

## Pantry honors City High student

Iowa City High School alum Maggie Ballard created a pantry to honor her friend who died in 2020.



Iowa City High School is seen on April 25, 2022.

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News Reporter

Just outside the music entrance of Iowa City High School sits a testament to friendship and advocacy in action. Emma's Little Free Pantry and Little Free Library is just that.

Created by former City High student Maggie Ballard for her friend and classmate Emma Nugent, the Little Free Pantry/Library was a way to honor her memory.

Nugent died unexpectedly in July 2020 during the summer before what would have been her senior year. Her passing

had a widespread effect on the community, Ballard said.

During that time, Ballard said she realized she wanted to dedicate something tangible to Nugent that could be utilized by the community.

"I felt like, a lot of times, people will have bracelets, or there will be a hashtag or some type of movement," Ballard said. "Everyone came together and grieved for her, but at the same time, there wasn't any outward thing, so I thought I could start something like that by dedicating this pantry to her."

Nugent was also involved in volunteer work around the community, and Ballard

thought she would have liked something service-based to remember her by.

"Once I thought of that, I was for sure going to do that," Ballard said. "I just thought it was the best idea."

The project started during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ballard, who was doing online school, had lots of free time.

"It's that mindset of the pandemic and having so much time to deal with that made me think, well, why not?" Ballard said.

After buying materials from Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Ballard started building the pantry. She completed the project by winter 2020.

“ He was willing to do anything to make it happen. From there, it kind of fell right into place.

— City High alum Maggie Ballard on vice principal Scott Jespersen's help.

Ballard reached out to multiple organizations in the Iowa City area, but none were able to take Emma's Little Free Pantry/Library. Then, her dad suggested City High.

"We didn't have a place, and my dad was like, 'Why don't we put it at the school?' I was like, 'Yeah, that sounds cool, but I doubt that they would ever let me do that,'" Ballard said.

She was wrong. When she mentioned it to Scott Jespersen, who was the City High vice principal at the time, he welcomed the idea.

"He was incredibly helpful the second I mentioned it to him. He was willing to do anything to make it happen," Ballard said. "From there, it kind of fell right into place."

Currently, the pantry is located in the music wing of City High. Ballard said she chose the music wing as the location as an extra nod to Nugent. Both girls participated in band while they attended City High.

"It makes me happy that we were able to put it right there because that was a really big part of my experience at City, and also Emma's, was being in band," Ballard said.

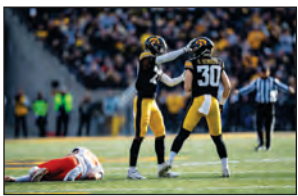
The pantry and library is divided into two separate doors: one for food donations and one for books. To promote pantry donations, Ballard also recruited the Rotary Interact Club, a community service club at City High. Interact Club kept track of donations and restocked the pantry when it was empty, she said.

Currently, the City High sector of iJAG, a service and leadership program for students in the district, handles the pantry side of the project, City High Principal John Bacon wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

"One of our classes, the iJAG program, has helped keep it stocked over the years.

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## UI researchers to study psychedelics in medicine

University researchers will conduct a study to determine whether the drugs are effective at treating alcohol use disorders.



Natalie Miller  
News Reporter

Researchers at the University of Iowa are reevaluating the use of psychedelic drugs as a treatment for alcohol use disorder in a pilot study.

UI Department of Psychiatry Chair Peggy Nopoulos is studying psychedelic therapy to treat alcohol use disorder. Some participants of the study will receive doses of psilocybin, often known as magic mushrooms, and ketamine.

The researchers began

discussing the idea of a psychedelic study in early 2022. A study like this takes time because the researchers must be permitted to work with the drugs in a lab setting.

Psychedelic therapy in a controlled environment allows for the brain to get out of a bad circuit or routine, whether it's excessive alcohol consumption or depressive moods. Nopoulos said treatment with psychedelic drugs allows other circuits of the brain to take over.

"Oftentimes, if you are sick,

whether it's depression or whether it's addiction, that internal brain circuit is abnormal, and oftentimes it's what we call hyper-connected, meaning that once you turn to that internal brain state, your illness really takes over," Nopoulos said.

The UI study will be conducted as a head-to-head comparison of ketamine and psilocybin, Mark Niciu, an assistant professor at the UI's Department of Psychiatry and

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## UI community reacts to Trump indictment

Some students and faculty support but also question Trump's indictment.

Jack Moore  
News Reporter

After former U.S. President Donald Trump was charged with 34 felony counts of falsifying business records by Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, some students and faculty have mixed feelings on the indictment.

Formal charges were brought against Trump on April 4 relating to his alleged attempts to conceal damaging information and unlawful activity, marking the first time a former president has been charged criminally.

The charges relate to the concealment of payments made by Trump's former attorney Michael Cohen to adult film actress Stormy Daniels to sign a non-disclosure agreement. Cohen negotiated a payment of \$130,000 and wired the money to Daniels 12 days before the presidential general election in return for Daniels' silence.

Michael Cohen later pled guilty to making the payment through a shell corporation that was funded by a Manhattan bank.

Trump reimbursed Cohen through a series of checks, first from Donald Trump Revocable Trust, which was created in New York to hold Trump assets during his presidency, and later from Trump's own personal bank account.

District Attorney Alvin Bragg argues that a total of 34 false entries were made in New York business records to conceal the payment. Additionally, participants took steps to mischaracterize the payments for tax purposes and the true nature of the reimbursements.

UI students expressed some surprise at

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Masami Igarashi and Hideaki Taki from the Echizen Papermaking Village in Japan prepare a large canvas during a Japanese papermaking festival in Iowa City on Friday. Cody Blissett/The Daily Iowan

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Occasionally, they will run a drive seeking donations to make sure we keep it nicely stocked," Bacon wrote.

For the library side, people can donate and take any book of their choosing. Ballard said there is a new book every time she visits.

"I never see the same type of books. There's been textbooks and more schoolbooks, and last time I was there, my mom ended up taking a book because

she was like, 'Oh, this looks really good,'" Ballard said. Ballard said over two years later, she is pleased with the response and sees it as proof of City High's interest in the project.

"The fact that it's still going and there has never been a time where it's not been kept up really shows how the people at City High are and that they do care about each other and also can be generous," Ballard said.

Bacon is also satisfied with the success and wants the pantry and library to be a sign of Nu-

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— Iowa City High School Principal John Bacon

gent's legacy for students. "I hope every time students see the pantry-library, they think of Emma and remember what a wonderful person she was. Kind and wanting to help others," Bacon wrote.

Ballard hopes she can keep Nugent's memory

alive for years to come through the project.

"It's nice to see Emma's name up there," Ballard said. "Every time I go, I think, this is something that Emma hopefully would have done. She would have loved it."

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the Iowa Neuroscience Institute, said.

Nopoulos said the study will be conducted by administering the psychedelics to a group of men who suffer from alcohol use disorder. Half will receive psilocybin, and the other half will receive ketamine. Neither the researchers nor the subjects will know which one they will receive.

Subjects will start by having an MRI scan and a meeting with a therapist. They will then come in to be administered their dosage and will receive another MRI scan after that. Researchers then

evaluate the subjects over time and will receive one last MRI scan three months after the drug was administered.

Lead therapist for the study and licensed psychologist Candida Maurer said there is a two-hour meeting with a licensed psychologist before the administration of the medicine.

"During that time I will be taking a history ... So I'll be taking history trying to get an idea of when this started, maybe why it started, and what their intentions are at this point in their life," Maurer said.

Maurer will be using a mixture of body therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, meditation, relax-

ation, inner-child work, and mind-body therapy.

"If you can help the person access the part of their body that is in pain, you can help them release the trauma through that work ... That's the kind of work I will be doing," Maurer said.

Nopoulos explained two common types of classic psychedelics: Lysergic acid diethylamide — also known as LSD — and psilocybin.

"Both are drugs that have an effect on the brain, which creates a

specific kind of experience, and a psychedelic trip," she said.

Psychedelic drugs have been stigmatized. Nopoulos said researchers made large strides in psychedelic research in the '50s and '60s, but after the passage of the Controlled Substances Act in 1970, which made psychedelics illegal, all the advances vanished.

"There were concerns by the government that they were causing too much unrest societally," Nopoulos said. "I said it was very political because, scientifically, they were making pretty great strides, so politically shutting them down made all the science go away for several decades." Nopoulos has been



Peggy Nopoulos

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the news of the indictment but are unsure how the charges may unfold for Trump's upcoming 2024 presidential run.

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— University Democrats at Iowa Vice President Ryan Westhoff

University Democrats at Iowa Vice President Ryan Westhoff told *The Daily Iowan* he believes Trump should be held accountable.

"I think that him getting indicted is important for the principle that really no one is above the law regardless of how wealthy they are or whatever their

political status is," Westhoff said.

Westhoff said both he and his peers believe Trump committed crimes and should be held accountable for those actions.

"I think a lot of my col-

leagues and my friends agree Trump has pretty clearly and obviously committed crimes in the run-up to and during his presidency," he said.

While many have taken this stance in Trump's indictment, some see the indictment as a politically motivated prosecution against Trump.

Second, Bragg is trying Trump with violating federal and state election laws. However, Trump was not running for state election, and Bragg's jurisdiction to charge Trump for a federal crime is unclear.

With these issues, Hagle said he was surprised the Manhattan judge did not throw the charges out.

He added that a perceived witch hunt could only help Trump in his next election by invalidating other legal challenges.

"We don't know what's going to happen. I'm almost a little surprised that the judge didn't throw this out immediately ... If this kind of drags on, it's going to be something that's certainly going to affect the Republican race," Hagle said.

Other UI students voiced their opinions of the Trump indictment and see it as something that was eventually going to happen.

"I think it's surprising to a lot of people, but on the other hand, it's like, well, it's something that people were sort of expecting," UI student Charles Maxwell said. "When I first heard the news, I think I was scrolling online or something, and I wasn't surprised."

Maxwell also expressed gratitude and said the justice system is working as it should. Fellow UI Student Erin Mullin said she was not surprised by the news and said it is something Trump deserved.

"I think people that support him kind of have their mind made up already, and if anything, they view him more as like this antihero now," Mullin said.

Whether Trump will be found guilty of falsifying business documents remains unclear.

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Former U.S. President Donald Trump appears in court for an arraignment on charges stemming from his indictment by a Manhattan grand jury following a probe into hush money paid to porn star Stormy Daniels, in New York City, U.S., April 4, 2023. REUTERS/Andrew Kelly-Pool/Apr 4, 2023; New York, New York, USA; Former President Donald Trump appears in court for arraignment before Judge Juan Merchan following his surrender to New York authorities at the New York County Criminal Court. Trump appeared in court to answer charges from a grand jury investigation into payments made during the 2016 campaign to bury allegations of extramarital sexual encounters.

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It's all about providing relief from mental health disorders.

— UI Assistant professor Mark Niciu

studying psychedelic drugs for 20 years, and the research has been slowly building back up. He said each person might experience a different kind of psychedelic trip based on the aspects of their lives.

"It really is a major change in the way our brain is perceiving its environment, how it thinks, how you feel about yourself and the universe," Nopoulos said. "Many people might consider it a spiritual kind of experience. It depends on who you are, and your belief system."

This study excites Niciu, as it will be the first study of its kind at the UI.

"There's really a great need for better treatments for alcohol use disorder ... at least medication-based treatments with several FDA approved medications, but even so many patients don't have adequate response to that," Niciu said. "It's all about providing relief from mental health disorders."

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# Hawkeyes bring home hardware

After Kansas won the 2022 Hawkeye Invitational, the Iowa men's golf team regained the title of its home tournament on Saturday afternoon.

Chris Werner  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Iowa men's golf team leapt to a big lead after the first nine holes of the Hawkeye Invitational Friday afternoon and had the pressure of playing with the lead for the remaining 45 holes of the tournament.

Hawkeye senior Mac McClear didn't hold the solo individual lead until the 53rd hole of the event.

When it was all said and done, both the Iowa team and McClear individually took home titles Saturday afternoon at Finkbine Golf Course.

As a team, the Hawkeyes' 29-under-par total of 835 over three rounds of competition bested Kansas by five strokes, and McClear's 10-under-par total of 206 was one shot clear of Kansas' Gunnar Broin.

McClear began the Hawkeye Invitational with a 1-under-par 71 and followed it up with scores of 68 and 67 to claim his fourth collegiate victory — he had previously won the 2021 Spartan Collegiate, 2021 Big Ten Championship, and 2022 Iowa Fall Classic.

McClear became the seventh Iowa player to win the Hawkeye Invitational individual championship since 2000 and 16th all-time. His four career individual wins are second in program history since 1961.

"I think all the great Hawkeye golfers have won the Hawkeye, something I hadn't done, but you know, really happy I got it done this week," McClear said after the victory. "Big Ten Championship, home tournament, that's a decent resume."

After converting three birdies in round one, the Hinsdale, Illinois, product made 13 over his final two rounds.

McClear played from behind for all but one hole of the event. After he made a 20-foot putt on the 17th hole, and Wichita State's Blake Lorenz carded a triple bogey on his second-to-last hole, McClear found himself at 10-under-par, one shot ahead of Iowa State's Paul Beauvy, and two clears of Broin.

"He's a winner," Iowa head coach Tyler Stith said of McClear. "Winners figure out how to win. He made a huge birdie on 12, birdied 17, I mean, 17 was the putt, a 25-foot curler that just drips in the back side, and then came up



Mac McClear hits the ball during the Hawkeye invitational at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City on Saturday.

Emily Nyberg/The Daily Iowan

executed today and got it done."

Team-wise, Iowa never relinquished the lead after starting fast on Friday.

The Hawkeyes fought off a late charge from Kansas, who tied the score at 21-under-par with roughly nine holes to go, but Iowa pulled away during the final stretch.

"It wasn't pretty today," Stith said. "But coming down the stretch, they hit the shots and made the putts they needed to when it mattered, and, at the end of the day, nobody's going to remember anything but those final six holes and the final score. I'm proud of the guys for stepping up in the last couple holes and making some putts."

Iowa played its last six holes in a collective 6-under-par, whereas Kansas finished that same stretch in 3-under-par.

After finishing the third round's first 12 holes in 1-over-par, Hawkeye junior Callum Macfie played the last six holes in 3-under-par.

"Really big turnaround there," Stith said of Macfie. "Callum bogeyed 11, bogeyed 12, hit a poor shot on 13. I talked to him a little bit, you could tell that he was getting himself down and just tried to keep him going, and he hit a



Iowa's Hogan Hansen hits the ball during the Hawkeye Invitational at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City on Saturday. The Hawkeyes led after all three rounds of the two-day tournament and took both the team and individual titles with McClear taking the individual title.

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for second on Iowa's team.

The 2023 victory marks Iowa's third Hawkeye Invitational team title in the last four editions of the tournament.

Iowa won in 2019, the tournament was canceled in 2020, Iowa won again in 2021, and Kansas won in 2022.

"It's great to be able to win," Stith said. "You know, it's a totally different experience being in contention in our sport. You don't get those chances often, especially in 12 and 15-team events. And only one team gets to lift the trophy, so to be able to do it at home in front of family and friends is awesome. I'm proud of these guys, they deserve it."

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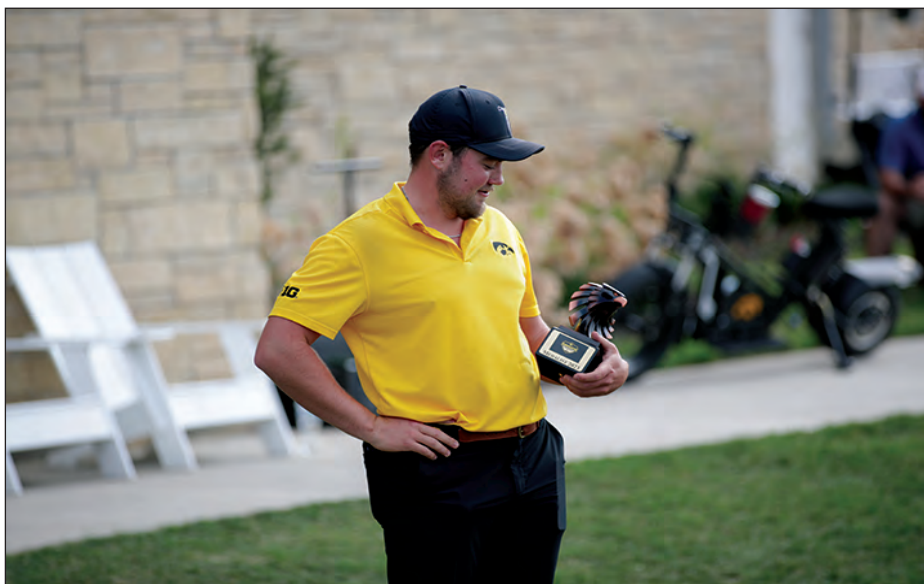
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— Iowa head coach Tyler Stith

with a great up and down on the last to get the win. He's the type of guy you want in those situations, and when he's there, he believes in himself. He

pretty average chip there, left himself a long putt."

Macfie ended the event in a tie for ninth individually at 4-under-par, tying with Ian Meyer



Mac McClear looks at his trophy after taking first place in individual sweepstakes at the Hawkeye Invitational at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City on Saturday. The Hawkeyes lead after all three of the two-day tournament and took both the team and individual sweepstakes with McClear taking the individual title.

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## COLUMN

# Restructure the Iowa City Police Department

The City of Iowa City could benefit from a restructured police department.



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Iowa City City Councilor Laura Bergus proposed an amendment to freeze the Iowa City Public Safety department's budget at its 2023 amount and shift the proposed increase to a general reserve fund for alternative safety initiatives. The amendment failed after hours of debate.

While a more specific plan for the allocated money is a good idea, the allocation of police budget money into alternate safety initiatives — like sending mental health professionals instead of armed officers — is a necessary step for a safer and more equitable Iowa City. Bergus should re-propose a similar amendment or budget in future years with a more detailed plan.

The Iowa City strategic plan from 2023-28 specifically states that the city has a goal to “implement and expand innovative public safety models and facilities to improve outcomes and relationships within the community.” Passing an

amendment like Bergus' would certainly propel the city toward achieving that goal.

There are a handful of viable options Iowa City could choose from. In December 2020, Iowa City structured a proposition that has made significant progress. Following the tear gassing and pepper spraying by the Iowa City Police Department in summer 2020, the city council laid out a plan to restructure the police.

Since then, Iowa City has taken several steps in the right direction, including more support for people experiencing homelessness and increased funding for mental health first responders.

One of the reasons the amendment did not pass was because of the lack of specificity as to where the reallocated money would go. Mayor Pro Tem Megan Alter said she did not want to use the money for an undetermined project and that the amendment was well-intended but rushed.

Another concern was brought up by Police Chief Dustin Liston, who stated that the department has been understaffed and many officers have worked overtime as a result.

If increased funding to combat this problem is necessary, then so be it. But the city council should still create a budget that puts more



Iowa City City Councilor Laura Bergus listens to a community member during a council meeting on March 7.

money to alternate safety initiatives and prioritize using those services.

Restructuring the police department is done with a specific goal: prioritizing peace and safety and avoiding escalation and violence. There is no reason to use resources to be tough on crime when it happens instead of preventing it in the first place.

The tough on crime

approach has been a colossal failure across the country. In Iowa, incarceration rates have skyrocketed since the tough on crime policies of the 1980s and the 1990s, according to the Prison Policy Initiative.

The best approach to many safety concerns that deal with individuals experiencing mental health-related issues is to de-escalate and assist the

person rather than punish them and drive them deeper into a crisis.

There is a potential financial incentive to restructure the police. The town of Eugene, Oregon, sends medics and crisis workers to 911 and non-emergency calls and have saved millions of dollars that would have been spent had it sent these people to the criminal justice system instead.

Simply put, it's not that the police don't do necessary work, it's that not all the work they do has to be done by someone with a badge and a gun. Iowa City has the chance to be a success story on the balance of police with other public safety approaches, and we should by all means take it.

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## COLUMN

# Pay attention to Earth Month

The planet needs collaborative action. This is how we get back on track.



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April celebrates Earth Month, a time in need of our attention.

Earth Month is celebrated in hopes of raising environmental awareness and consciousness about the state of our planet. Our actions come with cause and effect, which means that we

have a shared responsibility toward the health of our planet and every living being that lives alongside us.

On March 31, temperatures hit 70 degrees Fahrenheit and welcomed a tornado into town. Businesses and houses were damaged across the Coralville strip, leaving debris scattered throughout town.

At that time, I was at Coral Ridge Mall taking shelter with my coworkers. We sat in a pitch black room with single flashlights for hours, hearing the strong winds beat against the back door. It was unsettling and incredibly concerning.

This is a direct result of

the ever changing climate. Raging storms such as these threaten our community, our health, and our future. It is time to take stronger action that is long overdue.

We are interconnected with the environment, and it is important to take note of our day-to-day actions. It's not easy to switch toward a more environmentally friendly approach at times, but together, we can surely get there.

Simple tips for reducing our carbon footprint can be easy, like taking shorter showers, conserving paper, minimizing your plug load, turning off lights that are

not in use, and taking your recyclables to a recycling center.

These are all great tips, but at the point that we are at, we need more.

Biden has stated his understanding of one of our country's greatest challenges. To get behind climate change, a Clean Energy Revolution was announced upon his presidency. However, Biden signed off on the Willow Project, which will emit around 9.2 million tons of carbon dioxide into the air per year, according to a federal analysis requested by the *Washington Post*.

This is not okay. Our

planet, and every living being within it, deserves to coexist healthily. We need action in our voices and in the legislature, not in unfulfilled pledges.

To combat our decline, we must start by further educating ourselves and having conversations about environmental solutions with those around us. These conversations may be uncomfortable, but pushing past these feelings is vital.

Think Iowa City is hosting an Earth Day celebration in Swan Park on April 21. At the event, the organization plans to have environmental educational crafts, door

prizes, activities, and live music.

Filling the streets is another great way to aggressively tackle climate change policies. Contacting elected officials directly is an even stronger step to take, as directing these concerns toward legislators would help us move at a much faster rate.

Without positive change and reinforcement, our actions will be unforgivable. Every being deserves a place to live healthily and to coexist with our greatest gift of all.

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## COLUMN

# Banning TikTok is a political stunt

The proposal to ban Tik Tok would not solve the problem of online privacy.



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As a viewer watching the congressional hearings with the CEO of TikTok, it was clear that Congress does not understand the internet, much less TikTok.

Instead of banning the app, there are better approaches to privacy concerns. Lawmakers should make new privacy laws to promote online safety and digital privacy

for Americans.

In the U.S., companies and organizations have the right to collect the data of users on websites and social media like Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, and others and share it with anybody who is willing to pay for it.

Unlike the European Union or the U.K., digital privacy laws in America are almost nonexistent.

The fact lawmakers are targeting TikTok instead of focusing on digital privacy leads one to the conclusion that this is all just to score political points on China.

Currently, there are several proposals circling around Congress that could give President Joe

Biden the authority to ban TikTok. The RESTRICT Act is a controversial proposal that would allow the federal government to ban technologies of foreign governments like China and Russia.

As relations between the U.S. and China reach historic lows and hostilities rise, targeting an app housed in Beijing seems like an easy win.

There are some legitimate reasons to be skeptical of TikTok and its ties to the Chinese Communist Party. Despite any claims to the contrary by TikTok's CEO, the app is entirely beholden to the laws that govern China. One of the laws of concern is that if

the government were to request any information about the users of apps housed on the Chinese mainland, they are required to surrender to Chinese authorities, or they will face legal consequences.

There are also concerns about how the app can proliferate anti-western propaganda and disseminate misinformation for the sole purpose of creating chaos.

But the misinformation problem is found among all social media platforms. If the argument is that we must ban TikTok because it spreads fake news, then we should ban Facebook, Twitter, and all other

social media platforms.

If TikTok gets banned, it would be a blessing to stocks that have been on a downward trend since last year, such as Meta and Snap.

Meta paid Republican firms to run anti-TikTok campaigns that would have banned the app. Less competition leads to less innovation, and removing TikTok would leave less competition in the social media industry.

Setting all this aside, the ban has slimmer chances of surviving legal challenges. The first amendment barriers would be hard to overcome for the Biden Administration if they were to argue that we

need to ban TikTok, a platform used for free speech by over a billion people.

Instead of wasting time and resources on banning an app that specializes in dancing cat videos, lawmakers would be better served trying to protect our digital privacy.

If TikTok was banned, there are different ways China can use intelligence to retrieve data on American users from other social media sites. New privacy laws benefitting all Americans are needed, not just those targeting a singular app because it's politically convenient.

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# IC family worried over potential rezoning

The Dane family is concerned that the council's proposed rezoning will affect their wishes for a community park.

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News Reporter

After moving to Iowa City in 1928, George Dane made a lasting impression on the community. Now, his family worries his posthumous wish to give back to the community he loved could be jeopardized with a proposed rezoning bid.

At the April 4 Iowa City City Council meeting, the council deferred a rezoning ordinance for 13 acres of land located between Mormon Trek Boulevard and Dane Road until the next meeting on April 18.

This deferral came after several members of the public, either in-person or via email, opposed the rezoning. One member was Jane Driscoll, granddaughter of George Dane.

In an interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Jane Driscoll spoke of many fond memories she had of spending time with her grandparents on the Dane family farm, which is located adjacent to the proposed rezoning land. She said she remembers celebrating family birthdays, holidays, and general family gatherings on the property.

She also spoke of George Dane's contributions to the Iowa City community and the nation, including his participation in several Iowa City civil service organizations and his 32 years of service in the U.S. Army reserves.

In the 1990s, George

Dane had the idea to preserve the scenic hilltop land his family lived on into a trust so the land could later turn into a community park.

George Dane's trust states that once the Dane family is no longer living on the farm, the land will be deeded to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to be turned into a park, Jane Driscoll said.

With the proposed rezoning located so close to the land that will be used as a park, Jane Driscoll and her mother, Janet Dane Driscoll, worried any new commercial developments in the rezoned area might disturb the scenic nature of the land.

Their main concerns are light and noise pollution, increased traffic, and trash on the property, which they said they already experience because of the proximity of an existing car dealership.

These concerns were brought up during public comment at the April 4 city council meeting, which led to the public hearing for this rezoning to be held off until the council could meet with the city's Planning and Zoning Commission at the April 18 work session.

There, the council and the commission will discuss why the commission feels this land should be rezoned. At their March 1 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously passed their recommendation to the



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Iowa City City Council members listen to a speaker during a city council meeting in Iowa City on March 7.

council to approve this rezoning.

Several commissioners stated at the March 1 meeting that they feel this rezoning will not have a detrimental impact on the future park and may even make the land more attractive by facilitating commercial development.

According to the staff report on the rezoning ordinance, the land is zoned as a Commercial Office Zone, and the proposed rezoning would change it to an Intensive Commercial Zone. Inten-

sive Commercial Zones are typically used by businesses with outdoor displays and other similar uses, the report stated.

The report stated this rezoning should occur because an Intensive Commercial Zone in the area would better fit the city's overall Comprehensive Plan, which is the structure Iowa City refers to when pursuing planning, and development goals and the area's district plan.

The report stated that the proposed area should

be an Intensive Commercial Zone to be consistent with the nearby Iowa City Municipal Airport and surrounding areas that are currently zoned as Intensive Commercial Zones.

Other reasons listed in the report state this rezoning would provide future opportunities for commercial growth as the city's population grows and would use up nearby empty land, as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

No specific development for this area has been announced yet.

Jane Driscoll and Janet Dane Driscoll said they will be in attendance for the April 18 work session on the topic of this rezoning, and they hope the council will keep George Dane's wishes in mind when they decide during the subsequent formal meeting.

"It won't change the plans for it to be a park; it will be a park," Janet Dane Driscoll said. "It's just that it will affect those that use the park and want to enjoy it."

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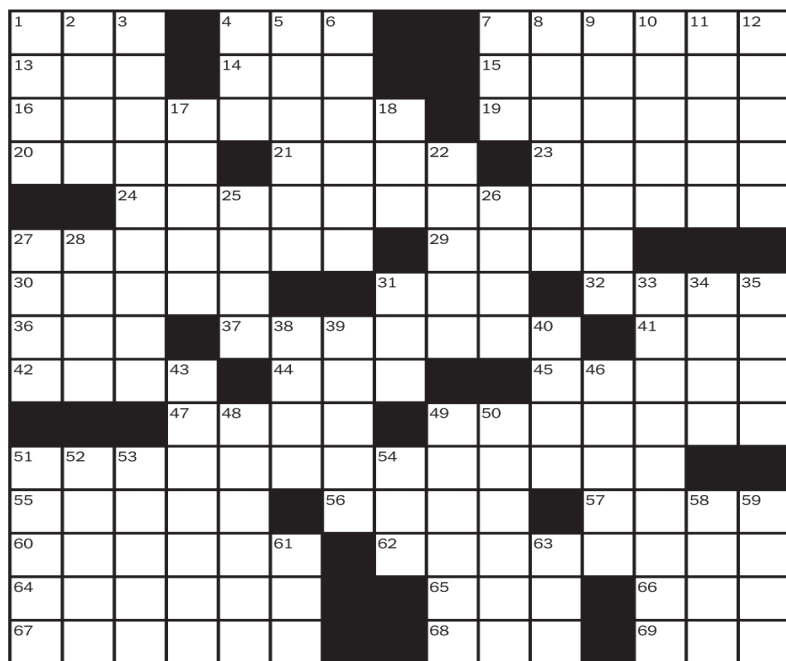
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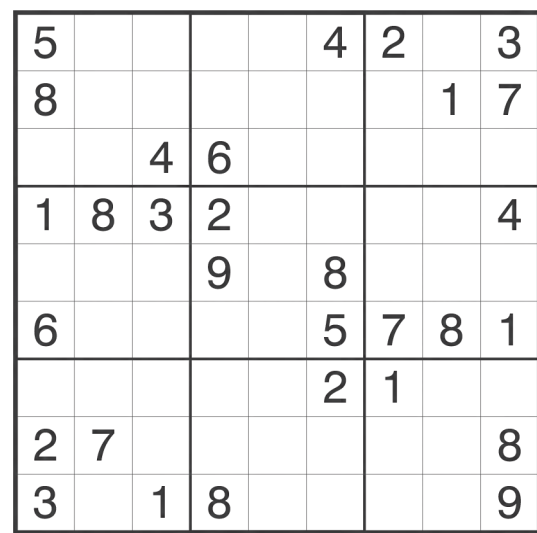
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- 65 Great Basin tribe
- 66 Pioneer in color TV
- 67 Card suit that's also garden tools
- 68 Org. at the airport
- 69 Stitch up

**Down**

- 1 One of the Three Bears
- 2 Bring in, as a salary
- 3 Top-selling Girl Scout cookies
- 4 Locale for the pupil and iris
- 5 Something to aim for
- 6 Minis and A-lines, for two
- 7 Bank offerings, in brief
- 8 Breaks in concentration
- 9 Winning game after game
- 10 Stuck in the muck
- 11 Flower part in potpourri
- 12 Satisfy, as a thirst
- 17 One of the two official languages of New Zealand
- 18 Scrooge's "Phooey!"
- 22 Yankee great Jeter
- 25 Popular daytime talk show, with "The"
- 26 "Me neither"
- 27 Line of stitches
- 28 Country that's home to the Inca Trail
- 31 Parts of lbs.
- 33 Longest keys on keyboards
- 34 Singer Suzanne, whose name is a star
- 35 Round part of a hammer
- 38 Horse's foot
- 39 "Let's do this thing!"
- 40 "The Persistence of Memory" painter
- 43 Fragrant
- 46 Accomplished the task
- 48 Like some job training
- 49 Succeeded in the end
- 50 Constructs, as a house
- 51 Geek Squad members
- 52 Pro pitcher, of a sort?
- 53 Actress Knightley
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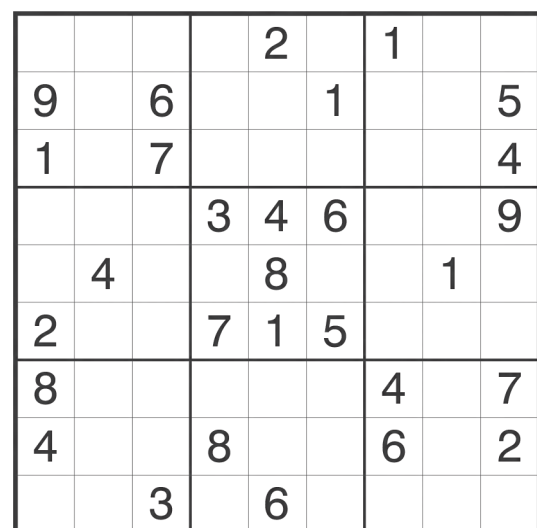
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- 7 Walks noisily
- 13 "Yeah, that's the spot!"
- 14 Jabber
- 15 Actor Radcliffe or Kaluuya
- 16 Quality beef cut
- 19 One side in the Peloponnesian War
- 20 "Karenina"
- 21 Last year's sr.
- 23 Porterhouse or T-bone
- 24 Have a noticeable impact, so to speak
- 27 Séance invitees
- 29 Parks with a Congressional Gold Medal
- 30 "Meenie," 2010 hit by Sean Kingston and Justin Bieber
- 31 Opposite of 'neath
- 32 Click "Will attend," say
- 36 " is a lie that makes us realize truth": Picasso
- 37 Young phenom
- 41 Letter before "cue"
- 42 Tousele
- 44 Tiebreaker periods, for short
- 45 "Better late than never," for one
- 47 Pigeon sounds
- 49 Large bird on Louisiana's state flag
- 51 Bamboozled
- 55 Perfect places
- 56 Digit that looks like another digit when turned upside down
- 57 Many early PCs
- 60 One whose writing is aggregated on Rotten Tomatoes
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# FilmScene premiere honors Elizabeth Catlett

Her life was celebrated with “Standing Strong: Elizabeth Catlett,” a New Mile Media Arts documentary.

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Arts Reporter

FilmScene at the Chauncey hosted the world premiere of “Standing Strong: Elizabeth Catlett” on Saturday, a documentary by Kevin Kelley and Marie Wilkes of New Mile Media Arts.

Not only did the film premiere for the first time this weekend, but it also premiered on what would have been Elizabeth Catlett’s 107th birthday, chronicling the first person to receive a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa.

If her name sounds familiar, it is because Catlett Residence Hall on the UI’s campus was named after Catlett in recognition of her artistic achievements. She was barred from living on campus while receiving her degree because she was Black.

The documentary incorporates the commentary of scholars, authors, and acquaintances of Catlett. It also threads a recording of Catlett herself through the film, her voice introducing each segment of the documentary with a brief account of her life at that time.

The documentary was made in partnership with the UI Stanley Museum of Art, and director Lauren Lessing verified the film’s art history information. The museum also arranged for the display of Catlett’s related artwork to be viewed after the film.

Lessing participated in a discussion panel after the film, along with Chris Kramer, director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, which sponsored the documentary.

Author Melanie Herzog, who wrote the biography “Elizabeth Catlett: American Artist in Mexico,” participated in the panel alongside Phillip Jones, a recruiter of minority students to the UI, and Jo Jones, former business manager at the UI Museum of Art.

Filmmakers Kelley and Wilkes celebrated both the film and Catlett’s birthday in person at the screening, providing cake and dessert afterward.

Kelley, documentary filmmaker and former employee at the Center for Media Productions



Matt Sindt/The Daily Iowan

FilmScene at the Chauncey is seen in Iowa City on Sept. 25, 2022

and the Office of Strategic Communication at the UI, originally hesitated to pursue the project but was encouraged by Wilkes, his wife, to move forward.

“Marie really pushed me a lot to do this documentary,” Kelley said. “Because I had a lot of creative doubts about how to do

Arts in education. “I love sculptures,” Wilkes said. “But hers are so remarkably different because the women are standing solidly on both feet. They’re not looking for anyone looking at them. They’re not consumable that’s been observed, and they are women in

large part of her life after college and was initially drawn to the arts of the political scene there. She was then unable to return to the U.S. because she was deemed an undesirable alien by the American government.

Her art was influenced by the events of the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. that she observed from afar, including the death of Malcolm X, the Black Power salute at the 1968 Olympics, and the death of a Black Panther. Friends moved her works across the border into the U.S. because she could not enter the country.

Catlett maintained dual citizenship in Mexico and the U.S. and considered her work a service to both Black and Mexican people.

The film accomplished this storytelling with Catlett’s compelling audio recording that occasionally made audiences laugh and at other times cry, particularly when Catlett recounted her unlawful detention in front of her children.

Iowa City resident Janet Maurer was among those who shed a

few tears during the film. She encouraged others to view the film if they have the opportunity.

“There’s many people now that want to cover up the history of Black people in particular, especially [Black people] who are successful or those who are women on top of that.”

UI alumni Candyce Briggs and Krista Thigpen were members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, the same historically Black sorority that Catlett was a member of during her time at the UI.

Thigpen was involved in organizing Catlett Residence Hall’s dedication to the artist.

“I think the key piece of this film really talked about knowing personal limitations of how you can express [yourself] and get your voice heard, and I thought that was a good message of how she didn’t have to be a politician or be in other spaces,” Briggs said. “She used her artwork to really teach people about things that are happening now or in history and to really inspire and empower people.”

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— Marie Wilkes of New Mile Media Arts

it or if I was worthy of doing it. And Marie said, ‘You know, she’s been gone for 12 years, and nobody did anything when she was alive.’”

As a film producer and president of New Mile Media Arts, Wilkes has been fascinated by Catlett ever since she encountered her work at the UI while Wilkes was earning her Master of Fine Arts in dance and Master of

their own thoughts moving in their world.”

Catlett intended for her work to uplift everyday women and recognize the strength and power of Black women to hold families together and persevere. Her prints and sculptures also depict the experiences of enslaved people, from whom Catlett prided herself on being a descendant.

Catlett lived in Mexico for a

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**HARRIS**

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“This last year has been very eye opening,” Harris said. “I’m a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. Even wins and losses. There’s always stuff to learn and ways to grow. Last time I talked to [media] I said I grew a lot within the last year — and this last year, it was even more.”

Harris could’ve given up on his teammates and made excuses, but he said he instantly turned his focus to how he could still add value to the Hawkeyes when he was injured.

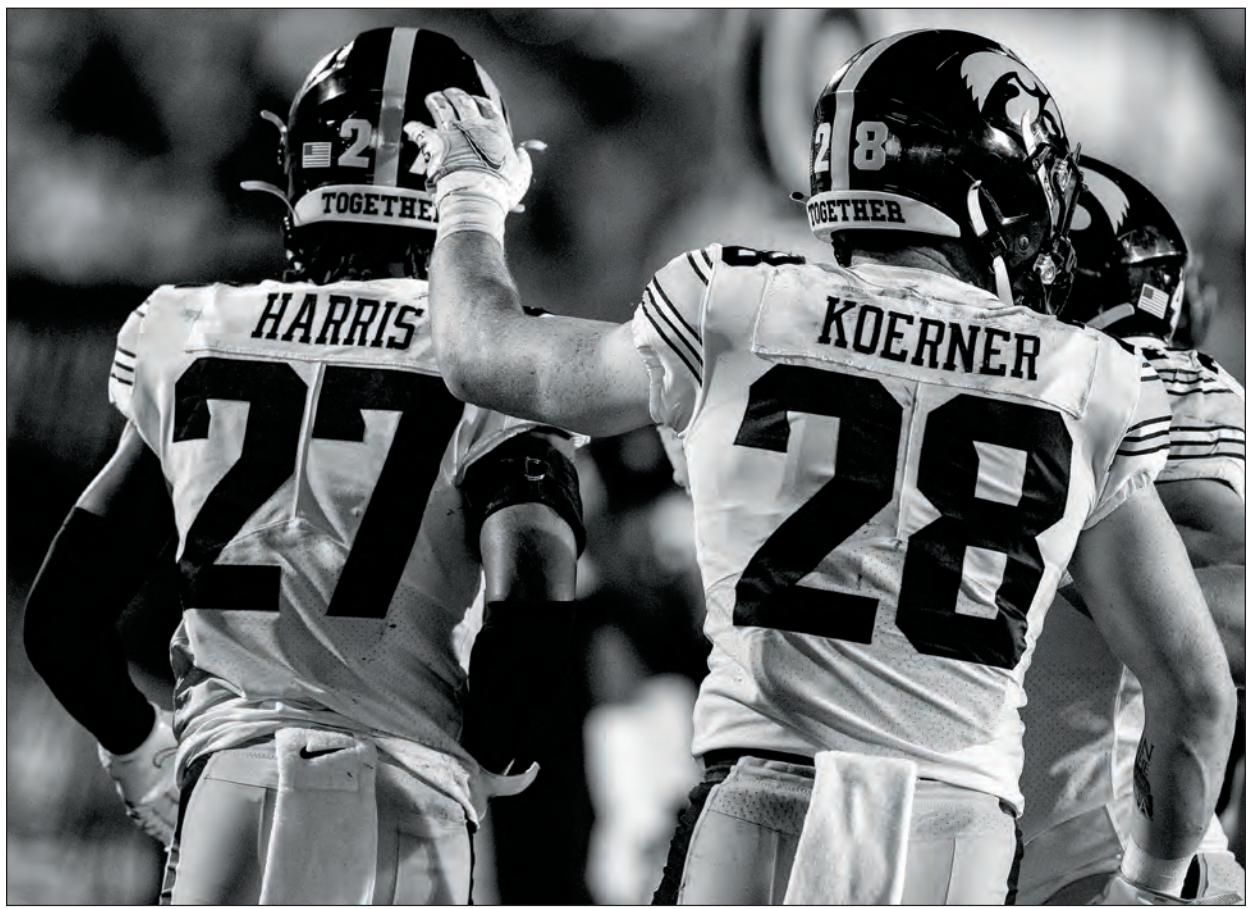
He tried to act as a coach off the field and mentor his younger teammates, such as defensive backs Xavier Nwankpa, TJ Hall, Deshaun Lee, and Koen Entringer. Harris said the four have grown exponentially over the last 11 spring practices, and he is looking forward to playing alongside them this season.

Nwankpa was listed as the No. 1 strong safety in this year’s initial depth chart, while Hall and Entringer are second-string at cornerback and free

safety, respectively. Nwankpa earned his first collegiate start at safety in the Music City Bowl in December 2022 and came away with a 52-yard pick six to help seal the Hawkeyes’ 21-0 shutout of the Kentucky Wildcats. “[Harris] still knew where everyone needed to be and what plays and what things we were doing wrong,” Nwankpa said of Harris’ leadership last season. “He’d been like a coach to everybody in the DB room, and especially now that he’s back on the field, it’s paying off.”

Harris not only mentored his teammates while injured but learned from them as well.

Harris said he expanded his knowledge of the game by watching closely and listening to veteran defensive backs and hopeful 2023 NFL draft picks Riley Moss and Kaevon Merriweather. With Merriweather and Moss gone, Harris believes he can take what he’s learned from them and his injury and successfully continue the Hawkeye secondary and defensive coordinator Phil Parker’s high standard of excellence.



Iowa defensive back Jack Koerner pats Iowa defensive back Jermari Harris on the helmet after Harris caught an interception during a football game between No. 19 Iowa and Northwestern at Ryan Field in Evanston, Ill., on Nov. 6, 2021. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 17-12. Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

Defensive back Cooper Dejean commended Harris for his vocal leadership and attention to de-

tail and thinks he will be an asset in the backfield this season. “I’m expecting what-

ever — bring it on,” Harris said. “If they want to come in, bring it on. If they want to go at [De-

Jean], bring it on. I’m not running from anybody.” mckenna-roering@uiowa.edu



Fans gather for a celebration of the Iowa women's basketball team on the Pentacrest on Friday. Daniel McGregor-Huyer/The Daily Iowan

**BASKETBALL**  
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Airlines Center in Dallas to end the season. The Hawkeyes finished 31-7 in 2022-23 — a program-record number of wins.

But the Hawkeyes said they couldn't do it without their fans.

“I got off the bus, and I had tears in my eyes again,” head coach Lisa Bluder said. “I have shed a lot of tears of joy this month. Some of sadness, but mostly of joy. I’m so thankful for all of you, so thankful for you all coming out tonight to celebrate with us. But thank you for your support all season long. It has been a historic year for our program, no doubt, and I can’t think of making history with anybody else but

you guys.”

Fans started lining up on the Pentacrest hours before the celebration. As the time got closer to 5:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, the Pentacrest filled. Iowa athletic director Gary Barta estimated the crowd to be near 10,000 people.

The Hawkeye faithful followed the women's basketball team throughout the postseason — fans made the Target Center seem like “Carver North” for the Big Ten Tournament, sold out the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and traveled to Seattle and Dallas to make the arenas “Carver West” and “Carver South,” respectively.

“We do have the best fans in America,” Barta said.

Fans watched as con-

fetti rained down on the Hawkeyes multiple times — both after winning the Big Ten Tournament and the Seattle 4 Regional after the Elite Eight.

So, associate head coach Jan Jensen wanted to return the favor. As Iowa's coaches sang “ring, bling, confetti, we ready” — a rap they made up before the Big Ten Tournament title game — pieces of yellow confetti rained onto the crowd at the Pentacrest.

“As fans, one of the most incredible moments that any team ever experiences is when you get to cut down that net, and when you get to feel that excitement, and when you get to feel that confetti rain down,” Jensen said. “... You’re going to experience a little bit of confetti.”

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Iowa's Barbora Pokorna prepares to hit the ball during a tennis meet at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreational Complex in Iowa City on March 31. Pokorna won her doubles match. Cody Blissett/The Daily Iowan

**POKORNA**

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Pokorna, who went on to win, 7-5, and help the Hawkeyes advance with a 4-3 team victory.

Such a calm and positive demeanor wasn't an isolated occurrence for Pokorna. Her Iowa career has been defined by her exemplary character and mentality. “She’s a really optimistic player,” Hawkeye head coach Sasha Schmid said. “She doesn’t harp on any of the points that don’t go her way. She really rebounds quickly after disappointments ... And I think that really helps her, and it’s one of those traits that I really admire about her.”

Growing up in Ostrava in the Czech Republic as the daughter of two athletes, Pokorna said her optimistic character is more of an innate quality than a skill learned over time.

“I feel like it just comes naturally,” Pokorna said. “I was never super negative. Like, sometimes I get stressed, but I try not to show that ... I feel like I’m a naturally positive person, so I can translate it into the tennis court more easily.”

In singles play during the 2022 regular season, Pokorna finished with a 13-6 overall record, competing between the No. 2 and No. 6 slots. In May 2022, she was voted as Iowa’s Sportsmanship Award honoree.

In a sport like tennis, where individual play can be magnified by personal errors just as much as triumphs, Schmid said Pokorna acts as an exception.

“She never hangs her head, has any negative body language, or any sort of, like, negative self-talk,” Schmid said. “Unfortunately, in our sport, there’s a lot of negativity, or the negative self-talk and body language that can take place, and she just doesn’t give any energy to that.”

Schmid said Pokorna’s behavior serves as a model for her teammates.

“I think already, like, a lot of the people on the team look to her and really admire those qualities,” Schmid said. “And when she models that, it’s great leadership for everyone else to be able to follow.”

One specific area where Pokorna can make an impact on her teammates is through doubles play. Occupying the No. 3 doubles team since Iowa’s March 4

match against Wisconsin, Pokorna and freshman Pia Kranholdt have won their last two completed doubles matches.

In their most recent match, the pair was ahead, 5-2, against their Ohio State counterparts when the Buckeyes clinched the doubles point.

“I think it helps a lot, just like keeping us positive in every situation because every point matters, and doubles is just one set,” Pokorna said. “So, it’s really tight, but just, like, fist pumping and making eye contact with Pia is really huge.”

One of Pokorna’s main goals during matches is not to let struggles and stress in competition spiral into a negative mindset. And in a match such as the one against the Spartans where pressure can become overwhelming, Pokorna lets the joy of competition take over.

“I’m just like, as I said, focusing on things that I can control, not trying to overthink anything, and staying calm in difficult moments,” Pokorna said. “Enjoying the difficult situations and matches instead of being nervous and shaky.”

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## HAWKEYE UPDATES



### Murray, Rebraca share Chris Street Award

Iowa men's basketball players Kris Murray and Filip Rebraca shared the Chris Street Award at the Hawkeyes' postseason reception, it was announced Thursday.

The Chris Street Award, named after the former men's basketball player who died in a car crash in Iowa City in 1993, is given annually to the players who exemplify the "spirit, enthusiasm, and intensity of Chris Street."

Murray, a junior who declared for the NBA Draft, is named after Chris Street. Murray's father, Kenyon Murray, played with Street at Iowa.

Kris Murray led the Hawkeyes with 20.2 points and 7.9 rebounds per game and was an Associated Press third-team All-American. Rebraca averaged 14.1 points per game, second on the Hawkeyes. Rebraca and Murray also shared the Top Rebounder Award.

Rebraca and sophomore Payton Sandfort, who were the only two players to compete in all 33 games in 2022-23, shared the Most Improved Award. Sandfort came off the bench for most of the season to average 10.3 points and 4.1 rebounds.

Graduating senior Connor McCaffery and junior Tony Perkins were the winners of the Top Playmaker Award. McCaffery and his younger brother, Patrick McCaffery, shared the Hawkeye Spirit Award.



### Iowa baseball wins series over Minnesota

The Iowa baseball team fought through rain delays on Saturday to win two of three games over Minnesota at Siebert Field in Minneapolis.

Because of impending inclement weather, the Hawkeyes' Friday-Sunday series was changed to a doubleheader on Friday and a single game on Saturday.

Iowa lost the first game of the doubleheader on Friday, 12-3, before bouncing back for a 7-2 victory later in the evening.

The Hawkeyes' Saturday game was delayed two and half hours, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., because of inclement weather in Minneapolis. But the delay didn't stop Iowa's barrage of offense, as the Hawkeyes put up 18 runs in the 18-4 victory to win the series.

"After a very long rain delay, I was really pleased with how our guys came out and played," head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "I thought we were really disciplined offensively ... We didn't chase down in the zone, forced him to throw it up and got a five spot in the second. Gave Ty a bit of a cushion."

Ty Langenberg threw 4 1/3 innings in the Saturday start, allowing all four of the Gophers' runs while striking out five batters. Jack Whitlock was the winning pitcher in relief, throwing 2 2/3 innings with just one hit.

The Hawkeyes are now 25-9 on the season and 4-5 in the Big Ten. Iowa will take on Nebraska next weekend at Duane Branks Field in a three-game series.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Made some putts."

— Iowa men's golfer Mac McClear on his four birdies in six holes in round one of the Hawkeye Invitational.

## STAT OF THE DAY

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— Times Iowa men's golf won the Hawkeye Invitational in the last four years.

# 'Bring it on'

Iowa football's Jermari Harris is eager to be back on the field after missing the entire 2022 season with an undisclosed injury.



Grace Smith/The Daily Iowan

Iowa defensive backs Jermari Harris and Quinn Schulte celebrate during a football game between No. 17 Iowa and Illinois at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City on Nov. 20, 2021. The Hawkeyes defeated the Illini, 33-23, in the last home game of the season.

### Kenna Roering Sports Reporter

Iowa football cornerback Jermari Harris has learned to never take anything for granted.

After the junior suffered an undisclosed injury that sidelined him for the entire 2022 sea-

son, he wasn't sure he would ever be capable of playing football again.

So, when he strapped up his pads and returned to the field again this spring, it meant a lot to him.

"I can't put into words how much I missed this game," Harris said at

spring practice media availability. "You know, you don't realize how much you love something until it's gone. And at that point in time, it was gone, and I didn't know if it was ever coming back. So, I guess I found out a lot about myself and my love for this game. I'll

still go out there and put my body on the line to see my brothers succeed, to see our team succeed."

Harris appeared in 13 of Iowa's 14 games and made six starts in 2021. He racked up 34 tackles, eight pass breakups, four interceptions, and 1.5 tackles for loss.

Harris missed Iowa's season opener in 2022 because of an OWI charge, and he then got injured before the next contest against Iowa State. He said this adversity ended up helping him grow stronger mentally.

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# Fans celebrate Iowa women's basketball

Thousands of Hawkeye fans gathered in the Pentacrest on Friday to commemorate Iowa's historic Final Four season.



Daniel McGregor-Huyer/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Caitlin Clark takes a selfie during a celebration of the Iowa women's basketball team's season on the Pentacrest on Friday.

### Chloe Peterson Sports Editor

Junior guard Caitlin Clark jumped out of her chair when Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague declared April 14 Iowa Women's Basketball Team Day.

"Let's go!" she yelled, hugging center Monika Czinano as the crowd cheered.

"The athletic performance and leadership and spirit of the women's basketball team has contributed to the growth of the fanbase, and Iowa Athletics brought joy to thou-

sands of fans and has become a point of civic pride in the Iowa City community and beyond," Teague said on Friday afternoon on the Pentacrest, reading his proclamation. "Now therefore, I, Bruce Teague, mayor of Iowa City, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2023, to be Iowa Women's Basketball Team Day."

Bruce's proclamation was a part of a public celebration that Iowa Athletics held for the women's basketball team on Friday.

Hawkeye women's basket-

ball had a historic season in 2022-23, making its second appearance in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Final Four — the first since 1993. In the Final Four, Iowa took down then-defending national champion South Carolina, ending the Gamecocks' 42-game win streak and advancing to the national championship game for the first time in program history.

Iowa fell in the title game to LSU, 102-85, at American

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# Positive expectation

Iowa women's tennis player Barbora Pokorna's optimistic mindset and calm demeanor define her performance on the court.



Cody Blissett/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Barbora Pokorna prepares to hit the ball during a tennis meet at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreational Complex in Iowa City on Friday. Pokorna won her doubles match and her singles match.

### Matt McGowan Sports Reporter

Iowa women's tennis player Barbora Pokorna knows what pressure feels like. In the first round of Big Ten Championships last season in Iowa City, the then-freshman found herself in an uphill battle with potentially the season on the line.

Facing Michigan State, the Hawkeyes took the doubles point from the Spartans. Then, they saw that 1-0 lead turn into a 2-1 deficit as the Hawkeyes dropped their first two singles matches. Playing at the No. 2 singles position, Pokorna's result would either give the Spartans a commanding lead or keep Iowa in contention.

After dropping the first set, 6-2, Pokorna recovered with a 7-5 victory to even the series. In the deciding third set, she found herself trailing, 5-2, her opponent just one game win away from taking the match.

"I was literally talking to myself, saying, 'I'm going to win this match for the Hawks. I'm going to win this match. I'm going to turn this around,'" Pokorna said. "I really had to dig deep there, just stay calm, positive, and come back."

The next five games of the set were all

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