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On Wednesday, *The Daily Iowan* will publish a project profiling U.S. House Clerk Cheryl Johnson. Johnson, a 1980 University of Iowa graduate, has worked on Capitol Hill for over 20 years as well as at the Smithsonian Institution for the building of the African American Museum.

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UI student Melissa Alvarez, with the support of Moms Demand Action, brought the Iowa City community together on Saturday to protest gun violence.

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Safety resources posted in IC bars, restaurants

The signs, posted during the first week of April, list local mental health and safety resource information.

Sydney Libert
News Reporter

A new collaboration between the University of Iowa, CommUnity Crisis Services, and the Iowa City Downtown District is bringing awareness to local mental health and late-night safety services.

During the first weekend of April, 28 bars and restaurants in the downtown area debuted green "Late Night Resources in Iowa City" signs featuring a compiled list of phone numbers, websites,

and programs aimed to support the community's well-being.

Each sign has the numbers of the 988 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and CommUnity Crisis Services' Mobile Crisis Response. Anyone experiencing stress, anxiety, depression, or thoughts of suicide can call the hotline.

Additionally, CommUnity's Mobile Crisis Response will send mental health counselors to the location of callers enduring a mental health crisis. People can also call the service for someone

they are worried is experiencing a crisis.

UI Assistant Dean of Wellbeing and Basic Needs Tanya Villhauer said the partnership began with the desire to spread the word about the new 988 number and to bring awareness to the university's collaboration with CommUnity Crisis.

"We wanted to think together about how we could help to promote both of these resources, for not only students, but also for people in the downtown area,"

Villhauer said.

Villhauer said UI Student Life and CommUnity Crisis Services worked together on the design of the signs and collaborated with the downtown district to spread their message about supporting students beyond the classroom.

"This was one small way for us to try to make sure that our people are aware that we care about them and that we have things in place to help support them through diffi-

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IC library officials worry over book bans

The legislation would require every school district to post a list of all books in the schools' library online.



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Photo illustration of commonly banned books in the Iowa City Public Library.

Hannah Lipski
News Reporter

Iowa City has been a go-to location for renowned authors as an UNESCO City of Literature, but a new book-banning bill proposed by the Iowa Legislature may restrict some books from landing in Iowa City Community School District libraries.

The initial piece of legislation was introduced on Feb. 9 and gives parents more authority over what books are allowed in their school

library. The legislation later became Senate File 496 and passed by a 55-42 vote in the Iowa House. It heads to the Iowa Senate to be reconsidered after being amended in the Iowa House.

John Kenyon, the executive director of Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, said he feels the bill is pushing other people's beliefs onto students.

"It's disappointing. I've talked with colleagues from around the world about this, and they're shocked," Kenyon said. "It's not the

sort of thing that one expects from the U.S."

According to the legislation, school districts would have to post all books in the school libraries and classrooms online, along with the process for parents to take books out of the libraries. Once a book is removed, it is then put on a state-wide removal list maintained by the Iowa Department of Education.

Books that have been successfully removed from Iowa schools, according to PEN America:

- "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie
- "Me, Earl and the Dying Girl" by Alfonso Gomez-Rejon
- "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe

The most recent addition to this list is "This Book Is Gay," by Juno Dawson, which was removed from school libraries in the Iowa City

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Opioid-overdose antidote more accessible in JoCo

Many residents hope the FDA's approval of Narcan last month will increase the antidote's use.

NALOXONE USAGE IN JOCO

Naloxone, the chemical compound below, is a medication used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. It has been used by the Iowa City Police Department since 2020.

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Source: Iowa City Public Safety Information Officer Lee Hermiston

10 lives saved in 2021.

6 lives saved in 2022.

6 lives saved so far in 2023.

Infographic by Marandah Mangra-Dutcher

Archie Wagner
News Reporter

The access to use and training to administer the opioid-overdose

antidote naloxone, also known by brand name Narcan, is expanding for Johnson County residents, law enforcement, and emergency responders.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced its approval of naloxone for over-the-counter use on March 29, with the rollout expected later this year. The approved

medication will be available in a naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray.

The Iowa City Police Department patrol officers have carried naloxone since fall 2020, Iowa City Public Safety Information Officer Lee Hermiston wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

Iowa City law enforcement saved 10 lives in 2021, six lives in 2022, and six lives so far in 2023, Hermiston wrote.

"Equipping our officers with Narcan has allowed us to save lives and will give us the vital opportunity to help others in the future," Hermiston wrote.

Alisia Meader, education supervisor for Johnson County Ambulance Services, has been in the emergency medical services field since 2008. Meader said naloxone has always been in ambulances as advanced life support providers.

Johnson County Ambulance Services first responders were recently trained how to administer naloxone to increase the number of first responders certified to carry it, Mead-

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Community School District earlier this month.

Kenyon assures this bill won't affect Iowa City's UNESCO designation. However, he believes it will make it more difficult for the organization to do its job.

"One of the things that we consider when cities are looking to apply for designation in our network is their freedom of expression," he said.

He said that other factors include freedom of the press, the availability of materials, and the treatment of education opportunities.

Because of his position, Kenyon can interact with students in the community. He has recently been seeing an uptick in the number of teenagers and young adults that have intentions of leaving the state because of legislation like this.

Instead of trying to make Iowa look more attractive, he said he feels the state is actively pushing away its best and brightest.

"If you look at the types of books that are being targeted, they are books that speak to the experience of people of color and LGBTQ+ individuals," he said.

Kenyon said this bill allows parents to dictate what other people's children have access to.

Sam Helmick, Iowa City Public Library community and access services coordinator, said they believe this bill gives select parents more control over other parents' children's decisions.

Helmick serves as the Iowa Libraries Association president and has been invited to the Iowa legislation space multiple times during the discussion of the bill. They feel more access to books is the solution.

Helmick believes this bill will affect the Iowa City Public Library cultur-

Feature photo | Chilling with a cello



Cellist David Cyr plays on the Pedestrian Mall in Iowa City on Friday. Matt Sindt/The Daily Iowan

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ally and socially and is also concerned with the relationship the students hold with their public library.

"If parents don't feel they have influence over their children beyond school, and now school is telling you not to access information and explore or expect privacy out of your library, what kind of library users are we educating here," Helmick said.

Helmick feels the students and parents are getting a different message on the value of libraries, which is to serve citizens.

"It begins by targeting marginalized groups, and then it continues to expand, and I'm holding my breath knowing more are to come," they said.

Helmick said this bill fails to define what an objection or challenging process is for books. They said that the lack of clarity makes this easier to weaponize both ideologically and commercially.

"When you make the process more difficult, not only

does it change the way you as a user of the library explore the world around you and use the resources that should be available to you as a modern Iowan, but it also chips away at the foun-

dation of what libraries are," they said.

For Helmick, the one tool that has always created equity for democracy is information and access to spaces that allow people with different backgrounds and beliefs to come together and have conversations.

Prairie Lights Books & Café owner Jan Weissmiller said it is against citizens' First Amendment rights to ban books.

"I don't understand an interpretation of the constitution that would make [banning books] legal," Weissmiller said.

Weissmiller assured that Prairie Lights will always stock books that aren't made available in schools because of the bill.

She added the store is planning on putting up a permanent display of banned books.

"If high school kids are unable to get books in their schools, they will be able to get them here," she said.

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cult times," Villhauer said.

CommUnity Crisis Services Director of Development Julia Winter added that CommUnity hopes to increase its outreach to college students.

Winter said while anyone in the community could benefit from more information about the resources, it was essential as college students navigate the responsibilities and independent lifestyles away from home.

"Folks start experiencing anxiety and depression more often as young adults, especially with the pressures of schools," Winter said.

Winter said CommUnity and UI Student Life even-ly divided the expenses to

pay for around 80 frames, the printing, the lamination, and other costs associated with the sign. Winter estimated the total cost of the project was around \$3,100.

Ultimately, Winter said she hopes the signs will encourage people to reach out.

Iowa City Nighttime Mayor Joe Reilly said he hopes the information from the signs will help redirect people toward proper resources instead of automatically calling emergency responders.

"We received feedback from public safety that they're brought into calls that they really shouldn't be responding to," Reilly said. "There's many different aspects of safety, and this is one that we

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Before putting up the posters, Reilly said he contacted all venues in the downtown district whose hours extend past 10 p.m., with a primary focus on those with alcohol licenses. He noted while the city did not require any businesses to display the signs in their establishments, he received a positive response from everyone he reached out to.

"People who work in these venues are now empowered to share that information and know when they see it. Maybe a patron who is in crisis, they know that they have these resources," Reilly said.

While it may not own a liquor license, the non-alcoholic Iowa City bar Unimpaired is among the venues that recently added the signs to their establishments.

"We think it's a really great idea," Unimpaired manager Matthew Earhart said. "We see a lot of students who are underage, who don't go to traditional bars, so having those students in here, they're able to see the same resources as students who go out to traditional bars."

Reilly hopes people will can feel more comfortable with the idea of reaching out for help if the Downtown District normalizes using the resources.

"I think destigmatizing getting care, getting mental health care, getting detoxing care, and normalizing those things is only going to further strengthen what this community already has for its resources," Reilly said. "We're trying to make downtown a more safe, vibrant, and cool place to be."

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Word search puzzle grid with words like BOWED, TAPAS, JAW, FRIAR, EBERT, ECO, FINGERLAKES, SOW, EEL, OLSON, SURE, INSEAM, HEADWIND, STATUES, SEATS, ASP, TRIAL, PBS, FOOTHILLS, SAM, SAMOA, SRO, CARAT, BUNGLER, PALMTREE, DERIVE, ARTS, OLLIE, APE, SKI, HUMANNATURE, TEN, UPEND, LIPID, AYE, NERDY, ASSET.

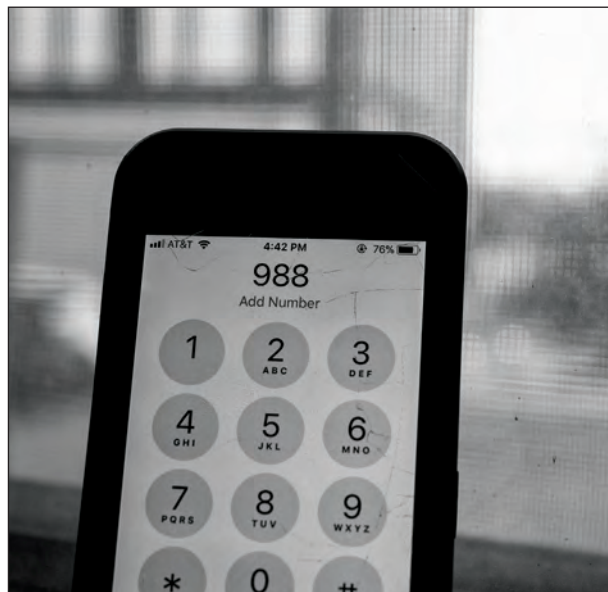


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er said. She said the training highlights signs and symptoms of an overdose, what a patient will experience when given naloxone, and the risks for the patient if they don't go to a hospital.

"I know it's over the counter now, and you can walk into a pharmacy and get it, which is good, but also it's important for us to have more availability of Narcan as well within our community," Meader said.

Chantal Rozmus, who sits on the Board of Directors for the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, said she is excited about the FDA's approval of naloxone for over-the-counter sale.

The Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition is a community-based nonprofit, which aims to create health equity in Iowa communities.

"I want more people to be able to have Narcan in their hands," Rozmus said. "I think it would be amazing if people could just go into Walgreens or go into their pharmacy and ask

for it over the counter and be able to buy it."

Having more naloxone accessible to people will result in a greater reduction and reversals of drug overdoses, she said.

Rozmus said the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition sends out free naloxone to people on request, and with the over-the-counter accessibility, it might lengthen their supply for those who can't afford it.

In addition to serving on the board of directors, Rozmus said she is a child and adolescent psychiatry fellow, and she works in a medication-assisted treatment clinic.

"I can prescribe Narcan if I have a patient who is actively using or even if you go have surgery and you get pain medications afterward. Oftentimes, the doctor will write a prescription for Narcan just to be really safe," Rozmus said. "But insurance covers it. With this going over the counter, my fear is that insurance won't be able to cover it."

Thomas Romano, a University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine third-year student, said the

approval of naloxone for over the counter is likely to increase its accessibility.

"Previously, you needed a prescription. The prescriptions were, in theory, widely available," Romano said. "But there's still a lot of barriers. You still need to go speak to a health care professional, have it run through your insurance, and go to a pharmacy to pick it up."

Romano said many people are discouraged from trying to get naloxone because of the challenges of obtaining it.

"A lot of people are treated poorly when they go and ask for these things, which is unfortunate because it's a literal antidote for fentanyl poisoning," he said.

When opioids enter the body, Romano said, it activates opioid receptors on the surface of the cells. When these receptors are activated, that's when the side effects, including euphoria, respiratory depression, and slower breathing, occur.

When Narcan is utilized, it binds strongly to the receptors and pre-

vents them from being activated, Romano said.

"So, whatever opioids are floating around the system cannot actually interact with the body, which is why they work so well for every single opioid out there, from fentanyl to morphine," he said.

With a half-life of 90 minutes, naloxone doesn't last as long as opioids do, which is why multiple doses of naloxone are usually given to people, Romano said.

"This is definitely a really big important step forward," Romano said. "It looks like it might be about \$50 still for like two doses, which is a lot."

In addition to being out of reach for some financially, Romano said he also isn't sure how many pharmacies will stock it.

"We see that with other harm reduction supplies like syringes, sometimes stores just won't stock them," Romano said. "They feel like, by selling syringes, they're supporting drug use, or because, you know, it's not making them money."

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Advertisement for ORVAP (Opioid Recovery and Victim Advocacy Program) featuring a cup and the text 'My cup is not my consent' and 'Using alcohol to get sex is sexual assault'.

Advertisement for the 28th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, April 22, at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center in Coralville, IA. Includes details on admission and prizes.

Advertisement for Bicycle Tips Registration, featuring a QR code and the text 'Assists UI Public Safety if bike is lost or stolen' and 'May help deter theft'.

UI Office of Campus Safety rebrands to focus on mental health, crisis response

The UI Department of Public Safety combined its services into the Office of Campus Safety last month.

Jack Moore
News Reporter

The newly rebranded University of Iowa Office of Campus Safety, which houses all university safety services, will change crisis intervention responses and more UI executive officer oversight.

The idea to rebrand the UI Department of Public Safety started in August 2021 when the UI's Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee delivered recommendations to UI President Barbara Wilson about the future of campus safety.

The committee investigated the department and found areas in which it needed improvement. In the committee's final report, four items were recommended:

- Provide options for mental health, basic needs, crisis intervention, and follow-up that does not require law enforcement response.
- Invest in mental health, case management, and basic needs safety.
- Create a Presidential Campus Safety and Accountability Board that supports marginalized

well-being and mental health on campus to assist students, faculty, and staff.

The Reimagining Campus Safety Implementation Team formed in November 2021 and organized itself into three work groups to help implement the committee's four recommendations.

Several goals this year have been reached to achieve the four recommendations. Assistant Vice President of Campus Safety Mark Bullock explained how the combination of the Threat Assessment Team and Public Safety through the new threat awareness group, called the Campus Threat Awareness Round Table, has improved the organization's ability to work quickly.

The Campus Threat Awareness Round Table consists of members from campus safety who regularly meet to improve communication regarding high-risk situations.

Bullock said that the additional communication helps create a feedback loop that Campus Safety can use to continue improving its methods to serve the campus com-



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A University of Iowa Department of Public Safety police car is seen on Sunday.

was involved with the Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee and said the realignment has helped streamline proactive and preventative measures.

"Overall, it's been an amazing experience, and given our role of threat assessment, is really proactive to prevent violent incidents. It only makes sense to be a part of Campus Safety," Hotchkin said.

The UI Threat Assessment Program has a multidisciplinary team working across campus to actively be involved with the community.

"In those embedded units, our goal is to have further communication and collaboration inside of those units. To bring up and kind of address those collaboratively and

share that information with groups to collectively address situations that are almost always complex in nature," Hotchkin said.

Hayley Bruce, UI Campus Safety's assistant director for communication and external relations, said that the realignment is all about increasing collaboration and communication for the UI community.

"I think especially creating some of these groups, we're not just able to share our ideas with them and get feed-

back, but they're able to share how they're feeling, what they're seeing, and what they're hearing with us is extremely valuable," Bruce said.

The UI is still working to provide alternative transportation options for students experiencing a mental health crisis, constructing a new space for campus safety services at the University Capitol Centre, and identifying funding sources to relocate cultural and resource centers.

A five-year plan was also implemented to help

support students' mental, physical, emotional, and social well-being. Additionally, the formation of a Campus Safety Improvement Board is ongoing and will be appointed by UI President Wilson.

The last recommendation has seen completion in areas of a strategic communication plan to share messages about safety and security throughout the year to increase community knowledge.

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“In those embedded units, our goal is to have further communication and collaboration inside of those units.

— UI Director of Threat Assessment Eli Hotchkin

campus members and the UI community.

• Align the UI with community safety protocols to create a safer response approach through collaboration with public safety and community officials.

The realignment also follows the 2022-2027 UI Strategic Plan, which aims to support the

community best.

"We have all of the right perspectives on one team, but it's great for us to meet with a student group and then to meet with this border group and then to even seek out other groups to meet with," he said.

UI Director of Threat Assessment Eli Hotchkin

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Race categorization doesn't make sense

Race is an incorrect form of human categorization that should lose relevance in modern society



Gabriel Arboleda
Opinions Contributor

Imagine the U.S. without race.

If you find this difficult, it may be because of the significance race has played in America's history.

Race remains relevant in modern society via the census. Every 10 years, the U.S. census releases statistics reporting on the racial identifications of Americans. For many, identifying as a race on the census is a symbol of culture and pride.

Americans should stop using race to identify people, as race should no longer serve a purpose in the census. No matter how many changes are made, race will never be able to correctly label and identify the full spectrum of human diversity.

The concept of race was introduced to the U.S. by the census in 1790. The census is a method of population tracking legally mandated by the constitution and originally set to determine taxation and apportionment of congressional seats. The first census only identified three racial categories:

free white people, all other free persons, and enslaved people.

Detailed representation was never considered during the first census. Enslaved people were counted as three-fifths of a person as part of a compromise reached between the free states and slave-holding states. Native Americans were not counted on a census until 1900.

In more recent times, the U.S. has attempted to use race as a more accurate measure of demographics. Despite many attempts at increasing inclusivity by adding and altering racial categories, race continues to be an incorrect form of categorization.

What makes racial identification ineffective are the overly broad terms used to describe large and diverse groups of people.

The two original identifications — white and Black — identify people solely based on skin color. Both identifications ignore more specific ethnic traits. For these reasons, racial categories have become problematic and confusing.

White identification in the U.S. is not limited to Americans of European descent. Arab Americans, Jewish Americans, Turkish Americans, Iranian Americans, Armenian Americans, and some Latin Americans fit in the white category.



Photo illustration by Jenna Galligan

These groups vary significantly in origin and ethnicity. Despite being labeled white, many of the groups do not fit under the conventions and physical characteristics that are associated with whiteness.

Black identification is equally confusing. Generational separation caused enslaved Afro-Americans to lose touch with their cultures in West Africa, thus

creating a subculture within the Black race.

These Black Americans differ greatly from the recent immigrant populations arriving from Africa, the Caribbean, and other parts of the world. Africa is the most genetically diverse continent, yet the multitude of genetically and culturally diverse ethnic groups are all placed under the label Black.

More recent additions to the census have added more confusion, such as the label Asian.

The Asian identification encompasses all people originating from Asia, the largest and most populated continent home to an entire subcontinent. This identification allows people who differ in every trait imaginable to check the same box. Even some of the groups

identified as white are from the Asian continent.

With all the complexities that come from racial identification, it is time that we recognize race as ineffective and incorrect human categorization.

We should focus on ethno-cultural traits that people inherit and bring to the melting pot.

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COLUMN

Stop MLB blackout restrictions

Iowans have to deal with blackout restrictions for six MLB teams, which is more than any other state.



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Opinions Contributor

The 2023 Major League Baseball season is upon us, and I'll once again be left without a way to legally watch my favorite team — the Chicago Cubs.

This problem is not unique to me or Cubs fans, for that matter. Every year, MLB's blackout restrictions leave millions of people without a practical way to watch their favorite team.

Iowa gets hit the hardest.

However, one thing is clear: In the age of cord-cutting, MLB and its teams need to modernize and make their games more available on streaming services, whether it's MLB.tv or somewhere else.

To begin, let me explain what MLB's blackout restrictions are.

MLB's streaming service, MLB.tv, bars users from watching teams that are close to them, forcing them to watch the game with a cable provider or streaming service that broadcasts live sports like Hulu Live or YouTube TV.

All 30 teams have most of their games broadcast on a different channel, many

of which are regional, and MLB wants to keep those broadcasters and cable providers happy by ensuring they have priority over broadcasting rights. However, MLB is giving fans the short end of the stick.

In Iowa, we face blackout restrictions for six different teams, which is more than any other state.

Iowans who are fans of the Minnesota Twins, Milwaukee Brewers, Cubs, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, or Kansas City Royals are all unable to watch their favorite teams with MLB.tv.

That's especially annoying when you consider that some of Iowa's main cable packages don't of-

fer the channels some of these teams are on. More people are getting rid of their cable providers in favor of streaming services, many of which also don't offer the channels these teams are on. This leaves Iowans without a practical way to watch their favorite teams.

For example, Marquee Sports Network, the channel that broadcasts the majority of Cubs games, isn't available on Hulu Live or YouTube TV, which are the two most popular streaming services that offer live TV.

While MLB might think this will incentivize people to get new cable providers, I don't know if that's neces-

sarily true.

When Marquee Sports Network was taken off Hulu Live — the streaming service I freeload off my dad to watch live TV — we didn't get a new cable provider. We just settled for watching highlights on YouTube.

A lot of people who want to watch their favorite team live that badly are just streaming games illegally on SportsSurge.net or using VPNs to bypass blackout restrictions.

Back in 2021, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said fixing the problem of blackout restrictions in Iowa was a top priority. Yet, here we are in 2023 without a solution.

Earlier this year, Iowa

State Rep. J.D. Scholten, a Democrat from Sioux City, introduced House File 577, which would prevent media entities from blacking out MLB games in the state.

It remains to be seen whether this bill will be passed. Even if it is signed into law, it's unclear if the bill will have any effect on the current situation.

By restricting fans from watching their favorite teams on MLB.tv, MLB — a league whose popularity has been steadily declining — is only digging itself into a deeper hole and ensuring that viewership will continue to drop.

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COLUMN

Lessons abroad on work-life balance

Placing less emphasis on independence cultivates a better work-life balance for everyone.



Sophia Meador
Opinions Editor

"Americans work so much!"

This was a common sentiment I heard in Barcelona, and the facts surrounding American labor prove this as fact. Workers in the U.S. put in over 25 percent more hours than those in Europe, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

A good work ethic is important, but America places too much emphasis on hard work. The U.S. should be taking notes from coun-

tries abroad to gain a better understanding of work-life balance.

Over spring break, I traveled across the globe to Barcelona, Spain, for one week. While visiting the city, I stayed in a hostel with other young people from across the world, including South Korea, Israel, Ukraine, Germany, and the Netherlands.

This was an amazing week to meet a diverse group of people and to observe daily life in a foreign country. I learned many things from my friends abroad, like how to avoid pickpockets, where to find the best sangria, and why not to bother the bus driver.

But the biggest lesson I took away was the beauty of work-life balance.

In comparison to Barce-

lona, walking along downtown Iowa City is chaotic: People brush against your shoulders trying to make it to class on time, business professionals speak loudly over the phone while blowing through the streets, and there always seems to be someone trying to give you some sort of pamphlet.

In Barcelona, life moved slower. People sat outside during the afternoon eating and chatting with friends. The public benches were normally filled with people smoking cigarettes, and pedestrians were in less of a rush thanks to reliable public transportation.

During the afternoon, businesses often close from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. to allow workers a break and

time to take a siesta — a midday nap. I can imagine Americans scoffing at the very idea of stopping work during the day to sleep.

In Spain and many other European homes, individuals move-out of their parents' homes at a later age than is typical in the U.S. People live in smaller dwellings and share greater community with their neighbors. There is no embarrassment in asking for help from the people around you.

One reason Americans work long hours is to bring in a sufficient income. But many people also must work more than one job to acquire health insurance and other services.

The U.S. places a high

value over independence. Americans are expected to work hard so they do not have to rely on social programs. Thus, programs like welfare, food stamps and public health care are not only underfunded and inaccessible, but they also carry a negative stigma.

People who have fallen on hard times are looked at as being lazy and burdensome for using programs in the U.S. social safety net. Yet, other countries offer social programs to all individuals, regardless of income or ability.

In Spain, the country offers universal health care, birth and child care benefits, and unemployment insurance. There is no stigma for using public

services because people are not expected to be totally independent.

For many Americans, it is hard to imagine slowing down and asking for help, whether it be from the government, relatives, or friends. Unfortunately, until there are significant changes in public programs that promote interdependence between the government and the public, slowing down is not an easy task.

As difficult as it is, you must take time for yourself. From my time in Barcelona, I was reminded that life should not just be about work. As corny as it sounds, you have to slow down to enjoy the beauty that surrounds you.

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UI students shocked by Kum & Go closure

While another Kum & Go location is up the hill on Burlington Street, some UI students were frequent customers.

Hannah Lipski
News Reporter

The future of the plot of land on 25 W. Burlington St. where a Kum & Go gas station used to sit remains undecided.

The Kum & Go convenience store and gas station closed March 20, and construction to remove the gas tanks began shortly after. Kum & Go is a convenience store chain based out of Des Moines that operates 400 stores in 13 states, mainly in the Midwest.

Wendy Ford, economic development coordinator for the City of Iowa City, said she does not know of anything planned to take Kum & Go's place.

"I know that, at one time, the folks that built the apartments behind [Kum & Go] really wanted that corner," Ford said.

Ford said unless the property became a problem, the infrastructure will stay untouched until the next business takes over. She also said that the expenses and responsibilities of removing the gas tanks fell on Kum & Go.

According to March 22 Iowa City Assessor's Office reports, the property owned by Hippee Oil Company with the gas station was appraised at \$876,000, and the Kum and Go store owned by Quik Trip Corp. was appraised at \$389,250.

Ford said the other Kum & Go locations in Iowa City — 323 E. Burlington St., 731 S. Riverside Drive, 2303 Muscatine Ave., and 955 Mormon Trek Blvd — will remain open.

Charles Andreski, the assistant manager of the



The former Kum & Go convenience store is seen on Burlington Street in Iowa City on April 4. The store closed to the public on March 20.

Emily Nyberg/The Daily Iowan

323 E. Burlington St. location, said the West Burlington Street location operated in an older building that had been around for a few decades.

"They believed there was too many Kum & Go's in the area," Andreski said.

The employees from the former location were transferred to other locations in the area following the closure, Andreski said.

UI first-year student

Liv Arrowsmith said she was unaware of the Kum & Go closing before seeing the construction.

"I just walked by it one day, and I was like, 'Literally what?'" Arrowsmith said. "Like, it was just stripped of everything."

Arrowsmith said she visited the convenience store and gas station right before it closed, and the store was the closest place for her to get groceries, as she lives in Hillcrest Residence Hall.

"It was easy to grab something if I needed it quickly, and now I don't have that," she said.

UI first-year student Garrett Lamb also said he didn't notice the business

was shutting down until he noticed the logo's absence.

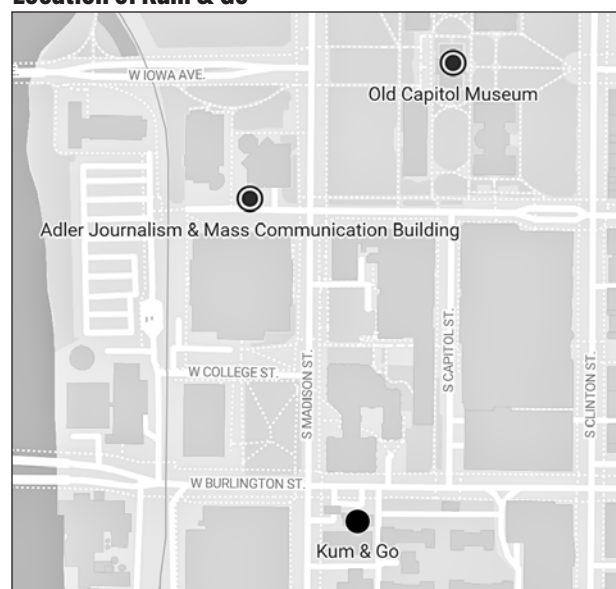
"I do think it's a little unfortunate just because it's like always open like when the C-Stores are closed on the west side [residence halls]," Lamb said.

Lamb said he felt a lot of students utilized the store, especially after working out at the UI's Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, which was across the street from the Kum & Go.

"It was cheap and easily accessible," he said. "It was nice to have it while it was around."

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Location of Kum & Go



Infographic by Bri Brown

“It was easy to grab something if I needed it quickly, and now I don't have that.”

— UI first-year student Liv Arrowsmith

UI student organizations call for YAF suspension

Five student organizations call for suspension of Young Americans for Freedom because of transphobic language.



Protesters and fans listen to Allen West speak at a Young Americans for Freedom event on Nov. 30, 2022.

Lilly Stence/The Daily Iowan

Emily Delgado
Politics Reporter

After flyers were posted in downtown Iowa City showing a conversation between UI College Republicans Chair and Iowa Young Americans for Freedom by an unknown person, five student organizations began calling for YAF's suspension.

The newly elected chair of UI College Republicans, Samuel Haack, used an offensive slur toward transgender people in a leaked Iowa Young Americans for Freedom group chat.

The conversation in

question concerned the chair's alleged encounter with a person who was upset about the organization chalking a message on the T. Anne Clearway.

To address the use of offensive language, Iowa Young Americans for Freedom Vice Chair John Piaszynski wrote in the group chat that the organization should not use the word, as the organization has had prior situations where their conversations have been leaked.

"It is the goal of the Iowa Young Americans for Freedom to foster a respectful environment

where it is possible to discuss difficult topics by focusing on ideas, rather than the person espousing them," Piaszynski wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* on Sunday. "We do not condone the use of disrespectful terms,

and as is visible from the screenshot being shared, the individual who made the comment was immediately reprimanded and then apologized. We will continue to advocate for debate on these important issues ahead of our

“These messages should serve as yet another reminder of the shameless and deceptive attacks that they along with members of other conservative student organizations have directed toward the transgender community.”

— Joint statement from five UI student organizations

planned speaking event with Matt Walsh.”

University Democrats at Iowa President Nikša Poleksić said Piaszynski's handling of the offensive language didn't directly condemn it. He said the increase of anti-transgender rhetoric coming from the Iowa Legislature and conservative groups on campus has led to a normalization of the usage of offensive language.

"We thought it was necessary to put out the statement to draw attention to what is going on," Poleksić said.

The University Dem-

ocrats at Iowa, Young Democratic Socialists at Iowa Steering Committee, Ignite UI, Student Advocates for Planned Parenthood UI, and the Environmental Coalition at Iowa issued a statement Friday night calling out the offensive language used in the leaked messages.

"The language found in the screenshot is not that of misguided, inquisitive students seeking to hear different arguments and perspectives, but that of close-minded bigots seeking to put down those who do them no harm," the statement stated.

With the UI's approval, Iowa Young Americans for Freedom is set to host Matt Walsh, a conservative and anti-trans commenter, on April 19. The event's announcement upset members of the UI community.

Piaszynski wrote in a release Wednesday that the Young Americans for Freedom chapter received backlash, including threats against the organization, because they invited Walsh to campus.

A Change.org petition opposing Walsh's lecture amassed over 350 signatures as of Saturday.

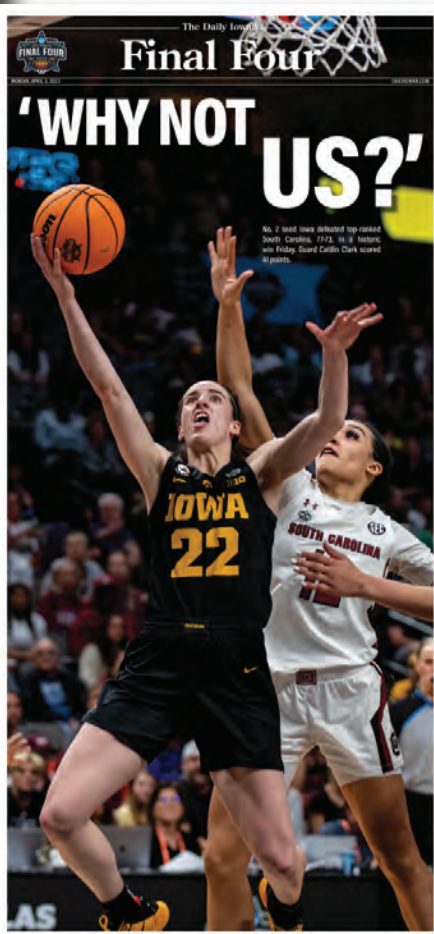
"These messages should serve as yet another reminder of the shameless and deceptive attacks that they along with members of other conservative student organizations have directed toward the transgender community," the five UI student organizations wrote in the statement.

The five organizations ended the statement by calling for the university to suspend Iowa Young Americans for Freedom and address the harmful rhetoric expressed by conservative groups on campus.

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- Good prefix for Earth Day
- *Region of upstate New York named for its bodies of water
- Female pig
- Slippery fish
- Kaitlin of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"
- Having no doubt
- Pants leg measurement
- *Navigation hurdle for a sailboat
- Marble figures
- Ticket holders' entitlements
- Nile snake
- Court proceeding
- "Frontline" network
- *Climbers' warm-ups before mountains
- Houston who fought Santa Anna
- Pago Pago's land
- Sellout warning, on a sign
- Weight of a diamond
- One prone to mistakes
- *Source of shade on a desert island, say
- Stem (from)

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- Bosom buddy, informally
- Points in the right direction
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- Young bird of prey
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- Narrate
- Embarrass
- Orange ____ (tea type)
- Large sports venues
- GPS lines: Abbr.
- Catholic religious order that founded Georgetown University
- Squirrel's stash

- Bowled over
- Cesar who played the Cisco Kid
- Q-tips, e.g.
- "It ____ tale told by an idiot": Macbeth
- Onetime spot for fast food
- Leave a flight
- Watches the kids
- "That's brilliant!"
- Arm or leg
- Places with barns
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- Cracker often served with soup
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OSTRENGA

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the playbook, I'm able to just go out there and play and work on the little details."

Standing at 6-foot-4, Ostrenga quickly made his name known and was one of eight true freshmen to see action in 2022. He played in all 13 contests, earning one solo tackle and one assisted tackle on special teams against Wis-

consin and his first career reception for six yards at Minnesota.

Ostrenga said getting on the field last season has helped him develop, but he also attributed his progress to the weight he's gained since arriving on campus.

Now at 255 pounds, Ostrenga said he's comfortable with where his body is at and added that he has a similar frame to LaPorta.

"When I got here, I was about 230, and now

I'm about 255," Ostrenga said. "I definitely feel like speed-wise, I've changed. In season I felt a little heavier and slower. But now, with this winter program and everything, I feel like I've gotten faster and stronger, which has been really cool to see and feel. I'm feeling good right now."

Ostrenga is hoping to win a spot alongside Lachey and Michigan transfer Erick All as one of Iowa's top three tight ends

this season.

Lachey caught 28 passes for 398 yards and scored four touchdowns last season for the Hawkeyes. All had a career season with the Wolverines in 2021 with 38 receptions for 457 yards and two touchdowns and was named one of four team captains in 2022 but was out most of the season because of back surgery.

"I have seen him grow a lot," Lachey said of Ostrenga. "He seems like he brings in every catch that

is thrown to him. He's been really good at blocking and learning the offense. I feel like I can go and ask him a lot of questions. If, you know, there are many new plays, he might know them better than me. So, we ask each other questions, and he's been doing really well."

Overall, Ostrenga feels confident about the direction of the offense so far under Michigan transfer quarterback Cade McNamara. Ostrenga complimented McNamara's

leadership and willingness to come in and take control of the offense.

"I feel like we're able to kind of put everybody in different positions and run the same plays, and I think it's been working really well," Ostrenga said. "Especially when we're playing the best defense in the country every day and we're able to complete passes and run the ball."

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Iowa's Adeline Kenlin competes on beam during a gymnastics meet between No. 18 Iowa and Eastern Michigan at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 8, 2022. Kenlin scored 9.925 in the event. The Hawkeyes defeated the Eagles, 195.950-194.100.

GYMNASTICS

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cured her runner-up finishes. She was just 0.025 short of qualifying for the NCAA Championships as an individual.

But Henderson said no matter the circumstances, the GymHawks keep a positive mindset. As a senior, Henderson said she made it a priority to be a good role model for the rest of the Hawkeyes, including the freshmen.

"I was making sure that I was the best teammate and the best sister that I possibly could have been for them," Henderson said. "It's scary because they look to you for direction, attention, everything. I really struggled with being perfect in that aspect. It was very comforting that they also in turn reassured me. They did a really good job and taught me things, like, that I'm still allowed

to make mistakes."

Junior Adeline Kenlin was also only 0.025 away from an individual title on beam with a 9.925. Kenlin, who was the national runner-up on beam last season, said she was still pleased with her progression this year.

"I had some of the best performances I've had all season," Kenlin said. "It really showed throughout the season. I was having a little bit of difficulties in the beginning, and then a little hiccup in the middle, and then I finished really well. Overall, I could see improvement throughout the season."

Although the Hawkeyes failed to reach the Sweet 16, Henderson and Kenlin said they're going to cherish the memories with their teammates this season. The little moments with her teammates were the most memorable, Henderson said.

"It was Karina Muñoz's

birthday, and we were flying back. Right as the clock turned 12 a.m., we all got out of our seats and started singing 'Happy Birthday,'" Henderson said. "That was a pretty special moment and just to be part of that and enjoy little special things like that."

With the 2023 season ending, Libby said she was proud of her team — not only for its athletic accomplishments, but also its impact on women's sports.

"This team captured an entire state," Libby said. "They transformed what Iowa gymnastics has been, and they've been doing that for a while. But this team notched it and secured that. To have been part of the transformation of this team during the 50 years of Title IX, what an incredible time to be a female athlete and to have hosted a championship."

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KRANHOLDT

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coaches telling her to keep believing and having fun, Kranholdt continued her winning streak with another straight-set victory over Purdue's Juana Laranaga (6-4, 6-4).

Iowa went 3-0 as a team during Kranholdt's dominant stretch, but both the Hawkeyes and Kranholdt

met their match on April 2 in a home matchup against Indiana.

In the Hoosiers' 4-2 win, Kranholdt fell to Indiana's Xiaowei Hu, 6-1, in the first set of their match, but responded promptly with a 6-4 victory in the second set. Up, 5-4, in the final set, Kranholdt lost three straight games and dropped the set, 7-5.

The loss may have

snapped Kranholdt's recent run, but by forcing a third set, Schmid sees further signs of progress.

"There are so many components to tennis," Schmid said. "There's technique, there's strategy, and there's pressure ... There's a lot that goes into matches, and she's putting that together in a nice way."

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Iowa's Pia Kranholdt prepares to hit the ball during a women's tennis meet at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreational Complex in Iowa City on March 25. Kranholdt won her singles match in the end, 6-1.

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Iowa men's basketball forward Kris Murray declares for 2023 NBA Draft

After tallying a team-leading 20.2 points and 7.9 rebounds per game in 2022-23, Iowa men's basketball forward Kris Murray announced he declared for the 2023 NBA Draft on Friday morning via Twitter.

"First off, I want to thank coach McCaffery, the coaching staff, my teammates, and Hawkeye nation for an incredible three years," Murray said in a statement. "Growing up in Cedar Rapids and getting to wear the Black and Gold has allowed me to live out my dream and accomplish so much on the basketball floor. I appreciate everyone who has supported me through this journey and who will continue to support me as I chase my highest goals!"

"Now, it's time for the next chapter in my basketball journey. With that being said, I will be entering my name into the 2023 NBA Draft!"

The junior from Cedar Rapids was the only player in Division I men's basketball last season to average over 20 points and seven rebounds a game while also blocking one shot per contest.

Murray was named a consensus All-American after the season and was also tabbed as a Big Ten first teamer.

In 2022, Murray accompanied his twin brother Keegan Murray in the NBA pre-draft process but decided to return to Iowa to raise his draft stock. Keegan Murray was selected fourth overall to the Sacramento Kings in the 2022 NBA Draft.

Including Keegan Murray, three Hawkeyes have been drafted to the NBA since 2021, as former Hawkeyes Luka Garza and Joe Wieskamp were drafted in 2021.

Garza is now on a two-way contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves, while Wieskamp plays for the Toronto Raptors.

In mock drafts leading up to the 2023 draft, Kris Murray is projected to be selected in the mid-to-late first round.

The 2023 NBA Draft is scheduled for June 22.



Iowa Athletics to hold celebration for women's basketball team on Pentacrest

Iowa Athletics will honor the Hawkeye women's basketball team's national runner-up finish in an end-of-season celebration on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pentacrest.

This season, the Hawkeyes advanced to the Final Four for the first time in 30 years. Iowa took down then-defending champion South Carolina to make the national championship game for the first time in program history before losing to LSU, 102-85.

Iowa's Seattle 4 region and Big Ten Tournament trophy will be on display at the celebration on Friday — the Hawkeyes won the conference tournament for the second straight season in 2023.

Head coach Lisa Bluder will speak — as well as Caitlin Clark, the national player of the year — and graduating seniors Monika Czinano and McKenna Warnock.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You have to walk further for classes."

— Tight end Erick All on the differences between Iowa and Michigan's campuses.

STAT OF THE DAY

31

— Program record number of victories for the Iowa women's basketball team in the 2022-23 season.

Next man up

Iowa football sophomore Addison Ostrenga is looking to become the next pro-caliber tight end out of Iowa City.



Iowa tight end Addison Ostrenga goes in for a block during a football game between Iowa and Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium on November 25, 2022. The Cornhuskers defeated the Hawkeyes, 24-17.

Kenna Roering
Sports Reporter

Iowa football sophomore Addison Ostrenga shifted his sights away from the baseball diamond in hopes of becoming the next pro-caliber tight end out of Iowa City.

The Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, product and 2022

Bug Tussel Three-Sport Athlete of the Year originally committed to head baseball coach Rick Heller and the Hawkeyes in August 2020.

But when he received a scholarship offer from Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz, Ostrenga couldn't pass up the opportunity. On July 16,

2021, he announced he was flipping his focus to the gridiron.

After a year of mentorship from the Hawkeyes' all-time tight end reception leader and hopeful NFL Draft pick Sam LaPorta, junior tight end Luke Lachey, and tight end coach Abdul Hodge, Ostrenga feels more ac-

customed to the change of pace from high school and confident in his abilities on the field.

"It just came right at me, but I feel like having those guys in the room, like Sam and Luke and Coach Hodge every day, helped me," Ostrenga said of the transition from high school to college football.

"The biggest thing was learning the playbook because there are just a lot more plays in there than high school. Then it was getting used to that physicality, the speed of guys, and you know, getting bigger and working faster ... But now that I understand

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Confidence on the court

Iowa women's tennis player Pia Kranholdt has won three of her last five finished matches after her slow start to the season.



Iowa's Pia Kranholdt stands ready during a women's tennis match at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreational Complex on Feb. 5. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 4-1.

Matt McGowan
Sports Reporter

Even though Iowa women's tennis player Pia Kranholdt lost her singles match against Wisconsin on March 4, she knew something changed.

The Hawkeye freshman dropped her duel against the Badgers' Charmaine Seah in straight sets (6-4, 6-3), but said that the match was a turning point in her mentality.

"I mean, I lost, but I still played better than the matches before that," Kranholdt said. "I just played better than I saw, and [I thought], 'I can do it.'"

Arriving in Iowa City as a top-100 player in Germany's Women's Open, Kranholdt's introduction to spring season

college tennis wasn't exactly smooth.

Kranholdt occupied the No. 6 singles spot in six of the Hawkeyes' first 11 matches this season and lost all six of those starts in straight sets.

"I think I put myself under a lot of pressure, and I just wanted to, like, play my best, and then I did the opposite of it," Kranholdt said. "I just had too many thoughts in my head when I played."

Kranholdt's result started to change during the Hawkeyes' four-match home stand starting on March 17. In Iowa's win over Michigan State, Kranholdt defeated the Spartans' Charlotte Gisclon in straight sets for her first win of the spring.

Kranholdt said she has been working on her footwork

and offensive strokes during her twice-a-week individual practice sessions to develop more trust in her game.

Iowa head coach Sasha Schmid said Kranholdt has always performed well in practice, but she couldn't transfer her skill and talent to a match scenario. In Iowa's win over Nebraska on March 25, Schmid saw the transition from practice to the game.

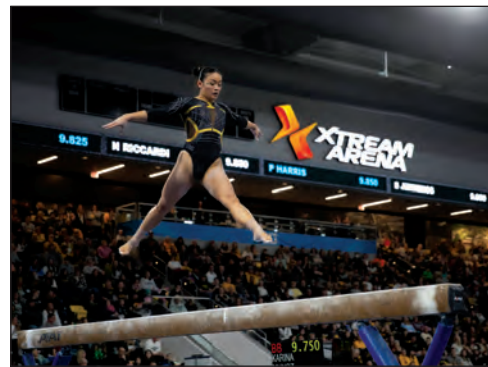
"I think watching her close out the Nebraska match in straight sets pretty decisively was really, really, great," Schmid said. "I think that shows a lot of growth and mental toughness. Physically and mentally, she's just really maturing."

With her teammates and

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Falling short

Iowa women's gymnastics didn't make it out of NCAA Regionals, but the GymHawks already have their sights set on next season.



Iowa's Adeline Kenlin performs on beam during Session II of the Big Ten gymnastics championship at Xtreme Arena in Coralville on March 18.

Emma Sachs
Sports Reporter

The No. 25 Iowa women's gymnastics team's season ended in the NCAA Regional Round 2 tournament on March 30.

Iowa placed third with a score of 196.5 against No. 8 Alabama, No. 9 Kentucky, No. 22 Illinois, and North Carolina State. The top two finishers, Alabama and Kentucky, moved on to the regional final. Kentucky advanced out of the regional to the NCAA Championships in Fort Worth, Texas.

"The one thing in our program that we don't ever want to do is go backward," Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said. "It's really difficult to get into the Sweet 16, and we got there last year. The reality is, no matter what bracket you were in, it was so hard. The parity among the teams that were there is incredible. It could have been anybody."

Despite the loss, senior JerQuavia Henderson was proud of her team and its accomplishments all season long.

"I am extremely grateful and proud of my freshmen, and I'm very proud of how they handle themselves," Henderson said. "I am very excited to watch them grow. Season is very long, and for them to not have any experience, it's really cool to watch them step up."

Henderson scored a 9.925 on floor and a 39.500 in the all-around, both of which se-

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