



**Tuesday, March 21, ALL DAY:** "Ukraine: War and Resistance" (Phillips Hall)



**Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.:** "South Asian Studies Program Talk: Seema Srivastava" (University Capitol Centre)



**Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m.:** "Blazing a Trail: Native Women in Activism" (Iowa Memorial Union)



**Wednesday, March 29, 4 p.m.:** "Curator Guided Tour with Madde Hoberg - Out & About: Queer Life in Iowa City" (University of Iowa Main Library)



**Friday, March 31, 3:15 p.m.:** "Frequências Keynote Lecture by Janaína Oliveira" (FilmScene at the Chauncey)



**Friday, April 7, 1:30 p.m.:** "Aniruddha Dutta, Modal Modulation Through Graha Bhedam: Notes On Attempted Musical Translation" (Voxman Music Building)



**Friday, April 7, 4:30 p.m.:** "Beyond Inclusion and Reconciliation: Decolonization in Science and Technology" (Biology Building East, Krollos Auditorium)



**Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m.:** "Paper Artisan Talk and Q&A" (Adler Building of Journalism and Mass Communication)



**Monday, April 17, 5 p.m.:** "WorldCanvass: An Evening with the Meitar Ensemble" (Voxman Music Building)



**Thursday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.:** "Hervé Youmbi & Willie Cole: A Conversation" (Stanley Museum of Art)

Stay tuned for more Amplify sections and community chats.

# Opinions

COLUMN

## Iowa politics are a waste of time

Iowa state legislators should work on behalf of Iowans rather than engaging in culture wars.



Sophia Meador  
Opinions Editor

I hate politics more than ever before.

Ironically, I'm a political science major. I chose to study political science so I could make informed decisions about my life and my community. But living in Iowa has only reinforced my negative outlook on politics.

As a registered Independent and journalist, I always try to judge politics from an objective viewpoint. Throughout my two years working at *The Daily Iowan*, I have written columns that criticized both Republicans and Democrats. I believe we should judge politicians based on their actions, not their political affiliations.

That said, I'm disappointed by the actions of Iowa Republicans during this legislative session. Rather than address general welfare issues, Republicans made the Iowa Legislature a culture war.

By the powers granted in the U.S. Constitution, state governments have the responsibility to ensure the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the public. During the current leg-

islative session, the Republican-led legislature has failed to address general welfare issues in Iowa and are playing political stunt games.

More than 1,000 bills have been introduced in this year's legislative session. Many bills made headlines for pushing back against LGBTQ+ rights, such as proposals to ban gender-affirming care, allowing teachers to reject students' pronouns, and banning children from attending drag shows.

Some of these far-right bills are still alive, and others are not after the funnel week.

For weeks, I saw graphics circulating on social media urgently warning users about a bill that would ban gay marriage in Iowa and encouraging viewers to sign a petition against this bill. The bill, House File 508, was sponsored by eight Republican representatives. Gay marriage is federally protected under the Respect for Marriage Act. Even if this law was passed in Iowa, it would have been struck down in court.

Republican efforts like this are a waste of time, and Democrats are just as guilty for using their platform to enrage the electorate against bills with no substance.

In my political science courses, we learn about issues such as poverty, criminal justice, environmental policy, and economics. We



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The Iowa State Capitol is seen before the opening of the 2022 Legislative Session in Des Moines, Iowa, on Jan. 10, 2022.

discuss topics such as inequality, equity, and bias. The things we're assigned to think critically about are not issues related to culture wars. They are actual issues that are affecting the daily lives of Americans.

I'd love to see our legislators work together to address hunger — which 7.3 percent of Iowans experience each day — or ways to reduce poverty in the state, which 11 percent of Iowa residents face.

Instead, bills like Senate File 303, which would have provided all public school students with free breakfast and lunch, died in the legislature before it made it to a debate. That's what our legislators should be working toward.

There's no point in engaging in culture wars where no one wins. This is not the purpose of politics.

I'm not writing this column to upset Republicans or on behalf of the Demo-

crats. I am writing because I see that politicians in the state legislature are failing to do their jobs and instead are engaging in culture wars. There are real issues that are affecting the lives of Iowans each day.

I'm tired of seeing Iowa continually make national headlines for radical legislation. Iowa should not be the laughingstock of the country. Frankly, it's embarrassing.

Iowa has the resources

to be one of the best states in the country for families to live and grow. As leaders in agriculture and education, I see so much potential in Iowa. But it feels like we're wasting our potential on culture wars rather than actual progress.

Our legislators need to do better, and it's our job as constituents to demand more.

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COLUMN

## Live music makes Iowa City unique

Iowa City-based band performances are vital to the city's art scene.



Katie Perkins  
Opinions Contributor

Dive bars with rickety stages are an essential part of downtown Iowa City's charm.

Supporting local bands by going out to shows is not only a fun way to spend your evening, but it's also

an essential part of keeping the arts alive by integrating them into nightlife.

With Iowa City being a Midwestern hub for the arts, it has never shied away from facilitating live performances. Between The Airliner, Elray's Live & Dive, Gabe's, and other local bars, there are plenty of opportunities to watch live music by up-and-coming bands.

I talked to two members of the Barrel Bros, a local country-rock cover band that frequently plays in Airliner and Elray's.

Pat Sheehy, a University

of Iowa fourth-year student and lead singer of Barrel Bros, said people are at a loss when they do not go out of their way to support local bands.

"[You are] missing out on a big piece of Iowa City that brings a lot of people together," Sheehy said. "There are a lot of places that you can walk into on a Friday or Saturday night where the atmosphere is really brought up by live music."

Danny McLaughlin, a fourth-year UI student and lead guitarist of Barrel Bros, said bringing joy to other

people and having fun along the way is his favorite part of performing in Iowa City.

For the Barrel Bros, music was a passion-filled hobby that turned into something more.

"Whether it's a big crowd or small, as long as some of our friends and supporters are there getting into it, it's always fun for us," Sheehy said.

The Barrel Bros are one of many bands created by college students that are based in the Iowa City area. When the audience is composed of locals, there

is an exchange between performer and crowd that wouldn't be possible in a massive stadium or concert hall.

Whether it be requesting your favorite song to a cover band or introducing yourself to band members and making connections, these small concerts bring people together in a way that only artistry can.

Supporting Iowa City talent also helps the local economy by offering profits to bars and other venues. Small concerts have something we all can benefit

from.

Appreciating music is one thing, but going out of your way to support it is another. The least we can do is get behind them in their bold and lively effort to produce live music for the community.

The importance of supporting local bands is to keep the arts alive, and the importance of keeping the arts alive is to keep creativity, community, and beauty flourishing in this little artistic city that we all love.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

## Should students take a gap year?

Elise Cagnard and Sophia Meador debate on taking a gap year in college.



Sophia Meador  
Opinions Editor

options after graduation: Go to college or find a job.

At least, that's what I thought. I've spent the better part of 21 years in the confines of a classroom with teachers and professors guiding my coursework. There have been few opportunities outside the world of school and few opportunities to learn and make mistakes on my own accord.

As a junior in college, I've started to look at career paths to pursue post-graduation. While doing the standard job search, I can't help but think I missed out on other opportunities.

For instance, I love to travel but can only do so on a budget. But there are other opportunities abroad that are

Most high school students believe there are only two

paid for, like nannying, working in a hostel, or seasonal farming. These jobs are not careers I would do forever, but they would be rewarding as a young tourist.

I also believe taking a gap year could have given me a better understanding of my long-term career plans.

I went into my freshman year as a journalism and mass communications major because I was active in my high school yearbook. I understand the world better because of my majors, but I don't feel any more confident in what I want to do long-term than I did as a freshman.

Taking a gap year — or multiple years — would have given me more time to consider what path to pursue. Who knows, I could have ended up doing something completely different with my life.

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### Yes



Elise Cagnard  
Opinions Contributor

Whether it is because of the pandemic or to take time for mental health, many students have decided to put a pause on their education.

While I understand the motivation behind this action, I believe taking a gap year is a mistake.

When a student stops their education for any reason, it can become incredibly easy to lose academic momentum. Approximately 10 percent of students who take a gap year do not return to school.

This might seem like a relatively low statistic. But out of those 90 percent who do return, these students are half as likely to graduate with a bachelor's degree than their peers who did not take a gap year.

One explanation for this is that students

### No

Over the last few years, taking a gap year has become much more common.

can lose the routines they have followed for the past 13 years. After spending practically our whole lives in school, there are many conscious and unconscious habits we have built into our brains that allow us to succeed.

After taking a full year off, these habits might get lost. This means returning to writing papers and taking tests might be more of a shock than the student expected.

On a monetary note, when a student takes a gap year, it often affects their financial aid standing. A student who takes a gap year is 5 percent less likely to receive any kind of financial aid.

Past this, a student who has taken a gap year and returns to school is estimated to receive an average of \$2,500 fewer financial aid dollars than other students, according to Saving For College.

Overall, there are many factors to consider about taking a gap year. It is important to make sure it is not a decision you will regret.

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of general health from 2020 could be that Iowa City was better equipped than other counties to handle the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Being in a bigger county that has more resources, that has medical facilities, and that has overall a slightly younger population than other counties could explain why we continued to do well or even better than we had in the past,” she said.

Moving forward, Deshpande said Johnson County should continue to monitor the health of disparate populations and build coalitions to bring together people and organizations.

“Not only focusing on health and health care access, but really focusing on making Johnson County a place where people can live safely and have all the things that they need

related to health, not just health care,” she said.

The UI Campus Recreation and Wellness Center has also seen an increase in memberships since 2020, indicating people could be taking a deeper interest in their health.

Mallory Valentine, UI Campus Recreation and Wellness Center associate director of strategic initiatives, wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that from July 2020 to June 2021, the recreation center recorded 8,499 active members and 11,564 active members from July 2021 to June 2022.

Valentine wrote she thinks there are two potential reasons that CRWC saw this increase in memberships.

“First, I believe our patrons are more comfortable exercising in public now than previously,” Valentine wrote. “Second, in general there has been an increased focus on health and well-being since the pandemic started, hence

promoting participation in fitness related activities.”

To prolong these positive trends, Jarvis said Johnson County Public Health plans to rely on partnerships in the department and the community, including recruiting and retaining staff who want to work in health care and have experience and knowledge.

“The other side of that is also making sure that we’re going beyond just our four walls here at the department and that we’re out in the community, talking to folks and working with other community partners,” Jarvis said.

Jarvis said while it is great to see Johnson County ranked as one of the healthier counties in the state, health disparities still exist in the county.

“There are certainly pockets where there are inequities,” Jarvis said. “For us to continue to be one of the healthiest counties, we’ve got to address those



Workout equipment at Hillcrest Hall is pictured on March 9. Rohan Abernathy-Wee/The Daily Iowan

**UKRAINE**  
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pared, they literally evacuated much more often, and they answered our questions about evacuations also with bigger certainty,” he said.

Vakhitov emphasized that given the nature of the situation that prompts

evacuation — shelling, blasts, explosions from jets flying overhead — the resulting stress level prevents people from thinking straight.

People often need clearer instructions on what to do beyond “You need to evacuate,” Vakhitov said, because people didn’t know where to go.

Vakhitov said he was able

to evacuate at the start of the war because his friends offered to let him stay in their large apartment or to help him find his own place.

“I think what saved so many people during the first days of war is this horizontal linkage between people,” he said. “Even sometimes I didn’t know those people, I would just help them be-

cause I felt that it was important.”

The fact that Vakhitov had access to a car, he said, was also helpful.

Access to housing, transportation, and information during an evacuation, he said, helps decrease uncertainty for people.

“Whenever we managed to decrease uncertainty about the nearest future, about tomorrow, people are more likely to move and to make correct moves,” he said.

“Even sometimes I didn’t know those people, I would just help them because I felt that it was important.”

— Researcher and Kyiv resident Volodymyr Vakhitov



Ukrainian military forces are seen going in the opposite direction through the bus windows of Team Humanity as they evacuate soon-to-be war refugees to Moldova as they leave the war sieged city of Mykolaiv, Ukraine as on March 27, 2022. Contributed

Petra Sinagl, Tippie College of Business assistant professor of finance from the Czech Republic, said she wanted to get involved with economists for Ukraine because of her background.

“We have a very bad experience with Russian occupation and actually, pretty much the same thing, except for the war happened to us in 1968 where Russians came with tanks, we just let them seize us,” Sinagl said. “It has a very special kind of feeling what is happening to Ukrainians, so I’m trying to help the way I can from here.”

Sinagl said she reached out to Tatyana Deryugina, a member of Economists for Ukraine’s leadership team, to get involved with the organization and learn how to implement the fellowship at the UI.

At the UI Tippie College of Business, Sinagl said the main criteria for their consideration of fellows consisted of mutual research interests in addition to English-speaking ability to allow for communication.

Once she received information from Deryugina, Sinagl said she started conversations with Tippie professor Kenneth Brown on implementing the fellowship at Tippie.

Brown said during the planning and creation of advertisements for Vakhitov’s talks, which included a clip art image of a circle

with tanks, planes, and missiles, there was consideration about how to be thoughtful, respectful, and genuine about the reality in Ukraine.

“Are we trivializing the invasion of their country to a major world power by using clip art by having it be a hook in an article?” Brown said. “I don’t have an answer.”

Brown said, despite these worries about trivialization, he does think what the UI is doing is meaningful with this non-residential fellowship.

“I think that is an important lens to think about this, and the way that I’ve thought about this is it’s important for us to be concerned about world events, even when there’s not a war,” he said.

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# FALLING SHORT

The Hawkeyes finished with six All-Americans but failed to capture an individual or team title.



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No. 4 seeded 125-pound Purdue's Matt Ramos celebrates after wrestling No. 1 seeded 125-pound Iowa's Spencer Lee during Session IV of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Friday. Ramos defeated Lee by fall, 6:59, preventing Lee from getting his fourth NCAA title.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

No. 3 seeded 149-pound Arizona State's Kyle Parco wrestles No. 8 seeded 149-pound Iowa's Max Murin during Session V of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday. Parco defeated Murin by decision, 4-3. Muring placed sixth and earned All-American status.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

No. 5 seeded 184-pound Iowa State's Marcus Coleman shakes No. 12 seeded 184-pound Iowa's Abe Assad's hand during session two of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on March 16. Coleman defeated Assad after tiebreakers, 2-1.



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No. 1 seeded 285-pound Michigan's Mason Parris wrestles No. 4 seeded 285-pound Iowa's Tony Cassioppi during Session IV of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Friday. Parris defeated Cassioppi by technical fall, 16-1. Cassioppi placed fourth and earned All-American status.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

No. 1 seeded 174-pound Penn State's Carter Starocci celebrates after wrestling No. 2 seeded 174-pound Nebraska's Mikey Labriola during Session VI of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday. Starocci defeated Labriola by fall, 2:46 and was one of two Penn State NCAA champions in the tournament.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Spencer Lee looks at Lock Haven's Anthony Noto, Purdue's Matt Ramos, and Princeton's Pat Glory (left to right) during Session VI of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday. Lee placed sixth in the 125-pound weight class following a medical forfeit.

**WOODS**

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Colorado its first national champion since Jack Flasche in 1962.

"I am always proud of myself. I never let that fly," Woods said. "I am never disappointed in myself. Interestingly enough, after this outcome, I am not disappointed in myself. I am simply angry. It hurts. I am not disappointed in myself. I am proud of myself. I am ready to move forward."

"That is what life is about, and that's what is so beautiful about this sport," Woods added. "This is the kind of stuff you're going to deal with in life, through any hardship, you're going to deal with this pain and the fact you need to move forward and move on and continue to grow. That's

just life."

Woods has one more chance to reach the top of the podium when he returns to Iowa City next season. A three-time All-American, Woods will join other accomplished Iowa grapplers such as four-time All-American heavyweight Tony Cassioppi, who finished fourth at the 2023 NCAA Championships — the next-best individual finish for the Hawkeyes.

Even though five-time All-Americans Spencer Lee and Jacob Warner, along with two-time All-American Max Murin, graduate this season, the Iowa lineup for the 2023-2024 season will most likely feature 2023 All-American Nelson Brands, 2020 All-American Abe Assad, and past NCAA qualifiers Drake Ayala, Brody Teske, Cobe Siebrecht, and Patrick Kennedy.

"We have to come back strong, we will, we have character, and I believe that," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "The hard part is putting the right look on your face that has optimism for the future and that's hard to do right now. I said it last year; I am an envious guy. I am jealous, and here we are again."

After completing a threepeat of NCAA titles beginning in 2010, Iowa has won just once in the last 12 years. Penn State has claimed the title in 10 of those seasons. The Nittany Lions won the Big Ten title this season and eight times in the last 13 seasons.

The Hawkeyes won the national title in 2021, have had 33 straight seasons with a national title finalist, and have had at least five All-Americans in 10 consecutive seasons.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan  
No. 2 seeded 141-pound Northern Colorado's Andrew Alirez hugs coaches after wrestling No. 1 seeded 141-pound Iowa's Real Woods during session six of the NCAA Wrestling Championships at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday. Alirez defeated Woods by decision, 6-4, and earned a NCAA championship title at 141-pounds.

"The other thing that has to be said is you have to give celebration status to the guys that earned

it," Brands said. "We had six All-Americans. It's not sucking your thumb walking out of here. You have

to build, and you have to move on."

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**MCCAFFERY**

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little end to it."

As he exited the court in a Hawkeye jersey for the final time, Connor McCaffery embraced his father before sitting on the bench to watch the final seconds of his career tick away.

"I broke down a little bit," Connor McCaffery said. "A lot hit me all at

once. My dad and I, we have a special relationship."

Connor McCaffery has played for his dad in Iowa City since 2017 and has been a part of 124 wins over that span.

During the last five seasons, in which Connor McCaffery played a more prominent role than the four games he appeared in as a freshman, Iowa went 110-56.

The Hawkeyes made it to the NCAA Tournament four out of the last five seasons and would've made it in 2019-20 if it hadn't been for the COVID-19 pandemic.

"He's the consummate winner," Fran McCaffery said of Connor McCaffery. "He's an unselfish person. He recognizes if we have the leading scorer in the country, the leading

3-point shooter in the nation, a guy that made more threes, than anybody in the Big Ten, he's, he's gonna make sure those guys get the ball ... He's that guy that brings out the best in all of his teammates, and there's just no substitute for how valuable that is."

Former Iowa standouts Jordan Bohannon and Luka Garza were who Fran McCaffery was referencing as

the three-point shooter and leading scorer.

Connor McCaffery led the nation this season with a 3.93 assist-to-turnover ratio and ranks first in that category all-time at Iowa.

Although Connor McCaffery never averaged more than 6.5 points per game in his career, he said he tried to do everything he could for his team.

"Always competed as

hard as I could," Connor McCaffery continued. "That was really what I prided myself on my entire career. Trying to win every day, win every game, and for a lot of my career we were pretty successful, won a lot of games. That's something I'm proud of ... Something that I hold close to my heart."

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**HENDERSON**

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junior Adeline Kenlin led the GymHawks with a 9.9.

"We've been struggling on bars to just get a good rhythm, and that's been picking up over the last few weeks," Libby said.

When the Hawkeyes took to the beam on the third rotation, they were forced to count a fall. But Iowa recovered when Kenlin finished out the event with a 9.950, pushing the team event score to 48.475.

"Sometimes you have to be the person to bring the fun, otherwise it's not going to be there," Kenlin said. "I enjoy it, I enjoy that the team thrives off of it, and I thrive off of it."

After beam, the Gym-

Hawks trailed the other three teams, going into the final event with a score of 146.875.

"We're a lot stronger than where we are," Libby said. "The Big Ten is very, very good, and there's no room for mistakes."

For the final rotation, Iowa competed on floor, where the Hawkeyes totaled 49.250 and finished the night at 196.125.

While Iowa finished last of the four teams in session two, Hawkeye senior JerQuavia Henderson collected some individual hardware on the final rotation.

Henderson's floor routine scored 9.950 to win a share of the Big Ten title — her second career conference title on floor.

When the lights are the brightest, Henderson said she thinks back to the hard work she put in to

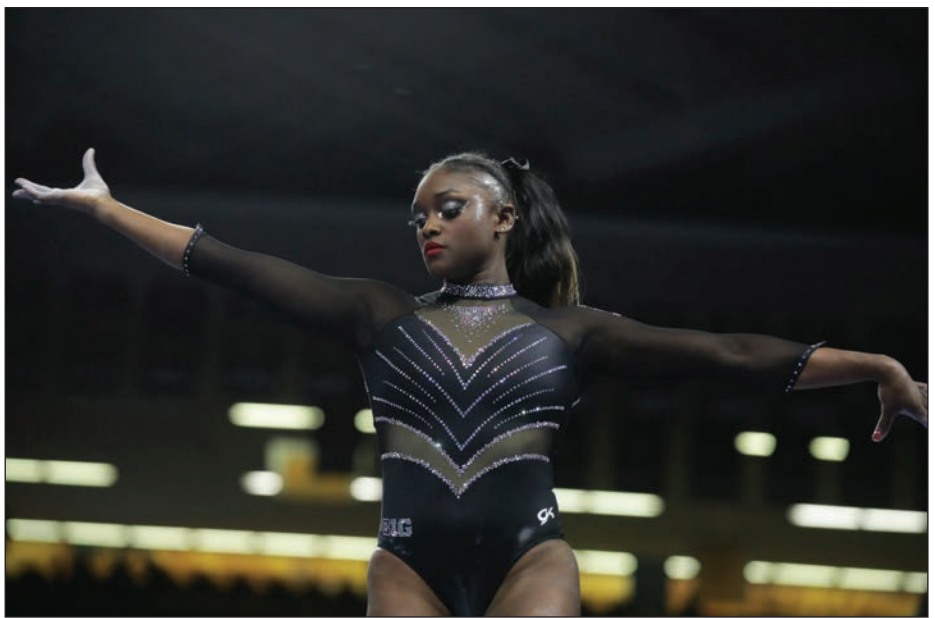
get to the moment.

"Trusting myself, my coaches, my training, and especially my team," Henderson said. "We have our ups and downs and small mistakes, but we always say our one objective is to stay together. Every time something happens, we move forward."

Henderson also placed fifth in the all-around, earning herself a spot on the all-Big Ten conference team, along with Kenlin.

"Adeline's getting her stride back again," Libby said. "I love the fact that Q was finally recognized for her gymnastics."

The Hawkeyes await NCAA postseason assignments for the regional competitions that take place from March 29-April 1. The selection show is on March 20 at 11



Lillie Hawker/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa gymnast JerQuavia Henderson competes on the beam during a gymnastics meet between Iowa and Minnesota in Iowa City on Jan. 27. The Hawkeyes and the Gophers tied, with each getting a score of 196.875.

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If the Hawkeyes make it to NCAA Regionals, they

will compete against the top 36 teams in the country to attempt to qualify

for nationals.

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**The Daily Break**

The New York Times Crossword

Puzzle solutions on page 3B

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0213

13x13 crossword grid with numbered squares.

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- 5 Hoarse voice
- 9 Eponymous prize awarded by the Mystery Writers of America
- 14 Lyft competitor
- 15 Ireland, to the Irish
- 16 Frontline health care professional
- 17 Computer input
- 18 \*Colorful cereal with the mascot Toucan Sam
- 20 Omani currency
- 22 King: Fr.
- 23 Successor of Nintendo's GameCube
- 24 \*"Uh-oh, \_\_\_!" (classic line in commercials)
- 28 Catering container
- 29 Contents of a farmyard stack
- 30 Sound represented by an upside-down "e"
- 31 Capture on cassette
- 33 Star of Disney's "Once Upon a Snowman"
- 35 \_\_\_-state area (N.Y., N.J. and Conn., e.g.)
- 36 Coop resident
- 37 Nutritionist's recommendation ... or what the answers to the starred clues make up, to an overly literal person?
- 43 Big part of a basset hound
- 44 Korean automaker
- 45 Memo starter
- 46 Radio button that's handy on a road trip
- 48 Food strainer
- 50 24 horas
- 51 New \_\_\_ smell

- 52 \*Bulk purchase of Gouda, e.g.
- 55 Climbing vine
- 56 Weeding tool
- 57 Wildly bright, as a color
- 58 \*\*"Ice Cream of the Future" since 1988
- 62 Something to make when tossing a coin into a fountain
- 65 Singer and AIDS charity founder \_\_\_ John
- 66 Genesis backdrop
- 67 With 41-Down, Buffalo's body of water
- 68 Corporate shake-up, for short
- 69 Sales pitch display, informally
- 70 Slender
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- 3 Backstabber's forte
- 4 Former late-night host Ferguson
- 5 Shiny bicycle attachment
- 6 Broadcast
- 7 Sold-out theater inits.
- 8 Illinois city that's a symbol of Middle America
- 9 Signed up
- 10 Bert and Ernie, for one
- 11 "Quit being so immature!"
- 12 Shoot for the stars
- 13 Sticky secretion
- 19 Excessively
- 21 Sounds during a dental exam

- 24 Exhibit
- 25 Drained of color
- 26 Drive-\_\_\_ window
- 27 Ho Ho alternative
- 32 "\_\_\_ will always love you" (Whitney Houston lyric)
- 34 Target of a medicated dog collar
- 36 "Goodness me, absolutely not!"
- 38 Major Texas industry
- 39 Goes pffft
- 40 Refusing to accept reality
- 41 See 67-Across
- 42 Color akin to turquoise
- 46 \_\_\_ Row (London street known for its tailors)
- 47 Modern lead-in to currency
- 48 Like some watermelons or brackets
- 49 Subject of many baa-a-ad puns?
- 51 Orchard beverage
- 53 Babe
- 54 Wolf sounds
- 59 \_\_\_ favor (Spanish "please")
- 60 Praiseful poem
- 61 President pro \_\_\_
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## Woods falls short of title

The 141-pounder was Iowa's only finalist. The No. 1 seed lost, 6-4, to Northern Colorado's Andrew Alirez.



Ayrton Breckenridge/The Daily Iowan

Northern Colorado's No. 2 seeded 141-pounder Andrew Alirez wrestles Iowa's top seeded Real Woods in the 141-pound NCAA Championship bout at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., on Saturday. Alirez defeated Woods by decision, 6-4, and earned a NCAA championship title at 141-pounds.

**Matt McGowan**  
Sports Reporter

Iowa men's wrestler Real Woods lost, 6-4, to Northern Colorado's Andrew Alirez in the 141-pound title bout at the 2023 NCAA Championships on Saturday at the BOK Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Hawkeyes finished second in team points, trailing behind champion Penn State, 137.5-82.5.

Woods transferred from Stanford this offseason. While a Cardinal, he qualified for the national championships three times but never advanced beyond the semifinals. Having earned his degree from Stanford, Woods' next goal was to reach the top of his weight class.

Woods started this quest with a bang in his debut match for the Hawkeyes, defeating then 10th-ranked Casey Swiderski of Iowa State, 4-2, on Dec. 4, 2022, and taking a parade lap around the Black and Gold mat after his hand was raised.

Woods continued this dominance to the tune of an undefeated regular season. He added a Big Ten individual title on March 5 to go along with two Pac-12 championships from his four years with the Cardinal.

The top seed in his weight class in this year's NCAA tournament, Woods cruised to the finals, picking up three major decisions and outscoring his opponents, 40-7, in his four matches leading to the championship match, where he faced the sec-

ond-seeded Alirez. Woods and Alirez were both undefeated on the season, combining for 47 wins heading into the finals.

After a scoreless first period, Woods tilted Alirez for a takedown. Alirez, a Big 12 champion in 2022, answered promptly by throwing the Hawkeye to the mat near the edge of the circle to even the scoring at two apiece. With Woods now on the ground, Alirez was close to a pin, and the referee signaled for a two-point near fall.

Northern Colorado head coach Troy Nickerson challenged the call, arguing that Alirez scored a four-point near fall and should have six total points instead of four.

The referee had swiped his hand three times and appeared to be halfway through

a fourth one, signaling a four-point near fall, when the motion stopped. After an unprecedented review of more than five minutes, the call was overturned, and Woods found himself trailing, 6-2, with less than a minute to go in the second period.

"I wanted it so bad that I put myself in an exposed position, and it bit me in the butt," Woods said in his post-match media availability.

After escaping to close the period, Woods found himself in a do-or-die situation in the final two minutes. He scored another escape point but couldn't overcome the deficit, giving Northern

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### HAWKEYE UPDATES



**ONLINE:** Cornell men's wrestler Yianni Diakomihalis becomes fifth-ever four-time NCAA Champion

Diakomihalis defeated Ohio State's Sammy Sasso, 4-2, in the 149-pound NCAA finals match on Saturday night.



**ONLINE:** Spencer Lee leaves lasting legacy on Iowa men's wrestling program

The 125-pound three-time national champion was upset in the 2023 NCAA Championship semifinals but will still be remembered as one of the Hawkeyes' all-time greats.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The cute little one with the eyes, who is that?"

— Georgia head coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson on Iowa guard Gabbie Marshall.

### STAT OF THE DAY

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— All-America honors for the Iowa men's wrestling team.

## 'It's a big chapter of my life that's closed'

Connor McCaffery's six-year Iowa men's basketball career came to an end in Iowa's NCAA Tournament loss on March 16.



Matt Sindt/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Connor McCaffery embraces Iowa head coach and father Fran McCaffery after stepping off the court for the final time in his college career during a men's basketball game between Iowa and Auburn in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday. The Tigers defeated the Hawkeyes, 83-75. "Probably didn't need to take that foul, but I just kind of wanted to come off the court, give my dad a hug. Have a nice end to it," Connor McCaffery said.

**Chris Werner**  
Assistant Sports Editor

BIRMINGHAM, AL. — Connor McCaffery's reputation for the last six seasons on the Iowa men's basketball team has been one of intelligence and understanding of the game.

However, the coach on the floor — as he's been called on multiple occasions this season — intentionally picked up his fifth foul with 17 seconds remaining in the Hawkeyes' 83-75 loss to Auburn in

the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 16.

In his last of 166 games — second in Iowa history behind Jordan Bohannon — as a Hawkeye, Connor McCaffery essentially took himself out of the game to have one final moment with his father and Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery.

"Probably didn't need to take that foul," Connor McCaffery said postgame. "But I just wanted to come off the court, give my dad a hug. Have a nice

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## Henderson captures share of Big Ten floor title

The Senior notched a 9.950 for her second floor crown as a Hawkeye.

**Emma Sachs**  
Sport Reporter

The No. 25 Iowa women's gymnastics team hosted the Big Ten Championships Saturday night at Xtream Arena in Coralville. The Hawkeyes finished eighth of 10 teams, posting a 196.125.

No. 20 Minnesota dominated in session one to defeat No. 22 Maryland, No. 23 Nebraska, No. 24 Illinois, No. 33 Penn State, and No. 41 Rutgers with a score of 197.250.

The Hawkeyes competed in session two along with No. 2 Michigan, No. 9 Michigan State, and No. 15 Ohio State.

In front of the packed arena, Michigan took home the team crown, putting up 198 points.

"To bring all of these people here just to watch gymnastics is so impressive," Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said. "When I walked out, I was blown away that it was packed all the way through. That's been the dream since I got here, so it was everything we could've asked for."

The GymHawks started off strong on vault, where they scored a 49.1. Michigan led all four teams in session two with a 49.725.

During the second event, the Hawkeyes competed on bars and earned a season-high event score of 49.3. Iowa

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