

'A bittersweet moment'

Former Mayflower residents recall memories in the building before its sale.

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The University of Iowa announced in February that it is aiming to sell Mayflower Residence Hall by spring 2024, leaving members of the university community with mixed feelings as potential buyers tour the building.

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The broker on the sale said Mayflower could be sold by next year, potentially closing off the building that students have occupied since the 1970s.

Some people interviewed by *The Daily Iowan* recognized Mayflower as the least-desired dorm on campus. Others reacted with sadness, suggesting Mayflower was an iconic entry point into Iowa City and should be maintained for future generations of UI students.

History of Mayflower

Construction on Mayflower as a privately-owned building started in 1965, according to a *DI* article from that year. The building was originally advertised as a "luxury" dorm, costing \$3 million to construct — over \$29 million today.

The building offered multiple amenities when it began advertising available rentals in early September of 1966, including:

- Heated indoor pool



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Photos contributed by Molly Torchia and Sam Stewart from when they lived in Mayflower. Exterior photo by *The Daily Iowan*.

- Sauna rooms
- Shower, bath, and kitchen in each suite
- Private men's and women's lounges
- Weight training room
- Cafeteria in the building

At the time of the residence hall's construction, buildings across the U.S. were being constructed quickly as more students attended colleges following World War II, said Rod Lehnertz, UI senior vice president of finance and operations and university architect.

Considered a modern prototype of "international style" architecture, the building followed a machine aesthetic, including straight lines and punched windows that are sunken into the buildings, Lehnertz said.

Mayflower operated as a private apartment building for over a decade after it opened

in 1968, having spaces for non-student tenants, according to a 1966 edition of the *DI*.

In 1979, the UI began using Mayflower for student housing. According to a 2012 *Iowa Now* article, the university leased part of the apartment building for students after overcrowding at other residence halls.

The university bought the building entirely in 1983 for \$6.5 million, according to the minutes of the Feb. 17, 1983 state Board of Regents meeting.

Since then, Mayflower has remained in operation for the UI, undergoing multiple renovations. While there is no longer an indoor pool or cafeteria, the residence hall has a gym, multipurpose rooms, a game room, and a computer lab.

'It's an open period': Mayflower's future unclear

The Feb. 14 decision to close Mayflower came after an internal review published this year. The review shows that Mayflower is the last chosen — and first transferred from — residence hall for first-year students.

Mayflower can hold 1,032 students and features suite-style rooms, meaning students share a kitchen and bathroom with their roommates and suitemates.

The low desire of students to live in Mayflower likely stems from multiple different

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Nontraditional student finds community

Billy Stoyhoff, a 33-year-old UI student, uses TikTok to document staying in the dorms.

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William "Billy" Stoyhoff is like many other students in their first year at the University of Iowa. He lives in the residence halls, cheers for the Hawkeyes on game days, and takes the Cambus to classes.

However, there is one major factor that sets him apart from other first years — he is a 33-year-old transfer student with an associate's degree and a growing following on TikTok. His top TikTok video of a dorm tour reached 277,000 views, as of Aug. 28.

Stoyhoff's journey to the UI started when he began to feel dissatisfied at his job as a social media marketing employee at an apparel company.

"It paid pretty well, but I woke up one morning and I was like, 'Okay, this isn't what I want to do long-term even though I've been here for six years,'" Stoyhoff said.

After receiving his associate degree at the College of DuPage in Illinois, Stoyhoff's next plan was to go to Northern Illinois University. However, he felt he would be doing himself a disservice



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UI student Billy Stoyhoff studies in a lounge in Reinow at the University of Iowa in Iowa City on Aug. 22.

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UI moves on campus improvement projects

The university kicked off several multi-million-dollar projects this year.

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After receiving approval from the state Board of Regents earlier this year, the University of Iowa is making headway on construction as part of its 10-year master plan.

Part of this master plan includes the construction of a new dormitory to replace Mayflower

Residence Hall, building a new parking ramp near Kinnick Stadium, and major updates to the Iowa Memorial Union.

Iowa Memorial Union renovations

The IMU is currently undergoing renovations, including updates to the Hawk Shop bookstore, ice cream shop, and an incoming Starbucks, and

additional marketplace.

The UI last renovated the IMU in 2007, but improvements were halted because of the 2008 flood. The university received a grant to fix the damages but was unable to complete the second phase of its plan.

The current renovations to the IMU include ideas from the original plan, as well as adjust-

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if he didn't at least try to get into the UI, as he and his family have been Hawkeye fans their whole lives.

To his surprise, Stoyhoff said, the UI accepted his application. He would soon be a third-year transfer student majoring in Sports and Recreation Management.

The only thing standing in Stoyhoff's way before officially becoming a Hawkeye was housing. The transfer student said it made the most sense to live in the dorms with his financial situation.

"I don't know anybody out here, so getting a house with another person or a few other people wasn't on the table," Stoyhoff said. "So I would have to get a one

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Bill Stoyhoff

Rienow Residence Hall Resident

bedroom, one bathroom apartment, and the rent for those in Iowa City is pretty expensive, and then I would have to pay for uti-

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ments to fit student needs.

Because of the upcoming decommissioning of the Iowa House Hotel, which will close in August 2024, more space will soon be available in the IMU.

Bill Nelson, IMU associate dean and executive director, said an increase in hotels in Iowa City has made the Iowa House Hotel less profitable, leading to its decommission.

The IMU will become a "well-being center" with counseling, wellness, health, legal, and basic needs services all moved to the centralized location.

Other additions include the new ice cream shop called the Old Gold Creamery in partnership with local ice cream vendor Heyn's Ice Cream and located on the ground floor in the location that formerly housed Java House.

The renovations will later bring

lities and WiFi and cable, whereas if I live in the dorms, the university supplies cable and internet to all the rooms."

On move-in day to Rienow Residence Hall, Stoyhoff said he had a few awkward interactions with parents who assumed he was moving a kid into the dorms, but other than those few instances, he has felt welcomed on campus every day.

"That was the one thing I was worried about, like 'How are they going to react to a 33-year-old living in the dorms?' But no one has had a problem," Stoyhoff said.

To make light of his nontraditional experience, Stoyhoff started posting vlogs to his TikTok account where he would talk about his day at the university. Initially starting as an inside joke, the videos soon began to blow up.

This virality has made Stoyhoff somewhat of a campus celebrity, with people stopping him on the street and on campus to take selfies with him, he said.

Although he has always been a shy person, Stoyhoff said he never turns down a request for a picture. His newfound fame has also had a positive effect on him emotionally, he said.

"It's definitely really helped me come out of my shell," he said.

Stella Petersdorff, a first-year student who also lives in Rienow, said she has interacted with Stoyhoff. At first, she said she assumed he was a parent moving a student in, but eventually came to realize he lived in the

a new cafe and marketplace, featuring a Starbucks with a full menu of drinks and food.

The Hawk Shop — which underwent renovations over the summer — will also be finalized within weeks, said Cory Lockwood, the senior associate director of the IMU.

College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Services

The UI's College of Pharmacy building was completed in 2019. With the foresight of future expansion, the university blocked off the sixth floor for later use but has now expressed a need for research space.

"Working together is an important part of not only our research but of economic development for the state," said Rod Lehnertz, senior vice president of finance and operations at the UI.

The sixth floor will house labora-



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UI student Billy Stoyhoff poses for a portrait in his dorm room in Reinow at the University of Iowa in Iowa City on Aug. 25. To document his experience adapting to Iowa City as a nontraditional student, he started making TikTok videos and has amassed over 6,000 followers in just about two weeks.

residence hall.

"It was a little odd at first, but now I think it's great," Petersdorff said. "Everyone loves him here. He gets along with everyone."

While Stoyhoff may be a nontraditional first-year student, he is not alone at the UI. According to the UI's Fall 2022 Profile of Students Enrolled report, 2,493 new transfer students came to the university last year.

In terms of students older than the typical college age range, UI Public Relations Manager Steve Schmadeke wrote in an email to the *DI* that in Fall 2022, there were a total of 535 undergraduate

transfer students over the age of 26 enrolled at the UI.

Schmadeke wrote the UI has support systems in place to help transfer students feel more welcome at the university.

"The university has a dedicated support team that reaches out to transfer students at key points during the semester, offers help, and follows up with them on specific questions they have," Schmadeke wrote. "The support team helps transfer students both in and out of the classroom and assists as needed to help them get connected on campus and in the community."

tories for the College of Pharmacy research, faculty, and students. Floors three, four, and five of the pharmaceutical science research building will be moved to the College of Pharmacy building, allowing more space for both departments.

Hawkeye Parking Ramp and UIHC updates

The UI Hospitals and Clinics complex will add a hospital patient tower that will be similar to the current children's hospital tower.

Lehnertz described this project as the largest and most impactful of the ten-year master plan.

Hospital Parking Ramp 1 sits in the footprint of the incoming tower. Before construction on the tower can begin, the existing ramp will be removed and replaced with a larger, newer version north of Kinnick Stadium.

Referred to as the Hawkeye Par-

king Ramp, it will be a five-level ramp with approximately 1,000 parking stalls on Lot 43 north of the West Campus Transportation Center.

The new ramp will take roughly two years to construct and will cost the hospital \$45 million. It will be used for both hospital and athletic purposes.

Once construction of the ramp is finished, the UIHC tower project will begin toward the end of 2025.

The UI is also working on building a new hospital in North Liberty at Forevergreen Road. Focused on orthopedics, the new health care complex will include an emergency room and provide more patient beds.

Lehnertz said this project will give relief to capacity challenges at the main UIHC complex and serve the health care needs of the greater Iowa City area community.

With a budget of approximately \$363 million, construction of the new hospital started in January 2021 and will be completed in 2025.

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features suite-style rooms.

The disinterest surrounding living in Mayflower likely stems from multiple different causes, like its 20-minute walk from campus, dining halls, and classes, Lehnertz said.

"When we don't have full capacity on campus, [Mayflower is] the one that has vacancy, which adds to a bit more feeling of isolation there," Lehnertz said. "It lacks some of the socializing spaces on each floor that allow members of each floor to get to know each other, to become part of a community."

The UI's study also showed that students who live at Mayflower have lower grade point averages. Overall, Lehnertz said the success of all UI students, especially first-year students, is a top priority for the university.

"The retention of first-year students and the success of first-year students is top of our list — top on President [Barbara] Wilson's list — and will be, should be always, and so when there's a situation where we can do better by that, we should always try to," he said.

According to the state Board of Regents Fall 2022 Graduation and Retention Report, 89 percent of UI undergraduates return for a second year at the university compared to 83 percent of University of Northern Iowa undergraduates and 86 percent of Iowa State University undergraduates.

This effort to increase student success has led the UI to plan the construction of a new residence hall to house returning students when Mayflower eventually closes.

If Mayflower closed today, the university would still have enough beds in other dorms to house all first-year students, Lehnertz said. That does not account for the returning students on campus who choose to live in the dorms.

Lehnertz said the new dorm will be reserved for returning students.



Lehnertz

"We don't have any on our campus as far as the main campus. They're all what I'd refer to as generally double-loaded corridors, two roommates to a room, those kinds of things," Lehnertz said, referring to dorms that have a suite style with an attached kitchen and bathroom.

Multiple Iowa City groups are currently working on the sale of Mayflower Hall, including local real estate agencies, he said.

"It's an open period where questions, tours, other things can happen and then they can put together plans or ideas or proposals for us," Lehnertz said. "What we're working on right now is not a specific hard date for finishing that, but a continued assessment by the real estate agent with us."

The university will assess bids and returns as they are received, he said. Currently, Mayflower is listed for \$45 million on Realtor.com and is being brokered by Iowa City real estate broker Jeff Edberg.

Edberg told the *DI* he has received positive responses from local and national developers about Mayflower and gave a tour of the building on Aug. 22.

Mayflower could serve multiple functions for the eventual new owner, including housing for students, workforce housing, low-income housing, and elder housing. Edberg said he believes the best option would be to keep it as housing for UI students, which is what many of the interested parties are considering.

"They're mostly looking at it as a continuation of what it is as a dorm for students, largely unchanged from the current operation except that you'd have to go from nine-month terms to one-year terms, that your rent wouldn't include tuition, meal plans, and all of the university services," Edberg said.

Based on the amount of interest, Edberg said he believes the building could be sold by late 2024.

"We have enough interest and that's been discussed and in real estate, you don't know until you know. But it is a good assumption

CORRECTION

A previous version of the article, "Mercy Iowa City needs fixing, but should remain an acute health care facility," on Aug. 23 said Mercy Iowa City is turning into a behavioral health facility, however, this statement is only alleged. The *DI* regrets this error.



Photos contributed by Sara Kirkley and her husband Brandon Kirkley when they lived in Mayflower Residence Hall.

that we'll sell it in the near term and we'll close around after two more semesters," he said.

This is not the first time universities have sold residence halls. Some schools, according to *The New York Times*, said they opted to sell unused or run-down dorms during the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to make money, with the buildings being turned into apartment complexes.

Ultimately, the UI students and community will continue to be an important deciding factor as the university begins looking at the sale more seriously, Edberg said.

Mayflower fosters community

While the UI's study shows that Mayflower is the least requested dorm by first-year students, some alumni say their best relationships, friendships, and memories were created in the hall.

Tori Bauer, a Mayflower resident from 2019-21, said the residence hall's "bad" reputation helps bring the residents together and create a sense of community.

"The people that live there kind of banded together kind of we're on a desert island, and it's just us, so might as well get along with each other," Bauer said.

Living in Mayflower during COVID-19 made her pandemic experience more bearable because she had her own kitchen and bathroom, she said.

"It made me feel a little bit safer during COVID that I would be able to quarantine without risking my food or anything like that," she said.

For 2011-12 residents Molly Torchia and Kailan Harms, Mayflower is the site where their friendship began.

Torchia and Harms were randomly matched as roommates at Mayflower. They quickly became good friends and say they have remained close since.

With the amenities that Mayflower offers to the people living there, Torchia said it has benefits that other dorms do not.

"I think even though now we have these newer, nicer dorms, I think it does add character and I think because it's so large you always see new people and are able to meet new people," Torchia said.

With Mayflower being the "starting

point" of her and Harms's friendship, Torchia said she is sad to see the building up for sale.

"I drove by Mayflower yesterday and there were probably 50 students waiting for the bus, and it's this bittersweet moment because it's so exciting that they're in Mayflower because we lived there, but then to know that this could be the last set of students that live there," Torchia said. "It's a bittersweet, bittersweet moment."

Sam Stewart, a UI alumni who lived in Mayflower between 2010-12, said he was initially concerned about his assignment to the dorm after hearing about its bad reputation based on the distance from campus. However, he found the experience to be great.

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Molly Torchia
Former resident of Mayflower

Living in Mayflower gave Stewart a commonality when meeting new people on campus, he said.

"I made a lot of good friends, and then you meet people on your floor, or the floors above and below you, in your classes ... it may feel like you have this weird shared experience, because 'oh yeah, we all deal with this,' but everyone also seemed to like it," he said.

Some people even met their lifelong partners at Mayflower. Sara Kirkley and Brandon Kirkley started their relationship at the dorm, meeting when they both worked as resident assistants in the building between 2002-03.

The proximity of their job and the distance from campus allowed the Kir-

Potential locations the UI is considering for the new residence hall:

- Behind Stanley and Currier Halls
- Next to the Alpha Chi Sigma fraternity on North Clinton Street
- The Recreation Center parking lot on West Court Street
- The Hillcrest Parking Lot at the end of Byington Road

kleys to get to know each other, as well as other people in the building, Brandon Kirkley said.

"My best man in our wedding was one of my suitmates at Mayflower and then a couple of Sara's bridesmaids and her personal attendant were also roommates and suitmates and friends from Mayflower, so these were people that we obviously kept in touch with throughout our 20s, and we're still really close friends with several of them," he said.

Sara Kirkley said while she is saddened by the sale, she hopes it will help the Iowa City and UI community.

"It's really sad to see a part of your history change in such a big way," Sara Kirkley said. "... I hope they do something that benefits the university."

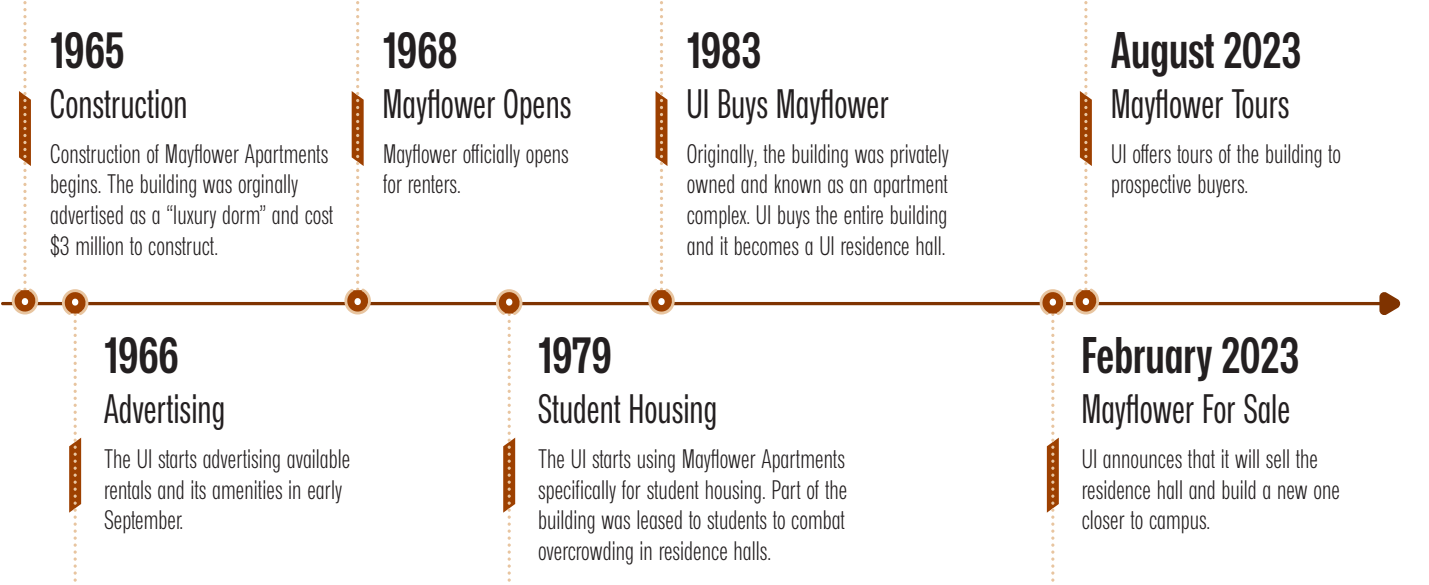
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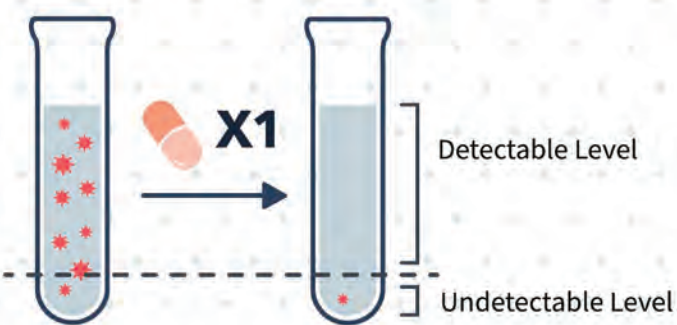
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Da Flava Unit promotes a message of community.



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Owners of Da Flava Unit Express Tony and Zee Brown pose for a portrait in Iowa City on Thursday, Aug. 24. The duo, who have been together for over 20 years, opened the restaurant about a year ago and now sells their Caribbean-inspired street food in Sycamore Mall Shopping Center.

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On a vacation in Miami, Florida, Zee Brown expected to see the beach and swim in the ocean, however, her husband, Tony Brown, had other ideas.

"He told me that he had an appointment to go get a food truck made," Zee Brown said. "He promised me that if I do this for him, I have plenty of oceans and seas to visit. I took him up on his offer."

As the pair sat down to discuss possible names for their restaurant, they concluded that a common remark from customers was that the pair's food was flavorful.

"Both of us at the same time. We was like, 'Da Flava Unit,'" Zee Brown said. "I said, 'Yeah, but we're going to spell it differently, like in slang.'"

Zee Brown said the concept for the food truck flowed smoothly after Da Flava Unit was named. The couple brainstormed seasonal menus based on multiple musical genres and catering events, sit-down restaurants, and fancier venues.

"It's an ode to hip-hop, to all the connections, the ideas just are rolling out and we just start writing it down

"We love the unity, the uplifting messages. That's what we feel like is definitely needed in today's society."

Zee Brown
Co-owner of Da Flava Unit

because it just flew," Zee Brown said.

Da Flava Unit opened four years ago as a full-kitchen food truck parked on Fifth Street in North Liberty. In its third year of business, the owners opened a permanent location of the restaurant, located in an available space in Iowa City Marketplace, previously known as Sycamore Mall.

Zee Brown said the business setup of Da Flava Unit could be a new concept for people with limited incomes to create a small business or food truck to grow into a restaurant. Other small business owners in Johnson County have also taken the food truck to storefront route.

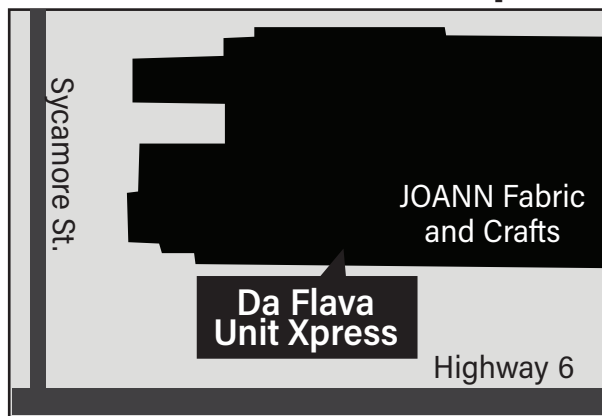
"We noticed that wow, this can be a really cheap, inexpensive way to enter into the restaurant business," Zee Brown said. "That way we can gain some knowledge and experience being new restaurant owners in Iowa City."

The Iowa City Marketplace sold in 2022 for nearly \$14.3 million.

For Zee and Tony Brown, their food is their art, and Da Flava Unit is essentially part of the couple's identity and culture. It is an ode to hip-hop both in its slang-derived name and the urban street foods that it serves.

"We believe in the foundations, the old school, you know we like the '90s, the 2000s, the '80s," Zee Brown said. "We love the unity, the uplifting messages. That's what we feel like is definitely needed in today's society."

Location of Da Flava Unit Xpress



Susanne Doerdelmann a frequent customer of Da Flava Unit, has been eating at the business since its opening because her aunt and uncle are friends with Zee and Tony Brown.

Doerdelmann said the restaurant has the best jerk chicken.

"Yeah, we usually come back a couple times a week," she said.

Another local business food truck and storefront owner, Rachael Scott, owns and operates the food truck Cafe on the Go and the restaurant Early Bird Cafe. She started as a coffee roaster at another Iowa City coffee shop, Cafe del Sol. Early Bird Cafe opened last spring in the South District Market.

The South District Market opened in April in Pepperwood Plaza as part of an effort to bring local businesses and start-ups to the South District of Iowa City.

"I had customers asking me to have a place where they can actually sit down inside of a building," Scott said.

When the South District Market opened, Scott said she partnered with Tasha Lard — owner of JD Beauty Supply in Iowa City — to open Early Bird Cafe.

"The community was very happy and appreciative to have a coffee shop in their area," Scott said. "A lot of people in the community still don't know we're here."

To raise community awareness of Early Bird Cafe, Scott said the business is focusing on hosting community events including game nights and open mics.

Scott is also an ambassador with the Iowa City Area Business Partnership and works to support fellow partnered businesses and help others get signed up and connected to resources.

To further connect with the community, Da Flava Unit is adding items to their menu to grasp the attention of teenagers and senior citizens by adding street foods to their menu to be sold on Fridays.

"Friday night, they literally can make that their hangout place and go to a movie. We close before 10 o'clock, so I felt like I want to make it a safe environment," Zee Brown said.

In addition to discounted street foods on Fridays, Zee Brown also discussed changes for the Saturday menu including an earlier opening time to allow for lunch.

"There's a lot of seniors in that area and they're out early," Zee Brown said. "I want to be able to have some corned beef sandwiches for them and some soup this fall."



Matt Sindt | The Daily Iowan

The front of the South District Market is seen in Iowa City on March 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 30

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FAIR

Meet a variety of different student organizations on campus, many which focus on identity and belonging.

5-7 P.M. | HUBBARD PARK

THURSDAY | AUGUST 31

LIFE IN IOWA: I.S.S.S. GAME NIGHT

Learn about U.S. board games and get to know other international students at the ISSS Game Night. Enjoy icebreakers, trivia, and pizza.

6:30-7:30 P.M. | U.C.C. ROOM 1117

BEYOND THE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hear a lecture from Megan Red Shirt-Shaw on the use of land acknowledgments in higher education and on potential next steps for commitment to transformative change. The lecture will be held on Zoom through the City of Iowa City's Office of Equity and Human Rights.

12 P.M. | ZOOM

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

I.W.P. PANEL DISCUSSION SERIES

Tune into a conversation between four fall residency writers of the International Writing Program on the topic of "Living on Linguistic Fault Lines". A Q&A will follow the panel.

12 P.M. | ZOOM OR IOWA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING ROOM A

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 5

THE SACRED ART OF BUDDHIST SAND MANDALAS

Watch the creation of sand mandalas by Tibetan Buddhist Lamas.

9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M. | 140 ART BUILDING WEST

WOMEN TRANS FEMME NIGHT

Interested in learning bicycle repair? Attend the Bike Library's Women Trans Femme Night for a night of learning among women-identifying and gender non-conforming peers.

6-8 P.M. | BIKE LIBRARY

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

SUCCESS, NOT EXCESS

Success, Not Excess provides a small, safe and supportive space for UI students wanting to make or considering changes in their alcohol or other drug use.

5:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M. | IOWA MEMORIAL UNION

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 8

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARTSAKH: FROM EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTION

Tune in for a lecture on human rights violations in the Nagorno-Karabakh area with speakers Arsine Grigoryan and Judge Gassia Apkarian.

12:45 P.M. | ZOOM

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

Learn more about study abroad opportunities at the study abroad fair.

11 A.M. | INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM, IMU

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

WEBINAR CONVERSATION WITH DEMETRIA MCCAIN

In recognition of the 60th anniversary of Iowa City's Human Rights Commission, the city is holding a lecture on U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's efforts to eliminate housing discrimination.

1-2 P.M. | ZOOM

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: THE ART OF VOTING

Learn about voting at the Stanley Museum of Art with information on how to vote and connections between art and politics.

5-7 P.M. | STANLEY MUSEUM OF ART



IC LATINO FEST CELEBRATES CULTURE

Community members gather to share heritage during the 11th annual Latino Festival.



Shuntaro Kawasaki | The Daily Iowan

Aldair Vazquez greets the audience during a performance entrance at the 2023 Latino Fest in Downtown Iowa City on Aug. 26. vendors sold food while community members enjoyed Latino traditions, music, food, and dance. Over 11 years, 50,000 attendees have visited the annual festival with over 80 performances in the Iowa City tradition.



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Kai Babcock (left) and Tristan Schmidt (right) enjoy a Mangonada, a Mexican dessert, at the 2023 Iowa City Latino Fest on the Pedestrian Mall downtown on Aug. 26.



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Ofelia Lisabeth Zepeda and Bianca Torres of Antojitos Tita's prepare food at the 2023 Iowa City Latino Fest on the Pedestrian Mall downtown on Aug. 26.

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Attendees walk past vendors at the 2023 Iowa City Latino Fest on the Pedestrian Mall downtown on Aug. 26.



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A performer from Ballet Folklórico Sones Mexicanos dances at the 2023 Latino Fest in Downtown Iowa City on Aug. 26.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Soccer

Thursday, Aug. 31 Iowa at Mississippi State 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3 Senior Day vs. Southeast Missouri State 1 p.m. BTN+

Field Hockey

Friday, Sept. 1 Iowa vs. Fairfield 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3 Iowa at Albany 11 a.m.

Volleyball

Fryfest Invite at Xtream Arena

Friday, Sept. 1 Iowa vs. Middle Tennessee State 6 p.m. BTN+ and Hawkeye Radio Network

Saturday, Sept. 2 Iowa at Kent State 6 p.m. BTN+ and Hawkeye Radio Network

Sunday, Sept. 3 Iowa at South Dakota State 2 p.m. BTN+ and Hawkeye Radio Network

HAWKEYE UPDATES

NIL news



Johnson recently signed his first major NIL deal

with Powerade, a sports drink created and sold by Coca-Cola in competition with Gatorade. Powerade has been a sponsor of the NCAA since 2010. Johnson was one of five college football players to sign a deal with Powerade, joining Florida State defensive end Jared Verse, LSU quarterback Jayden Daniels, Georgia cornerback Malaki Starks, and USC wide receiver Mario Williams. The five athletes will participate in Powerade's "It Takes More" campaign, which the brand said is its largest marketing effort in college football with planned ads on TV, digital, radio, and social media. The first 30-second spot will air Sept. 3, according to Sports Business Journal.

Recruiting roundup

Iowa women's basketball landed its first recruit from the class of 2025 — Journey Houston. The 5-foot-11 guard from Davenport North High School is currently ranked No. 19 nationally and No. 1 in Iowa in her class by ESPN. Houston had offers from Iowa State, Michigan, and DePaul. Outside of school ball, Houston plays for All Iowa Attack, one of 32 Nike Girls Elite Youth Basketball sponsored programs. Seven current Iowa players competed for the Attack, including 2023 National Player of the Year Caitlin Clark.

"I'd like to thank all of the coaches that have recruited me the past three years and thank you to my parents and all of my @AllIowaAttack coaches for helping me get to where I am today," Houston wrote

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Elle Otto has been a godsend."

Dave Dilanni

Iowa soccer head coach said of the transfer from Mississippi State

STAT OF THE WEEK

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The number of times an Iowa team has knocked off a top-ranked squad in 2023

Helping Hawaii away from home

Hawaii native Nanea Estrella looks to help those affected by the wildfires in Maui.

Kenna Roering Sports Editor mckenna-roering@uiowa.edu



Ayrton Breckenridge | The Daily Iowan

Titan Mercury Wrestling Club's 59kg Nanea Estrella walks onto the mat during session three at the 2022 USA Wrestling Senior World Team Trials Challenge Tournament at Xtream Arena in Coralville, May 22, 2022. She started a donation drive to help community members affected by wildfires in her home state: Hawaii.

Hawkeye women's wrestler Nanea Estrella left Hawaii for Iowa on Aug. 14. She said leaving Hawaii "in the state of peril it was in" was the most heartbreaking thing she's ever had to do.

"It's a lot of safe spaces and homes that have been opened up to me that are now gone forever," Estrella said.

Hailing from Makawao, Hawaii, Estrella started a donation drive to help bring hope to the children in West Maui who have lost everything to the wildfires.

Over 100 people have been killed in the wildfires with almost 400 others still being unaccounted for.

Online donations are accepted and physical items, such as stuffed animals, toys, and sports gear can be dropped off at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and Iowa Book and Supply through Sept. 6.

The Iowa volleyball team joined Estrella's efforts and is accepting donations at Xtream Arena during Fryfest on Sept. 1 and before its home opener against Middle Tennessee State at 6 p.m.

"I want to give hope to the children and the kids that they will be able to recover, and they can try to find a little bit of serenity or a little bit of escape."

Estrella first heard about the fires destroying her home while at a family barbecue in Maui on Aug. 9. She was packing her bags and saying her final goodbyes to her loved ones before flying back to Iowa City for the school year the next evening.

Her life changed with one phone call.

"There's something going down in Lahaina," Estrella's boyfriend, Kai Bookings, told her over the phone. "There's a big fire and they're making everyone evacuate."

Bookings had heard the news from his mother, who was at their home in Lahaina, while he was already on his way back to college with his father.

Estrella canceled her flight, which ended up being canceled anyway, so she could stay home

and help support all the families she knew in any way she could.

Shev said the next few days she spent in Hawaii were filled with fear, devastation, and uncertainty. No one was allowed to travel toward West Maui, and the people who were stuck had no way of contacting anybody on Estrella's side of the island.

Estrella said Bookings' mom made it out safely, but their home was destroyed. Estrella added that her best friend, Chiarra Clark, along with a lot of her old teammates and coaches from Lahainaluna High School, lost their homes as well.

But she tried to focus on how she could be a role model and ambassador for Hawaii when she got back to Iowa City.

Estrella said she knew she wanted to set up a donation fund, but she wasn't sure what the people in Hawaii needed most.

So, she called one of her former coaches, Kimball Bastian, to help her brainstorm ideas. Bastian lost three homes in the wildfires and said what the people needed most wasn't food or money; it was hope.

The pair first came up with the idea for a toy drive for kids who aren't involved in sports, so they would have something to distract themselves. Bastian then brought up the idea of doing a donation drive with athletics supplies because a lot of kids lost everything they needed to compete.

Estrella brought up both ideas to Iowa's Community Engagement and Communications Associate Macy Anderson and the Assistant Athletics Director for Student Development Kara Park.

She said Anderson and Park were "all hands on deck" from the moment they heard what she wanted to do.

Anderson then came up with the idea to incorporate the Hawkeye volleyball team, and head coach Jim Barnes and the rest of his squad were more than willing to help.

"We hope Hawkeye Nation will join us in sending support to Hawaii," Barnes said in a release. "We have strong connections with the people from that area and want to send our support to them to assist in their recovery process. Please, join us."

Estrella said her family in Hawaii is safe and it means the world to her that the university is supporting the place that helped her get where she is today.

Estrella encourages everyone to never take anything for granted.

"We're blessed to be given the opportunities that we're given to be living and breathing and standing here today," Estrella said. "Hug your loved ones."

Q&A | Samantha Cary

Cary shares classes, hobbies

Soccer player Samantha Cary discusses her favorite things she likes to do off the field after Iowa's win over Iowa State.



#9 Samantha Cary Fifth-year Defender 5-foot-8 St. Charles, MO

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Isaac Elzinga: What are a few items you would want to have if you were an island?

Samantha Cary: I am obsessed with Marvel movies, so I go to every midnight premiere of every Marvel movie or every opening day premiere. So, I got to have a stack of Marvel movies, especially the "Infinity" saga. I love a good rom-com. Any book, movie — anything that's like past time and terrible reality TV shows. I'm addicted to "Dance Moms."

Elzinga: What do you do in your alone time when you're not playing or studying?

Cary: I think my biggest thing that people don't know about me is I love to cook. I'm always trying new things in the kitchen, making

recipes, cooking dinner. Over the summer, we had seven freshmen living in my house, and I cooked them family dinners every night just because I love cooking. That's definitely a love language of mine, acts of service. Hosting meals and hosting dinner parties is one of my favorite things to do.

Elzinga: What's your favorite thing that you've cooked?

Cary: Oh, that's hard. If I were to list a couple, I make mean enchiladas. Classic steak and potatoes or a loaded sweet potato with an avocado crema.

Elzinga: What's your favorite class that you've taken at Iowa?

Cary: So I was a public health major, and being a public health major is a bit unique. It's a really small major. I think one of my favorite classes has been "Fin-

ding Patient Zero," which is all about epidemiology and the transmission of disease. Taking that in the height of COVID-19 was so interesting and really a passion of mine.

Elzinga: What would be the first thing you do if you won the lottery?

Cary: I would give some money back to my parents. They've supported me in every single way. Club soccer is not cheap, and for so many years they supported me and this crazy dream of mine to play Division I soccer. My mom drives to every single soccer game and she's racking up her mileage big time. So I think I'd buy my mom a nice car for travel.

Elzinga: What was your favorite book growing up?

Cary: "The Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss.

Elzinga: If someone were to play you in a movie, who would you pick?

Cary: Could I be honored to say Reese Witherspoon? I like to call myself a soccer version of Elle Woods sometimes. I feel like I'm a little young, but Reese Witherspoon.

Elzinga: Who is your celebrity crush?

Cary: Blake Lively — how could I not? If I'm picking a soccer player, Crystal Dunn all day.

Elzinga: What sort of music interests you?

Cary: That's such a hard question because I have such weird music. They don't let me on aux on the team because my pregame playlist ranges from everything like EDM to country to Broadway music. So I've got way too big of a spectrum there.

POINT | COUNTERPOINT

Who is taking the women's volleyball crown?



Mia Boulton Sports Reporter

Wisconsin

Last November, the University of Wisconsin volleyball program clinched their fourth consecutive Big Ten title. The lingering question remains if their championship streak will continue.

The Badgers received a No. 2 national ranking by the American Volleyball Coaches Association in early August, serving as proof the program is back to defend its legacy. Wisconsin is nipping at the heels of the top-ranked Texas Longhorns, last year's NCAA champions.

Wisconsin redshirt junior outside hitter Sarah Franklin and senior middle blocker Devyn Robinson are poised to lead the team through another historical season.

Last season, Franklin racked up 445.5 points, averaged 3.91 points per match, and charted 400 kills. Similarly, Robinson had a suc-

cessful 2022 season, racking up 366 points and averaging 3.24 points per match. She also boasted 304 kills on the year, 21 of which came against Pittsburgh in the NCAA Regional Final.

Not only do the Badgers have strong veterans, but the team is also looking to develop incoming 6-foot-7 transfer and middle blocker Carter Booth. Booth is just a sophomore and already earned First-Team All-Big Ten honors in her prior season with the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

The last piece to the puzzle is a successful head coach, and the Badgers have one in Kelly Sheffield.

Since 2011, Sheffield's teams have secured one NCAA Championship, four NCAA Final Four appearances, and five Big Ten Conference Championships.

The goal now is for the Badgers to add yet another conference trophy to the case at the end of this upcoming season. This team has the talent. They have the tools. They just need the title.

The Badgers will open Big Ten play against Northwestern on Sept. 22. By the time the conference tournament rolls around in November, this program will have the pieces it needs to defend its title once again.



Chris Meglio Sports Reporter

Nebraska

The University of Nebraska women's volleyball team has been on a dominant run throughout recent memory. Since finishing first in the Big Ten standings in 2016, the Cornhuskers have finished in the top three of the conference every single year but have yet to capture a conference title since.

Going into the 2023 season, nine of the 14 players listed on the roster have previous collegiate experience. Eight of those players are returners: liberos Maisie Boesiger and Lexi Rodriguez, setter Kennedy Orr, middle hitters Bekka Allick and Maggie Mendelson, and outside hitters Hayden Kubik, Ally Batenhorst, and Lindsay Krause.

The lone transfer for Nebraska is outside hitter Merritt Beason, a 6-foot-4 junior from the University of Florida.

Beason earned All-SEC honors and was a member of the Ameri-

"Nebraska's offense was above average, to say the least."

can Volleyball Coaches Association All-Regional squad last season with the Gators.

Despite losing five seniors and one junior from last year's team, the continuity throughout the roster should be enough to fill in the gaps of lost veterans.

The dominant defense of Nebraska was the main reason for success in 2022. Compared to the rest of the Big Ten, the Cornhuskers finished first in opponent hitting percentage, second in opponent assists, first in opponent kills, fourth in blocks, first in opponent service aces, and first in digs.

Nebraska's offense was above average, to say the least. In Big Ten statistics, the team finished fifth in points, fifth in hitting percentage, sixth in assists, fourth in kills, and third in opponent blocks.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers will look to extend their dominance in the Big Ten by dethroning the four-time repeating champion Wisconsin Badgers.

GOETZ
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her appointment. She has developed several strong relationships with Iowa coaches in her short time at the university, including head football coach Kirk Ferentz, women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder, and volleyball coach Jim Barnes. At volleyball media day on Aug. 19, Barnes said that Goetz is the "real deal," and displays attributes like relatability and attentiveness, which is something he appreciates in an athletic director. Goetz has even attended a few volleyball practices and was impressed with the passion the Hawkeyes exhibited on the court. Barnes said Goetz was very involved during practice and would make comments about the team and how they were executing things. "I think you want to demonstrate that you're supportive of them in their process, and that means the process when they have a great day and when they have

a challenging day," Goetz said. "You want them to understand that you value the time, you value their work ethic, and you want to celebrate that just as much as you want to celebrate the day they get to compete." But Goetz has shown that she doesn't just care about Iowa athletes, but every student who attends the university. Goetz rode around campus on the first day of classes in a golf cart titled the "Prize Team," and asked students a series of trivia questions. If the students gave the correct answer, they would get to pick from a prize bucket, which included move-in-friendly items like sunglasses, stickers, and microwavable Kraft Mac N' Cheese. "I love that the campus is doing such great things in terms of trying to make sure that they welcome our new students and really let them know that they've got people all over the place pulling for them," Goetz said. "Our role in athletics is certainly to provide a great experience for student-athletes, but it's also to serve the institution."

MCGROARTY
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The midfielder position — which McGroarty frequents — offers a lot of flexibility, possessing the ability to join the front line while also being comfortable dropping deeper and helping on the defensive side of the ball. Although McGroarty has yet to get a goal or assist this season, she's been part of an improved attack with junior forwards Kenzie Roling and Elle Otto. McGroarty creates a lot of chances for the forwards and helps them stay on their front foot. She's not shy about testing the opposing goalkeeper with a shot outside of the box, and she continues to learn and grow in head coach Dave DiLanni's system. A big goal for McGroarty this season is to make a name for herself in the Big Ten and become a respected player in the conference. She said she's taking advantage of her fifth year and is prepared to help her team get as far as it can in the conference either this year or the next. But McGroarty is still growing in some

areas and was frustrated with her performance against Iowa State on Aug. 24th, despite the Hawkeyes winning, 2-1. But she was quick to add that she was excited for the team and loved the atmosphere of the game. She will no doubt face an adjustment once the Big Ten schedule rolls around with the Hawkeyes' opening play against Illinois, but the biggest thing for her is to build her confidence. "I feel like I know what I'm doing," McGroarty said. "But there are times with all the new stuff coming in where I have a little bit of confusion and not knowing if this is exactly what I'm supposed to do." The transfer from La Salle wasn't just an on-field decision for McGroarty. She left a school that was just an hour away from her home, but she said that she's always been an independent person. She said she misses her family, but the team and coaching staff have really made the transition easy for her. "Overall, it's been a very life-changing transfer in more ways that I could probably describe or explain," McGroarty said.

MEHRA
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tennis career. Mehra is a three-time letter winner going into her senior season. She earned Dean's List honors in the 2023 spring semester and Academic All-Big Ten honors last season, which she said rewarded her for the hard work she's been

putting in off the court over the last few years. She found the accolade important to her as a student-athlete because of how time-consuming and stressful it is to be a student-athlete balancing school and tennis practice. Upon graduation, Mehra plans on taking a gap year from her education to figure out what she'd like to do and where she'd like to go next.

"For now, I just want to take some time to work and make my application stronger," Mehra said. "I've had 16 years in a row now with school, so I'm very excited to be finished and do things I haven't really been able to do." Mehra feels like the Hawkeyes have a good chance to make a solid run this season. But individually, she wants to keep working hard and fighting for every match until the end.

"I want to treat every match the same," she said. "It's my last season, and I want to make the most of it, but I don't want to put too much pressure on it. I just want to keep working hard and see how it unfolds." Mehra and the Iowa women's tennis team are set to kick off their season on Sept. 24 in the University of North Charlotte University-hosted Charlotte Invitational in North Carolina.

Aspirations on the green

Iowa graduate transfer Josh Lundmark adjusts to golf for the black and gold.

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To achieve the team's goal of reaching the postseason in 2023, Iowa men's golf head coach Tyler Stith knew he needed another veteran in the locker room. So, he dug into the transfer portal and pulled out Cornell graduate transfer Josh Lundmark. In 2022, the Hawkeyes saw two first-place finishes and a fifth-place finish at the Big Ten Tournament, but those successes were not enough to place the team in an NCAA Regional in the spring season. One offseason later, the team feels it now has the returning talent to compete for a spot in an NCAA Regional when May rolls around, and Lundmark is a massive reason. The Hinsdale, Illinois, native led the Big Red in scoring during his last two seasons at Cornell, including a 73.57 average over

23 rounds and eight of these rounds at even or under par. After making the leap to Iowa City, Lundmark hopes to have the same impact for the Hawkeyes, a program he called "much more competitive and serious." But a 2023 NCAA Regional is not unfamiliar territory to the Hawkeyes. Under Stith, the Iowa men's golf program has appeared in five regionals, and Lundmark acknowledged the success and tradition of the Iowa program. "Iowa has a history of producing high-quality players," Lundmark said. "The coaches do everything in their best interest to get all of us ready to play at a really high level." Off the links, Lundmark's family and friends have been supportive of him throughout the transfer process. He said they were "all for it" when he made the jump to the Black and Gold.

One such friend is fellow Hawkeye and fifth-year senior Mac McClear, who was Lundmark's high school golf teammate at Hinsdale Central High School. McClear was the 2023 Co-Big Ten Champion, so he and Lundmark will reunite to join three other returning seniors and fill a lineup that Lundmark said already has a bond. "I think it's been very quick," he said. "I've become very good friends with all of them already. These guys are all super nice [and] very welcoming." The flat terrain and acres of farmland around Iowa City pose a big adjustment from mountain ranges and waterfalls around Cornell University, located in Ithaca, New York. But Lundmark believes he has adjusted well to his new environment. "[It's] pretty easy to get to and from class," Lundmark said. "[I'm] starting to figure out where the good spots to eat are

and everything like that." Still, Lundmark found the preparation for the upcoming Iowa season with a brand-new coaching staff is entirely different from his preparation at Cornell. "We never did anything like this [in terms of] a long-term plan for success," he said. "This is all something that we tried to do at Cornell but didn't really have as much success [at]." To perform his best individually on the golf course this season, Lundmark stressed the fundamentals. "[I've] been really working hard on driving the ball," Lundmark said. "Then my wedges have been a little lackluster lately, so the coaches have me working on my wedges just as hard as my driver." The 2023 season tees off on Sept. 5-6 with the Hawkeye-hosted Iowa Fall Classic at Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside, Iowa.

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HAWKEYE MAKES U.S. HISTORY

Former Hawkeye Laulauga Tausaga wins gold at the World Athletics Championships.



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Laulauga Tausaga (USA) celebrates with United States flag after winning the women's discus with a throw of 228-0 (69.49m) on her fifth attempt during the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 at National Athletics Centre in Budapest, Hungary on Aug. 22. "My goals are the same as they were when I stepped on Ulowa in the 2016-2017 season: To continue to make myself better with every single throw," Tausaga said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. She said she felt all the blood, sweat, and tears of this season culminate during her performance at the championships on Aug. 22. "I knew that in my heart I just couldn't take another year being the worlds 12th best when I was capable of more," she said.



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Laulauga Tausaga (USA) celebrates after winning the women's discus during the World Athletics Championships Budapest 23 at National Athletics Centre in Budapest, Hungary on Aug. 22. At Iowa Tausaga was an eight-time All-American and five-time Big Ten Champion.

Alyson Kuennen | The Daily Iowan

Top: Iowa's Laulauga Tausaga competes in shot put during the second day of the Big Ten Track and Field Outdoor Championships at Cretzmeier Track on May 11, 2019. While at Iowa Tausaga was a 2019 NCAA Discus Champion.

Ezazul Haque | The Daily Iowan

Bottom: University of Iowa junior Laulauga Tausaga receives a medal for competing in the women's discus during the third day of the Big Ten Track and Field Outdoor Championships at Cretzmeier Track on May 12, 2019.

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Daydrink coffee revives historic IC storefront

The coffee shop's second location is in the historically preserved building that housed Bowery Street Grocery.

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• "HEY BUDDY, I'M BILL"

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REVIEW

Charming book to movie

"Red, White & Royal Blue" is a captivating LGBTQ+ royal romance.

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"Red, White & Royal Blue" is an adorable cheese-fest that made me cry several times. The Amazon Prime Video original film started streaming on Aug. 11.

The novel of the same name was published in 2019 by American romance author Casey McQuiston and follows the dating lives of the son of the U.S. president and the prince of England. The plot is mostly set in the White House but also has scenes in Buckingham Palace.

There are differences between the novel and the film, but I'm not upset by all of them. Both tellings of the story are charming in their own ways.

The film begins with the protagonist, Alex, played by Taylor Zakhar Perez, riding in the car with his best friend Nora, played by Rachel Hilson. Alex's older sister's character, June,

was excluded from the film, and Nora absorbed many of June's traits as a result.

Initially, June's absence broke my heart. In the novel, she plays a supportive role in Alex's discovery of his sexuality and his relationship with Prince Henry, but her absence isn't detrimental to the substantial cast or the two-hour runtime.

Many characters lucky enough to be shown on-screen were not purposeful. The film primarily focuses on the romance between Alex and Henry while the novel prioritizes Alex's other dynamic relationships.

The key difference between the book and its film adaptation is that the book is written from Alex's point of view, but the film delivers as much from Henry's perspective as it does Alex's. This makes the story fall less into the coming-of-age category and more into one of a charming, Hallmark-style romcom.

From the beginning,

there is no question that both Alex and Henry are part of the LGBTQ+ community. I love the brevity of the enemies-to-lovers arc in comparison to the novel because the audience can immediately infer that they will fall in love.

With the film's goal seemingly being to showcase as much of the relationship as possible, I understand why characters had to be cut despite how charming they were in the novel. Every side-character appearance felt brief and irrelevant.

Henry's mother is mentioned, but never makes an appearance on-screen. In the novel, she is essential in convincing the King of England to allow Henry to be with Alex.

In the film, it is Henry's sister who occupies this role, yet she serves no additional purpose to the plot. Henry's best friend, Pez Okonjo, has few appearances on-screen and doesn't add much to the narrative.



The film's final scene made me sob for several minutes as Alex and Henry debated coming out. I blew my nose several times watching them do so on-screen.

The film is cheesy, unrealistic, and sometimes poorly filmed, but I enjoyed it. Of course, it's not as deep or intensive as the novel is, but the story itself is incredibly charming and made for a wonderful Sunday afternoon.



"Love at First Sight"

Genre: Romantic comedy

Starring: Haley Lu Richardson, Ben Hardy, Jameela Jamil, Rob Delaney, Sally Phillips

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Netflix will release "Love at First Sight," a romance

about two strangers who fall in love on a flight, on Sept. 15.

Based on the 2011 young adult novel by Jennifer E. Smith "The Statistical Odds of Falling in Love at First Sight," the plot follows an American woman named Hadley as she scrambles to make it to London before her father remarries. Through a series of incidents that feel more like fate, she happens to sit right next to a statistics major from the U.K. named Oliver on the same flight to London, and the two share an immediate connection. But when their plane lands, they must part ways.

The movie is directed by Vanessa Caswill, who has written, directed, and produced several short films, including "A Fairytale of the City." "Love at First Sight" is her directorial debut with Netflix.

"White Lotus" breakout

star and lead actress of the teen romance "Five Feet Apart" Haley Lu Richardson plays Hadley. Richardson is also set to serve as the executive producer of the film. Oliver is played by Ben Hardy of "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "X-Men Apocalypse." Rob

Delaney from "Black Mirror" plays Hadley's father, while Oliver's mother is played by Sally Phillips from "How to Please a Woman." The narrator of the story is voiced by Jameela Jamil from "She-Hulk: Attorney at Law" and "The Good Place."

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Dreamwell announces lineup

This season's shows feature new voices from UI playwrights.

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Dreamwell Theatre has brought unique and bold performances to Iowa City for 25 years, and its recently-announced 26th season holds exciting surprises for playgoers.

The company has always focused on bringing smaller, more personal stories to Iowa City stages. While that goal remains fundamental to Dreamwell's productions, artistic director Matthew Brewbaker explained that this season provided a new opportunity to "explore different avenues."

Kicking off the season is "The Wyrd Sisters" by English author and playwright Terry Pratchett and adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs. Directed by Josh Sazon, the play will run from Oct. 12-15, and is described by Brewbaker as "Macbeth meets Monty Python."

"Wyrd Sisters" is a play that Dreamwell Theatre has been eager to produce for years, Brewbaker said, but it was too ambitious for the smaller locations the company was working in.

Thanks to the large space offered by the James Theater in Iowa City, Dreamwell can bring "Wyrd Sisters" to life.

"We did a show at the James Theatre recently and were able to do something much bigger," Brewbaker said. "So we thought, 'why not take advantage of the space again?'"

Premiering in spring 2024, "Pleasure Play," directed by Meredith Alexander, takes an exiting new voice at the Artifactory. This play about identity, family, and relationships, was written by University

of Iowa graduate student Eli Campbell.

It follows Maeve, a sex worker whose estranged mother reappears after ten years in an uncomfortable and unconventional way. Campbell hopes their play can leave audiences thinking about "the difference between desire to care and ability to care."

Another new venture Dreamwell is embarking on is a production of American playwright Will Eno's "Gnit." Directed by Brewbaker, "Gnit" is an adaptation of one of the most famous

Norwegian plays of all time, Henrik Ibsen's "Peer Gynt."

"Eno is an amazing playwright with a real gift for a kind of interesting language that is both absurd, funny, and kind of tragic all at the same time," Brewbaker said.

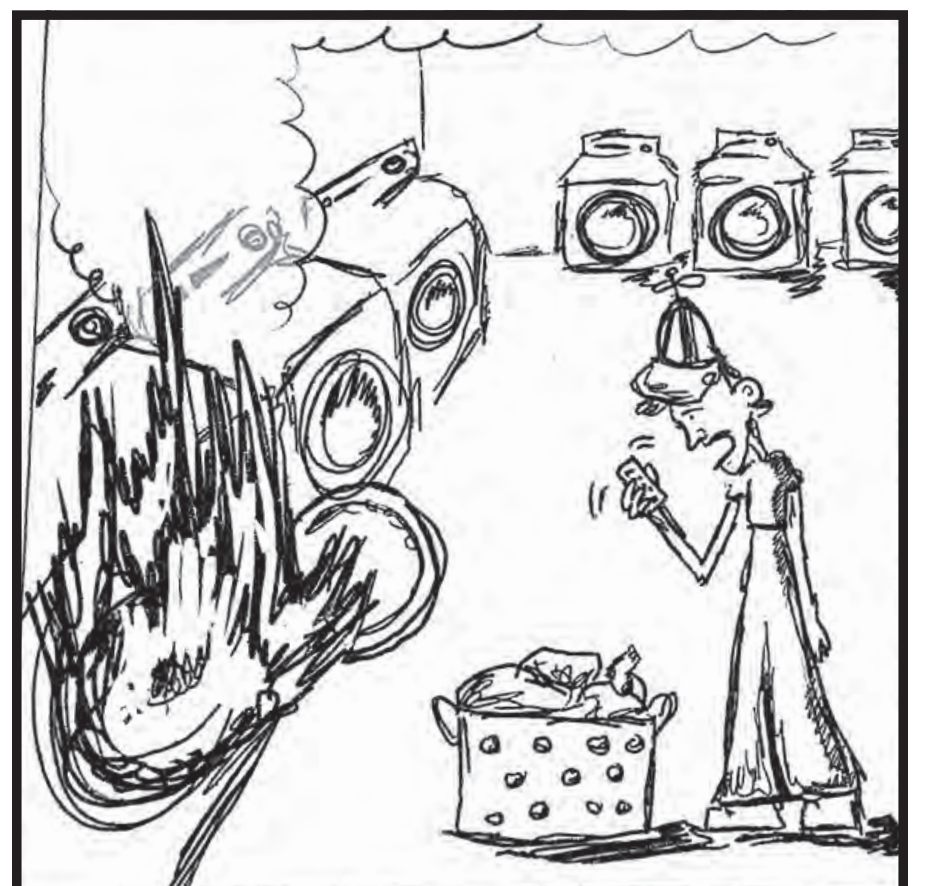
Playing at the Artifactory in February 2024, "Gnit" is about a young man searching for purpose, which many college students can relate to. However, the character's journey takes a dark turn as he manages to ruin the lives of almost everybody he encounters.

Rounding out its 26th season, Dreamwell presents Lauren Gunders will on's "Artemisia" directed by Carrie Pozdol. Playing at the James Theater in June 2024, this production will tell the scarcely known story of Artemisia Gentileschi, a baroque artist who went unrecognized for years.

"We all know Da Vinci and Michelangelo. The artists from that time period are well known, but a lot about Artemisia has unfortunately been forgotten," Brewbaker said.

CARTOON

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"Mom?"

Cafe opens in historic storefront

Daydrink expanded into the building that housed Bowery Street Grocery.

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The one-story storefront of the historic building on East Bowery Street sticks out from the other residential buildings with its stark black exterior and unusual rounded facade, but behind its doors a different story is told.

The bright interior is designed to reflect the people-first values of its new occupant coffee shop, Daydrink.

Daydrink's second location opened Aug. 24 at 518 E. Bowery St. in the historic building formerly occupied by the Bowery Street Grocery Store.

The building has been rooted in the east side residential area since the late 19th century and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

"We hope to honor its origins with our mission of community and sustainability," staff at Daydrink wrote in an Instagram post on Aug. 18.

Daydrink's motto, "A Coffee Shop That Gives a Damn," is a sentiment that reflects its people-first quality of service, products, and relationship with the community. The coffee shop opened in its original Iowa City Pedestrian Mall location in September 2020.

Daydrink did not have an easy start. Not only did it open in the thick of the pandemic, but it lacked vital equipment like an espresso machine and a coffee grinder. For months, employees could only serve cold brew and pour-over coffee. It was the community that sustained the business, said Daydrink Co-Founder Connor Moellenbeck.

"There were a lot of people who still come to Daydrink to this day that got us through long days, cold days, not-a-lot-of-money-coming-in days ... It was a little bit of us being naive, a little bit of this community really backing us," Moellenbeck said. "I think at that moment, we needed each other."

When Daydrink was just a budding idea during the onset of the pandemic, downtown home essentials store Basic Goods offered it space to sell craft coffee. Moellenbeck said this support between businesses should be a model for all downtown stores.

Daydrink's mission has always been the intersection of community and sustainability, said Jonah Terry, the coffee shop's creative director and co-owner.



Grace Smith | The Daily Iowan

Customers Kennedy Tooman (left) and Greta Sorenson (right) sit in Daydrink's new location on Bowery Street in Iowa City on Aug. 24.

"We want to make sure our community is beautiful in a beautiful space for the beautiful people in it," Terry said.

Since its opening, the cafe has dedicated itself to sustainability by serving drinks in glass jars rather than single-use cups and providing a fully vegan menu to customers. The coffee shop was nominated for "Most Sustainable Cafe" by popular coffee blog Sprudge in January 2023.

Nearly three years since its opening, Daydrink was ready to expand, Moellenbeck said.

The Bowery Street Grocery Store was a staple for the surrounding residential community. According to local building restoration and preservation organization Preservation Iowa, it was likely built in the 1860s and served the Iowa City community as a meat market before converting into illegal student housing, and, eventually, as an Italian grocery store.

As time passed, the building's physical structure began to fail, requiring rezoning to return it to standards for commercial use.

It seemed the building

was on its way to demolition until the owners, community members, and historic preservation advocates came together to facilitate its rezoning, leading to the building's listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014. The preservation efforts of the community earned the building an award, "Preservation at its Best," granted by Preservation Iowa in 2015.

Daydrink Co-Owner Ian Castillo described their discovery of the Bowery Street building as a moment of serendipity.

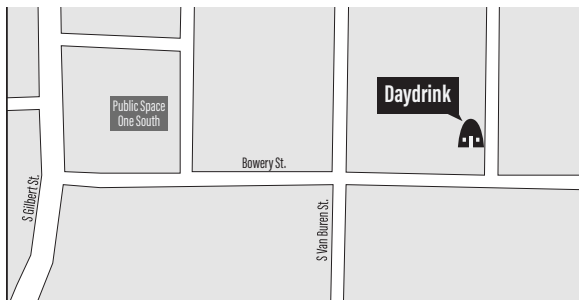
"We didn't initially know that it was the original Iowa City Co-Op," Castillo said. "Once we found that out, there was an obvious tie-in for what we try to do with the community."

During the building's renovation, the only interior structure that remained was the original white shelving against the west wall of the building. Moellenbeck said the shelving as "an opportunity to showcase what the space is now and showcase what this place has been."

Daydrink owners described the coffee shop as an organization that prioritizes the relationships of team members and the business's relationship with customers.

"Creating those sustainable relationships through our business only empowers this community and also shows that this all can be done," Moellenbeck said. "You can be business-first but also people-first."

Location of new Daydrink coffee house



Locator map by Bri Brown

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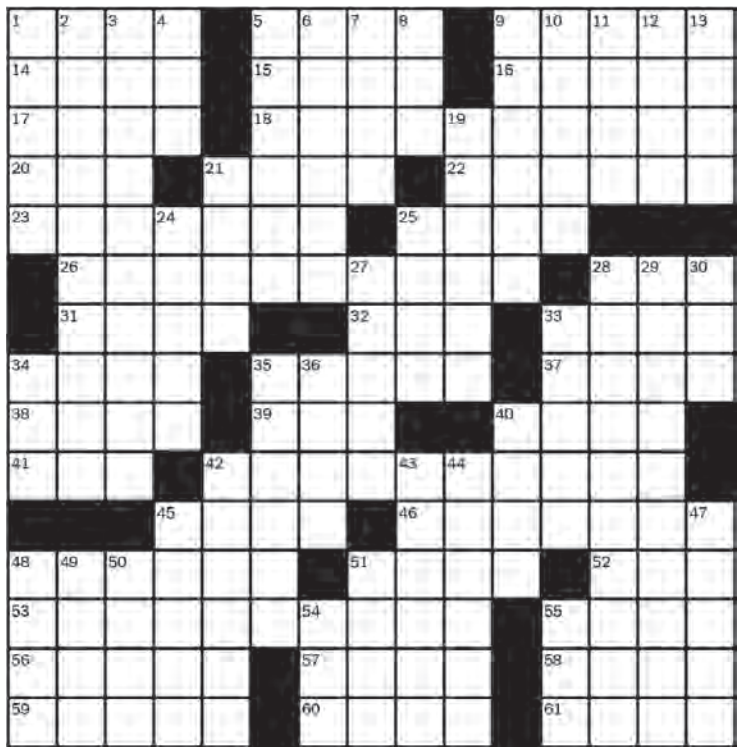
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- What a communion wafer represents, with "the"
- Blue Ribbon beer
- French 101 verb
- Elsa's sister in "Frozen"
- Citizen of the oldest independent Arab state
- Hearty comfort food
- Lover's "It's not you, it's me"?
- "Now I get it!"
- Wild guess
- "Return to original speed," musically
- They use "like" in a non-Valley Girl way
- Walked (on)
- Psychiatrist's "I'm afraid our time is up"?
- Memo starter
- Space
- Derby, for one
- 1982 Disney film set inside a computer game
- Goat/man of mythology
- What a guitar gently does in a 1968 Beatles song
- Casual greeting
- Crafter's website
- "Not all those who wander lost"; J.R.R. Tolkien
- Snack item that has been made in more than 85 flavors
- Tiny
- Comment like "Sorry you're upset! Gotta run, late for my nail appointment"?
- Church lineup
- "Must have!"
- Singer Grande
- Annual May celebrants
- 26th of 26
- End of a race or a hint to the conversation closers at 18-, 26- and 42-Across
- Red (candy brand)
- Make amends
- Nailed
- First-year law student, informally
- Partner of raves

- Salon supply
- Designer Wang

Down

- Land formations from the Spanish for "tables"
- "The way things are going so far"
- Ideal place to live
- It makes spider webs glisten
- Speed up
- Paying attention to what needs to be done
- One who prefers only the highest-priced things, say
- Tic-
- Hosp. recovery area
- Stoked
- Soothing application
- Sound of shears
- One of the Jackson 5
- Some bars have 24 of them
- Small, as chances
- " is wasted on the stupid"; Oscar Wilde
- Word with sand or tourist
- Revolutionary invention?
- Situation involving unrequited love
- One whose weight goes up and down
- manner of speaking
- "The -Body Problem" (Hugo Award-winning novel by the Chinese writer Liu Cixin)
- Not many
- [Sad trombone]
- Roaring Twenties and Swinging Sixties
- Is indebted to
- Psychics supposedly have six of them
- Company making tracks
- Taking prescription drugs, informally
- Coat that might be satin?
- Big name in electric cars
- Miles away
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IC trivia popular among students

Christopher's Bar Exam has become one of the hottest trivia events held in downtown Iowa City.

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Despite a demographic notoriously unable to answer some of life's biggest questions, trivia night is a hit within circles of University of Iowa students.

This is because of UI alumni Chris Adams and Andrew Juhl — the minds behind Christopher's Bar Exam, formerly known as Andrew's Bar Exam.

The trivia program includes different trivia events across the city each week, with locations including Coa Cantina, Hy-Vee, Quinton's Bar & Deli, Joe's Place, The Den at St. Burch, and Micky's Irish Pub, which is often met with wait times during the program's coveted Wednesday night timeslot.

This level of demand is hard to come by when it comes to trivia nights, but the interactive program is what keeps them afloat.

The program consists of six trivia rounds, each made up of four questions, with special rounds in between. The special rounds include games like a drawing challenge, "puzzlers," and the "gauntlet," in which the hosts ask each team to send one team member up to the front to answer a series of questions with only two possible answer choices, marked "1" and "2."

While trivia fans come for the program, they stay for the hosts.

Adams started playing trivia at events hosted by Andrew's Bar Exam shortly after he moved to Iowa City for graduate school in fall 2015. He and Juhl quickly bonded over their shared interest.

"I went from just a regular player to a friend of [Juhl's]," Adams said.

Eventually, Juhl decided to enlist

"So it's about having different things in which everyone can find something that they can enjoy"

Chris Adams

Host of Christopher's Bar Exam

Adams as one of the program's hosts. Together, the two developed what Juhl described as, "A monolithic style of hosting," which is effectively what makes the program so enjoyable.

The monolithic style, as Juhl suggests, is successful in its versatility; Adams and Juhl, whose deliveries as hosts are often witty and facetious, would take



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Chris Adams asks a trivia question during Christopher's Bar Exam at Micky's Irish Pub in Iowa City on Aug. 23.

on different venues than some of the other programs hosts depending on the crowd's reception to their respective hosting styles.

"We are not going to do what we do at Micky's on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. at Hy-Vee," Adams said. "So it's about having different things in which everyone can find something that they enjoy."

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, the in-person trivia program had some set-backs. With group events prohibited, the hosts had to adapt, and Andrew's Bar Exam went fully online via Zoom with a pay-what-you-can admission fee.

"The nice thing about the pandemic, which is not a sentence you say very often, was that I would go to my laptop, open it up, and I would have one scorekeeper who was running the answer sheets and checking answers and then for two hours I would just host. And then I would shut it down and go home," Juhl said.

Juhl said the program's adaptation was successful, given its circumstances, and he was content with the way things

were going.

By the time the pandemic restrictions were lifted, the majority of Juhl's staff had moved out of Iowa City, and what previously worked for virtual trivia nights was now an obstacle in Juhl's desire to transition back to in-person programming. He also noted the decrease in the public's desire to work after the pandemic.

"I could not find new hosts," Juhl said. "I was like, I'm paying you \$50 an hour and you're telling me that's not enough. But if the bar is only paying me \$150 but materials cost \$25 and I'm paying you \$100, there's no margin."

The trivia program had also taken a backseat to Juhl's position as the owner of a Cedar Rapids-based market research firm during the pandemic, and with the demand for a return to in-person events, Juhl looked to Adams as a solution.

When Juhl approached Adams with his idea, Adams was hesitant at first. But after two weeks of consideration, Adams accepted the proposition.

"I wasn't sure how it would go," Juhl

said as he reflected on the program's transition. "I told him, 'I thought this might be too much for you, I thought it might kill you,' but I think he's done an amazing job and he seems to be very happy. I'm proud of him."

Juhl officially transferred ownership of the program to Adams on Jan. 1, 2022.

"New Year's Eve, it was Andrew's bar exam. New Year's Day it was Chris's bar exam," Juhl said.

Juhl began training Adams for the job almost three months before the switch, preparing him for everything the job description entailed: writing jokes, planning events, and hiring hosts were at the top of the list.

In the year and a half since becoming Christopher's Bar Exam, the host added three new locations to their program in Iowa City as well as locations in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. Adams said he has seen an increase in the demand for private events such as corporate shows.

"I know what this means to the area and I enjoy doing it," Adams said.

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Anyone who uses opioids is at risk of an overdose. Be prepared with the nasal spray version of naloxone. It's easy to use and could reverse the effects of an opioid overdose until help arrives. Ask for naloxone at your pharmacy, now absolutely free.

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2 out of every 5 fake pills that have fentanyl
CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY LETHAL DOSE.
According to DEA lab testing.

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