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## 'TECHNOBLADE NEVER DIES'



### A legacy remembered



Technoblade, who died in 2022, attended the University of Iowa before pursuing YouTube as a full-time career.

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Jami Martin-Trainor

*Editor's note: The now-deceased YouTuber and streamer Technoblade never publicly identified himself. The Daily Iowan is respecting his family's wish to refer to him as Technoblade throughout the article. The father will be referred to by his online name, Mr. Technodad.*

Ten months after Technoblade's death, fans continue to post their favorite memories and moments with the famous Minecraft streamer to social media.

Of these voices, University of Iowa students are shining through after Alex, known online as Technoblade, was revealed to have attended the UI.

While Technoblade was alive, fans often uttered a popular phrase: "Technoblade never dies."

Technoblade's impact can be seen in the merch students wear when walking across campus, events planned by UI students, and mentions to the YouTuber made in passing. These actions show that

Technoblade's mantra ultimately rang true.

Technoblade started his YouTube channel in 2013 when the San Francisco native would play Minecraft and tell stories from his everyday life. As of April 30, his channel has amassed a following of 16 million subscribers.

Technoblade showed early signs of being a video game master, even as a child.

At five years old, Technoblade approached his dad — who sat at his desk playing the popular historical video

game Rise of Nations — and asked if he could join in. Over a decade later, Technoblade's dad Marshall, known online as Mr. Technodad, recalled some of his fondest memories of playing the game with his son.

Despite Technoblade's love for Minecraft, Mr. Technodad said his son would return to his roots by playing Rise of Nations in the last six months of his life.

On Aug. 27, 2021, Technoblade announced to his fans that he had been diagnosed with cancer. Just under a year later, his father announced Technoblade's death in a video uploaded June 30, 2022, titled "so long nerds."

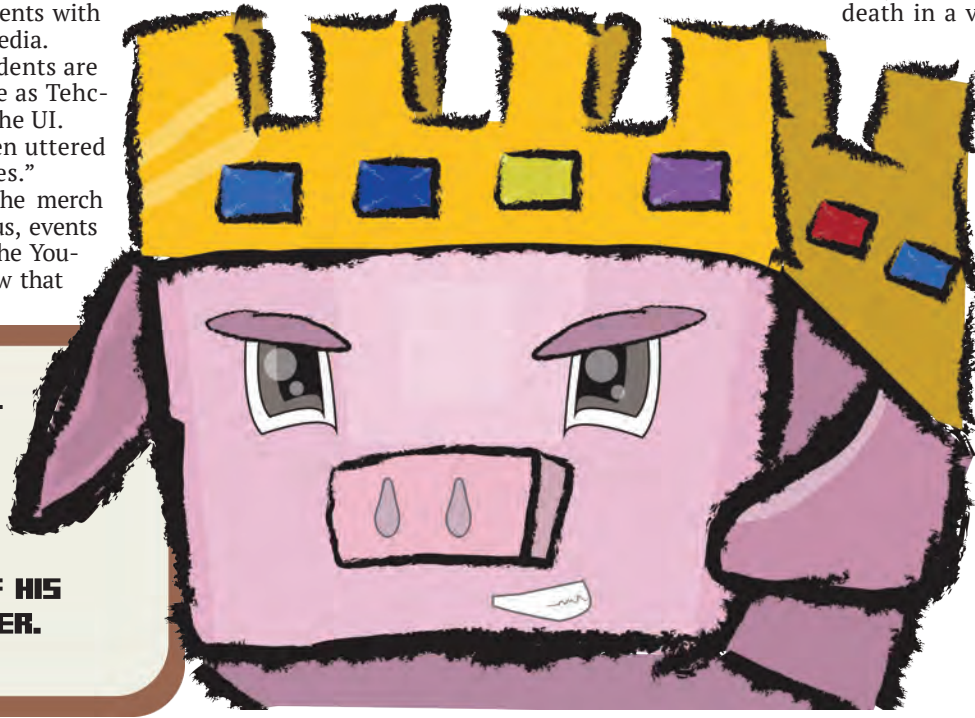
#### 'So long nerds'

After the original sarcoma diagnosis, Mr. Technodad said he knew it was bad even though he wasn't a doctor.

"[Technoblade] was very open about the cancer, but he never said anything about the fact that it was all through his lungs on the day that we found it," He said in an emotionally-charged and tearful interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "There's nothing they can do for that."

After his diagnosis, Technoblade used his fanbase to fundraise and raise awareness about sarcoma. His dad said the first few weeks after the initial doctor's appointment were chaotic, but Technoblade wasted no time putting a positive spin on the terrible situation.

"He got home and got his feet under him, and he was like, 'Dad, it's time



**TECHNOBLADE OFTEN DONNED THE MINECRAFT PIG SKIN, WHICH IS A GAME AVATAR, WHILE PLAYING IN TOURNAMENTS. THE SKIN BECAME A PART OF HIS BRAND DURING HIS CAREER.**

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## Residents face mobile home rent increases

Some residents from Havenpark Communities' mobile home parks voice concerns over rent increases and maintenance.

Colin Votzmeyer  
Sports Reporter

*Editor's note: One of the sources referenced in the story, Don Lund, who was interviewed in December 2022, died in April. The Daily Iowan chose to keep his comments in the article.*

When Don Lund moved into Golfview Mobile Home Court in North Liberty in 1980, lot rent was \$87 — \$334 if adjusted for inflation today. After Havenpark Communities purchased Golfview in 2019, he paid over \$400.

Lund said the rent gradually increased to \$285 before Havenpark bought it, after which he said he came home to find a notice on his door that said Golfview was under new management and that rent would increase to \$450.

Lund received another notice on his door that the rent would be increased to \$506 on December 15, 2022.

Those rising rents follows the nationwide trend. According to Statista, the average monthly rent for manufactured housing in the U.S. has been on a steady increase over the last decade, rising from \$422 in 2014 to \$593 in 2021.

Havenpark Communities is a Utah-based company that operates and develops manufactured home communities across the U.S. It began purchasing communities in 2019, including Golfview, Lake Ridge, and Modern Manor in Johnson County. Spokesman Josh Weiss wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* on April 4 that Havenpark Communities owns five Iowa properties.

Lund, 69, lived off of food stamps and a social security check. Because he paid rent on top of his bills, newspaper subscription, and gas, he said he struggled to stay afloat.

Lund was a quadruple congenital amputee, which means he was born without hands or feet and was unable to work.

"I don't even come close [to covering my fees]. It's right on the edge, so I have to be real creative [with how I budget]," Lund said. "I can't make any more money. I can't go out and get a job. I just physically couldn't. I've tried to find roommates. Sometimes they work out. Sometimes they don't ... It's been a whirlwind."

Lund said he felt stretched for money to afford his \$300 house payment until he received his mother's inheritance when she died, but he said that only did so much to alleviate the rent pressure.

After the initial rent increases, Lund and other resi-



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Don Lund sits in a chair at his home in Golfview Mobile Home Park in North Liberty, Iowa, on Dec. 15, 2022. Lund died in April.

dents organized a coalition behind Iowa Rep. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, to contact representatives of Havenpark Communities in Des Moines. Havenpark Communities agreed to slow rent increases in Iowa after a town hall meeting at Golfview, but that did not stop residents from moving out, according to documents obtained by the *DI*.

Weiss wrote in an email to the *DI* that a \$165 monthly rent increase was planned to "bring rents in line with other properties in the Iowa City market" but that the increase would be spread over three years by yearly increases in average monthly rates until the full amount was reached. He also wrote that rent over the last two years matched inflation to pay operating costs.

Wahls said there should be a political resolution to the issues, and the Iowa Legislature should do more to protect residents.

"Unfortunately, I've continued to run into the buzzsaw," Wahls said. "The [Iowa] Manufactured Housing Association here in the state and Republican politicians who had initially been very cooperative have since become much more hardened in their opposition to real reform."

The Iowa Manufactured Housing Association did not respond to multiple inquiries from the *DI*.

The situation surrounding Lund and other park resi-

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## ICPD, UI to take closer look at racial profiling at traffic stops

Iowa City police are collecting data on traffic stops and utilizing the UI Public Policy Center to research racial disparities and profiling. Iowa City City Council approved for the study to happen at its April 19 meeting.

Jack Moore  
News Reporter

The Iowa City Department of Public Safety and the University of Iowa Public Policy Center are taking a closer look at

racial disparities during traffic stops conducted by local law enforcement.

The police department and the UI entered a \$67,000 contract following Iowa City City Council approval April 25 to analyze traffic stops with data collected since 2006.

The UI will study the demographics of people

pulled over with the intent to help reduce racial profiling at traffic stops.

ICPD started collecting data on traffic stops in 1999 and continued research into racial disparities during traffic stops in 2006 after entering into a contract with Chris Barnum, the director of the Master of Science in Crimi-

nal Justice program and professor at St. Ambrose University.

ICPD worked with Barnum from 2006 until 2020, with the last report published in 2021. ICPD Police Chief Dustin Liston said Barnum broke the city into smaller areas and sent researchers out to collect traffic counts

to determine the racial makeup of drivers.

Liston said this approach gave a more holistic data set compared to census data that may not accurately reflect who is on the road. Liston said the transition from Barnum to the UI is because of proximity and new research methods.

"St. Ambrose is obviously not in Iowa City, but the University of Iowa is, so we thought it was a good opportunity to team with them, and I think it's going to be a more robust study," Liston said.

The contract with the UI Public Policy Center

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to do some cancer research charity work, and he raised a whole lot of money for the Sarcoma Foundation of America," Mr. Technodad said. "I'm so proud of him for that." Technoblade and his legacy have raised over \$1 million for the foundation and sarcoma research, leaving a mark of support and solidarity for other patients.

The Sarcoma Foundation of America awarded Technoblade the Courage Award at their Stand Up to Sarcoma Gala on Sept. 28, 2022. The organization also has a page on its website dedicated to Technoblade.

"He used his significant platform on behalf of sarcoma patients and survivors to create hope and a better life for people diagnosed with sarcoma," the website reads. "Techno created a legacy that will impact generations of sarcoma patients."

Technoblade continued to post and stream on YouTube after he announced his diagnosis, and his following continued to grow.

Mr. Technodad said it was Technoblade's goal to reach 10 million subscribers since he began the Technoblade Youtube channel. On New Year's Eve 2021, he reached the goal despite his deteriorating health.

"Ten million subs was bittersweet," Mr. Technodad said. "By December, things were not looking very good."

Mr. Technodad said in his last few months, Technoblade wanted to interact with his fans, but he didn't know how. Ultimately, Technoblade

wrote out the script to announce his death and tasked his dad with reading it to his fans.

"So long nerds" currently stands at 94 million views and trended on YouTube throughout 2022. Nine months after it was posted, the views continue to increase.

The video starts with Mr. Technodad holding their family dog Floof and then transitions to him reading the message left behind by Technoblade.

The audio is laid over unreleased footage of Technoblade playing Minecraft. Mr. Technodad said it was an homage to his son's original content.

Mr. Technodad chose to continue sharing Technoblade's stories a few months after publishing

right school.

"There's always been the sports people who go here," Baum said. "You go to admire these people, and then to learn that even the people who deliberately hid their faces had the same connection, spent that same amount of time looking for the perfect place to continue their studies, and chose the same place I did. It makes me feel more whole in a way."

Technoblade studied creative writing, which didn't surprise Mr. Technodad because his son always wanted to be a writer.

"He was always creative," Mr. Technodad said. "He always had stories about mythological characters or original characters he wanted to tell."

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— Mr. Technodad, Technoblade's father

"so long nerds" after seeing how much his son meant to the Minecraft community.

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### Technoblade, UI Student

It was revealed through a photo posted to Reddit by Mr. Technodad on Nov. 19, 2022, that Technoblade attended the UI in 2018.

While fans have speculated where Technoblade went to college ever since he mentioned attending one for a year in a 2021 video, the location was never confirmed until Mr. Technodad posted a photo of Technoblade in front of the Old Capitol Museum on the Pentacrest with the caption "starting college." Upon that reveal, several UI students posted online and shared that this information made them feel closer to the YouTuber.

Max Baum, a UI sophomore who started watching Technoblade during the COVID-19 pandemic, was surprised to learn Technoblade went to the UI.

Knowing Technoblade went to the same university, Baum said he feels more cemented in his belief that he chose the

Mr. Technodad said he believes his son's storytelling set him apart from other gaming streamers.

Technoblade wrote a piece for a UI class recounting some of his experiences at the university titled "First Flight," which Mr. Technodad read to *DI* reporters.

Each anecdote in the piece captured moments unique to the UI — a tangible tie between the YouTube sensation and Iowa City.

The piece mentioned how Technoblade's top bunk was close to the ceiling in Rienow Residence Hall where he lived during his time at the UI. It also described how Technoblade found Hillcrest Market Place for the first time to get food and underwent the daunting task of navigating the Cambus schedule.

"I [Technoblade] understood the gist of the bus routes from orientation," Mr. Technodad read. "The Red Route takes you to Rienow, whereas the Blue Route takes you to human civilization."

Over the summer leading to Technoblade's first year of college, another YouTuber named Skeppy began to livestream. Mr. Technodad said Technoblade often talked about Skeppy. When he started livestreaming and gaining popularity, Technoblade wanted to follow suit, so he deferred a year.

"I remember a specific phrase he used to say: 'Skeppy cracked the code,'" Mr. Technodad said.

Technoblade understood that right now only lasted for the right now, Mr. Technodad said, and so when Skeppy's livestreams were exploding, Technoblade didn't want to miss the opportunity. He ended up taking a gap year before college to try out streaming. Once enrolled at the UI, he explored his passions for writing and storytelling.

During the summer after his first year at the UI, Technoblade came home and was invited to Minecraft Monday, a weekly Minecraft tournament between June 2019 and November 2019 hosted by Keemstar, another YouTuber.

After the tournament, Technoblade made the decision to pursue YouTube and return to his education at a later time, Mr. Technodad said.

### Technoblade's lasting impression

In Minecraft, pigs are one of the animals players can kill to get resources like meat for food. Technoblade's Minecraft skin, which is his avatar in the game, resembled Minecraft's pigs.

After Technoblade's passing, Baum said he made the decision to not kill any pigs in Minecraft in honor of him because there are other animals that offer the same or similar resources.

Baum also created a statue of Technoblade in Minecraft in memoriam, piecing together the game's iconic cubes to digitally recreate the YouTuber's Minecraft skin. The statue lives on Baum's own personal server, so people can't see it without an invitation. Other fans honor Technoblade in different ways.

Amelia Dooley, a junior at the UI majoring in criminology, first saw on Reddit that Technoblade formerly attended the UI, much like many other fans.

Dooley and a friend decided to recreate the infamous photo outside of the Old Capitol Building while wearing Technoblade merch and holding a stuffed Technoblade toy. Technoblade created merchandise early on in his career, and one of the items released was a stuffed plush of a pig wearing a crown and cape. "I think it would make a lot of people on the internet happy," Dooley said.

Dooley said they had

# TECHNOBLADE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

### SUMMER 2017:

Technoblade graduated high school but decided to take a gap year before college to try out livestreaming.

### FALL 2018:

After a year of exploring livestreaming, Technoblade enrolled at the UI for his first semester where he majored in creative writing.

### SUMMER 2019:

In the summer after his first semester, Technoblade was invited to Minecraft Monday, a Minecraft tournament between YouTubers.

### FALL 2019:

Technoblade decided to not return to college right away and instead focus on his YouTube career.

### SUMMER 2021:

Technoblade announced to his fans in a video that he was diagnosed with cancer.

### WINTER 2021:

Technoblade's YouTube channel reached 10 million subscribers.

### FALL 2022:

Mr. Technodad announced Technoblade's death in a video to fans.

Infographic by Marandah Mangra-Dutcher

been watching Technoblade's videos for the past six years, and knowing he went to the UI means a lot to them.

In one of Technoblade's videos, the Minecraft YouTuber mentioned taking a rhetoric class, which is a general education requirement for students at the UI. Dooley said after learning Technoblade went through the same course at the same institution, they gained a bit of motivation and inspiration.

After knowing Technoblade went to the UI, Dooley also said they were able to see the videos where Technoblade mentions his own college experience in a new light.

"It just changed the way I looked at him and a lot of his content, and then it changed the way I looked at the school itself," Dooley said.

After posting the photo in front of the Old Capitol Building on Reddit, Dooley received well over a thousand up-votes and several replies showing overwhelming support and appreciation from the Technoblade fanbase.

On April 17, about four months after the original post, Dooley posted on Twitter to invite fans from around Iowa City to make a larger recreation of Technoblade's first-day of college photo.

Dooley called for fans to meet in front of the Old Capitol Building on May 7 at 2 p.m. wearing Technoblade merchandise if possible. Several fans replied to the post on Twitter and a similar post on Reddit stating they would be there.

While Mr. Technodad has made no comment on whether he will fly in to attend, he commented on Dooley's original post:

"This warms my heart," Mr. Technodad's reply reads. "You made a pig-~~grimage~~ piggrimage to that exact spot."

Along with remaining active on Reddit, Mr. Technodad has interacted with Technoblade's fanbase in other ways. He hosted a charity livestream with Minecraft YouTuber Dream and discussions with other streamers including Skeppy, Wilbur Soot, and TommyInnIt.

Wilbur Soot and TommyInnIt published their book, "The Quote Book," with a dedication to Technoblade. Mr. Technodad said seeing the dedication helped him realize how important his son was to other streamers and the gaming community.

The influence that Technoblade had on the UI and communities beyond can be seen both in the worldwide reactions on the internet and from the students that walk the UI campus every day.

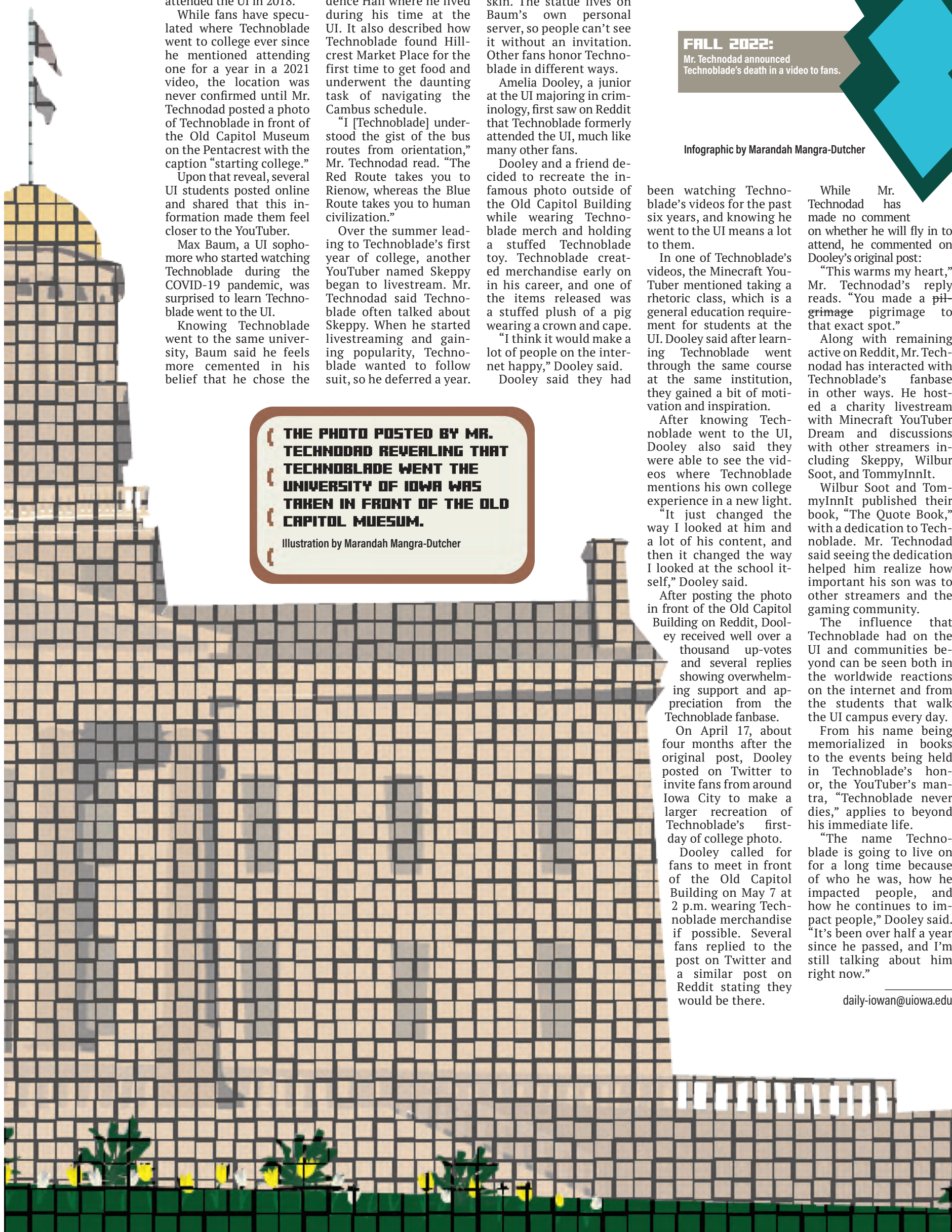
From his name being memorialized in books to the events being held in Technoblade's honor, the YouTuber's mantra, "Technoblade never dies," applies to beyond his immediate life.

"The name Technoblade is going to live on for a long time because of who he was, how he impacted people, and how he continues to impact people," Dooley said. "It's been over half a year since he passed, and I'm still talking about him right now."

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**THE PHOTO POSTED BY MR. TECHNODAD REVEALING THAT TECHNOBLADE WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA WAS TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE OLD CAPITOL MUESUM.**

Illustration by Marandah Mangra-Dutcher



# Opinions

COLUMN

## Improve Iowa City local transit

Public bus systems must be prioritized to improve cities.



Shahab Khan  
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The Iowa City City Council needs to focus on expanding the capacity of Iowa City's local transit system.

Recently, two major bus- ing companies in Iowa City — Megabus and Burlington Trailways — announced plans to expand routes connecting Iowa City with several other cities. This development will bring more economic activity to Iowa City, as connectivity between cities leads to expansions in markets.

The council should take notice of the potential benefits that come with the expansion of the Megabus and Burlington Trailways and work to expand the routes offered by the local bus system.

In the past few years, Iowa City and Coralville improved the bus system that makes up the backbone of the Iowa City Transit system.

Buses that serve the Iowa City community now

operate on Saturdays, meaning people who are reliant on public transport can travel around the city to fulfill their needs six days a week instead of the previous five.

Since 2021, the city installed 13 new routes connecting Iowa City residents in low-income areas to other parts of the city where they can access better jobs.

However, the bus system is still closed on Sunday, which means someone living in a low-income area who needs groceries at Hy-Vee would have to arrange their own transportation.

These low-income individuals often do not own or have limited access to a car. Without public transport, their freedom of movement is restricted. Expanding bus routes to serve them on Sunday will almost certainly benefit them the most.

Allowing buses to run seven days a week means that residents, especially low-income ones, have access to businesses where they can run errands. Alternatively, expanding bus routes on Sunday will also increase work availability, boosting economic productivity for Iowa City.

There are also empirical effects of increasing the availability of local transit



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A Gillig Low Floor 40, a diesel-powered bus operated by Iowa City Transit, is seen at downtown interchange on Feb. 20, 2023.

systems. A study that Re-imagine! published in 2011 examined the effects of increasing busing routes in the Twin Cities and found that wages and quality of life for low-income individuals increased dramatically.

Iowa City is becoming a living testament to these findings. Even though there haven't been any

large-scale studies done on Iowa City transit since 2021, results from other cities have shown that increasing the capacity of bus systems will lead to an increase in economic activity and job opportunities for low-income individuals.

The final reason for improving local bus transport will benefit Iowa City is

that increasing the number of bus routes makes taking the bus more appealing than the alternative: driving a car.

Increasing the use of public transit is one of the best ways to reduce tailpipe emissions. In fact, some studies estimate that utilizing public transport instead of cars can decrease carbon dioxide emissions

by 45 percent, according to an article from UCLA.

In summary, improving upon the local bus system makes it so that people gain access to more economic opportunities. Furthermore, it decreases carbon emissions leading to a better Iowa City and community.

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COLUMN

## Books with different perspectives deserve to be read

Iowa Republican legislators' push to ban books harms diversity of perspectives.



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Books from every perspective are essential, but a bill in the Iowa Legislature is putting these books at risk. Books with LGBTQ+ themes, characters of color, and sexual content are being taken off the shelf. The Iowa House passed Senate File 496, which would ban certain books from K-12 libraries.

Books that depict various experiences and perspectives are a need for growing minds. Ridding our libraries of these books takes away our reflection and understanding of others' narratives. It is important to hear every story.

Iowa school districts are required to post a full list of every book provided by libraries, granting parents the right to request the removal of any book they believe does not meet the educational standard. This standard involves books that contain only "age-appropriate" content.

According to PEN America, Iowa has banned or challenged, "The Absolutely

True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie, "All Boys Aren't Blue" by George M. Johnson, and "Genderqueer: a Memoir" by Maia Kobabe, among others.

Around 1,650 books across the nation are on the ban list for this school year, according to PEN America. Of this, 41 percent of the books contain LGBTQ+ inclusion or themes, 40 percent contain characters of color that are either secondary characters or protagonists, 21 percent contain topics of race and racism, and 22 percent contain a range of sexual content, some of which include abortion, teen pregnancy,

and general sexual experiences.

With the emergence of this bill, Republicans have pushed for parental control on what a child is allowed to read within school libraries. Giving the government and parents such control over growing children will only lead to a silencing of stories and a rejection toward representation and inclusivity.

I have always been an avid reader, and I often engage in a wide range of books. Some of these books involve Hispanic representation and LGBTQ+ experiences. Books with these themes, ones I can relate to and see myself in, have been essential to my

growth and well-being.

I came to Iowa to fulfill my education in writing and literature. To learn that children are being limited on the topics they can read completely disregards what Iowa City stands for.

Parents should not be given the authority to choose what their children will read in school libraries. These stories are there for a reason, and they are not to be messed with. They are there to give voice to those often silenced, to stories often pushed to the side.

Engagement with these books creates a safe space for inclusion and representation. It also allows others

to understand such perspectives and experiences, and ways of life. By taking this away, hatred toward these individuals and communities will only spread.

To keep these stories alive, we must voice our concerns through protests and lobbying, educating the opposing side on how this bill negatively impacts children and their connection with the surrounding community.

We must keep a safe space within reach for these children and keep these books on library shelves.

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COLUMN

## The double standard of tanning season

The idolization of tanned skin in summer months is a constant reminder of the U.S. racial hierarchy



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Skin color, features, and fashion associated with communities of color are not trends.

With summer break approaching, the University of Iowa campus has entered tanning season. Students crowd the lawns of the Pentacrest and outside the Iowa Memorial Union with their blankets hoping to catch some sun between classes.

The issue of white American culture idolizing the

natural features of groups of color is not new.

White students on campus should remain mindful of the impact they have on communities of color when viewing features of Black and Brown individuals as fashion trends. More can be done to correct the microaggressions about physical features that people of color often face from these same tanning fanatics.

All students should feel comfortable and safe to embrace their natural looks: pale, tanned, or black skin; curly or straight hair; thick or thin eyebrows.

Sharing cultures is part of what makes the world a beautiful place.

But the current system allows white influencers to profit off cultural items from Asian, Latinx, Indige-

nous, and African cultures all while remaining immune to racial stereotypes and microaggressions.

When approaching students for comments on the issue of cultural appropriation during the summer, most students of color immediately understood when I asked them about "orange white person" season. This same question often receives puzzled looks from white students.

UI first-year student Mia Alamawi said darker features like tan skin and bushier eyebrows are treated like a trend.

"I remember getting picked on for these same things growing up, but now white girls are seen as prettier and profit because of it," Alamawi said. "It doesn't make sense to me. Every-

one knows the fake tans aren't real. Why does it matter what color you are?"

Of course, tanning as a practice is not the root of the issue. But, the spray tans, bronzers, or the "Ew, I'm so white after winter" comments I hear walking around campus cause me to pause. I'm left wondering if these students recognize the privilege they have to tan their skin and not face the same societal stigmas as communities of color do.

As someone who darkens naturally in the sun because of my African genetics, I cringe in the fall when comments are made about how lucky I am that I tan easily in the summer.

I don't feel lucky when I'm stopped twice by the Transportation Security Administration to be asked

if I'm in the country illegally or stared at in public with my family members as though multilingual, brown-skinned, dark-haired people in Iowa are supposed to be treated like zoo animals as we live our lives.

I can't help but notice white people with fake tans don't get the same treatment.

Laila Woozeer, the London-based author of the book "Not Quite White," wrote an article on the impact tanning culture has had on their adult life after being bullied for their brown skin growing up.

"The audacity that other people could be celebrated for becoming the thing I was punished for seemed cruel and unjust," Woozeer wrote in 2022. "It took me into adulthood to work

through the years of bullying and to unlearn that my skin color made me ugly."

White students are free to tan, but we must remember the weight skin color and racial stereotypes still carry on campus and around the U.S. People of color don't get to choose when having black or brown skin benefits us or not.

Speak up this summer if the rhetoric about tanning takes a racist turn in your peer groups. Let's do more to stop the cultural double standard of positioning natural melanin as inferior year-round while idolizing white people who socially and financially profit from tanning during the summer.

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will last one year and will be evaluated after the time is allotted. One of the Public Policy Center's core missions is to stay engaged with the local community, practitioners, and policymakers through policy research.

Ethan Rogers, UI Public Policy Center assistant research scientist, said the

new study will differ from previous data collection. Rogers and Public Policy Center Interim Director Mark Berg will lead the study.

Once the data is analyzed, the center will investigate what racial and ethnic disparities are present.

"In my view, this is a very comprehensive project bringing in multiple different statistical approaches," Rogers said. "We try to provide that

comprehensive lens."

Rogers said the detail of the study would be descriptive to provide the most accurate data possible.

"So, in our view, that first step is understanding exactly when and where traffic stops are occurring and understanding why they're occurring and how they're occurring," Rogers said.

Additionally, Rogers said he is excited to work with ICPD to create a

more holistic approach to reducing racial profiling in traffic stops.

"It has been a good working collaboration," Rogers said. "They're very forthcoming with the data."

Iowa City City Manager Geoff Fruin wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan* that the future possibilities of the program would depend on if the Iowa City City Council approves a longer contract.

"The exact determi-

nation of the process may depend on the dollar amount of future contracts and whether the authority to execute those agreements rests with staff or the City Council," Fruin wrote. "Regardless, the data collected, and final reports generated will always be shared with the City Council and the public."

Liston said the efforts to record this data are essential for the future of

policing in Iowa City and to show transparency in the policing process.

"It's something that I think the community can be proud of. It's one of the ways we're trying to be transparent," Liston said. "If it does show disproportionality, that's not always great news for us, but it shows that we're working on it. We're not ignoring any issues."

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# JoCo looks to drop carbon dioxide emissions

The county reported a decrease in gas emissions and an increase in clean energy use from 2010 to 2020.



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A Proterra ZX5 electric bus operated by Iowa City Transit is seen at the downtown interchange in front of Schaeffer Hall on Feb. 21.

Alejandro Rojas  
News Reporter

A recent report from Johnson County shows greenhouse gas emissions lowered over the past 10 years, with a decrease of roughly 28 percent.

The county will take the results of its report and use it to spur discussions on how to further decrease emissions, Johnson County Sustainability Coordinator Becky Soglin said. The county already has a goal to lower emissions by 2030, and the data from the report helped outline that the county needs to reduce emissions by 56 percent to hit that goal.

The report used 2010 as

a baseline for emissions and compared it to 2020 to measure the decrease. The decrease is part of a wider decrease in Iowa. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources 2021 report revealed that emissions dropped by 4 million metric tons between 2012 and 2021.

Iowa City Climate Action Analyst Daniel Bissell said the report used the results of the county's recently completed greenhouse gas inventory. Inventories look at the emissions of certain greenhouse gases generated within a city — or in this case — the county.

These emissions are split into two categories: scope one and scope two. At the

city level, scope one deals with emissions from the city, while scope two are emissions from outside the city, such as electricity.

"[For scope one], think of any combustion that happens in a building, such as your furnace in your home or the power plant that the university has downtown," Bissell said. "Scope two emissions occur outside our borders, but we benefit from directly [or] where we influence directly such as our using electricity from our electric grid."

Soglin said it is important for the county to measure greenhouse gas emissions because it helps the county determine how best to reduce emissions.

This is why it has previously done inventories, although those were only operational inventories.

Operational inventories only look at things the county owns, such as its buildings and transportation fleet. In contrast, the 2020 report was a community inventory that examined the entire county.

"What we wanted to do here was look at the whole of the county as, if you will, a community, and look countywide to measure how many greenhouse gases there are," Soglin said.

The county gathered data from energy providers such as MidAmerican Energy and Alliant, the Iowa Department of Transportation, the Iowa DNR, and the University of Iowa. Iowa City provided information related to its landfill, and the UI gave information on emissions from its power plant.

According to the report, total greenhouse gas emissions in 2020 were 1.98 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, while emissions in 2010 were 2.74 million metric tons. This made for a decrease of over 760,000 metric tons in a 10-year period.

Emissions went down for all the sectors except solid waste, which increased. Soglin said solid waste is the name given to trash and recycling collecting, and the increase is likely the result of population growth between 2010 and 2020.

While the emissions in the transportation sector did decrease, it is the highest emitter of all the sectors. Soglin said the study did not measure the exact reasons why emissions went down, but the increased use of wind energy and LED lightbulbs could explain why.

Soglin said it is difficult to know for certain what some of the other impacts are without doing some additional investigation and to know what is going on with transportation.

"It's hard to say whether fuel efficiency for vehicles was somewhat offset by more vehicles and or larger on average vehicles being driven, but we know that it makes clear that using clean wind-driven energy or solar-produced energy is a positive," Soglin said.

Although county-wide, Soglin said the inventory does not provide exact figures for each town or city in the county. Numbers do exist for Iowa City, as the city recently completed a

report that includes its own greenhouse gas inventory.

Iowa City's report shows that the city's emissions decreased from 2010 as well, even hitting a target in 2020 for reducing emissions by 2030.

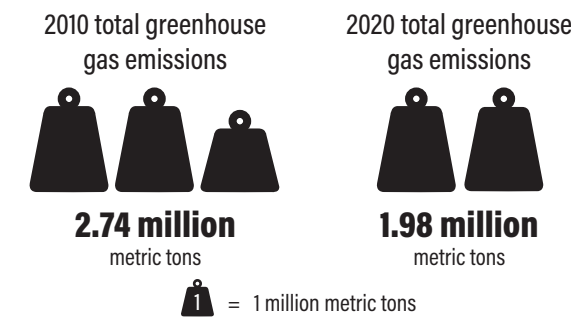
Emissions did slightly increase in 2021 to go over the 2030 goal, although the report states the city can use this fluctuation to determine which sectors to target for reduction.

One sector the report states could be targeted is transportation, something the city is already working on with the adoption of electric buses. Bissell said this transition has already led to a stark decrease in emissions, with electric buses yielding 11.74 tons of CO2 emissions compared to the 66.67 tons of CO2 emissions of diesel buses.

Bissell added that the number of electric buses should improve each year as the electric grid gets cleaner.

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**JOHNSON COUNTY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**



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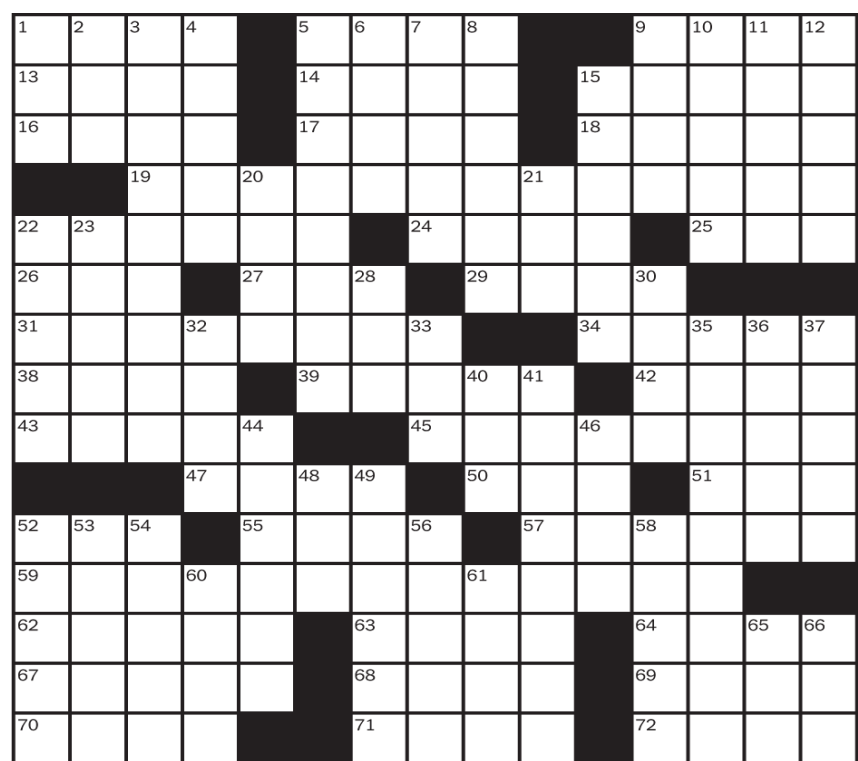
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The New York Times  
Crossword

Puzzle solutions on page 2

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0327



**ACROSS**

- 1 Special \_\_\_\_ (some military missions)
- 4 Falls behind
- 8 Peeks at a classmate's paper, say
- 14 Shout from the stands
- 15 Spoken
- 16 It's yours, for a while
- 17 [Phew! That was close!]
- 19 Kind of tax authorized by the 16th Amendment
- 20 Showing no emotion
- 21 Line of stitches
- 23 Suisse peak
- 24 Letter-shaped fastener
- 26 [Har-har-har!]
- 28 "Rock-a-Bye Baby" setting
- 31 Stereotypical home for a Neanderthal
- 32 Purrs, as an engine
- 33 Close, poetically
- 35 Dostoyevsky novel about a "positively beautiful man," with "The" \_\_\_\_ Dhabi
- 40 [Puh-lease!]
- 42 Org. for the Hawks and the Hornets
- 43 Achievement-oriented, say
- 45 Many a Marvel character
- 46 Yours, in Tours
- 47 Airbnb alternative
- 49 Bag with a strap

**DOWN**

- 1 [D'oh!]
- 5 Kismet
- 56 Thick Japanese noodle
- 57 Like a doornail, it's said
- 59 Straws and didgeridoos, essentially
- 62 Country that seized 8-Down in 2014
- 64 [Woo-hoo!]
- 66 Madagascar's aye-ayes and sifakas
- 67 "Othello" villain
- 68 Douglas \_\_\_\_
- 69 They can be slippery
- 70 Kind of sax
- 71 "That'll never \_\_\_\_"
- 1 Eyeballs, e.g.
- 2 Line made with a comb
- 3 Video game genre for Space Invaders
- 4 Revealing, as a neckline
- 5 Shaping of NPR
- 6 Spaces to be filled, say
- 7 Streamlined
- 8 Black Sea peninsula
- 9 One that rests in nests
- 10 Tightly wrapped
- 11 Ring-shaped island
- 12 Home to the only N.F.L. team to win a Super Bowl in its own stadium (2021)

- 13 Inactive computer mode
- 18 Beverages with tasting notes
- 22 TV news V.I.P.s
- 25 Chichi
- 27 Word with eye or empire
- 28 "You know better than \_\_\_\_"
- 29 Red gemstone
- 30 Mouth, slangily
- 34 Coll. senior's test
- 36 Not wearing any clothing
- 37 Orchestra-tuning instrument
- 38 Common animal feature that humans lack
- 40 Wyatt of the Wild West
- 41 Bakery unit
- 42 Ties, as a score
- 46 Make mischief
- 48 Impressively tough and cool
- 50 Figure drawing?
- 51 Rolls up, as a flag
- 52 Challenge to \_\_\_\_
- 53 Pink drink, for short
- 54 "GoodFellas" fellas, collectively
- 58 Bygone telephone feature
- 60 Actor Jannings who won the first Best Actor Oscar
- 61 Light on one's feet
- 63 Fury
- 65 Drill instructor's rank, often: Abbr.

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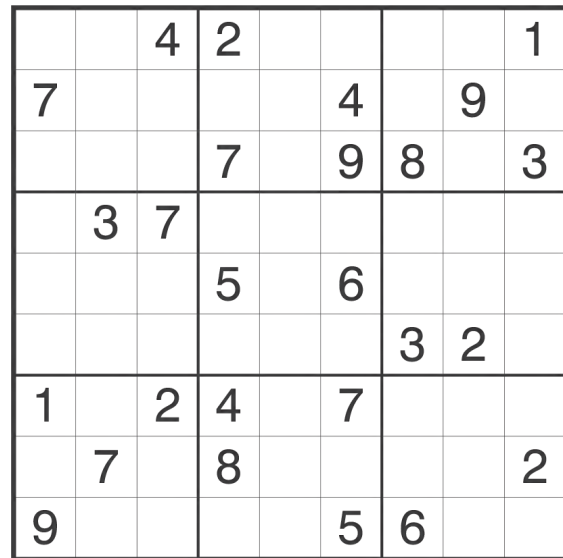
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# On-campus jobs help UI students excel

Those with on-campus jobs stay in school and graduate at higher rates than those who choose to work off-campus.

Natalie Miller  
News Reporter

A University of Iowa study found that students who choose to work on-campus jobs, rather than those who work off-campus jobs or who do not have a job, excel more in important areas.

The UI Division of Student Life employs over 2,000 students and offers jobs ranging from working in one of the dining halls to being a climbing wall attendant at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

Vice President for Student Life Sarah Hansen said the UI has collected data on the difference of on-campus employment versus off-campus employment for the last 15 years.

“Our data demonstrates that the students who work on campus stay in school at much higher rates and graduate at higher rates than other students ... And they are also able to talk about the skills that they’re learning from employment and how those skills connect to their academics in really important ways,” Hansen said.

Most on-campus jobs do not directly correlate to what a student may be doing for employment post-graduation, but on-campus jobs operate more as a learning experience. Hansen said the Division of Student Life focuses on creating engagement in student employment as a learning opportunity.

“Even though we have a whole range of jobs, we’ve been able to help students understand what they’re learning, those kind of broad transferable skills that employers are looking for,” she said.

Hansen said she recognizes that many off-campus jobs offer higher wages, but the on-campus jobs give students flexibility around their classes and other various activities.



Adrienne Combs restocks bagels at the Food For Thought Cafe in the Learning Commons of the Main Library on Sunday.

Shuntaro Kawasaki/The Daily Iowan

“The Division of Student Life, we’ve raised a lot of our wages in especially areas that are higher need, like university dining, which has had a really hard time,” Hansen said. “And, so yes, the wages can be higher off-campus, but what we hear from students who work on-campus is that the campus sites are much more understand-

ing of their lives as a student.”

Josh Frahm, Pomerantz Career Center senior associate director of student employment programs, said the UI tracked student employment data since 2005 that shows students who work on campus had a 5 percent higher graduation rate.

Frahm said the biggest difference between on-campus and off-campus employment is the flexibility.

“Most of the local businesses that will hire students understand that

they are students, but at the same time, they have a business to run, so you know, that flexibility of the university jobs is a huge advantage,” he said. Additionally, Frahm said having an on-campus job is great to make social connections.

“... Especially for freshmen incoming, and it can be really crucial from a social development aspect and just a connection to the university and support systems for them on campus that can help them with their transition to college,” he said.

UI first-year student Elsa Petersen has worked at the Food for Thought Cafe in the Main Library since the beginning of the spring semester. She said she chose to pursue an on-campus job rather than an off-campus job to have flexibility with her class schedule, and the job is more student-focused.

“I really wanted to be able to have the flexibility of an on-campus job because they’re really good about making sure you have the right amount of hours that works for your

schedule,” Petersen said.

Petersen said having an on-campus job allows more engagement with the UI community and it has made her into a better student and a more focused person.

“I think that when I didn’t have a job last semester, I had a lot of extra time where I could just do whatever I wanted, but now that I have a job, I know that I have more limited time, so I have to be more focused during those hours,” she said.

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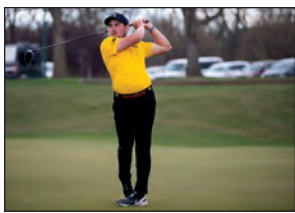
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## HAWKEYE UPDATES



### McClear wins second career Big Ten individual championship

Iowa men's golfer Mac McClear became the first player in school history to win two individual Big Ten Championships Sunday when the third and final round was canceled due to inclement weather.

Through two rounds at Galloway National Golf Club in Galloway, New Jersey, McClear was 3-under-par, tied for first with Northwestern's Daniel Svard.

McClear was through nine holes of the final round Sunday before play was suspended for the second time of the day and the round was nullified.

McClear was 1-over-par in the third round and tied for fifth in the tournament when the round was canceled.

The Hawkeye senior's co-victory, along with Svard, marked the fifth time an Iowa player has won an individual crown at the Big Ten Championships. John Jacobs claimed victory in 1946, Brad Klapprott won in 1992, Carson Schaake was victorious in 2015, and McClear won his first conference title in 2021.

After posting a 2-over-par round of 73 on Friday, McClear's bogey-free round of 5-under-par 66 on Saturday vaulted him into the lead after 36 holes. He birdied three of Galloway National's four par-5s during his second round.

Svard fired a second-round 68, including a birdie on his final hole to share medalist honors with McClear.

McClear's five individual wins — the 2021 and 2023 Big Ten Championships, the 2023 Hawkeye Invitational, the 2022 Iowa Fall Classic, and the 2021 Spartan Collegiate — are the most by a single Iowa player since Lonnie Nielsen won six times from 1974-76.

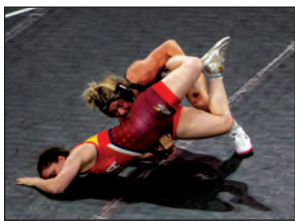


### Current, future, and former Iowa wrestlers compete at U.S. Open

Current and former Iowa men's and women's wrestlers were in action last week at the U.S. Open Championships in Las Vegas.

On the men's side, former 133-pound All-American Austin DeSanto took second place 61-kilogram division, former 165-pound four-time Big Ten champion Alex Marinelli earned fourth in the 79-kg weight class, and former two-time Hodge Trophy winner and three-time 125-pound NCAA champion Spencer Lee finished in sixth place at 57 kg.

Lee, the No. 2 seed in that weight class, made his way to the semifinals with two tech falls and a 9-4 decision but forfeited the rest of his matches to finish sixth. According to his father Larry Lee, Spencer Lee was "physically unable to continue."



On the women's side, four of the seven Iowa wrestlers competing in Las Vegas finished in the top eight in their respective weight classes.

Senior Felicity Taylor placed third in the 53-kg bracket and freshmen Kylie Welker, Bella Mir, and Ava Bayless took fifth, sixth, and seventh in the 76, 68, and 50-kg weight classes, respectively.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"In our linebacker room at Iowa, our mentality was the mutt mentality. The mutt that all the little kids walk past because they want the new purebred puppies. And that's how I'm going to carry myself here."**

— Former Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell during his introductory press conference with the Detroit Lions.

## STAT OF THE DAY

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— Iowa tight ends selected in the NFL Draft in the last seven years.

# NFL Draft roundup

The Hawkeyes were one of five teams to have multiple first-round picks in the NFL Draft this weekend.



Iowa defenders Joe Evans, Lukas Van Ness and Seth Benson pressure Illinois quarterback Brandon Peters during a football game between No. 17 Iowa and Illinois at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 20, 2021. The Hawkeyes defeated Fighting Illini, 33-23, at the last Iowa home game of the season.

Chloe Peterson  
Sports Editor

Iowa football was one of five teams that had multiple first-round picks on the opening night of the NFL Draft on Thursday.

Alabama, Georgia, and Ohio State had three picks each in the first round; Clemson joined Iowa with two.

Throughout the three-day event, the Hawkeyes

had four players drafted and multiple others signed with the NFL. After the draft ended, other former Hawkeyes signed with teams as undrafted free agents.

The *Daily Iowan* looked at when and where the Hawkeyes landed this weekend.

### Lukas Van Ness

Van Ness didn't start a

game for the Hawkeyes, but he still became a top-15 pick.

The defensive lineman went 13th overall to the Green Bay Packers Thursday night. Spotrac projects Van Ness to sign a \$17.4 million rookie contract, including a \$9.6 million signing bonus.

The Barrington, Illinois, product spent three years with the Hawkeye football program. He redshirted

his first year with Iowa in 2020.

He racked up seven sacks in 2021 and 6.5 in 2022 as a reserve lineman, tying for the team lead in both years. He is also an established special teams player, tying Iowa's single-game record with two blocked punts against Iowa State on Sept. 10, 2022.

"He has size, speed, explosiveness, power — all the things we look for in

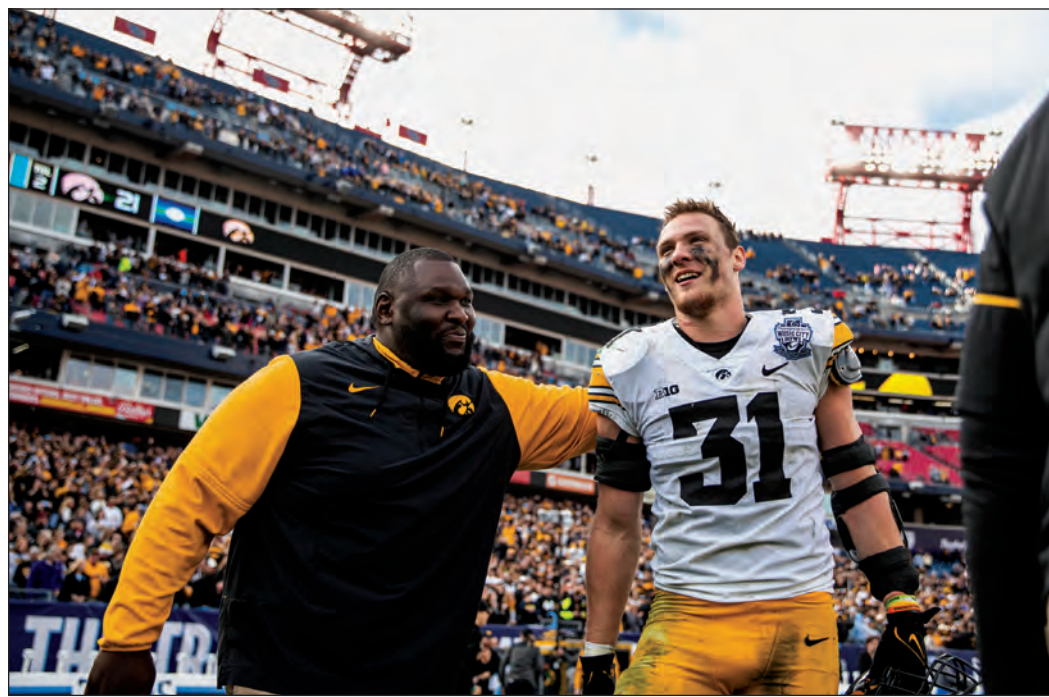
an edge rusher," Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst told broadcaster Larry McCarren on Friday. "He has some versatility to go inside and rush the passer from inside, so you can never have enough of those guys, and he fits our culture here."

Van Ness will likely fill a hole left by Packers veteran lineman Rashan Gary,

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# Staying teammates UDFA tracker

Former Hawkeyes and roommates Jack Campbell and Sam LaPorta were both picked by the Detroit Lions in the NFL Draft this weekend.



Iowa defensive line coach Kelvin Bell embraces Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell during the 2022 TransPerfect Music City Bowl between Iowa and Kentucky at Nissan Stadium in Nashville. The Hawkeyes defeated the Wildcats, 21-0.

Chloe Peterson  
Sports Editor

The NFL Draft didn't stop former Hawkeyes Jack Campbell and Sam LaPorta from being teammates.

Both Campbell and LaPorta were drafted by the Detroit Lions this weekend. Campbell, a linebacker, went 18th overall to Detroit on Thursday night, while LaPorta went 33rd overall — the second pick in the second round — on Friday.

For the Lions, drafting multiple Hawkeyes came down to the type of program that Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz runs.

"With coach Ferentz, like [Alabama head coach Nick Saban], you kind of know what player you're getting," Brad Holmes, Detroit Lions executive vice president and general manager, said on Friday night. "At the end of the day, they're good football players, but they're also the right

human beings. Coming from an established program like Iowa, like Alabama, we don't do that intentionally, but they just happen to produce some really good football players."

LaPorta and Campbell were roommates throughout their college careers with the Hawkeyes. As a linebacker-tight end duo, they also frequently matched up against each other in practice.

When it came to which person he'd want to continue being teammates with, LaPorta said he manifested staying with Campbell.

"I'm so excited to be teammates with Jack again," LaPorta said. "I shot him a congratulations text [Friday] night. I kept getting asked in the combine interview process what teammate I would want to bring with me to my new team, and I kept saying 'Jack Campbell, Jack Campbell. I think the kid really

speaks for himself, a phenomenal football player, even better human, and I just can't wait to be back in the building with him again."

Overall, the Lions have a strong pipeline of drafting Iowa players, starting with Erwin Prasse in 1940. Detroit has used a bevy of first-round draft picks on Iowa players, including quarterback Chuck Long in 1986 and offensive tackle Riley Reiff in 2013.

"When you come from Iowa, everyone has that connection to coach Ferentz and the staff there, so as soon as you get up and meet them, you feel like you've known them for a long time," Campbell said. "I'm excited to represent that [Iowa to Detroit] pipeline and kind of put Iowa's best foot forward here in Detroit."

The highest draft pick the Li-

Former Hawkeyes Seth Benson, Monte Pottebaum, and Kaevon Merriweather were all picked up as undrafted free agents after the NFL Draft.

Chris Werner  
Assistant Sports Editor

Several former Hawkeye football players who entered the 2023 NFL Draft did not hear their names called over the seven rounds of selections.

But they were picked up by organizations as undrafted free agents after the draft.

### Seth Benson, linebacker, Denver Broncos

Benson will reunite with former Hawkeye cornerback Riley Moss, who was drafted No. 83 overall to the Broncos on Friday.

Benson, from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, played in 50 games over five seasons on the field in a Hawkeye uniform. He started 34 of those contests, including all but one game in the last three years.

The 6-foot 232-pounder recorded 247 of his 258 career tackles in his final three years in Iowa City, all 13 tackles for loss, and all five sacks. He snatched one interception in 2021 and one in 2022.

Benson was not invited to the NFL Combine but did work out in front of NFL scouts and other personnel at Iowa's pro day in March.

"I'm just ready to get on a team and learn the playbook," Benson said after Iowa's pro day. "I think I can learn whatever pretty quick and, and I'm versatile enough to play wherever they need me to. So, I'm just excited for the opportunity."

NFL analyst Lance Zierlein evaluated Benson as a strong, tough player but said his lack of burst may hamper his play in the pros.

"Benson has plenty of play strength and toughness," Zierlein wrote. "He has no problem handling things when the action stays between the tackles. However, his lack of fluidity and pursuit burst are likely to limit his overall effectiveness as a pro. Benson can play on special teams but doesn't have the tools needed to thrive on third downs. While there is no doubting his ability to take on blocks, teams might see his limited playmaking range as a non-starter."

Former teammate and fellow linebacker Jack Campbell, who was selected in the first round by the Detroit Lions with the No. 18 overall pick, said throughout the pre-draft

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