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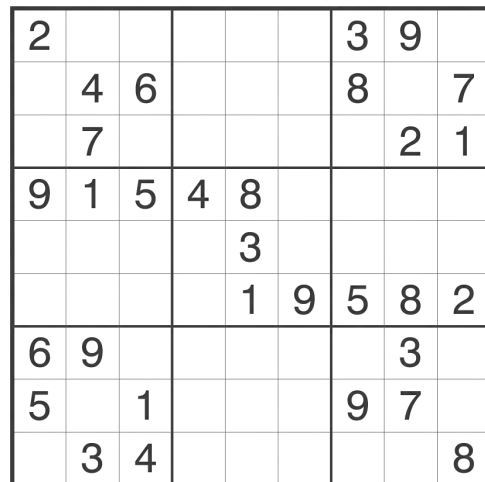
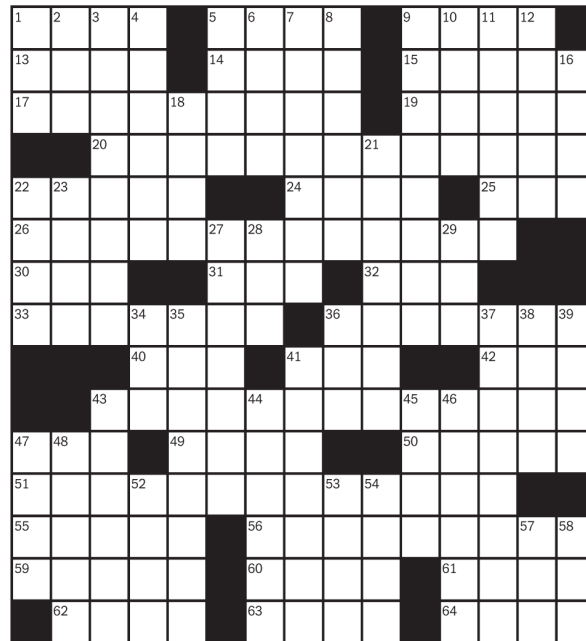
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# US Supreme Court rulings' impact at the UI

The University of Iowa's response to recent Supreme Court rulings about loan forgiveness and affirmative action.

Ellie Heeren and Hannah Janson  
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On June 29, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down affirmative action for college admissions. The following Friday, June 30, it struck down Biden's student loan forgiveness program.

In the midst of economic uncertainty and deep political divisions, students and applicants are finding that universities are becoming harder to get into — and more expensive.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Students for Fair Admissions in the cases of "Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College," and "Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. University of North Carolina et al."

This recent decision effectively forbids admission boards from considering race as a factor in admissions. Within the majority opinion and statement on the case, the court wrote that affirmative action uses race as a negative and employs stereotypes.

The court offered no redemptive factors to safeguard students of color whose position as an applicant continues to be impacted

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— UI Vice President of Enrollment Brent Gage

by historic systems of oppression. This historic injustice was acknowledged in the majority opinion of the court, as well as its role in that ignoble history.

Affirmative action was first opined by the Supreme Court in reference to the 1978 landmark case *Regents of University of California v. Bakke*, a dispute between a medical school applicant and the school's admissions board. The court voted 5-4 in favor of the student, mandating that the quota system the universities had been using to accept minority applicants was unconstitutional.

However, the court also ruled 5 to 4 in favor of the University of California, upholding affirmative action.

"The purpose of overcoming substantial, chronic minority underrepresentation in the medical profession is sufficiently important to justify petitioner's remedial use of race," the then justices wrote in their opinions. It indicated that race could be one factor considered by admissions boards, not the only factor.

Both the 1978 and 2023 Supreme Court decisions hinge on the same brief line in the 14th Amendment, which enshrined equal rights for everyone under the law. Today, the highest court in the country, given the sole power to interpret the constitution, considered this to mean that, in this instance, white

students are being discriminated against in college admissions.

At the University of Iowa, it seems that the admissions process will remain relatively unchanged.



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The University of Iowa Office of Student Financial Aid is seen at the Old Capitol Mall on Oct. 14, 2021.

In an email to *The Daily Iowan*, UI Vice President of Enrollment Brent Gage wrote that the university's admissions process doesn't use race, gender, or anything other than a student's test scores, GPA, and the number of core class units completed in high school.

"There are no required adjustments as the factors outlined in the [U.S.] Supreme Court decision are not currently a part of the admission process at Iowa," Gage wrote.

Regarding how the university will protect diversity, equity, and inclusion, Gage wrote it would remain unaffected.

"As diversity is a core value at

the University of Iowa, we will continue to recruit students in an equitable fashion that includes all students and promote diversity in our enrollment outcomes," he wrote.

However, communities of color don't feel that the university's work is done in terms of affirmative action, including Jade Nguyen, a programming assistant at the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center and mentor for Upward Bound.

"As a student that has been on campus, I see the things the university prioritizes and what they choose to care about, and things they choose to overlook. In that

sense, I would say that they aren't doing the best in helping preserve their communities of color," Nguyen said.

Professor Jose Fernandez, an associate professor of Latino/Latina/Latinx studies at UI, described the complicated public perception of affirmative action.

"There's usually a misunderstanding about affirmative action at selective universities that are taking race into consideration that it is a form of reverse discrimination. But I think one of the goals of affirmative action, in discussions or among the larger public, is that

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blatant discrimination and exclusion of students of color historically,” Fernandez said. “Affirmative action is discussed as, ‘We need diversity in the classroom,’ and we do need diversity in the classroom – that’s part of what affirmative action does in theory. But I always think about affirmative action as looking back historically at how people of color in higher education, students of color, have been treated or excluded.”

Nguyen echoed Fernandez’ sentiment when asked what steps the university could take to mitigate the impact of the affirmative action decision on students of color. Nguyen said universities could help correct these historic imbalances by working to end legacy admissions.

“Ending legacy admissions wouldn’t necessarily let it get us back to how diversity was, but you’d at least lessen the upper hand that many white students already have by being allowed to be let in as a legacy,” Nguyen said.

However, the June 29 court decision is not the only one that students fear will have a disproportionate impact on students of color applying for college.

“All of these [high] schools are not made the same. Some have more funding, some are more well off,” Nguyen said. “Class and race often intersect.”

The student loan forgiveness program, which was struck down only a day after the affirmative action decision, promised to forgive \$400 billion in student debt. At the UI alone, the most recently reported the average amount in loans a student takes for all four

years is almost \$29,000, according to Kelsey Ryder, an associate director at the UI Office of Financial Aid.

Ryder stated that the UI gives out \$18 million in scholarships to

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— Kelsey Ryder, an associate director at the UI Office of Financial Aid

over 18,000 students. The UI has about 31,000 students so over half of the university’s students are receiving a scholarship of some kind.

The student loan forgiveness plan to help relieve some or all of students’ loans will affect students’ future financial planning. Although the program’s success was never guaranteed, it created hope where it now creates confusion and stress.

The UI is not the servicer for loans, but to make sure students who are going into repayment know how to repay their loans, the university has a website on its financial aid page that guides

students through the process.

The link on its website is a resource where students can log in and find who their loan servicer is. The federal government’s student aid website has the most up-to-date information on the different repayment plans, which will show students the link to find their servicer and the information on debt forgiveness.

Ryder said as repayment for loans starts back up, the university will reach out to students who miss payments on their loans to ensure the students know who their loan servicer is and how to pay.

“We’re prepping to answer any questions students might have, both current and former students,” Ryder said. “Overall, UI students do a really good job of paying back their loans, but there definitely can be some confusion especially when you just start repaying. I think we’re anticipating that, so we’ll do that outreach that we’ve done in the past.”

The UI’s Undergraduate Student Government Director of Governmental Relations, Keaton Zeimet, said the USG was disappointed with the loan forgiveness circumstances.

“Speaking as a student and part of USG, [loans] impact on students and alumni tremendously because that debt basically can determine your cost of living, your financial risk, it will determine milestones in your life,” Zeimet said. “For a lot of people

that aren’t even entering college, [loans] will dictate whether they want to go immediately into the workforce or continue with a degree by looking at that debt and the rising cost.”

This also comes after the state Board of Regents voted on June 14 to raise tuition for all regent schools in Iowa. The increase for the UI was 3.5 percent, meaning in-state students will now be paying roughly \$9,016, while out-of-state will pay approximately \$30,979.

At that same meeting, USG Vice President Carly O’Brien said that as a student from out-of-state, she felt the that increased financial burden.

“I am one of the many out-of-state students who are no stranger to the struggle to pay higher tuition,” O’Brien said. “Last academic year, I found myself working three small part-time jobs to offset the cost of my education.”

Out-of-state students generally have to pay more tuition than in-state students. It impacts them tremendously since they have to pay a higher price for education. This could affect many current or future students that were counting on their loans being forgiven and could dictate whether out-of-state students come to Iowa or not.

Zeimet recommended students talk to their legislator because that is what dictates whether or not another loan forgiveness program will pass in the future. USG continues pushing for lower tuition rates and more state funding. Last year, it tried doubling the Pell Grant and addressing student debt relief at the federal level.

“We as a student government believe that is a disappointment, especially for students who are more financially disadvantaged,” Zeimet said.



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October 7, 2022: Members of the Supreme Court pose for a group photo at the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, D.C. Seated from left: Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr., Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. and Associate Justice Elena Kagan. Standing behind from left: Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh and Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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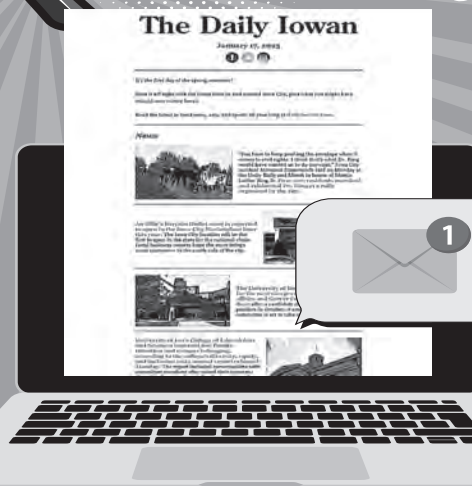


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# Coralville's annual 4thFest

The festival hosted thousands of community members who enjoyed a parade, carnival, food, games, and other activities.



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Carter and Jordan Hall ride a carnival ride during the annual 4thFest in Coralville on July 4.



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The parade starts with the waving of an American flag during the annual 4thFest in Coralville on July 4.



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A child plays with sparklers during the annual 4thFest in Coralville on July 4.



Cody Blissett/The Daily Iowan

Fireworks explode over a carnival ride during the annual 4thFest in Coralville on July 4.

## Tuition cost increases will hurt Iowa students

The Iowa Board of Regents approved a 3.5 percent increase in tuition costs for Universities in Iowa, and the increase will have significant consequences for students.



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Raising college tuition is harmful.

According to *The Daily Iowan*, the regents' decision means in-state undergraduate students at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa will pay 3.5 percent more for their tuition

and fees.

Students should be able to attend college and learn how to navigate the world through their degrees to acquire good jobs without breaking the bank. An increase in tuition will further alienate students from attending since debt is a serious problem.

Although the increase in student debt will no doubt be met with opposition, it's important to understand why this choice was made by the state Board of Regents.

According to *The Des*

*Moines Register*, the board representatives said the tuition increases were implemented to help support programs such as grants at a time when federal support is waning.

While the idea of boosting programs for students is a noble one, having to increase tuition costs is ultimately a bad idea that will plunge students further into debt.

Although financial aid and scholarships are available to acquire financial support, not everyone can apply for financial aid

or achieve scholarships. In fact, one of the reasons students do not go to college is because a degree can cost tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars, and burden them with debt.

It has been reported by Iowa College Aid that 56 percent of college students in Iowa will graduate with federal student debt, with the average debt being more than \$24,000.

The student loan debt crisis is crushing middle-class and working

Americans, leading 51 percent of American voters to support President Biden's student loan debt cancellation plan that was recently struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

As of March, the cumulative student loan debt in the United States is roughly \$1.8 trillion dollars, all because the cost of attending college is absurdly high. The cost of acquiring a degree is already too much, and it looks like the decision from the regents will make things worse.

With the increase in tuition, the increased financial burden will cause more students to drop out or not attend in the first place. 38 percent of college students drop out because of the cost, and increasing tuition costs will certainly not help.

For many good-paying jobs, quality education is not optional. The state Board of Regents should not be making that quality education more expensive and harder to get.

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## How to protect students from spam emails

With a noticeable rise in spam emails and phishing emails being sent to student email accounts, new tools are needed to make sure students don't fall victim to scams.



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With the increasing reliance for students at the University of Iowa on technology for their classes, as well as the importance of technology in everyday life, it is important for them to be secure online.

The number of spam emails and phishing emails have increased dramatically to double digit percentages, and have grown more

sophisticated. Impersonating well known organizations like UNICEF, and even the UI itself, it is becoming harder and harder for students to know which emails are legit.

With scammers growing more advanced in their attempts to con students out of personal information, the UI has an obligation to help inform students how to spot these scams and what to do when they see them.

This is not just a problem at the UI: the university is far from alone in having to deal with an uptick in spam emails and scams.

The rise of artificial intelligence has unfortunately likely given scammers tools to produce more emails in greater quantities, which will make this task even harder than it already has been.

There are several basic countermeasures the UI has that students can and must utilize. Microsoft Outlook does allow the feature of reporting spam and suspicious emails and flagging them. Students can also forward suspicious emails to the ITS help desk and ask if the emails are suspicious or legitimate.

However, these tools and techniques are of little help when the fake emails and scams become more and more convincing. Students may be afraid of deleting the emails out of fear that the emails are legitimate and that deleting them may cause more problems.

There are a few ways the UI should try to help students. The easiest and most effective way to begin would be to introduce classes that teach students basic but essential online literacy and technical knowledge. Many of the ways to catch these spam emails and scams can be

taught, such as how to catch flaws in the emails.

Oftentimes the emails contain grammatical errors and other flaws, sometimes by design, in order for the scammers to weed out those who would be too tech-savvy to fall for their scams and phishing attempts.

Another way the university could, and likely should, is to focus on educating the freshmen classes in the OnIowa! introduction classes. The class could teach technical literacy and how to spot these emails and scam attempts. These

introductory classes are required for students in their freshmen year so it would be quite opportune.

With the increasing reliance we have on computers and emails, it has become more important than ever for students to be on the lookout for scams and other fraudulent attempts by bad actors to try to con them out of information and money. By teaching freshmen, and students in general, technical literacy, the UI will be giving them more tools to do this.

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## 'Barbie Boot Camp' before Greta Gerwig's new film at FilmScene

Iowa City's FilmScene preps moviegoers for new Greta Gerwig film with "Barbie Boot Camp."

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When the teaser trailer for Greta Gerwig's "Barbie" first dropped in December 2022, it was presented with all the grandeur of the moon landing: sweeping visuals, godlike narration, and the dramatic score from "2001: A Space Odyssey" introduced us to a world where the iconic doll — dressed in her original 1950s garb — is shown through the eyes of the little girls who worship her.

Now, the countdown for "Barbie" has officially begun, and FilmScene is gearing up for the premiere with its unofficial "Barbie Boot Camp." Inspired by lead actress Margot Robbie's alleged Letterboxd list titled "Watch for Barbie," FilmScene will showcase the films "The Red Shoes," "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," and "Splash" throughout July.

Programming Assistant Jane Keranen, who oversaw the film selection for "Barbie Boot Camp," hopes these movies provide insight into the canon of dreamy, women-led films with complex heroines and fantastical storylines.

"I think there is this kind of common thread between all of the films of young women drawn between two paths [and] being forced to reckon with a piece of them they've never had to reckon with before," Keranen said. "I feel like if that's any indication

of what the 'Barbie' movie is going to be about, I'm excited that it'll be added to this canon of women in fantastical situations trying to figure themselves out."

Unlike "Barbie," the films featured in "Barbie Boot Camp" were all directed by men, which speaks to the historical disparity of women in cinema.

"I am interested in seeing this narrative that's been told time and time again through the lens of a woman filmmaker," Keranen said. "I think that's been a missing piece in a lot of films like this. Women have not necessarily been afforded the same place in the directorial world. I'm excited to see 'Barbie' because Greta Gerwig handles women's stories with so much care and kindness, and gentleness and security."

It is important to consider how these films fit into the lineage of male filmmakers attempting to tell women's stories. The theory of "the male gaze" — first coined in 1975 by feminist film scholar Laura Mulvey — stated that women in cinema exist only in the limited, objectified male perspective, lacking nuance or depth.

For instance, while "The Red Shoes" provided a visual feast for the eyes, the story of a woman forced to choose between love and art ended in a gratuitous tragedy.

Unfortunately, this follows in the long storytelling tradition of punishing complex



FilmScene is seen at the Chauncey in Iowa City on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Cody Blissett/The Daily Iowan

female characters, instead of granting them cinematic space to be fully human.

It is expected that Gerwig will subvert this trope in "Barbie." Likewise with her film, "Little Women," Gerwig is known for expanding upon classic source material in refreshing and unexpected ways, a feat that moviegoers look forward to seeing once again.

Madeline Kelley, who was in the audience at "The Red Shoes" screening, offered some of her thoughts on its connection to "Barbie."

"She couldn't give up

dancing for love, so I think 'Barbie' won't be able to give up being 'Barbie' for the real world," Kelley said. "The cinematography was amazing, and the film editing was so good for the time. I can see how she draws inspiration."

She also praised "The Red Shoes" for its stylistic cinematography, also clearly influential for Gerwig.

Evidently, "Barbie Boot Camp" has already been a profound experience for Iowa City movie lovers. Programming Director Ben Delgado, who has been with FilmScene for two years, recognizes the

significance of hosting this film series, and believes it will open up the Iowa City community to much-needed film history.

"I'm willing to bet there are very few, if any other places where you'll get the opportunity to see the films in the 'Barbie Boot Camp' series along with 'Barbie' itself," Delgado said. "There is no doubt that the release of 'Barbie' is poised to have a fairly big cultural impact. Presenting it at FilmScene will give folks the opportunity to see it with the best picture and sound quality

around."

"The Red Shoes" has already been shown at FilmScene, but moviegoers can still catch "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" on Thursday, July 13, at 7:15 p.m., and "Splash" on Sunday, July 16, at 3:30 p.m., and Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m.

"If you're lucky enough to catch some of the films in the repertory series leading up to it, it will hopefully give you that much deeper of an appreciation for 'Barbie' as well," Delgado said.

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# A look at local hard-rock band Two Canes: from inception to latest single

Two band members reflect on the band's history and their latest single, released on June 23.

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Arts Reporter

Chloe Weidl started learning instruments, particularly the drums, at the School of Rock in Marion, Iowa. She and her brother Evan Weidl, a skilled guitarist, were consistent solo and ensemble performers, but after COVID-19 struck, the Weidls wanted to start a project together: an epic hard-rock band.

With the potential of a Halloween-themed open-mic night at Trumpet Blossom Cafe last year, the Weidls were desperate to find members. The first recruitment was guitar player Eddie Svoboda, Evan Weidl's roommate. Next was bassist Jack Moore, who worked at The School of Rock with Chloe Weidl. With solid musicians, all the band needed was a charismatic vocalist.

Myles Evangelista, better known by his solo stage name Mars Hojilla, was starting his own music career in the Iowa City live music scene when he started hearing Chloe Weidl's name everywhere.

Evangelista was involved with the University of Iowa student organization, SCOPE during his undergrad. During a Battle of the Bands competition hosted by the student organization, Evangelista's friends asked if they could invite the elusive Chloe Weidl. "Some of my friends had

come out and they were like, 'Oh, we're going to invite Chloe Weidl to come out here. Do you know her?' I was like, 'No, but I feel like at this point, I probably should,'" Evangelista said. "I absolutely needed to get on a show with this girl."

After a Snapchat message, Evangelista became the front man of Two Canes for a night. Evangelista was a part of indie bands in high school, making him hesitant to join a hard rock band.

"But I said yes because she was cool. I wanted to see what she was about," Evangelista said.

Two Canes' first concert at Trumpet Blossom Cafe was a hit, according to the band: blasting Black Sabbath, Muse, and Idols covers, Two Canes became cemented as a local must-see.

Evangelista is an openly transgender performer and often takes his shirt off on stage to reveal his chest-binding trans tape.

"Being an openly trans performer has been overwhelmingly positive. I think that is a testament to the Iowa City music scene," Evangelista said. "The queer community, and the community in general in Iowa City here are the folks who are with 'it,' and support me fully."

This April, Two Canes was invited to open for Thelma



Cody Blissett/The Daily Iowan

Lead singer of Two Canes Mars Hojilla performs during the 2023 Pride Parade & Festival in downtown Iowa City on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

and The Sleaze, a Nashville rock band, in Des Moines at xBk Live. This memory is a collective band favorite.

"We carpooled there, and we were just goofing around. It was one of the first times that we'd really hung out as a band, outside of a venue and outside of writing and rehearsing," Chloe Weidl said. "We were all goofing around and making jokes, kind of getting to know each other better."

Evangelista said they got a speeding ticket on the way to

the venue, but the crowd donated enough money during the show to pay for it in full. The experience brought the band closer together as friends.

"Our energy was so high. We were so excited that we've just done this," Chloe Weidl said. "It was just a great, great time with a band, where we all felt really accomplished and proud of ourselves and of each other. So that was really fun."

Audio engineered by Dan Miller at his studio in Iowa City, "Mouth Shut" was first

released on BandCamp, a music-sharing platform for artists, on June 23, 2023, then on all other streaming platforms a week later. With punchy lyrics like "Danger, I'd have to wager that all the girls cover their cups at your ragers," the single is a solid debut single that establishes the Two Canes sound.

Two Canes' other originals — "Ace," "Eddie OG," and "Ex Catholic Rager" — are often played at live shows and are part of a potential extended play in the making. The band

is hopeful to tour in other states, but with Evangelista finishing up his master's degree at the UI, Evan Weidl finishing undergraduate, and Chloe Weidl having just finished hers, the future is unclear.

After five weekends playing at Gabe's, the band is taking a short break to write more songs, but for now, Two Canes will continue to say they "just can't keep their mouths shut."

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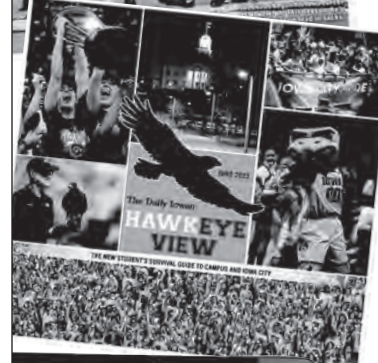
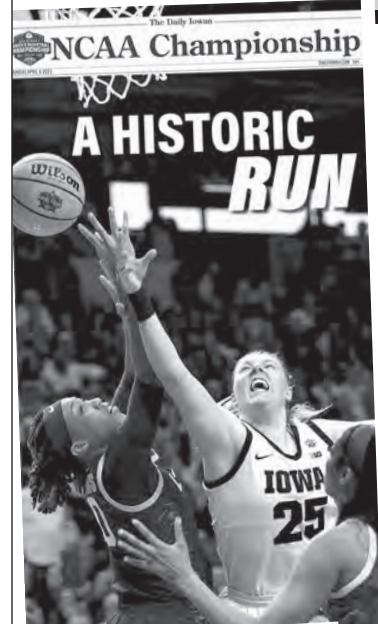
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# Iowa football 2023 season predictions

*The Daily Iowan's* Sports Editor Kenna Roering and incoming Pregame Editor Matt McGowan broke out the crystal ball to predict the new-look Hawkeyes' record in 2023.



**Matt McGowan**  
Pregame Editor

## 8-4

The warming optimism of spring and summer doesn't compare to the cold, biting reality of fall. Looking at the Hawkeyes' 2023 regular schedule, they will improve, but only by one lone victory.

Week one, at home against Utah State, will prove to be a surefire win, even if Iowa's offensive debut features some hiccups. The Aggies finished 6-7 last season, and while they are an FBS squad, lost by multiple touchdowns to

non-major foe Weber State and let up nearly 400 yards per game on defense.

The Hawkeyes will keep flying high with a win against Western Michigan, who will be without its 2022 1000-yard rusher Sean Tyler.

On Sept. 23, away at Happy Valley in a prime-time matchup against Penn State, will be when the trouble starts. The Nittany Lions went 7-2 last season against their far superior Big Ten East foes, not to mention scoring 35.8 points per game, which ranked 20th in the FBS.

Iowa will bounce back against a mediocre Michigan State squad whose points scored and points allowed per game each rank outside the top-75 in the FBS.

At home against Purdue may prove an even easier contest, as the Boiler-

makers lost both starting quarterback Aidan O'Connell and wide receiver Charlie Jones to the NFL. After these two consecutive wins, Iowa will suffer back-to-back defeats at the hands of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The Hawkeyes' next two matchups against Big Ten bottom-feeders Northwestern and Rutgers will put Iowa at 7-3 heading into their final two regular-season battles.

When Illinois comes to town on Nov. 18, the Hawkeyes will meet their match. Then, the season finale against Nebraska in Lincoln won't be another letdown like last season.

Hawkeye fans shouldn't be surprised when an 8-4 Iowa finds itself in yet another midday New Year's bowl game.

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## 9-3

The Iowa football team has a legitimate chance for a Big Ten West division title in 2023 with transfer additions like quarterback Cade McNamara, tight-end Erick All, offensive tackle Daijon Parker, and wide receiver Kaleb Brown.

But these additions don't guarantee more wins. The most important fix, in my eyes, is the offensive line.

Four offensive linemen made their first career starts in 2022 — Logan Jones, Beau Stephens, Gennings Dunker, and Tyler Elsbury — and their

lack of experience cost the Hawkeyes.

Iowa ranked 128th out of 131 FBS teams in line yards per carry last year, ahead of only Arkansas State, Temple, and Boston College.

Because of the heightened experience on the offensive line and leadership from McNamara, I think Iowa will start the season 4-0 and redeem its heartbreaking loss against Iowa State on the Cyclones' home turf.

The next week, though, is a recipe for disaster. The Hawkeyes will travel to State College for a prime-time matchup against the Penn State Nittany Lions. Penn State dismantled Iowa, 41-14, the last time the Hawkeyes went into Happy Valley during a whiteout in 2017.

Iowa will bounce back and beat Michigan State in Kinnick Stadium, and Phil Parker's high-octane defense will

come in clutch to win both trophy games against Minnesota and Nebraska.

But I don't see the Hawkeyes walking out of Madison with the Heartland Trophy.

The Badgers return eight starters on defense and will implement a version of the Air Raid attack with offensive coordinator Phil Longo from North Carolina.

And we can't forget about Wisconsin's powerful rushing attack year in and year out, this time led by sophomore Braelon Allen, who rushed for 104 yards against the Hawkeyes last season.

While I could argue a 10-2 finish, Iowa tends to have a slip-up game against squads like Purdue and Illinois.

So, I will give the Hawkeyes room for a hiccup against an inferior Big Ten West opponent and land them at 9-3.

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## FOOTBALL

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dazzling playmaking ability, throwing for 186 yards and three touchdowns.

Iowa fans rushed the field to celebrate the conference title and an undefeated home season.

### 2015 Iowa at Nebraska

Iowa came into this game with an 11-0 record, playing for a perfect regular season and a potential spot in the College Football Playoff.

The Hawkeyes won the game, 28-20, despite not converting a single third-down play all game.

Jordan Canzeri paced the

Iowa offense by rushing for 140 yards and two touchdowns. With the victory, Iowa set the program's single-season win record at 12-0.

### No. 1 | 1985 Iowa vs Michigan

The Hawkeyes and Wolverines came into this game ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

Iowa prevailed, 12-10, on a last-second field goal by Rob Houghtlin.

The Hawkeyes had success moving the ball all day long but couldn't find the end zone.

Chuck Long completed a pass to wide receiver Scott Helverson early in the first quarter. Helverson caught the ball in the back of the end zone and seemed to drag his

left foot in.

However, the officials ruled that Helverson was out of bounds. Television replays clearly showed otherwise, but without instant replay at the time, the Hawkeyes had to settle for a field goal.

Then Long, who completed 26 of 39 passes for 297 yards, led the Hawkeyes on one final march that set up Iowa 29

yards away from victory.

With two seconds remaining in the game, Houghtlin calmly nailed the kick and sent the Kinnick Stadium crowd into a frenzy. Iowa finished the season with a 10-2 record, clinching its first outright Big Ten title in 27 years, as well as a trip to the 1986 Rose Bowl.

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# Iowa football's top five wins

Under the tenures of Hayden Fry and Kirk Ferentz, Iowa has established a winning culture that has proven to last for over 40 years. Here's a look at Sports Reporter Brad Schultz's top five wins in recent program history.

**Brad Schultz**  
Sports Reporter

Iowa has experienced some memorable moments under Hayden Fry and Kirk Ferentz. Here are five best wins in recent program history, and a few honorable mentions:

## No. 5 | 1981 Iowa vs Nebraska

As the calendar turned to 1981, Hayden Fry was looking for a spark. The Hawkeyes had not had a winning season in 20 years, but had been competitive in Fry's first two seasons.

The 1981 season opener pitted the heavy underdog Hawkeyes against the perennial powerhouse Cornhuskers. 60,000 fans were in attendance that day, and every one of them witnessed a turning point for the Iowa football program.

Iowa stunned the Huskers, 10-7, in a defensive slugfest. Despite being outgained in total yards, the Hawkeye defense stole the show and forced five Nebraska turnovers.

This was easily the biggest win of Hayden Fry's Hawkeye career up to that point, and he showed the country what Iowa could become.

Iowa finished the 1981 season 8-4, its first win-

ning record in 20 years. The Hawkeyes also won a share of the Big Ten title and appeared in the 1982 Rose Bowl.

## No. 4 | 1991 Iowa at Ohio State

The only road game on this list is significant for many reasons, but it's most notable for the tragedy that occurred the previous day.

On Nov. 1, 1991, a horrific event shocked the Iowa campus: Gang Lu, a 28-year-old doctorate graduate, shot and killed five people, before later taking his own life.

There was doubt that the game would even be played the next day. But with the game being scheduled in Columbus, the Hawkeyes decided to still make the trek and play.

On Nov. 2, Iowa players walked out onto the field in Ohio Stadium wearing no logos on their helmets in recognition of the tragedy.

With their hearts heavy, the Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 16-9. Senior quarterback Matt Rodgers completed 20 of 27 passes and threw for 258 yards.

The win improved Iowa to 7-1 on the season and certainly brought some happiness to the Iowa City community. The Hawkeyes finished the 1991 season,

10-1-1.

## No. 3 | 2021 Iowa vs Penn State

Both Iowa and Penn State came into this game undefeated at 5-0, and the capacity crowd at Kinnick Stadium did not disappoint.

After Penn State stormed out to a 17-3 lead, it looked like Iowa would squander a golden opportunity in the national spotlight. The raucous crowd then took over and forced eight false starts, roaring as loud as 118 decibels.

Iowa's offense came alive and propelled the Hawkeyes to a 23-20 victory. The winning play was a 44-yard touchdown pass from Spencer Petras to Nico Ragaini.

With the win, Iowa improved to 6-0 and rose to No. 2 in the AP Poll. The Hawkeyes finished the season 10-4 and earned their second Big Ten West division title.

When talking about the 2021 season, this is the victory that Hawkeye fans come back to.

## No. 2 | 2010 Orange Bowl, Iowa vs Georgia Tech

Before the 2009 season, the Hawkeyes had not won a major bowl game since the 1959 Rose Bowl, which all changed in one night.

The temperature at kick-



**Jerod Ringwald/The Daily Iowan**  
Iowa wide receiver Nico Ragaini runs downfield after catching a pass during a football game between No. 3 Iowa and No. 4 Penn State at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021. The Hawkeyes defeated the Nittany Lions 23-20.

off in Miami, Florida, was 49 degrees, marking the coldest Orange Bowl game of all time. The weather made Hawkeye players and fans feel right at home, and Iowa won the game, 24-14, shocking heavily favored Georgia Tech.

Led by a strong rushing defense, the Hawkeyes held the high-powered Yellow Jacket triple-option offense to only 143 rushing yards, well below their season average.

After being injured for the last few games of the regular

season, junior quarterback Ricki Stanzi returned for this game and didn't miss a beat.

He threw for two touchdowns and 231 total yards.

Adrian Clayborn was named the game's Most Valuable Player after completing nine tackles and two sacks to lead the Hawkeye defense. Iowa finished the 2009 season with an 11-2 record and a No. 7 ranking in the final national poll.

## Honorable Mentions

Before we get into our top

pick, here are a few honorable mentions that didn't quite make this list:

## 2004 Iowa vs Wisconsin

Following an Ohio State upset of Michigan, a win over the Badgers meant the Hawkeyes would earn a share of the Big Ten title.

Iowa won the game, 30-7, and secured its 11th conference title.

Drew Tate powered the Hawkeye offense with his